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Boat Name Changing – "Paradise Falls"



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

WSSPS Membership Meeting

21 August 2013

Boat Purchasing Basics:

"Honey, I Just Bought A Boat"

Speaker: Don Breault

Social: 1800

Meeting: 1900

RiverRidge Taphouse, Clemmons.

**Guests are always
welcome.**

Commander's Picnic

October 26, 2013

**Wayne/Becky Creekmore
High Rock Lake**

3pm

**Hot Dog and Hamburger /BBQ
Cookout**

We need a count of who's going so we can buy the
right amount of food. Please call Becky or Wayne to
let them know you are attending 336-859-3773 or
email to commander@wssps.org
Please bring a side dish or a dessert
and BYOB/chair.
\$5/person



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

From the Helm
Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

We had a lively discussion concerning Bridge meetings, communications briefing executive meetings etc at our monthly "Bridge Meeting". My interpretation of what we call our Bridge Meetings is that all of the elected officers (which includes the elected Executive Committee Members) meet monthly to plan and schedule all the activities of our Squadron. Any member who wishes may attend this meeting as a non-participant. Issues from this meeting if required are presented at the General Squadron meeting and necessary approvals are made by the membership. I am unaware of the definition of "Communications Briefings " . Executive Committee members may call for special meetings to conduct Squadron Business if necessary. This has not been a problem for our Squadron but needs clarification

Looking forward to seeing you at our regular meeting, We have new members to swear in..

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Education Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



The fall 2013 session of the Americas Boating Course-3 will be taught at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. The time and dates for the course are 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Tuesdays, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. This is a great opportunity for interested family and friends to learn boating safety and learn about the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. Anyone interested in taking the course can email me at scoutingplus@aol.com or call me at (336) 414-6490. The cost for the public this year is \$50. This includes the course materials and 6 month trial membership in the WSSPS!

If you are interested in taking or teaching one of these seminars, or course, please contact me at scoutingplus@aol.com or (336) 413-6490.

See You On The Water!
Kin



Sea Scouts, Sarah, waiting to get underway at Ocean Isle



Sea Scouts crabbing



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Okay, folks. If you think it's hot here this summer- it will be 102°F and humid in Shanghai, China when I "visit" there on business in early August. I doubt if I get to take a dip in the ocean like most of you boaters will this month. When my daughter was home over the 4th we went to Nags Head about 80 miles from the farm and walked along the waterline of the Atlantic Ocean. Cool to cold I would say. Refreshing as others would say. When Allison was small and we went to the ocean she would dive right in while I eased in turning blue. Being in/on/under the water is a real change of pace for us WSSPS types and I'm sure for most in the USPS unless you live on a boat and then sometimes want to feel the solidness of dry terra firma.

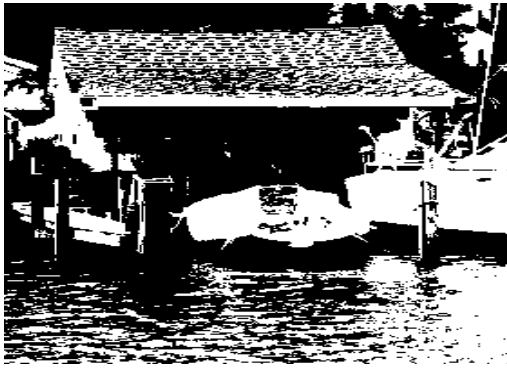
Let it not be said that we are water logged people. In July, a non meeting month for us, we did go to a Winston-Salem Dash baseball game which was nice. The weather was perfect. We ordered it that way of course. I think we had 23 signed up and 17-19 showed up. I can't speak to the health aspects of the food eaten but it was tasty nevertheless.

For our August general meeting Don Breault will talk about boat designs, purchasing, and other boat good to know information. If you are not on the water then you should come to the meeting and let's see each other's shining faces. I do miss catching up since our last monthly meeting.

We have a biggie coming up in September. Commander Creekmore is having us out to his High Rock home for the Commander's Picnic. Last year some of us came out in early afternoon for a swim in the lake and it was nice. Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity. Later in the afternoon we will have our cookout. The Creekmore's have a nice large lower level to their home for indoor air conditioned eating comfort. Couldn't get any better. Circle October 26th on your calendar.

As I surveyed my archives for interesting educational information to pass along I came across the following link on marlinspike from a 2010 Compass article. I thought it was a really good illustration on various ways to tie up your boat, mother-in-law, whatever. Try the attached link. Copy and paste if you have to.

http://www.theensign.org/uspscompass/compassarchive/compassv4n6/v4n6_mm_figureeight.htm



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

öStuck To The Dockö
öFelix goes big on the new boatö

When men go out to buy those big toys to entertain themselves and their friends or family, someone always gets a bigger toy to play with. Sometimes the bigger the toy, the more complex the toy becomes. With complexity, the simple quest of relaxation of watching a beautiful sunset melt away into twilight can become a maintenance chore more than one bargains for. Because of the high level of maintenance and complexity of operation, those bigger toys may tend to stay at the dock more often than putting out to sea. Let us discover what Felix recently did and see if we can all relate to this story of boat purchasing 101.

As Felix was cruising his öBubble Boatö up the ICW he noticed that his hours meter had turned over 150 hours this season alone. He used this small express cruiser as often as he could and almost every weekend, he would take her out and zip off to the cape or the banks or even to Oriental. With all of these little trips and the economy of a small pocket cruiser, how could anyone resist the temptation of just cruising around a lot? So Felix began to dream of more space.

He rafted up to the Gemini one weekend and Denny told Felix that if he had more space, he would enjoy the boating much more. Another weekend Felix rafted up to My Girl and Reid told Felix that if he had a bigger boat, he would have more space to carry more essentials such as beer and wine. Then Felix rafted up to Liberty, and Don told him that more space means you get to take everything with you including the kitchen sink and all that goes into a full kitchen and you never have to borrow any stuff from him again. Then Felix rafted up to Tom Cat II and Tom told Felix that he could make him a deal on a bigger boat that he could not refuse. Tom also told Felix the dinghy story but that is for another issue in our Fish House Chronicles. Then Felix was talking to Millie and Joel one day and they told him that size matters!! (We are talking about boats just in case anyone gets the wrong idea)

Now with all of this information, Felix starts to convince himself that he needs to sell his little express cruiser of 26 feet with a simple to fix and service single inboard outboard. So he does so and then starts to dream of that bigger boat he could one day live on or even retire on when he retires. No one told Felix that if you make the big boat plunge, you may never have enough money to retire. But Felix starts to shop around for that bigger dream boat. He begins to surf the web and behold, he discovers that there are more boats for sale than there are people willing to purchase. Felix seems to think that bigger boat is more affordable than he thought. So he starts looking at boats all alone. Yup he goes to a boat yard or marina armed with the basic knowledge that Reid, Denny, Tom, and Don gave him. Just Felix and the broker and the boat owner. Yup, this is like Felix showing up to a gun fight with a sling shot. Felix finds this shopping experience so tiring that he gravitates back to his comfort zone of shopping on the internet with a cold glass of his favorite brew. Then Felix discovers a boat in a far away land in Delaware. So he makes an offer the owner could not refuse sight unseen. But Felix was told that you need to have the boat surveyed, so he asks the seller if he could recommend one in the local area. By golly, the seller was so accommodating he did indeed find one that had a small repair shop next to the seller's marina and the seller and this surveyor drank many beers together.

After Felix cleans out his retirement fund to buy this boat, the surveyor tells him everything is good to go except for the zanzabar that needed to be replaced and he could arrange to have that done as well. So Felix sent him more retirement money and rented a one way car to Delaware. So with a short lesson on how things worked on the big boat and an even shorter lesson on how to use the outdated electronics, Felix was on his way to North Carolina with his new boat. She was 40 feet long and displaced 10 tons. Reid, Don, and Denny all took turns riding with Felix on the way home. They all filled him with encouragement and praises and promises about the many party times they will all have on the new boat. With little fanfare and the luck of good weather, Felix arrives in one piece back at the Pelletier Country Club and Yacht Basin. One thing for sure was this new boat would not fit into Felix's old slip. So Ricky made a deal with someone else and after one of Ricky's long winded descriptions of the difference between non ablative bottom paint and ablative bottom paint, Felix was in a tight fitting slip that he did not know who rented it.

Once Felix discovered how much fuel he used, he became discouraged at the cost so he would plan his trips with a flare of frugality in mind. Then a week later, the air conditioning quit working and the following week the refrigerator quit working. Then the head got stopped up for some reason and there was no hot water any more because the water heater sprung a leak so that had to be shut down. Then Joel told Felix he had to have radar, a new GPS, and a new depth finder so he could be equal with all the other big boats in the creek. Then Reid told Felix he had to have new carpeting and a headliner installed. Don told Felix it was a nice boat but it would be nicer if he had new canvass like he did. So Felix went to the bank and discovered his retirement fund has been depleted so he got a loan. A month later, he was all fixed because the local boat yard across the creek had no business that week, and Felix paid in cash.

Now Tom told Felix about the Dewda award he could get if he did something dumb like go aground. Don, Reid, and Denny all agreed that this was a significant event that was going to happen this year. New boat, new captain, shallow water, you guessed it Felix was going to go aground soon and very soon. And two weeks later, Felix was aground somewhere between Beaufort and Harkers Island. Took two SeaTow boats to get him off the shoal he plowed into. With proper documentation and a witness or two, Felix was lined up to get the coveted Dewda award. So back to the dock he went.

As the year went by and Felix looked at his hourø meter and he subtracted the time it took to get the boat back to Morehead City, he soon realized the number of user hours was under 25 for the season. Yup, he went from 150 hours with a smaller boat to under 25 with a bigger boat.

Why he asked? Is it because of the cost of fuel? Or is it because of the work it takes to get in and out of the docks? Or is it the time spent cleaning the elements of a day at sea sprayed on the boat? Is the maintenance and cleaning of a 40 footer that much different than a 26 footer? Felix sure learned his lesson. So he is stuck to the dock.

Stuck to the dock for fear of going aground again. Stuck to the dock because he is out of cash. Stuck to the dock because every time he used the boat, something broke on it. Stuck to the dock because the weather is just not right. Stuck to the dock because no one else will go with him in their boat because they are afraid they will get the Dewda award. Stuck to the dock because it takes too long to clean it after. Stuck to the dock because Diesel Fuel went up a dime. Stuck to the dock because his crew decided to go shopping at Belkø instead. Stuck to the dock because there is another dock party going on. Stuck to the dock because the wind is too strong.

What Felix will need now is a dinghy. Men and their toys. We go from a small boat we have a blast in, to a big boat we become paranoid to use, and then to a smaller 10 foot inflatable boat we can have a blast in. Maybe the lesson to learn is, stay with the smaller boat and get a condo to sleep in. It may be less costly in the long run and more fun than you ever realized. Plus the condo pool is great to watch and enjoy. Satisfaction meter is almost as high as a day at the cape when the water is flat.



See you on the water, or stuck to the dock.

P/C, Don Breault
øLibertyö

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WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

Men's: Medium-X/Large

Ladies: Medium-Large

\$15 each

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\$25 each

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\$10 each

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Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2013

DATE	EVENT	Aug/Sept 2013
	2013	
21-Aug-13	Membership Monthly Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse, Clemmons. Don Breault will speak on "Honey, I just Bought A Boat". 1830 Social, Meeting 1900	
Sept 1-8, 2013	2013 Governing Board, San Antonio, Texas	
17-Sep-13	WSSPS General Squadron Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons "TBA"	
October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2013	ABC-3 Course. Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The cost for the public this year is \$50.	
7-Oct-13	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting "George Ellis House"	
26-Oct-13	Commander's Picnic, Wayne/Becky Creekmore's House, High Rock Lake, NC	
2-Nov-13	Childress Winery Tour Lunch @ 12n and Tour @ 3p. Directions and other details to be forth coming.k Lake, NC	
4-Nov-13	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
20-Nov-13	WSSPS General Squadron Meeting.. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. Commander's Year End Review	
2-Dec-13	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
14-Dec-13	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party. Community Arts Café	
	2014	
4-Jan-14	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh, NC	
JAN 26-Feb 2 2014	USPS 2014 Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL	
15-Jan-14	WSSPS General Squadron Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	

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