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*" Ask what you can do for your Squadron and  
Ask what your Squadron can do for you"*

## AFTERGLOW





Co-Captains, KB & B Cindy Jennings, Navigator & companion Plott Hound Porter.

1999 Navigator Yachts Raised Pilothouse Cruiser.

LOA 53 ft Beam 15 ft Draft 4-10 Weight 49,000 lbs

Planing hull, cruising at 18 to 22 mph Volvo electronically controlled diesels total 870 HP Slow speed cruising at 9 MPH

Extras: Bow & Stern Thrusters Center console dinghy Hydraulic dinghy crane Ice makers Entertainment Center on Bridge

We purchased AfterGlow in 2010 and brought her from Lighthouse Point FL to New Bern where she has been until December.

We have cruised to the River Dunes, on the Neuse River, anchored on the Upper Broad Creek, and anchored for several days at Cape Lookout.

She's now on the hard at True World Marine, Jarrette Bay Industrial Complex, just north of Beaufort NC. We will soon head to South Harbor Village Marina (near Baldhead) where we'll leave her for a few months.

We have certainly enjoyed our time cruising and just staying on board. Our dog Porter is quite at home on board and cruising.

Cindy picked the name AfterGlow because we enjoy watching sunsets over the water. Later, after we had the name on the transom, she asked friends what they thought of the name.

Some said afterglow of the Horizon fire, and others immediately said SEX !!

Former member Jim Flynt (deceased) had a good description ☺

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Our meetings are always open  
to the public. Please visit with  
us anytime.

# WSSPS Membership Meeting

## 19 JUNE 2013

## Slane's Marine Shop

Tom Slane of Slane Marine will give us a tour of his boat repair shop at 6 PM on June 19th. People may car pool if they like but no organized travel plans are being arranged. The location is 646 McWay Dr., High Point, NC 27263. People can use this in their GPS or chart plotter if that works for them or get out the trusty map. We would caravan to the Longhorn restaurant about 7 PM.

**Tour: 6:00p**  
**Meeting/Dinner: 7:00p**

**Guests are always  
welcome.**

We will be eating @ Longhorn in High Point after the tour of Slane Marine on June 19th. The address is 1540 North Main St. or 311 business, same thing.





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## From the Helm Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

The tragic accident on High Rock Lake this past week it high-lites the need for Boater Training. We are blessed to live in an area that has so many water resources to enjoy. We are also as members of the United States Power Squadron responsible to practice boating safety and good seamanship. It is also our responsibility to teach others about boating skills and safety. We are the best qualified and with our vast resources can make a difference if we involve ourselves more . . We need the input of all our members on ways we can let people know about our courses and the training available to them. Please call me and lets explore things we might do .

I also need member input on determining the value of our now defunct telephone calling committee as to whether or not it could help provide better attendance at our meetings. Many feel that it is not helpful and some think it is. Please e-mail or call me with your thoughts. I hope to involve more of you in some meaningful activity in our squadron. We have several members doing the work of 2or even more jobs that could be done more effectively if some one would step up and participate.



P/C Leon Corbett, Jr. SN teaching the marlinspike chapter of the Seamanship class. The student is new member Greg King, Sr. Leon used a new teaching technique in which he started off teaching the basic components of a knot: the loop and the bight. From those two components he taught all of the Seamanship knots.

# Education Officer

## Lt. Kin Cartrette



The USPS Seamanship course concluded on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem NC. Four WSSPS members participated in the class. Seamanship is the follow-up course to ABC-3 and covers marlinspike, anchoring, deck seamanship, rafting, customs, slow and fast boat handling, boat care, emergencies on the water, and maintenance. A special thanks to P/C Dawn Gaskill AP, P/C Don Breault AP, P/C Leon Corbett, Jr. SN, Denny Brigadier, and P/C K.B. Jennings, Jr. AP for teaching classes, assisting, and sharing their expertise in boating.

At this time we are trying to put together a few of USPS 2 hour seminars to offer over the summer:

Basic Weather and Forecasting  
Using GPS  
Knots, Bends, and Hitches

The USPS seminars are short courses taught in a couple of hours and in many cases involve a hands-on training experience. These course are also cost friendly, running from \$18 to \$34, depending upon the course. If you are interested in taking one of these seminars, or teaching one, please contact me at [scouting-plus@aol.com](mailto:scouting-plus@aol.com) or (336) 413-6490.

Please continue to give us feedback as to the courses and seminars that you would like to take or teach. You can take the educational survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9PVDFP>. We are always looking for folks to join the education team and teach or help teach courses. One of the best ways to learn is to teach!

The boating season has already begun with a tragic accident on High Rock Lake over the Memorial Day Weekend. Please continue to put safety first and encourage other boater to do the same: get a Vessel Safety Check, use your PFDs, have a lookout, and encourage folks to take a boating safety course. Practice emergency drills until they are automatic. Let's have a fun and safe 2013 on the water!

See You On The Water!

Kin

Sea Scout Mate Carol Kaiser teaching a group of Boy Scouts the Reach, Throw, Row, and Go With Support method of rescue. In the picture she is teaching the Boy Scouts of Troop 898 how to do a reaching rescue. Carol is an American Red Cross Life Guard and will go for her BSA Lifeguard certification this summer.





# Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

One thing I think is rewarding about our membership and perhaps other squadrons is that we can be diversified in our interest besides our interest (translate obsession in some cases) in boating and sailing. At the general meeting in May a couple of fellows were planning to go target practicing with their handguns. Other folks talked about traveling to see places and things in transportation other than boats. This is not to discount all the good stuff we do teaching boating skills and boating events that are the heart of our existence. But as they say with stocks and mutual funds diversify, diversify, diversify. We got a lot of good stuff coming up for the rest of the year. John Tatum is hosting the group at his farm with a cookout which is a great location to be in June. Also the auction of whatever you want to dispose of that Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> will be conducted. Even if you donated it last year you can always buy it back and donate it again next year.

For July Denny is organizing a trip to the Winston-Salem Dash baseball game. That should be a fun event. I would have no clue about the ball players, the statistics, the ranking of the team in the league, etc. The fun is getting out with your friends and watching guys play the game we used to be able to play.

I understand there are a number of members ready to take Junior Navigation according to Kin. In terms of appreciating the celestial world above us this is a great course. I can't help but look up at night if I am driving or walking and noticing the phase of the moon or certain constellations. If the moon is full I will often call someone up and tell them to look too. Then we can howl together.

## Ship's Store

**WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)**

Mens: Medium-X/Large

Ladies: Medium-Large

\$15 each

**WSSPS coffee cups & can "huggies"**

\$3 each or 2 for \$5

**WSSPS 50th Anniversary burgees**

\$25 each

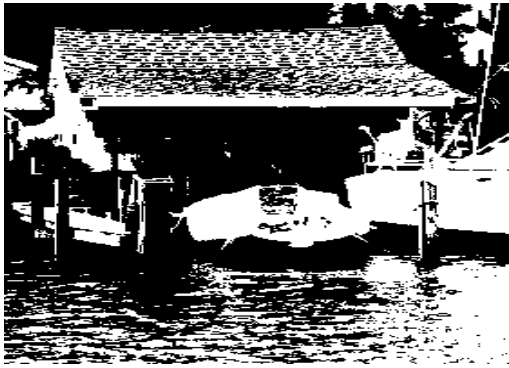
**WSSPS Sweatshirt Medium**

\$10 each

**WSSPS license Plate**

**\$5 each**

You can purchase at our Membership meeting or call Jim Frazier at (336) 998-6998 to arrange something.



# Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

## **"Be Prepared, Lessons Learned"**

Continued from May's Fish House Chronicles:

We know that Felix is adrift in the lower Neuse River and the tide is moving out very fast and it is night time and getting very cold. His previous attempts for getting rescued were never answered until this old salt of the sea approached them after seeing a flare and heard some faint sounds that resembled like shouting for help.

Now Felix did not know what to make of this character but he was desperate for help as any desperate person could be as the evening was turning into the wee hours of another morning. Felix knew he was out of gas but his silly Man pride would not allow him to tell this old salt of the sea who gave the appearance of another character from a novel in Stephen King's collection of horror stories. Now Felix's lady friend popped her head up from the cabin as she had to use the potty. Just at that moment this old salt of the sea said: "You got a woman out here in the middle of the night in the middle of the ocean where no one can see you or hear you?" At this point Felix became very concerned about safety and was wondering what to make of this character. Is this a possible rescue or something else?

Now this old Salt with the rain slicker bib type overall suite and bare feet in very cold temperatures asked Felix what was wrong and why are they a-drift in the Pamlico Sound? Felix told a fib and replied that his motor conked out and he could not re-start it. The Old Salt said in a kind word; "I guess you need a tow now don't you?" Now this is when Felix's lady friend Mandy spoke up and replied "That will be all so kind of you sir". So the Old Salt asked Felix what branch of the military he served in. Felix replied "The Army". Now the old salt agreed that Felix was now worth saving because he told Felix that he also served in the Army and that he did not like those Marine types as they thought they knew everything. Thank goodness for Felix that he had the right answer because he quickly thought to himself that if he gave this old salt the wrong answer he would have left him to continue to drift further into the Pamlico Sound. The Old salt then told Felix to tie up a tow line and make a bridle hitch and attach the tag end to his bow hook and toss me the bridle hitch. Felix gave this poor old salt a look of confusion and he asked "what is a bridle hitch?"

Well you know this old salt of the sea may have done this before, so he asked Felix to just toss him 30 or more feet of line and he would set up all of the knots and make the proper attachments. In less than 10 minutes all lines were properly secured and the old salt began to carefully tow the disabled vessel back up the Neuse River against a fierce outgoing tide. Less than a minute the old salt began to sing aloud sea chanteys and on occasion he would howl like country singer on steroids. The boat all of a sudden stopped while the old salt asked Felix if he had any beer. Felix said he has a couple but they were not very cold. So this old salt reached into his cooler and came up with two cans of Bud and he threw one to Felix with incredible accuracy. Drink this one lad he said, for it will take the chill out of the air. Then the Old Salt asked Felix where did he buy the boat? Felix in his despair replied; "Smith Point Marina". Now the Old Salt looked puzzled and said he was not aware of that boat broker. So the old salt put it in gear and away they went back up the Neuse River again.



About 10 minutes went by and the Old Salt stopped his boat again. He had to tell Felix and Mandy that this very spot in the Neuse River 10 years ago he rescued a small fawn that had been swimming to catch up with his mother but the tide was way too strong for the little animal. So another beer was opened and an empty can tossed about the deck of the old salt's boat and away they went back up the Neuse River. More and more sea chanteys were sung and the howling got louder and louder as the echoes of the night could magnify the sound between the two shores of the river. Fifteen more minutes passed by and the old salt stopped his boat again. This time to tell Felix and Mandy that on this very same spot in the Neuse River is where he had lost his virginity back in 1969. Another beer was opened to celebrate that long ago moment that was shared with a woman this old salt could no longer remember her name. So the old salt put his boat back in gear and back up the Neuse River they went.

As they approached the entrance channel of Oriental, the old salt maneuvered the boat and disabled vessel with incredible accuracy between the channel markers and they cleared the break water with out even a concern of getting remotely close. The old salt said this is the end of the line because time was running out fast as he feared he would run out of beer before reaching Ocracoke Island by day break. So the old salt picked up speed and headed for Oriental Harbor Marina. With a turn of his head, he shouted to Felix, now get them fenders ready on your starboard side because I am going to whip you against the docks when I turn to port. Now Felix and Mandy were somewhat concerned that they were coming in way too fast but before they knew it, the old salt had made is final approach and at the same time released the tow lines from his boat and tossed them with incredible accuracy onto the forward deck of Felix's boat as Felix's boat gently bumped the docks. Mandy remembering a discussion Reid told her in boat smart to have a dock line handy before you hit the dock and she already did so with out being told by Felix.

As the old salt looked back at his expert seamanship skills and handiwork, he shouted at the top of his lungs to Felix: "Never go out to sea unless you are prepared with at least two things. Plenty of Gas and lots of beer". Felix and Mandy thanked the old salt and the old salt would not take any money but he did get the remainder of Felix's beer as his reward. That in itself was worth it to him as he knew they would be cold enough to drink in a couple of hours. Now the lesson that Felix has learned was valuable and worth retelling many times. Later that morning as the sun began to rise, Mandy told Felix that she was very happy they were saved and she would be giving Felix many lessons learned on all future boating excursions. Mostly on how to be prepared for the worst of times, and hope for the best of times. Boating is fun when you are prepared.

See you on the water with full fuel tanks!!



P/C Don Breault  
"Liberty"





## Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron Calendar of Events for 2013

DATE	EVENT	June 2013
2013		
8-Jun-13	John Tatum's House-WSSPS Annual Auction	
19-Jun-2013	Slane Marine, High Point, NC 6p	
27-Jul-2013	WS Dash Ballgame. Watch your <u>email</u> for more info.	
5-Aug-2013	Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
8-11-Aug, 2013	D-27 & D-5 Joint Rendezvous, Cape Charles, Va.	
21-Aug-13	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. Speaker-Don Breault	
1-8-Sept, 2013	2013 Governing Board, San Antonio, Texas	
18-Sep-2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
7-Oct-2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "George Ellis House"	
16-Oct-2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
4-Nov-2013	Executive Committee Meeting "Breault"s Boston Bar & Grill"	
20-Nov-2013	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
2-Dec-2013	Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
14-Dec-2013	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party. Community Arts Café	
2014		
4-Jan-2014	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh, NC	

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