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Look what one of our own members caught off the coast of North Carolina!! Good job, Tom.



## 2013 BRIDGE

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Feel free to contact any of the above if you have questions.

Our meetings are always open to the public.

Please visit with us anytime.

## Basic Weather and Forecasting Seminar

Don will be teaching this class event and will need at least 5 or more students for this one time 2 hour seminar on how to forecast weather while at sea.. It does not have a test or evaluation on your knowledge of weather systems. It is a practical seminar on how to recognize weather and forecasting. This course will cover six topics:

Air Masses & Fronts  
Winds  
Storms  
Clouds & Thunderstorms  
Fog  
Forecasting

Each student will have a seminar guide, and a Captains waterproof Quick Guide To On-board Weather Forecasting.

The cost for this one time valuable course will be: \$25. Both WSSPS members, family members, friends, and guests are invited to this seminar. Membership is not mandatory to take this seminar. The place and date will be determined in early December. We expect to offer this seminar around mid January, 2014.

I will need a commitment from our members by December 1st so we can order guide books and Captains Quick Guides. Those interested in this event must contact: P/C Don Breault at: saltyboats@aol.com or call: 336-712-0661 to reserve your seat at this seminar.

This will be a one time event and class. So register early to reserve your place in this class.

Thank you, Don

**WSSPS  
Membership Meeting .  
RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons  
Commander's Year End Review  
And Election of 2014 BRIDGE  
November 20, 2013  
Social: 1800  
Meeting: 1900**

**Guests are always welcome.**



**Nominees for the 2114 Bridge**

**Commander Lt/C Eddie Shinlever, P  
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**Educational Officer Lt/C Kin Cartrette, P  
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**Nominating Committee**

**Chairman Cmd Wayne Creekmore, JN  
P/C Debbie Mayfield, S  
P/C Reid London, N**







## **Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron Donates over \$2,000 in cash and items to a North Carolina Based Wounded Warriors Organization**

At the August membership WSSPS meeting, Larry Ledford of Lewisville, NC , a friend of Linda and Dennis Brigadier, and a member of DNA MilitaryNC, a 501-c-3 non-profit organization, spoke to the members about the volunteer work that has been done by him and others at a farm in Ararat, VA. The farm is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Epperson, Sr. of Winston Salem and consists of more than 1,000 acres. It is a working farm that raises beef cattle, soy beans and corn. The land has been in the Epperson Family for generations.

Larry has been involved in supporting our military and developing a military outreach ministry ever since the war began back in 2001. Larry was the co-founder of The OAR Foundation ([www.theoarfoundation.org](http://www.theoarfoundation.org)) and is now working his military ministry under DNA MilitaryNC ([www.dnamilitary.org](http://www.dnamilitary.org)). These organizations have been very involved in helping Wounded Warriors and their families with home remodeling, building new houses, providing marriage retreats, and providing hunting, fishing and outdoor adventure trips to the farm in Ararat, Va.

There are two old farm houses located on the farm that are used for housing military guests and for ministry and training events. Wounded Warriors and their families are provided these facilities free of charge. The houses have been renovated and have modern heating and cooling units, handicap bathrooms, and kitchen facilities.

This ministry is 100% volunteer managed and operated. 100% of all donated funds that are received by DNA Military go to support the numerous projects at the farm. It has been the goal of the DNA Military and The OAR Foundation to provide these outreach facilities so that military families and the Warriors can work on rebuilding relationships. The military has a very high divorce rate; especially in the Special Operation Forces. The continuous deployments and severe injuries received by so many of our military are taking a high toll on our military families.

This military ministry has a very high rate of success in helping save marriages and parental relationships. Larry works closely with Chaplains from every branch of service to help identify the most at-risk soldiers who have serious marital problems, parental issues, and PTSD issues. Larry has had soldiers at the farm who have lost legs, arms and some have been wounded as many as 11 times. Many suffer from battle fatigue, combat trauma and physical pain.

The WSSPS has been able to provide pillows, sheets, blankets, quilts, mattress covers, 3 rocking chairs, a bread maker, a 30 cup coffee maker, a used washing machine, a propane heater, a used electric range and a 9øskiff with electric motor; as well as 5 adult life jackets. WSSPS also provided a twin bed frame with mattress set, 2 used vacuum cleaners and other miscellaneous items.

The farm continues to have needs. If you would like to help, feel free to contact Linda or Dennis Brigadier at [brigadoons47@triad.rr.com](mailto:brigadoons47@triad.rr.com) or Larry Ledford at [lledford@missionsrealty.net](mailto:lledford@missionsrealty.net) or make a check to DNA MilitaryNC with ömemoö to Ararat Farm and mail to PO Box 688, Clemmons, NC 27012. It is tax deductible,





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

## From the Helm

*Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN*

A good time was had by all at our Commanders Picnic on Oct 26. Debby, David , Ed and Becky Shinlever and so many others worked to make this event work so well. Rebecca and I deeply appreciate their help and all I can say is Thank You. We are hoping that next year we do this a little earlier so that we can do more outside and on the water things,

Some very good news for the Squadron is that we have a new Newsletter person: Barbara Richardson has volunteered to serve in this vital position and Linda will provide training and transition help for her. Thanks so much Barb.

Our "Battle Banner" (to be attached to the D-27 100th anniversary flag at the National Meeting , Jacksonville Fl) was presented to the Squadron at the picnic, I will forward this to D-27 ASAP.

Our 2014 Bridge has been nominated with a couple of exceptions. We need to fill the Administrative Officer and the Asst Education Officer slots. Wont someone please contact P/C Debby Mayfield and volunteer?

A very good ABC class graduated on 10/29. Congratulations to Kin on these 6 graduates. Hope we see them again at our meetings and in future classes. Thanks Debby and Dawn for providing refreshments and diplomacy on graduation night.

Hope everyone has sent in their information for Merit Marks 2013 as time is running out.

Linda, please include this in our newsletter.

Cdr Wayne

We are proud of Linda's work and yours for our newsletter. We have a volunteer to take over this vital-to-our-squadron position, Barbara Richardson. She will be in-training with Linda to assume this work ASAP. She will need help from all of us.

Thanks for all you have done for WSSPS this year. It is greatly appreciated by us all.

Cdr Wayne, Commander

This could not happen w/o Linda's great work on the Newsletter!

Thank you,

Marshall E Tyler

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Gerald Zambroski" <[gzambros@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gzambros@rochester.rr.com)>

Date: Oct 31, 2013 12:35 AM

Subject: Final Website Review for 2013

Hello Marshall,

I reviewed the Winston-Salem website for the final time this year and I am happy to inform you that I have recommended the site for a Distinctive Communicator Award for the 2013 year. I have attached a copy of my review for your information. Good Job and I'll be back in touch again in the spring.

Happy Holidays

P/D/C Gerald L. Zambroski, P

USPS Communications Committee

Advisor for District 27

# Education Officer

*Lt. Kin Cartrette*



October saw the completion of the fall 2013 ABC-3 course at the Old Town Recreation Center. Six students successfully completed the course and received six month trial memberships in the USPS and Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. The students have a nice diversity of boating interests and backgrounds including power boating, sailing, kayaking, and scuba. Thanks to the Dawn Gaskill, Debbie Mayfield, K.B. Jennings, and Wayne Creekmore for coming out to help teach the course, providing refreshments, promoting the USPS and WSSPS, and sharing experiences on the water!

Unfortunately, the USPS Piloting course did not materialize this fall. However, there was some interest expressed by participants in the ABC-3 class about taking Piloting. As soon as we have enough interest to put together a class, we'll offer Piloting again. 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.

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. The instructor material have arrived and I am in the process of getting those to the instructors to look over before scheduling the courses. Watch for updates in the Crossed Anchors and the WSSPS web page at [www.wssps.org](http://www.wssps.org).

Anyone interested in taking these course can email me at [education@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 will be sending out another Survey Monkey survey soon to determine squadron interests in education courses to offer in 2014, so, watch your email and Crossed Anchor for details!



## **Avoiding the Ethanol Blues** (From: BoatUS Marine Insurance Program)

If your boat's engine runs on gasoline, then you need to be careful how you put your fuel to bed for the winter. These days, most gasoline you buy at a gas station or fuel dock comes with 10 percent ethanol, which can cause problems if stored for months, especially if the temperature is changing. Ethanol is hydrophilic - it attracts and holds water. Small amounts of water will be burned in the combustion cycle, but ethanol can only absorb so much water. When it becomes completely saturated, phase separation occurs, and the corrosive ethanol-water mixture sinks to the bottom of the tank. If the engine is run, this mixture can damage seals, O-rings, injectors, and other delicate engine parts. The upper "gasoline" layer will be depleted of ethanol and have a reduced octane level, which can also cause engine problems. Leaving your tank half full for the winter can greatly increase the problems. First, there is more room in the tank and less fuel, which means more surface area for condensation formation and less ethanol to absorb the resulting water. Second, cycling temperatures from warm to cold also increases the amount of condensation. Finally, ethanol cannot absorb as much water at low temperatures as it can when it's warmer, so the gasoline will phase separate more quickly in colder temperatures. So what to do? If you can empty your tank completely, you should do so. If not, add stabilizer and fill it most of the way, leaving room for expansion and contraction of the gasoline.





# Administrative Officer

*Lt/C Bill Davis, SN*

If you haven't disconnected the garden hose from the outside faucet or drained the water from your inboard boat engine, friends, it's getting late. I have seen the damage and it ain't pretty.

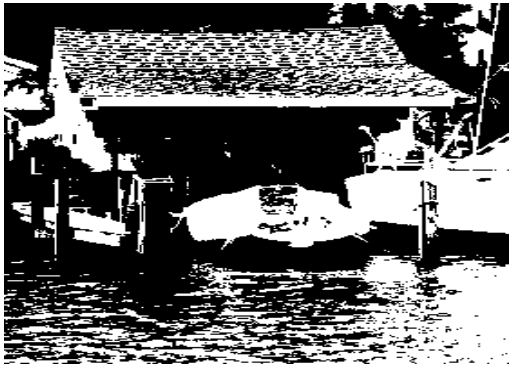
Next, if your squadron is like mine, you are scrambling to fill slots for next year on the bridge. It always eventually comes together but again it ain't pretty. And, if you have written a few dozen of these articles in the past 5 to 10 years like I have you have to meditate a while to see what morphs in your mind. You would like it to sound somewhat intelligent, like you know a few things about boats and boating, not really wanting to pontificate too much, possibility even interesting to read. How am I doing so far? I have no idea how Don Breault does it writing the

Fish House Chronicles. It's a gift some writers have. I have had writer's block for decades now.

The year is in the short rows now. November is the Commander's turn to give the year in review. That's good because I can't quite remember what I did this year. Then in December is the BIG ONE, the annual Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron Christmas Party. It is at the Community Arts Café on 4<sup>th</sup> Street this year and it is quite a nice setting. Plenty of room for eating and our games, no competition from adjacent noisy groups, and from the choice of three meals you will be making a selection from I think everyone will be pleased. It is December 14<sup>th</sup> this year so get it on your calendar quick if it is not already there. I know December can fill up quickly.

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

DATE	EVENT	Nov 2013
2013		
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	
4-Nov-13	Bridge Committee Meeting "Breault"s Boston Bar & Grill"	
20-Nov-13	WSSPS Membership Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. Commander's Year End Review and Election of 2014 BRIDGE	
2-Dec-13	Bridge Meeting @ Hutch and Harris Pub, 424 W 4th St., Winston-Salem. Parking is available in the GMAC parking lot catty corner from the restaurant 6:30P	
14-Dec-13	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party. Community Arts Café 411 W 4th St, Winston-Salem, NC	
2014		
4-Jan-14	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh, NC	
Jan 29-Feb 2 2014	USPS 2014 Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL	
3-Feb-14	Bridge Committee Meeting @ Jim & Ginny Frazier	
22-Feb-14	WSSPS Annual C.O.W. Pinebrook Country Club	
1-Mar-14	Bridge Committee Meeting Tom & Cathy Loveless	



# Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

öThe Cape Experience, Sharing The Connection of Sand And Water`ö

The Cape experience is a magical and yes sometimes a mystical opportunity you endure when you want a low keyed day on flat water less than 20 miles from places along the Bogue Sound. You can venture out on most days in any midsize live aboard trawler or small day use type boat with a shallow water draft and within one hour's cruise; you can be beached or anchored in the hook of Cape Lookout. Also called öPower Squadron Spitö. If you do this in late September or early October, you can witness some of the finest weather and water conditions the Carolina coast has to offer.

On most late September days, you may get to see the playful action of dolphins surfing your wake, or witness the many Loggerhead Sea Turtles surfacing near your boat being curious as to your presence. Some days you can witness the playful prancing of the many öBankersö splashing along the beaches of Shackleford Banks. Then you can relax on the many miles of uncrowded sandy beaches watching the majestic appearance of the Cape Lookout Light House.

On an extreme rare occasion, you may witness a Southern Stingray breaching the water surface in pursuit of something or fleeing away from something. But needless to say that is indeed an extreme rare occasion to witness that as we have this fall. Then more turtles will surface to get an even closer look at your presence in this isolated place this time of year.

Then you call out to the öMermaid Expressö to get a lift off of the boat to the island. And to your surprise, a Mystical creature resembling a öMermaidö appears at the helm of a smaller center console. You get this lift to the island and behold, you step foot on an extreme deserted place where there are no other members of the human species present. You are alone in the wilderness of sand and slapping water as the tide ebbs out to sea.

When you traverse across the sand dunes to the ocean side, you will be in awe of the spectacular blue green crystal clear water that gives this part of the southern outer banks a tropical look. Some times you may have to look twice to make sure you are not in the Keys or the Caribbean. Make sure you are covered in sun block because the Sun can still be very unforgiving here even at this time of year. Now you can step into the clear salt-water and be amazed at the 78 degree temperature it is still holding for you. Yet it is still refreshing as a mild sea breeze sweeps across the beach while you sink up to your chest holding your favorite beverage in a floating öcoozieö.

Ahh!! Early fall has arrived and the days are getting somewhat shorter but summer conditions still linger on. Now you look around and see what a jackpot of shells you have found and you start to collect the many seashells that seem to be as abundant here as the sand is. Then off to the east you hear and then see a small SUV racing toward you. What is this you ask yourself as you labor to lift the heavy bag of shells you have filled? Then you realize that you are on a federal seashore preserve and the federal government has been shut down.

You are approached by two very polite park rangers who remind you that you can no longer be here because of the government shut down. Oh well, pretty good timing as you may have already had your fill of sand and shells along with the swimming on this very rare clear and warm fall day. Back to the boat you go.

Later on, as the sun begins to get low in the late afternoon sky, and you witness the many diamonds and jewels sparkling in the water, you venture back to your boat and for those that plan to spend the night, well there is a whole lot more to do and see. After the grill begins to fill the boat with an aroma of something very good to eat, you crack open that favorite beverage and continue to enjoy the melting sun as it fades behind the dunes.

As night fall takes over, you begin to become mesmerized by the constant turning of the light on the light house as it does its job as an active aid to navigation as it has for over 150 years. As nighttime completely takes over, you begin to witness the most spectacular view of the many constellations of our southern night sky and see the broad array of the Milky Way. With the absence of artificial light, the celestial display is magnified a thousand times brighter than on the main land. Now after watching those rare shooting stars, you begin to feel sleepy from all of that salt air on the beach that day. Open the hatches and be amazed at the constant flow of sea breezes as it sweeps through your boat.

The next morning as you awaken, you see that night has once again given way to another beautiful fall day. You witness the ever bountiful wildlife surrounding your boat. You see many fish breaking water surfaces as larger predators feed from below. Then you see the many seagulls and other sea birds having their feast of what may be left on the surface.

As time goes by and you look at the time of day, and you realize that you have to leave this paradise so you can join the reality of the real world. The world that forces you to abandon such a treasure because you have to get back to the docks and make preparations to drive that 5 hour journey back to Winston-Salem. Then you ask as you have asked yourself a hundred times before: Why do we have to leave? I guess the answer to this difficult question can be summed up this way: Take back the memory you just made and remember the wonderful time you had that created an opportunity for you to long for a return trip very soon. That anticipation of returning to such a jewel of a place will keep you yearning for more all the years to come.

