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Commander's Picnic

October 26, 2013

Wayne/Becky Creekmore

High Rock Lake @ 3pm

Hot Dog and Hamburger 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 send an email to commander@wssps.org.

Please bring a side dish or a dessert and BYOB/chair.

\$5/person

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Our meetings are always open to the public.

Please visit with us anytime.

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



DATE	EVENT	Oct/Nov 2013
		2013
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 is \$50.	
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5, and 12, 2013	USPS Piloting from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem NC. The cost for the course will be \$70 (incl. Student Manual, RosePoint Coastal Explorer DVD, Plotting and Labeling Guide, Weekend Navigator, USPS Course Plotter (4" x 15"), and Ultra-Light Dividers. This course teaches near shore navigations and covers bearings, relative bearings, dead reckoning, plotting, charts, sounding, GPS, and other skills needed to safely navigate in coastal waters.	
26-Oct-13	Commander's Picnic, Wayne/Becky Creekmore's House, High Rock Lake, NC 3p	
2-Nov-13	Childress Winery Tour Lunch @ 12n and Tour @ 3p. Directions and other details to be forth coming. Lake, NC	
4-Nov-13	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
20-Nov-13	WSSPS General Membership Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. Commander's Year End Review	
2-Dec-13	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting "TBA"	
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 Membership Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	
3-Feb-14	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting "TBA"	
8-Feb-14	WSSPS Annual C.O.W.	



Education Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette

October is going to be busy in the education department as we have two course kicking off in October: ABC-3 and Piloting.

The ABC-3 course 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. The cost for the public is \$50 which includes course materials and a 6 month trial membership in the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. This is a great opportunity for interested family and friends to learn about boating safety and be introduced to the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron.

The USPS Piloting course will be taught on Thursdays, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, November 7th, 14th, 21st, December 5th, and 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem NC. The cost for the course will be \$70, which includes the Student Manual, Rose-Point Coastal Explorer DVD, Plotting and Labeling Guide, Weekend Navigator, USPS Course Plotter (4" x 15"), and Ultra-Light Dividers. This course teaches near shore navigations and covers bearings, relative bearings, dead reckoning, plotting, charts, sounding, GPS, and other skills needed to safely navigate in coastal waters.

Anyone interested in taking these course can email me at [edu-cation@wssps.org](mailto:education@wssps.org) or call me at (336) 414-6490. These are great educational opportunities for the avid boater to increase their knowledge and skills.

We have two seminars on the horizon: Knots, Bends, and Hitches and Basic Weather and Forecasting. These are short courses that cover topics that every mariner needs to know. Watch for updates in the Crossed Anchors and the WSSPS web page at www.wssps.org.

Over the weekend of September 13th through 15th High Rock Lake was buzzing with Sea Scouts and Venturers taking to the water for fun and fellowship at the annual Davy Jones Rendezvous. Commander Wayne Creekmore and Gary Lewis brought a team of Power Squadron examiners over to do Vessel Safety Checks on the Scout boats. We didn't get Wayne and Gary to participate in any events, but we had a fleet of several boats for them to check. This was a good opportunity to also spread the word about boating safety and the USPS to future members!

Six people signed up for the ABC-3 class at the Old Town Recreation Center. Two have visited WSSPS before, two are new to boating, and four are between boats. I had a glitch with the laptop and projector and had to teach out of the book. It worked before class and after I got home. I'm bring a backup laptop and projector to the next class and Piloting class Thursday night at New Hope United Methodist.

I'll send out a schedule for the ABC-3 class and Piloting later so that any interested folks can sign up to teach an evening.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

I'm in the short rows as we farmer types call it. Three months to the end of my tenure as administrative officer and by the time you read this I will have married off my only biological daughter Allison on October 5th in New Orleans. And what an expensive trip that has been. Nevertheless, as Elvis said, "there's a new day coming on the horizon".

Boating season may be tapering down for many of us but not for the Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron. As Wayne has posted we have the Commander's Picnic on October 26th that is going to be fun. For those of us that came out early last year we got in some good swimming before the monsoon set in. Not sure the water temperature on October 26th but I'm bringing my bathing suit anyway. The next Saturday November 2nd we will go to Childress Winery south of Winston on Hwy. 52 for lunch and a tour. Nice place. I checked it out last spring. I know quite a few folks went on the wine tour of three wineries last fall and I understand it worked out well. More details on that trip to follow.

Last, Christmas is coming, Christmas is coming. I know the smart ones of you have already started your shopping. We **must** support our retail industry. For we nautical types this means the WSSPS annual Christmas party December 14th at the Community Arts Cafe downtown. You need to pencil that one on your calendar as I know how quickly December fills up.

Now to delve into some educational/fun stuff I have been looking for a decent program that identifies the constellations based on lat/lon and time and I think this link works.

<http://www.fourmilab.ch/yoursky/help/controls.html>

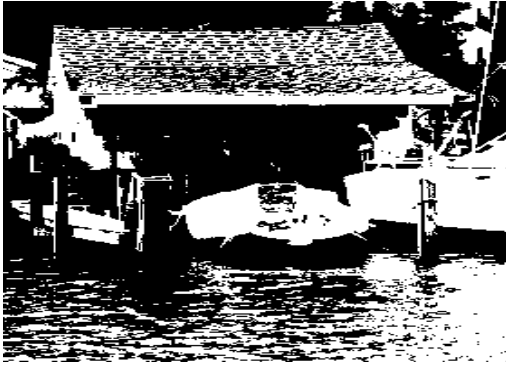
I want to be able to go outside with my laptop and hunt for stars and constellations. I know we are only supposed to pay attention to the 114 nautical stars, 4 planets, sun, and moon in the Nautical Almanac but I miss identifying the constellations. If you were like me your science teacher took the class to a dark room in high school with one of those lighted balls like in a planetarium and had a class on stars and constellations. See if the attached link helps you.

Next I found this link on the USPS website that I thought was a brief refresher test for those of us who think we know everything. HA!

<http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nsbt/test.cgi>

I'm afraid if you don't use this knowledge and practice it then it will get away from you after a while. I'm not sure I could reduce a sight now if I had to?

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Fish House Chronicles

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One of the ironies of life is how do we maintain a balance of recreation in our life vs. the check book, and then balance the time needed to support the recreation. Sometimes we often find ourselves trying to make decisions that contradict those sound and solid principals that protect our financial security. Then we may be faced with issues surrounding a list of those things we have to do each time we return to our boats for the weekend. Often times I find myself making a list of things to do and many times this list is so long, it requires me to prioritize it in steps.

Wow, we have uncovered two dilemmas here. One is the check book limits and the other is the time needed to do those little things. Two major limits slapping you in the face as you try and determine the justification of it all considering family, house, and job.

One thing that may easily slip away in your thought process is the fact that each time you return to the boat with that list and a limited checkbook, you are living the dream each and every time you arrive at the boat no matter what time of day. It seems that when you arrive, the costs of those repairs needed are not the primary concern at that time. It seems that when you step foot on to the boat from the dock, the time commitment is no longer an issue. Then you slip into your grubby shorts and open a cool beverage to watch a spectacular sunset and then you realize that you are living the dream once again.

You then melt away in thought of living aboard this vessel for a month or two while enjoying one cruising day after another. Then you day dream about how would life be like if you can rise each morning to a new sunrise over the ocean as you sip your coffee in solace, of your surroundings. One very dream is one of you and your spouse taking a leisurely dinghy ride along the Bogue sound into some secluded shallow passages only meant for a canoe or kayak. Then you day dream about how would life be like to leave the hustle of city life in Winston-Salem and the career you have maintained for over 35 years, and trade it in for a life of living the dream.

Then one day you may purchase a condo or a beach house and begin to make more dreams come true. You may have a larger space requirement to share those dreams with new grandchildren and married children. They too want to share that dream with you. Because those dreams are the memories they will cherish for a lifetime. Those memories are the foundation of their culture and positive experiences they share with you as they grow up. So continue to make more dreams come true for them.

One day you may sell that big boat and downsize to a smaller center console or walk around cuddy. Then you can begin to take on different activities such as deep sea fishing. Then you can realize that you are not only living the dream but your dream came true on what you have always wanted to do for your whole life but were too busy to try it. Going 50 miles off shore to land a sail fish or to fill your freezer with fresh Mahi fillets. Or just take that little fishing boat for a leisurely day trip to the cape and go shelling with your 7 year old grand daughter. Or take that smaller center console and pull your 10 year old grand son around in a tube off of Bogue Sound.

Yes, living the dream is like a fairy tale come true for some of us. For the live aboard community, living the dream is almost as good as it can be while you prepare for those long and independent journeys across the many sounds and bays of our east coast. Living the dream is like planning a last minute get away aboard a live aboard type boat that can support those many thoughts of imagination while being disconnected from land and those hassles of the every day challenge of life on land. Living the dream is the opportunity to let your thoughts and mind melt away from things that occupy you with chores and responsibilities of maintaining security. Living the dream is the same as achieving that life long goal of fulfilling a child hood adventure dream. Remember that dream you had when you were 6 years old? Now is the time to plan it and make it happen.