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2012 WSSPS Christmas Party



“The District”





From the Helm

Cdr. Debbie Field, S

As 2013 begins, the WSSPS has plans already under way. D27 training has past and our Change of Watch scheduled for February 2 will be here before we know it. We have a great slate of new officers who will begin they tour on February 2 at our COW. Please give them the great support and assistance you have given me as Commander for the last 2 years. I am looking forward to my duties as Past Commander of our squadron and plan to enjoy the many activities our squadron will do this year.

I would like to remind everyone that we will have an election at our COW for the unfilled Executive Office. Eddie Shinlever has agreed to serve our squadron for 2013.

Wayne Creekmore will be serving as our Commander. He has many years of experience as a member and a Past Commander for the Fayetteville Power Squadron. We look forward to a great year under his command

Bill Davis is returning as our Administration officer. He did a superb job in 2012 so will have a hard time topping his great work but I know he can do it.

Our squadron has a new newsletter editor, Linda Brigadier. Cathy Loveless has served us well over the past several years and I commend her for the great job she has done not only with the newsletter but with maintaining communication for our squadron.

I am looking forward to a great year in 2013 in the WSSPS. The member's support of the principles of the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron is awesome. I really appreciate every contribution each and every member makes to our success. Thanks to everyone for their support during the 2 years I have serve as Commander.

NEWS ALERT

Eddie Shinlever has agreed to serve as the 2013 WSSPS Executive Officer. We will have an election for this position for our squadron at the Change of Watch on Feb 2, 2013.



Education Officer

/C Dawn Gaskill,



As 2013 has arrived we look forward to having a new Bridge Jump in the WSSPS waters swimming hard to make this a great year. Your Education officer elect, William (Kin) M. Cartrette, P. He is a very good instructor and looking forward to hearing what you wish courses you wish to experience. We are working on a planning meeting to organize our courses and setup when we will be offering them. They will then be posted on the WSSPS website and in the newsletter and on the calendar. Give Kin a shout out on what you are interested in @scoutingplus@aol.com.

We are discussing Seamanship, Piloting, and Sail or Weather for the Winter/Spring courses. If you can teach let Kin or me know we appreciate the help.

Have a look at the following list of courses and Seminars and choose a group to experience:

SEAMANSHIP

[Advanced Powerboat Handling](#)

PILOTING

[Anchoring](#)

ADVANCED PILOTING

[Basic Coastal Navigation](#)

JUNIOR NAVIGATION

[Basic Weather and Forecasting](#)

NAVIGATION

[Boat Handling under Power](#)

CRUISE PLANNING

[Emergencies on Board](#)

ENGINE MAINTENANCE

[How to Use a Chart](#)

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

[Knots, Bends and Hitches](#)

MARINE ELECTRONICS

[Mariner's Compass](#)

SAIL

[Trailing Your Boat](#)

WEATHER

[Using GPS](#)



Executive Officer

/C Wayne Creekmore

Dawn Gaskill, Bill Davis, Ken Cartrette and I attended the annual D-27 training session at Raleigh on 5 Jan 2013. Very informative session, well presented.

Recommend that any and all our WSSPS family try and attend next year. It would be good for you and good for our Squadron.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and that it will be a great New Year for you and WSSPS. Start thinking about taking a course and getting out on the water. Have one of our VEs inspect your boat and those who have not done so (and those who have) ,attend our WSSPS functionsPARTICIPATE



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

If you are reading this it is January and its cold and nobody is boating. If you are I am going to have Nurse Ratched come check on you. I know I have heard people say "I boat all year long". Okay but I hope it is in your heated garage making repairs and getting it ready for spring. If it is a two cycle I hope you have drained the gasoline/oil from the engine and have lots of Sta-bil fuel stabilizer in the fuel tank. For those with yachts I hope the shore power is working.

One of the boat people I talked to in December bought a special water tank that the lower unit could be put in and the engine run on dry land to get the carburetor and other components tuned up for the spring. That was a new one for me. I think the theory is the water in the tank put some load on the engine. I suppose the option is to go down to the local launch ramp with the boat on a trailer and run the engine/boat in the water. Hopefully the boat wouldn't run over the truck/car.

I guess I am allowed to reminisce some about things the way they used to be. When I was a tyke in my twenties I used to go skiing with friends down at Oriental when they only had a six room green painted cheap motel and a pretty deceit restaurant. We would cross the Neuse River and ski up and down the Intra-coastal Waterway all day wide open at 25 to 30 miles per hour (that's 21.7244 to 26.0693 knots for you nautical types) and not have sore arms or legs. We would lunch on the bank and hardly ever see another boat or soul. That evening we would boat into Morehead City and eat at the Sanitary Restaurant. The girls were cute there as well. One reason for this expedition besides escaping from work was the salt water was easier to ski on/ floatation and all that. Now you try to ski in that stretch of water at that speed and you will have pissed off half of Carteret County. Things aren't the way they used to be and I'm sure you folks my age will agree.

We have Operations Training on January 20th, a Sunday at my house, 1500. After the training, which Leon Corbett and I will lead, we will have some dinner here at the house so you can go home full for a long winter's nap. Everyone is invited and especially the officers in the WSSPS. Please let me know so I can scare up the right number of chairs I need and order the appropriate amount of food. I am at 5770 Regent Village Drive in Winston-Salem for those with a GPS and have taken the seminar (works on dry land too). Let me know if you plan to attend at wld122@aol.com and I will get you the code for the complex's gate and the secret handshake to get in the door. Seriously on item one.

PHOTOS NEEDED

During the colder seasons, there is not as much nautical activities occurring; therefore, I am requesting your help. Would you please email (newsletter@wssps.org) any pictures of your boats, large or small? I would like to use them in the newsletter. Please include the owner, name of boat and where berthed. I would graciously appreciate any and all photos that you could send me for any of our other WSSPS activities also.

Thanks, Linda Brigadier, WSSPS Newsletter editor



Operations Training for WSSPS Members

Sunday, January 20, 2013, 1500

Instructors – Leon Corbett with
Aid Lackey Bill Davis

5770 Regents Village Drive
Winston-Salem, NC

Dinner at home to follow.

Confirm attendance with Bill at
Wld122@aol.com or
817-0347

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend The Annual

**WSSPS Change of Watch
Pinebrook Country Club
5475 Germanton Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27105
February 2, 2013**

**Class A Uniform with bow tie or
appropriate evening attire
Social and Cash Bar Begins at 1830
Dinner Buffet Followed by Program**

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**Dinner Buffet Includes Full Salad Bar with Condiments and
Dressings, Mango Chicken (Grilled chicken breast with
mango sauce), Baby Shrimp Scampi on Rice, Burgundy Beef
with Mushrooms, Pearled Onions, Buttery Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable Medley du jour, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Tea**

Then On To The Dance Floor!



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

With the holidays awash behind us and time spent with family, the human batteries were recharged for another season of adventure on the high seas. And what a way to start those adventures. Moving a newly purchased motor yacht from the Washington DC area to Morehead City. This is a story worth retelling about 3 men and a lady. Although the lady has a mans name of “Old Man River” but we all know they do things a little different in Washington, DC.

The tell tale sign of an exciting event was just the land ride to Woodbridge VA. Riding on the edge of a major coastal storm moving North East. This weather event was not only a rain maker but a wind maker as well. Then the temperatures plummeted to conditions warranting thermal under garments, gloves, hoods, and fleece lined parka's.

The first morning rose with partly cloudy skies and a 20 knot stiff breeze from the North. A breakfast place was being searched for by three expert navigators who apparently had no problem getting lost in their own back yard with and without an automotive GPS. It took 20 miles of driving in circles, parking in the wrong lot, and walk trough a steel fence to search for that “Local Fare” one of the crew talked so much about. One crew member commented that we had passed a Denny's 3 times trying to find the greasy spoon. You know Denny's has a grand slam breakfast that would stay with you all day. Nope, we had to taste the local dew drop inn with dirty worn out tile floors, paper plates, and plastic forks that would break every time you tried to stab at the egg omelet made with cheese food and eggs from a questionable source.

Alas after the 2nd cup of army style coffee in a small plastic type of cup we discussed the plan to move Old Man River south. One crew said to stay put, the other said truck on and the owner looked dazzled like why should I have to be the tie breaker. More information was needed to convince everyone to get on the same page so everyone got out their I-phones to download the latest weather forecast. A call to the days destination marina for a water condition report and the results of all of this research went down like this:

The weather for today is clearing skies, temps in the upper 40's, wind from the north at 20 gusting to 25 in the afternoon. The local marina report at the end of the Potomac told us we were going to have plenty of water in the creek, and they were expecting 20 knot breezes after lunch. Alas the decision was unanimous to depart right away. With the boat already provisioned with food and supplies and equipment needed for a 3 or 4 day journey, we left the docks late morning. We were the pride of the Potomac as no one else was in the water except for us. First tell tale sign!!

It took almost 2 helmsmen and one dock hand to get “Old Man River” pushed out of the slip and into a channel so narrow and so shallow that Carolina coastal water seemed deeper than the Marinara Trench. Into the Potomac she flew as the throttles were brought to cruising speed as soon as the 2nd deep water marker was rounded. Southbound and flying at 22 knots. Seas were choppy with a stiff breeze from the north. The weather began to change after 2 hours of uneventful cruising. Waves began to push and capping was seen dead ahead. 2 footers were soon the norm and shortly thereafter 2 footers changed to 3’s and 4’s.

The river began to widen and the waves were now rolling with troughs and swells just 3 seconds apart. A recall of that famous Ballard of the Edmund Fitzgerald began to roll in our heads as we took turns going below to discover the entire cabin had been ravaged by an angry toddler in a crib full of toys. The galley had completely spilled all of the provisions that were thought of being properly secured all over the galley floor. Nothing was safe above 2 feet high. As a matter of fact nothing was safe below at all unless it was tied and latched with the security of a vessel rigged for a rough water passage across the great pond. It was nearing 2 PM and the crew was hungry. The old cook came up on deck and said “Fellas, it’s too rough to feed ya”.

It was around 4 PM as we approached the end of the Potomac as she spilled all she had into the Chesapeake. Now with the Chesapeake having all day to react with the 25 knot wind pushing from the north and the Potomac having most of the day doing the same, the confluence of the two was the presentation of a perfect storm as we surfed over one set of rollers and crashed upward into another. The sound of the props came unglued as the stern was occasionally lifted from the water by the hydraulics of an angry sea that was speaking to us all, that she was completely in charge of the late afternoon frolics.

With just 20 more miles to go, we could not get that famous Ballard sung by Gordon Lightfoot out of our heads, “She would have made whitefish bay if she only put 15 more miles behind her”. We had to make Smith Point Marina to find protected waters and in order to do this we had to make a course change due west right into a late afternoon setting sun. With the windshield and isling glass covered in salt spray, and a blinding sun in our faces, an instrument approach was looking as an option. We had a narrow set of rock jetty’s to go between and our depth was quickly approaching 4 feet. The wind was now howling at a constant 25 knots with gusts up to 35. Sea spray was horizontal as the wind swept off the top 2 inch layer of the 6 footers that were beginning to pound against our hull.

Stay tuned for part 2. “The Wrath of an Angry Chesapeake”

See you on calmer water!

P/C Don Breault, AP
“Liberty”





Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2013



DATE	EVENT	Date: January 2013
2013		
January 13-20, 2013	USPS Annual Meeting. Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL.	
January 20, 2013	Operations Training, Davis House, Leon Corbett/WLD Instructors	
February 2, 2013	WSSPS Annual C.O.W. Pinebrook C.C., Winston-Salem, NC	
February 4. 2013	Executive Committee Meeting "Jim & Gennie Frazier House"	
February 20. 2013	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
March 4, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting "Cathy & Tom Loveless House"	
March 20, 2013	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
March 23, 2013	D27 C.O.W., Raleigh, NC. 50th Anniversary Celebration	
April 1, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
April 17, 2013	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
May 6, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "Bill Davis' House"	
May 15, 2013	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
June 3, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "Margie & George's House"	
June 19, 2013	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
August 5, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
August 8-11, 2013	D-27 & D-5 Joint Rendezvous, Cape Charles, Va.	
August 21, 2013	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
September 18, 2013	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
October 7, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "George Ellis House"	
October 16, 2013	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
November 4, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
November 20, 2013	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
December 2, 2013	Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
December 14, 2013	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party "TBA"	
	2014	
January 4, 2014	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh, NC	

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All club meetings are open to the public.

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Important Upcoming Events

- 20 Jan Operations Training, Davis House, Leon Corbett/WLD Instructors
- 2 Feb WSSPS Annual C.O.W. Pinebrook C.C., Winston-Salem, NC
Social @ 6p. Meeting @7p
- 4 Feb Executive Committee Meeting "Jim & Ginny Frazier House"



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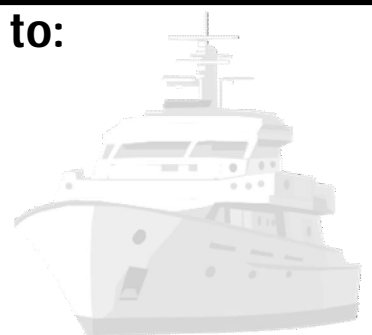
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New Bridge from left to right: Jim Frazier, Supply Officer; Dawn Gaskill, Membership; Becky Creekmore, Member At Large ; Bill Davis, Admin Officer; KB Jennings, Assist Education Officer; Kin Cartrette, Educational Officer; Eddie Shinlever, Executive Officer; Kathi Vestal, Secretary/Treasurer.

Dinghy
Award

Attending
Past
Commanders



DEWDA
Award



2013
Change of Watch



**NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF ANY PICTURE ABOVE SENT TO YOU,
PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WOULD BE GLAD TO EMAIL YOU A COPY.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 20, 2013 Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons.
"Touring the Straits of Juan de Fuca" by Bill Davis and Denny Brigadier**

March 4, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting "Tom & Cathy Loveless House"

**March 5,12,19,26, ABC Class Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC.
Apr 2 7-9 pm Non-member-\$50**

March 20, 2013 Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse (formerly Big Shotz), Clemmons. "TBA"

2012 Awards

2012 Member of the Year Lt/C Cathy Loveless

Lt/C Cathy Loveless is the 2012 Member of Year for the WSSPS. Cathy has been the Editor for the squadron newsletter, Crossed Anchors, for several years and has done an outstanding job. The newsletter was awarded the Outstanding Publication Award during Cathy's years as editor. In addition, she served as a Member-at-Large on the Bridge for the squadron. Cathy has been in charge of squadron email communications via email to assure all members know what is going on with our squadron. Cathy with her husband Tom Loveless, helped plan and execute the Wine Tour done by the Squadron in September, 2012. Cathy always has a positive attitude and is always willing to lend a helping hand with squadron activities. In 2011, she did an outstanding job with registration and the silent auction for the D27 Fall Conference held in Winston-Salem.

2012 Conley Smith Award Lt/C William (Bill) Davis, SN

Conley Smith was a dedicated member of the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron and exemplifies what an outstanding member should be. P/C Ray Travis, SN began the Conley Smith Award to honor members who demonstrate the characteristics that make an outstanding member in leadership, education, and dedication to the squadron. Lt/C Bill Davis, SN was awarded the Conley Smith Award at the WSSPS COW on February 2, 2013. Bill was a member of the WSSPS previously and moved his membership to the Greensboro Sail and Power Squadron. He moved his membership back to the WSSPS in the Spring of 2011. When he returned he attended not only the regular membership meetings and outings of the WSSPS but also the Bridge meetings. When it was time to nominate new officers, Bill volunteered to serve as the Administrative Officer for 2011. As 2012 started, Bill attended D27 training in Raleigh and was off to a busy year planning meetings and activities for our squadron. He did an outstanding job getting members to commit and participate in our meetings and programs. He was able to get an Operations Training done for the squadron in January. He also agreed to serve an additional year as Administrative Officer of our squadron.

2012 DINGHY AWARDS

Triathlon Dinghy Award: Joel Williams

Shortest: Ray Travis

Longest: Reid London

Best Looking: Don Breault

Fastest: Dennis Brigadier

Grand Champion Dinghy Wanna Be: Tom Lovelace

Please Review and Update Your USPS Personal Information!

Have you changed your address recently? Bought a new phone with a new number? Have new email address? Finally gotten around to getting a MMSI for your DSC radio? Bought a new boat? All of this info is contained in the personal information records at USPS. Some of us have outdated records, so I'd like to request that everyone check their records and update them as necessary.

The process is simple and can easily be done on line:

! Start by going to the USPS website, *usps.org*

! At the top of the page, click on *Site Index*

! On the next page, click on *Information Center*

! Near the bottom of the left hand column on the Information Center page, click on *Manage Your Own Profile*

! You'll need to enter your Certificate Number and PIN here. If you haven't yet created a PIN, you'll be led through the process of creating one. (This part can be annoying. Just be patient, and follow the directions carefully.)

! Your Membership Information page will open. Make the appropriate updates and click on *Update* the bottom of the page. You're done!

! Remember your password so you can come back to the Information center to print rosters, get organization information, email Squadron members, etc.

Thanks for doing this – it makes communication within the Squadron much easier when we all have the correct information.



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the next newsletter. Late items
will appear in the next issue.*

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.

February Meeting

TOURING THE STRAITS OF JUAN de FUCA February 20th

**Speakers:
Bill Davis
And
Denny Brigadier**

**River Ridge Taphouse
Formerly Big Shotz
Clemmons, NC**

For menu: Go to <http://riverridgetaphouse.com>

**Social: 6:00p
Meeting 7:00p**

**Guests are always
welcome.**



From the Helm

Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

This is the 100th Birthday of USPS. I was a Squadron Commander in the 75th Anniversary and will not be WSSPS Commander for the 100th. For our motto this year it will be 'Ask what you can do for your Squadron and Ask what your Squadron can do for you'. Our goal for the year will be to accomplish our motto with training and practice and have a lot of fun doing it for which this squadron needs no training to accomplish. Thanks for letting me serve as WSSPS Commander during the coming year. Hope everyone will take a course and participate in a large or small way. .

NOTE: I recommend all members subscribe to the Sail Angle newsletter. It applies to Sail and Power boating. Go to USPS.org for the procedure.

Wayne Creekmore

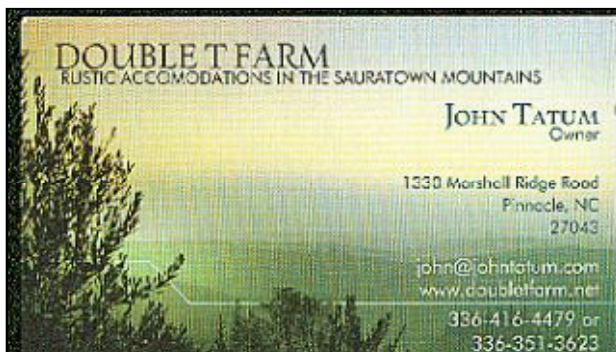
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Nautical Check Flip Charts

“Sail and Power Nautical Checks, a small, handy, spiral-bound, waterproof flip chart is an easy fit in pockets or storage drawers and measure 3.5 inches wide by 6.5 inches long. It is 20 pages front and back full of tips for things like Identification, Float Plans and Communications, Anchoring and Arrival, Inspections, Winterizing, Basic Rules of the Road and more. On the inside front cover is a space where squadrons can print their contact information on a stick-on label. You can mark and erase using markers and acrylic erasers or grease pencil.

This flip chart is a great ice breaker to use when you want to give people information about your squadrons and USPS. Use them at boat shows and public events, in ABC3 classes, during VSCs and anywhere else you represent USPS.

Cost is FREE plus shipping from HQ with conditions. Call us at 888-367-8777 x 0 or x 235. Go to nautical-check.com to find out more. These nice folks are offering these charts free of charge to us to promote themselves and because they recognize USPS as the premier boating educational foundation in the US. They also make custom checkbooks, and you might want to order one or more for squadron or personal use to show our support for them



Education Officer

Kin Cartrette



Spring is just a couple of months away when avid boaters will once again take to the local and coastal waterways. Safe boating begins with educated boating! To keep boating safe and fun the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will begin the educational year by offering a boating safety course in March.

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, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 2nd. 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

We are finalizing plans for Seamanship sometime in April, dates and location TBA soon. Other courses on the horizon are Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Marine Electronics, Marine Engines, and possibly Sail. We are also looking at offering seminars including Knots and GPS,

To know which courses squadron members are needing and interested in taking we need your feedback! We have created a short survey that we would like for each member to complete. The survey can be taken online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9PVDFP>. This survey link will also be emailed to WSSPS members for you to complete.

We are also looking for folks willing to join the education team and teach or help teach courses. Please let us know if you're interested, we'd love to have you!

If you have any question, recommendations, or want to help, please contact me!
See You On The Water!



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This exclusive 2-week promotion for USPS members begins Thursday, 17 Jan. 2013 and runs through 31 Jan. 2013.

Special pricing from \$819
Inside stateroom from \$819 per person
Outside stateroom from \$979 pp
Verandah stateroom from \$1,099 pp
Suite from \$1,879 pp

Now you can book your 7-day Centennial Caribbean cruise with a deposit of only \$100 per person!

Don't miss this fantastic offer! This is Holland's newest ship, and the itinerary and dates are popular, so inventory is limited. Book now to reserve the best possible stateroom location; final payment is due 17 Nov 2013.

Please email Dawn Eckhart at dawnsdeals@earthlink.net or call 727-403-0406 to join us on this spectacular celebration cruise!





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

I think I must meditate in a quiet room with soft quiet music, perhaps Henry Mancini or Mantovani, low lighting, maybe a scented candle and wait for inspiration about the activities for the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron's 2013 year. At this point it looks more like a jig saw puzzle than a plan. Linda B and I have pooled our talent for a February program that will likely be different from anything you might have seen so far. We are going to the Northwest for a little boating experience and sightseeing. There are things in that part of the United States and Canada that many of you may not have ever seen before. I know I hadn't. We only run this picture show one time so come on out February 20th to River Ridge Tap House, formerly Big Shotz in Clemmons.

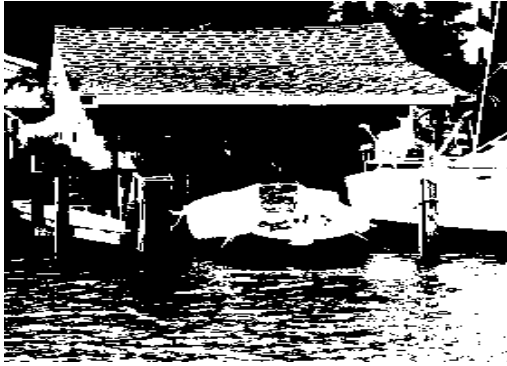
It also occurred to me that I have been on some other what one might call unique boating trips that I may spring on the membership. I have one trip to Maine on the rivers there and one in the New England waters. We'll see how the year develops. I suspect there are others that have had some special boating adventures, perhaps in the European canals, or Caribbean. I guess I just need to root them out of the folks that have the pictures and memory of their travels. HELLO, are you receiving this inquiry?

Getting old doesn't mean you have to stop learning and I learn from an assortment of ways. Talking to Linda Brigadier one Saturday morning a while ago she told me Denny was in the other room watching a boating educational show on Channel 46 from 1000 to 1030. I turned on the television and lo and behold sure enough they were talking about boats. Apparently this program comes on every Saturday morning and she said he watches this program religiously. Who knew! I didn't. Amazing what you can learn in casual conversation. I have now programmed the show on my DVR as I seldom get to watch an original show.

Which brings me to my next thought. (You didn't think I was done yet did you?) Talking about learning that is one of the 4 tenets I try to live by, i.e. never stop learning is one. Of course loving your family and friends, contributing to the quality and value of society through work and volunteering, and last, traveling outside your comfort zone to learn about the world. Travel helps eliminate prejudice in our human nature. So much for my philosophizing.

We had Operations Training January 20th at my house and it was a good program given by Leon Corbett. I saw OT from a different angle than the same course I took in Greensboro. Thanks Leon. I spent a few minutes on the USPS website going over the wide array of information available there. It is amazing what all you can find there. One could spend hours surfing that site. I did encourage everyone to document their pin number somewhere. In addition to your E or F number which most folks know there are some places on the site that you need your pin number to access. Leon said it came with your renewal card each year so check that when your new card comes in the mail.

As a preview for the February general meeting program think lavender.



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

“An Angry Chesapeake” The Continued Homeward Journey of “Old Man River”

With just 20 more miles to go, we had to make Smith Point Marina to find protected waters and in order to do this we had to make a course change due west, right into a late afternoon setting sun. With the windshield and isling glass covered in salt spray, and a blinding Sun in our faces, an instrument approach was looking as an option. We had a narrow set of rock jetty's to go between and our depth was quickly approaching 4 feet. The wind was now howling at a constant 25 knots with gusts up to 35. Sea spray was horizontal as the wind swept off the top 2 inch layer of the 6 footers that were beginning to pound against our hull.

The confluence of the Chesapeake, the Potomac River, and the wind affects of the widest part of the bay had all lined up to deal some of the most challenging weather events any flat water mariner could ever expect. Some blue water cruisers may have had experiences like this but with the hydraulics of waves only 3 to 5 seconds apart, it made for even an old New England salt want to become a land lubber or at best a lake boater.

As our depth continued to shrink from 5 to 4 feet and visions of some 3 foot water, we got a glimpse of our precision instrument approach. We missed the approach to the rock jetty by 75 yards to the north. We had to make a turn directly into the storm ravaged sea and we had to endure a few broaching 6 footers against Old Man Rivers Starboard hull. Once pointed into the rolling breakers we angled our next turn so the following seas would not push us into the jetty. We gave it a wide angled approach and dead ahead was the middle of the channel. Throttles were kicked up for more power to enable better helm control, and we found ourselves between the two jetty's, dead center, and within 20 seconds the intense pounding stopped as we have crossed into the “Promise Land” of protected water.

We switched helmsman at this time to give the previous one a break from the intensity of the last 20 or so miles and it was now a clutch speed cruise between the many markers that outlined a very narrow and shallow channel. We saw our docks and approached them with caution as we had come too far and endured so much to have a grounding or mishap this late into this adventure. A textbook docking was made and we were quickly tied up. One small but big problem. The Marina was closed and there was no one around. They did not wait for us. We were down to less than quarter tank on fuel and we all needed shore power for the cold was setting in fast as the sun set over the creek already.

Our luck changed when the Marina Owner drove up and as he got out of his car, he had the look of seeing a ghost ship and a ghost crew walking about on his docks. He quickly said to us, “I thought that you would have given up seeing how heavy the weather had changed, and I assumed you were not coming today.” He ran down the docks to turn on shore power, and his fuel pumps. We quickly fueled up and set the heat on high inside the cabins. The Marina Owner even offered to take us to town to sample one of the local eateries that was still open to the locals only. And what a treat that was, because this crew was famished and longed for some libations to calm ones nerves from the days pounding at sea.

Later on that evening we looked at weather radar and marine forecasts for the lower Chesapeake and we set a departure time of 0630 the next day. All of us fell asleep watching one of the seasonal college bowl football games. The next morning promised to give us new challenges as the previous day's rain fall had all froze on the decks and docks. We carefully departed the docks and found flat water in the creek, and then as we approached the Chesapeake, we saw our round number 2 of an angry winter storm trying to hang on as the weather front was trying to push off shore. Eastern weather forecasters were calling for heavy snowfall in the upper part of Virginia and the mid Atlantic states that day.

Into open water we cruised. The weather did settle down for us and the wind and wave action would not pick up speed until later that afternoon, in which case we had planned to be into Hampton Roads by then. Two footers were the norm and we would run into heavier seas as each major river from Virginia would dump its quarry of water into the Chesapeake. First the Rappahannock, then the York, and finally the James. These river confluences had a little going away message for us as we cruised right on by them. As we approached the open waters of Hampton Roads, a small treat for one of our crew members came as the VHF crackled a security message as Warship #72 was departing the Hampton Roads channel for open sea. That crew member actually spoke to a U.S. Naval Warship that day and he was pleased for the remainder of the trip. So proud of himself, he still speaks of it several weeks later.

The worst of this weather was now behind us as the remainder of the 2nd days journey would be in protected waters all the way to Coinjock. We had lady luck on our side with the bridge openings and we were tracking 1 hour ahead of schedule as we arrived in good order at Coinjock. Refueled and plugged in, we were now ready for that long overdue hot shower and the legendary prime rib special that was pre-ordered thanks to our cruise planner.

Day number 3 caused a major departure delay due to heavy fog. The weather front was changing again, and we had to wait for full daylight to show us the ½ mile visibility we had for most of that morning. High end cruising speed was restricted to half speed until visibility improved. Late that morning as we crossed the Albemarle Sound, visibility and speed increased accordingly. The Alligator River had pockets of poor visibility but with limited boating traffic, we had a lower risk of oncoming and flowing traffic. As a matter of fact we never saw boats until the late afternoon. The remainder of our journey was in protected waters until we crossed the Pamlico and Neuse Rivers.

Just like day one, the Pamlico River had all day to steep up its water's into 3's and 4's with a NW wind of 25 knots. Our approach to Goose Creek was a bit challenging when a strong gust blew out the canvas that was already ducked taped together. Foul weather gear was issued and we continued until we got into the ditch again. The same was for the Neuse River but the wind and wave actions were easier to deal with because of the ability to tack back and forth. The mid part of the Neuse River flattened out for our approach to Adams Creek. The remainder of our journey home was uneventful except for the very ugly docking into a new slip the owner of "Old Man River" had only seen from land. Frank Styers had several things to talk about that evening and the next day about the landing of "Old Man River". I am sure everyone in Winston-Salem had already heard about it before the end of that weekend.

With a warm welcome and reception group of about 20 witnesses, Old Man River was tied up to her new home in Pelletier Creek. She now awaits a small refit of canvas and some minor cosmetic work along with a planned re-naming ceremony. As the owners would like to properly bury the name "Old Man River" and ask the mighty God of the Seas; Neptune for proper dispensation and a new name to be welcomed and joined into the realms of the other famous boats of Pelletier Creek. The tired and exhausted crew went aboard "Liberty" for a home cooked meal of pasta, meat balls, and many libations. During the celebration meal they all spoke about the famous winter adventure they all endured. A journey no mariner will ever forget and a journey that bonds friendships forever.

See you on calmer water!

P/C Don Breault, AP
"Liberty"





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

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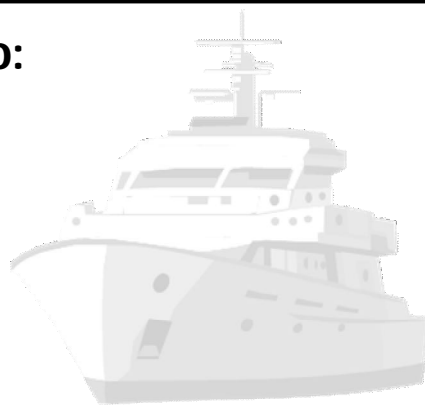
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and
Ask what your Squadron can do for you"*

2012 WSSPS EDUCATOR of the YEAR Lt. Kin Cartrette P

Our newest Education Officer,

Lt/C William M. Cartrette, P (Kin) is an eager and helpful person. I have been very happy to award Kin the 2012 WSSPS Educator of the Year. He has helped do great things in 2012 and I look forward to what he has planned for 2013.



Please give Kin the support and help with the classes. He is definitely already hitting the new 2013 year a running.

2012 Communicator Award Kathy Loveless and Marshall Tyler





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

WSSPS Monthly Membership Meeting March 20, 2013

“Sailing in Sweden”

with

P/Cs Mary Lou and Leon Corbett

**River Ridge Taphouse
Formerly Big Shotz
Clemmons, NC**

For menu: Go to <http://riverridgetaphouse.com>

**Social: 6:00p
Meeting 7:00p**

**Guests are always
welcome.**



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

From the Helm Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

Attending a Nationalm USPS Annual Meeting is a phenominal adventure. You will meet and become friends with the most amazing people from all over the US and many other places. Just imagine hundreds of fellow USPS members doing the work of the Power Squaderons and the partying in the various hospitality rooms that you can visit.

You will learn what a very large organization we all belong to and what an immense effort is put forth by folks just like you and me to make the USPS membership something to be very proud of.

You will learn about the many things we are involved in to promote safe boating and becoming more proficient and involve ourselves in maintaining new and improved skills/ techniques.

Please consider attending one or more of these meetings. There will be several in the coming year and the grand finale for 2013 will be at San Antonio Texas (a great place to visit). I hope we can have a good delegation from WSSPS to show them how to have more fun as well as conducting the serious business of our USPS.

There was a lot of information available at the convention. Some of the discounts and benefits available to Power Squadron members include:

Travel: check out www.USPSvacation.org for discounts on world tours, cruises, Caribbean vacations, Hotels, and rental cars

USSPS Centennial Cruise Feb 2: contact Dawn Eckhart @ (727) 403-0406 or email her at dawn-straveldeals@gmail.com

Wyndam Hotel Group discounts: mention ID #1000008696 at time of reservation. Call 877-670-7088

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Long Term Care Life Insurance: 800-616-8759 or visit online at www.myltcplan.com/usps

LifeLock: visit www.LifeLock.com or call 1-800-LIFELOCK (543-3562) and use promotion code USPS13

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Education Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette P



We're getting good feedback on the WSSPS Education Survey. From the responses so far, there is a need for Junior Navigation and Seamanship. Other courses with interest are Instructor Development, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, and Weather. There is also significant interest in Advanced Powerboat Handling, Basic Weather Forecasting, and Using GPS seminars. Basic Coastal Navigation, Emergencies on Board, How to Use a Chart, and Knots, Bends, and Hitches also drew interest. We will schedule these courses and seminars as soon as possible with priority given to courses in highest demand. From the survey, Thursdays evenings are strongly preferred for classes followed by Tuesdays. We would love to hear from more WSSPS members on the survey; your input is important in courses offerings and schedule. The survey can be taken online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9PVDFP>.

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, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 2nd. 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 education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490. The cost for the public this year is \$50

Seamanship is scheduled for Thursdays, April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC! Seamanship is the follow-up course to ABC-3 and covers marlinspike, anchoring, deck seamanship, rafting, customs and etiquette, boat care, and maintenance. Everyone interested in taking Seamanship can email me at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490.

Junior Navigation looks to be next on the horizon along with Instructor Development! Advanced Powerboat Handling, Basic Weather Forecasting, and Using GPS seminars are also in the planning.

We are always looking for folks to join the education team and teach or help teach courses. One of the best ways to learn with deeper understanding is to teach.

See You On The Water!
Kin

"ABC" class

started March 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2 @ New Hope Methodist Church. If you can assist in any way with the class, please call Kin Cartrette @ (336) 413-6490 or email him @ education@wssps.org

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Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

March is like almost boating season but not quite. I saw daffodils pushing up in late February so the promise of warmer weather is here. I did escape winter for a week recently by going on a group tour to the Florida Keys in February. The weather was purrrr-fect. I can understand why all the Yankees and retirees nest there along with all the sea birds. So many boats in so many marinas. We did do a tour of the Everglades that are south of Miami. With a lecture and a walking tour that followed we got up close and personal with alligators, anhinga, cormorants, egrets, blue heron, etc. These creatures had not been hunted for 70 years in this area and they were quite tame and not afraid of humans. Some of birds posed for us on the wood fence next to the walk path. The alligators just laid there 3 feet from our path not paying us any attention. My expectation was a little different from reality. I expected long desolate bridges to get from one piece of land to another. Not so. There are so many coral reefs that make up the "Keys" it was mostly puddle jumps. By the way the difference in a Cay like in the BVI's is that a Cay is a volcanically formed island where a Key is a coral formation. (You never stop learning in the USPS folks.) Key Largo is one of the largest keys but Key West has to be the most unusual which is why most folks put that on the agenda. You are suppose to watch the sunset to the west as a tradition and if you are not too drunk in the morning watch the sunrise to the east. We also took a 2.5 hour boat ride to Dry Tortugas 70 miles west of Key West to Fort Jefferson and I got to do some snorkeling there to see the pretty fish.

Maybe this article should be under education or perhaps my department should get credit for a bonus program. Anyway reading this might make some of you want to put this on your to do list if you haven't already been there.

We explored the Northwest in February and it is over to Europe with Leon Corbett in March. Consider our general meetings a travel log if you will.

By the way Ponce de Leon, no relation to our Leon, called any island he couldn't find fresh water on "dry" and Tortugas means turtles because there were so many on the island. The island was strategic in that it was right there where all the maritime traffic left the Mississippi and rounded the tip of Florida to come up the Atlantic coast. Had enough? Class dismissed.

Stay tuned next month for pictures.

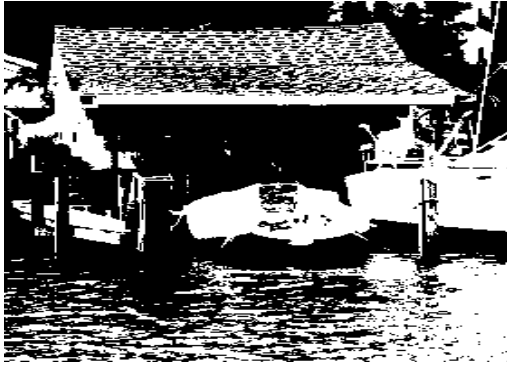
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Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

Three Wishes

In the life of a mariner, sometimes those weekend journeys may take him or her to a destination they have never been to before. When they arrive and drop the anchor and then row the inflatable to shore, they may discover something they may have been wishing for. Now I bet you think this story is that old Genie in the bottle story. Kind of like the one with Barbara Eden and Larry Hagman in: "I Dream of Genie". No this is not a Genie in a bottle story at all. It isn't even a lesson in life about making a wish.

You see, every one of us has an imagination. We all have a wish list. We all want or desire for something way beyond our means or lifestyle. Many of us will have frequent moments of day dreaming about something expensive, very large, and something with a price tag beyond our resources. And no! I am not talking about new physical attributes commonly found in a person half our age. Most of us may have forgotten what to do with those attributes anyway. So set that aside and concentrate on something you really can use and enjoy every day.

Look at those exotic pictures in your mind of a peaceful location surrounded by water on all sides. Imagine those places where you have seen pictures in a travel magazine that would make you want to day dream that you are in that scene of blue green water and soft sandy beaches glistening in the early morning sun with the occasional shells of a seashore that can only be found in a colorful magazine photo. Now let us take you back even deeper into this photo of a perfect summer day with the whisper of fair weather clouds dotting a small part of a magnificent blue sky. The sun is high in the sky bleating rays of warmth and golden hue while reflecting off the many ripples caused by a small school of bait fish swimming just 20 yards or so off the shore of your little island. Now imagine that you have just started to slowly sip on that ice cold beverage of some exotic drink your first mate has expertly prepared using magical libations of spirits, crushed ice, and only those natural ingredients found in that tropical rain forest behind the beach where you are now sitting. Imagine this while you savor the many flavors and sensations of a mild tickle as the beverage warms its way to your very soul.

Have I now got your interest in a location most of us have been dreaming of? I would hope so, and now let us discover together the reality of this wish or dream we have built in our mind of relaxation and contentment. You have finished your libation and the effects of the drink have now taken hold of your very sense of reality. You are now slowly swinging in a hammock made from hemp tied between two palm trees being pushed by a warm summer breeze. Your mind has drifted in and out conscience as you slowly drift away into a small slumber of dreams. You begin to imagine that the feelings you now have are real and you do not want them to go away for some time now. A very young George Clooney and Cameron Diaz look alike with skimpy swimsuits come by and ask if they can refill your libations while you continue this in and out slumber of total relaxation.

You accept their offer and you continue to slumber in dreams of wishes. Those are the wishes you may have had in your sub-consciousness for many years now. But the slumber and libations have caused them to surface like they were now a reality. You have found yourself in a position of having to make three wishes you really want. What are these three wishes a mariner would make while in the middle of his or her total relaxation of a place they are content with?

We have been busy in Pelletier Creek over the past years. We have spoken to many mariners and their guests both on land and at sea. We even spoke to those who wished they were at sea while staying on land because they thought the land was safer. They all told us of their three wishes if they could wish for three things. Now some of these mariners had more than three wishes. So we had to ask them to narrow it down to just three. We asked them while sampling libations on the Gemini. We asked them while they sat on the back porch of the Fish House. We even asked them while they were fixing their older but newer boats on the docks. Here is what they told me.

Wish number one: I wish that I could share my boating experience with my distant family from far away. They have never seen my boat and I know they would love to cruise on it with me.

Wish number two: I wish that I could provide a wonderful experience to someone who wants to experience the life of living aboard a boat equipped for long distance cruising and never had to worry about life at home.

Wish number three: I wish that I would have a boat that would never break down and would start every time I tried to start it and when it did break down or have a mechanical problem, I could fix it with a screw driver by just tightening a loose screw on the helm.

You see? These are not very hard wishes to fulfill. These are wishes every boater can make come true for someone. And these are wishes that we all dream of every day. What a wonderful experience it would be to share such a unique and exotic experience. But the one wish for fixing a boat with just a screw driver at the helm may be a bit far fetched. But we will work on that one with more technology and less imagination. But keep on dreaming anyway!!!

See you on the water.

P/C, Don Breault
“Liberty”



New WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

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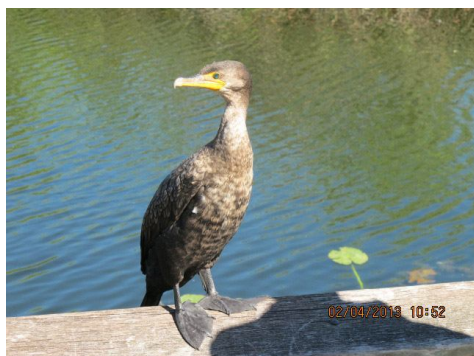


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To the Keys with Bill Davis



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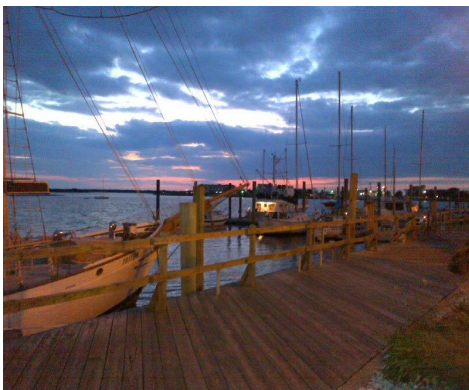


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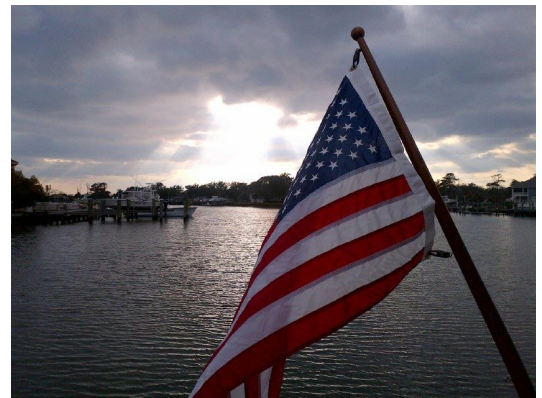
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WSSPS Monthly Meeting **17 APRIL 2013**

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Formerly BigShotz
Clemmons, NC

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Paul Long, Greensboro

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For menu: Go to <http://riverridgetaphouse.com>

Social: 1800
Meeting 1900

Guests are always
welcome.



From the Helm

Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

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

Are you interested in a WSSPS Roster?

Here is an easy way to access one. Go to <http://www.usps.org/> and click on "MEMBER STUFF to "LOGON". To LOGON, you need your **Power Squadron member certificate number and PIN #** which is found on your membership card. On the left side of the page, click on "MY SQUADRON", then scroll down page to SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP and click on "view" Member List.. Here you can click on the certificate number for the member you want and get other information.

If you need to change your information, you can edit some of your basic information from this page, otherwise, i.e, a new email address or new mailing address, you need to send that information to P/C Debbie Mayfield @ djmayfield@earthlink.net.

Education Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette

The ABC-3 public boating course at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC will be wrapping up this Tuesday, April 2nd, from 7:00 to 9:00.

The students will be taking their test followed by fellowship and food with members of the WSSPS. A special thanks to Dawn Gaskill and Cindy and K.B Jennings Jr. for helping with this course. We have four enthusiastic boaters in the class who will be offered a 6 month trial membership in the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron!

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We have one member who will be taking the Junior Navigation exam soon to finish up a JN course that they began earlier. Soon after that we are looking at scheduling the full Junior Navigation 2012 course for all interested. If you would like to take the JN course, please shoot me an email or give me a call.

K.B. Jennings, Jr. found a great little article about man overboard situations and how to respond. Responding to man overboard situations are taught in our boating classes, however, how many of us practice this drill routinely to determine how we would respond if the situation actually occurred? An old or damaged PFD labeled "OSCAR" will suffice for the "victim" and the entire drill doesn't take but just a few minutes.

March 22nd-24th we had some of our member attend the District 27 50th Anniversary Spring Conference and Change of Watch. A couple of interesting programs were presented during the Squadron Education Officers breakout sessions, one of which should be familiar to the WSSPS.

During the morning session a youth sailing program based on the Optimist Pram was presented, almost identical to the Y-Sail program begun here in Winston-Salem some years ago. The USPS is hoping to push the program nationwide as a means of promoting boating interest and safety among youth and also more public exposure for local sail and power squadrons.

In the afternoon breakout session a presentation was made about a joint effort between the USPS and Boat US Foundation to present courses online. The goal is that by the end of the year all seminars will be online along with the Seamanship course. The Boat US Foundation has the membership numbers, media and support to make this happen and the USPS has the educational expertise. More detail information will be coming as this develops and courses are offered online.

"Ask what your squadron can do for you" and "Ask what you can do for your squadron"! We would love to hear from more WSSPS members about courses offerings and schedule. The WSSPS educational survey can be taken 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 with deeper understanding is to teach.

See You On The Water!
Kin



Q & A MOB Recovery*

What are some basic steps for recovering a person who has fallen overboard?

Coast Guard statistics show that more than 70% of boating fatalities are the result of capsizes and falling overboard. The basics of a successful MOB recovery have changed little, with the exception of technology that can dramatically improve the odds of finding a person in the water. Here are some tips to remember.

- ◆ **Point and push:** whoever sees the person go overboard should immediately shout "man overboard" and "port" or "starboard," then point to and keep a constant eye on the person. The skipper should push the MOB button on the plotter or GPS to mark the coordinates.
- ◆ **Throw:** Throw a flotation device while the skipper executes a Williamson Turn, heading 60 degrees to the side over which the person fell, then circling back to return on the reciprocal course.
- ◆ **Retrieve:** Upon return, keep the victim alongside the boat. At that point, the phrase "reach, throw, row and go" comes into play. If too far away to "reach," "throw" the victim a flotation device or line. If you can't get either of them close enough, "row" or slowly maneuver the boat closer. As a last resort, a strong swimmer wearing a PFD and carrying flotation can "go" to the victim and get him or her back to the boat.
- ◆ **Technology:** The Raymarine LifeTag is a wireless MOB system that sounds an alert on the boat the instant someone wearing it goes overboard (www.raymarine.com). Autotether also sounds an alert—or kills the engine—when someone wearing a sensor goes overboard (www.autotether.com). Kannad's new SafeLink R10 SRS is worn on a PFD and, when activated manually or automatically, sends alert messages, GPS position and identity code to AIS receivers with a 4-mile radius (www.kannadmarine.com). Kannad was awaiting FCC approval so it can begin to sell the unit.

It crucial that you practice man-overboard drills so everyone knows their role and can swing into action when a situation arises.

***Information taken from www.soundingsonline.com May 2012**

More information re MOB can be found at <http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2012/october/Foundation-How-To-Prepare-For-A-Man-Overboard.asp>



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Anybody seen any global warming this spring yet? My gas and electric bills are 50% higher this winter than last winter. I know you people with boats have had to practice delayed gratification a lot.

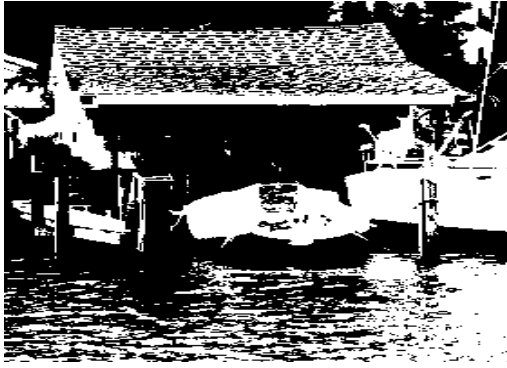
Somehow diversions have delayed the start of my squadron year to some extent. Other people have been sick; I have been out of town. If it would only warm up.

Leon did a very clever thing at the March meeting when he took us on a trip with him to Sweden where Mary Lou has relatives. Besides pictures they had taken he Google Earth'd us into the various sites they went to see. That stuff is amazing. I sometimes use it to look at the layout of various industrial and commercial buildings, count the rooftop units, and figure out the orientation of the structures. Next I plan to outfit my miniature helicopter with a camera and if I can get inside the building photograph the equipment inside. I just need an accomplice to open the door for a moment. I guess I should stay out of the ladies' room.

In April Paul Long with the Greensboro Power Squadron is coming to our general meeting to talk about Coop Charting. I found a couple of presentation on the USPS website that will give you a preview. See the attachments at the bottom of this page. I think that if our squadron could organize a coop charting weekend everyone would really enjoy the event. We'll see!! For more information on Co-op charting, follow this link (you will need your Power Squadron # and PIN to access)..

By the way did you know the Administrative Department has Port Captains under its wing? I was looking at the count of folks along the coastline that are listed on the USPS website and there are quite a few. There are rumors that we have a few members that plan to retire to the coast so watch out, the list could get longer. A Port Captain, by the way, is a contact at the coast that knows the area and can make recommendations to inquirers about local conditions, events, facilities, etc.

I also have membership under the Admin wing but so far that hasn't been a real strain. Would be nice if it were a problem for me. Right now I believe I will need to take cover from the North Korean rockets.



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

Harbors of Healing

What we offer this month is a poor substitute of a real good sea story. A tidal tale of “Tar heel Tidewater” at low tide. No broken down boats. No one ran aground. And no one fell in the water off the porch of the fish house. We are re-telling a tale for the first time about an official WSSPS cruise too and from Oriental. Some time ago into the not too distant past on the return cruise from Oriental to Morehead City some things happened along the way and some things went bump in the night. And some lessons were learned! And yes, Felix was there!!

It all started one beautiful May weekend when 6 or so boats cruised up Adams Creek and across the Neuse River bound for Oriental. A textbook adventure of flawless planning, all engines running good, and no one went on the wrong side of the markers. Not even a crab pot was run over and tangled around a prop shaft. Even Joel had no problems that weekend. All boats were expertly docked and tied with no one even so much as bumping a pole or striking another already docked boat while attempting to squeeze into narrow slips. Are we bored yet? Well if not, continue to read on.

The day went as good as it gets with finality at the famous M&M’s Restaurant. An early meal was had by all and back to the Gemini we walked for our libation deserts were waiting. As we boarded the Gemini one couple that went for the ride only, finally spoke up and said that they could not spend the night and they needed to get back to Morehead City. With nightfall approaching in a couple of hours or less, Felix drew the short straw to ferry this couple back to Morehead City.

They boarded “April Star” which is a fast express cruiser for the journey back. Being conscious of the fact, that they may be cruising in the dark some of the way, Felix rigged up the stern light pole so he would be legal with proper navigation lighting. The departure was uneventful as they motored through the channel back into the Neuse River and when they were cleared of the no wake zone, Felix pushed the throttle down and warp speed he went. His boat speed began to climb to 15 knots, 20 knots, 30 knots and he top ended at 35 knots with a rooster tail behind them. The water conditions were somewhat flat so he had no problem making this speed most of the way into Adams Creek.

As you know, when running into the early evening, the sun can set very quickly and once that sun disappears, it is just a few moments later that visibility on open water begins to go away. No problem Felix hollered over the engine noise, we got running lights and I am putting them on now. As soon as he hit the switch, the combination bow light came on but the stern all around light lit up for a mini second and with a bright flash it went out. Just a bulb he thought, so he will deal with it. His lovely first mate went down below to search in the spot where he keeps spare bulbs, playing cards, shoelaces, bottle openers, and, behold, no spare bulb. But at least she found his lucky green marker. No problem he said to himself. We will fix it next day.

As the night sky turned blacker, Felix reduced speed so as to reduce the risk of collision with potential unmarked rowboats fishing in the middle of the creek. It has been known that both KB Jennings and Alex Cooper sometimes fish together at night with no lights in anticipation of catching a small tuna. With a speed reduction, the trip calculations got to be somewhat longer in time to arrival. “Oh, well,” said the crew, better safe than sorry because this is no means a race. As they cleared Sea Gate Marina entrance, they were what appeared to be the only boat left on the ICW at this time of night. Then the unthinkable happened. A small center console was lurking along side of the core creek bridge with his running lights on and behold, it was a wildlife officer.

The bright blue flashing lights came on and he steered toward Felix as if they were the get away boat for the aquatic Bonnie & Clyde. A young man, younger than our children, greeted them and tied up along side of Felix. He wanted to make them aware that they were running without a stern light which is a violation. Now Felix jumped up and he said what kind of violation? We all have life jackets on board he bleated to him. So the wildlife officer asked if everyone could put on their designated life jacket. The crew went looking for the jackets and behold, there were none on deck. They were all below. So Felix quickly went below to bring up a moldy and smelly safety bag with zippers that did not work.

Now the wildlife officer was grinning his teeth and counting the violations Felix may be in for. Felix emerged on deck with 4 legal and presentable but stinky life jackets. They passed the test. Now the issue with the missing light. Now Felix took some lessons from Leon and told the wildlife officer this story: You see officer, we were just cruising across the Neuse River and the water became very rough and we slammed a few breakers and I think that is where my stern light failed. It was working fine before we left Oriental. As Felix's nose began to get longer, the wildlife officer bought the fabricated story and just gave Felix a written warning. Now with report on board and some complimentary light sticks, the Felix crew continued their journey back to Morehead City with a written inspection

Now for those who remember the Newport River by Core Creek, and the many channels that may not be lighted showing you the way between 1 and 2 feet of water, traveling in this area at night could be considered very hazardous. It could be even catastrophic if you have Felix at the helm. So very slow speed they went.

Along the way as they entered the beginning of Core Creek, one crew member asked Felix if he had a working GPS and a paper chart. Another crew member asked Felix if he had a hand held spot light to help him find the way. Then there was a look of despair and fright over the face of Felix. Being the sort of planner he is, he never thought of those things because he had always depended on other members of the squadron to show him the way. And they always were showing him the way in daylight. With a little luck and a little plowing of the creek, Felix got lucky by raising his outdrive a little bit as he went down the wrong channel a couple of times. Five hours later, he found his way to the turning basin and it was home-ward bound from there. What he thought was a 3 hour journey took almost 8 hours to get home. Thank goodness for Harbors of Healing. The next day everyone had forgiven Felix for not being so prepared. No damage to the boat. No one got hurt. Just a short night on sleep!

See you on the Water
P/C Don Breault
"Liberty





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



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18-May-2013	Picnic @ John Tatum's. WSSPS Annual Auction and Picnic. Watch for more info in future "Crossed Anchors"	
3-Jun-2013	Executive Committee Meeting. "Margie & George's House	
19-Jun-2013	Slane Marine, High Point, NC 6p More info to come.	
5-Aug-2013	Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
August 8-11, 2013	D-27 & D-5 Joint Rendezvous, Cape Charles, Va.	
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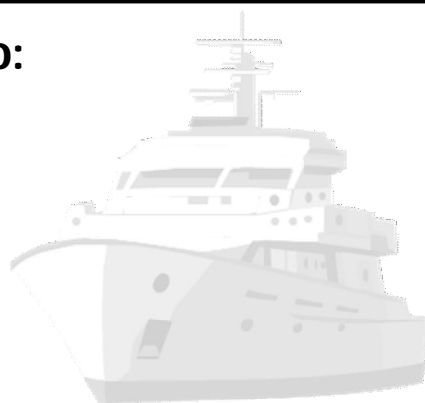
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ATTENTION:

MAY MEETING DATES HAVE CHANGED– SOCIAL ON MAY 29 –RiverRidge Taphouse, Clemmons.

ANNUAL AUCTION DATE HAS CHANGED TO JUNE 8 AT JOHN TATUM'S FARM. WITH RSVP AND FOOD SIGN UPS REQUESTED. CALL KATHI VESTAL

The Liberty



“Liberty”

Liberty is a President Marine double cabin motor yacht with the Model name: 37DC. She is a fast trawler design which means she cruises at 10 MPH but can get up to 20 MPH when needed for short periods of time.

She is a Taiwan built cruiser designed as a live aboard for a cruising couple. She can accommodate 2 couples and has berths for 5 with her 2 state rooms and 2 head design. Her overall length is 42’ with a 37’ water line. *Liberty* displaces 28,000 lbs. and is powered by twin Lehman Diesel Engines.

History

Liberty was built in Taiwan from June to September of 1987 and then shipped to Florida. She was commissioned in December of 1987 and named *Raisin Kane*. She cruised to the Caribbean during the winter of 1987 and 1988. In 1988, she cruised to the Chesapeake where she stayed for most of her years with an occasional trip to and from Florida for the winter in the early 1990’s.

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Raisin Kane changed hands in 1997 and she was re-named *Lucky Ducks* and was then confined to the Chesapeake Bay for cruising on weekends and longer summer cruises into VA, MD, and DE. *Lucky Ducks* was based in the Sassafras River in Georgetown MD. In 2007, *Lucky Ducks* was discovered by Don & Sheila Breault sitting in a covered slip in Georgetown, MD with a for sale sign on her. *Lucky Ducks* looked a little like a small project boat that needed some restoration and TLC. After some negotiations and a sea trial, she became the new floating condo for the Breault family. In August of 2007, *Lucky Ducks* was moved to Morehead City, NC and quickly re-named *Liberty*. From the fall of 2007 to 2012, *Liberty* went through many restoration projects and upgrades. She is fully restored and has the look of a well cared for cruiser.



Destinations

Liberty has been cruised along the entire NC coast to include the following ports of call: Southport, Bald Head Island, Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach, Cape Look Out, Beaufort, Ocracoke, Washington, Belhaven, New Bern, and Oriental. *Liberty* has logged over 3,600 NM while based in Morehead City, NC, and she has supported over 350 guest nights and hosted over 75 Power Squadron gatherings.

The Name

The story behind the name was based on the freedom of cruising the sea and the Intercoastal waterway. When docking in a different Port, her crew would be given liberty. Henceforth the freedom and independence of being able to move about freely and having liberty when docking in another port lead to the name of *Liberty*. Her engines have names as well; *Freedom* and *Independence*. Her Zodiac tender is named *Bell*. *Bell* being assigned to *Liberty* is also known as *Liberty Bell*. Perhaps a little New England Colonial History had some play in the name because the décor of *Liberty* reflects Early Americana style.

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WSSPS Membership Meeting

8 JUNE 2013

John Tatum's Farm
1330 Marshall Ridge Rd
Pinnacle, NC 27043

336-416-4479

Directions from Winston Salem, NC: Take 52N toward Pilot Mountain. Take EXIT 129 toward Pinnacle. Turn right onto Perch Rd. (0.9 mile). Turn left onto N Old 52 Rd. and this becomes E 52 Byp. (3.4 miles). Turn right onto NC-268. (6 miles). Turn right onto Rock House Rd. (0.5 miles). Take the 2nd left onto Marshall Ridge Rd. (0.6 mile). 1330 MARSHALL RIDGE RD is on the right. Mileage is approximate. Directions from MapQuest.

WSSPS ANNUAL AUCTION

Social: 6:00p

Meeting/Auction: 7:00p

**Guests are always
welcome.**

**Bring your items-large or small,
old or new-to be
auctioned. Proceeds goes to the
WSSPS.**

**Please RSVP to Kathi Ves-
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Items to be auctioned:
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From the Helm

Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

Its been nice spending some time away from winter on a Caribbean cruise (celebrating my Granddaughter's acceptance into the Coast Guard Academy), visiting friends in Florida and Georgia and coming back to winter. Thanks to our Bridge for carrying the load while I was out. I have noticed a drop in attendance at our meetings. Please give me or any of our bridge members a call and discuss this issue . Maybe a rein-statement of our calling committee will help. We are having an exciting event on May 18th YOU DONT WANT TO MISS. Info is being provided in this issue of our CA(Crossed Anchors). Volunteers to help John organize this would be a great way to get active in the Squadron. Don't forget to call Gary Lewis or any of our VEs for getting your boat safety checked.

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Newest USPS Member Benefit!!

The Member Benefits team is now offering members of USPS discounted VPI Pet Insurance. The benefit is for 5% off the normally quoted rate. Go to <http://www.petinsurance.com/usps> and follow the quick and easy steps to obtain a Free Instant Quote and/or more information! It is only a click away! (NOTE: All member benefits are listed on the national Member Benefit Committee webpage - http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm)



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Okay, now I can feel the groundswell of enthusiasm for the squadron people with boat to go out there and do surveys, check depths, and align ranges in order to get credits for coop charting. It gives purpose to getting out there on the water. I think if we have a group of people going out, maps can be printed and basic forms can be filled out for the survey of the area they will be in. You are already looking for markers, buoys, etc. so why not get their Lat-Lon while you are at it.

I'm sure you will all be reminded multiple times to bring your excess wears to the auction at John Tatum's May 18th. If you came last year you will remember the feast John prepared on his grill for the squadron. If you missed it you need a big red circle on your calendar for this one. His farm is at the top of a mountain with a great view and plenty of things to look at in and around his house as well. A venerable museum, really. You got to see this place.

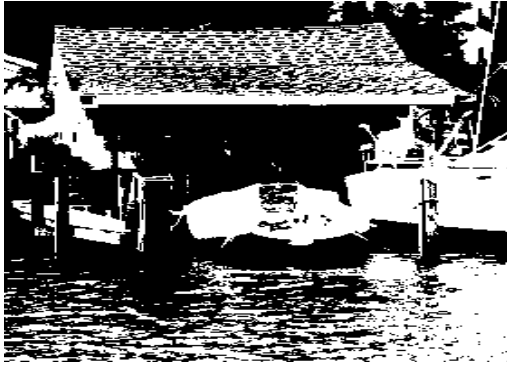
Talking about surveying I remember one time trying to get up close to a marker to take its GPS location using a boat with a 5 foot draft and running aground. Sometimes when they say the marker is on the perimeter of the channel they aren't always exaggerating.

I came across an interesting article with links in the Compass recently that I think will be handy to put in your favorites. It shows the various marlinspike knot methods with good pictures and diagrams. Tag the following somewhere;

<http://www.theensign.org/uspscompass/compassarchive/compassv7n2/compassv7n2.htm>

Just for a heads up we are going to Slane Marine in High Point for our June meeting and to a ball game in July. More on that as time progresses.





Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

"Be Prepared At All Times"

I guess everyone knows someone that ran out of fuel at one time or another. Most of the time no one will ever admit to such a silly and unforgivable mistake as running out of fuel. We even know some people who will always take on extra fuel even when they don't need it. We even know of one person who has put fuel in the fresh water storage tank so he will have more fuel capacity. You see when we purchase a boat and start using it, we seem to get concerned about the capacity of the fuel tank. Which means that many boat builders will build a boat with too small of a fuel tank. To avoid the frequent running back and forth to the fuel dock while on a cruise, we all want more fuel capacity so we can avoid the risk of getting too low on fuel during longer distances between ports, or more importantly the risk of being held hostage by a fuel supplier who thinks his and only his fuel is worth more per gallon than the current price of gold is per ounce.

Well my fellow cruisers, here is a real good sea story that will make you think about fuel capacity and dangers of running out of fuel. Or better than that, "Always Be Prepared". Please read on about another Felix adventure on the Neuse River.

It was a late December Saturday afternoon and the weather was seasonal with clear skies and cool temperatures. Felix had just launched his small cuddy cabin cruiser to take a trip to New Bern and return to his boat launch in Oriental at the end of the day. He and his lady friend had a wonderful day on the water and the experience in New Bern was just what they expected. This was going to be another great day in Felix's cruising adventures he would write about in a Power Squadron Newsletter. Felix had planned this to be his last cruise for the season as he had planned to dry dock his boat for the winter and do some off season maintenance and restorations.

On the way back to Oriental, Felix's lady friend noticed that the fuel gauge was reading almost empty. She mentioned that to Felix but Felix replied that this was no problem as he had planned to run his fuel tank almost empty so he could fill it with fresh gas later that month when he thought prices would drop a little. Well the sun began to set behind them and Felix had planned to arrive just in time to pull the boat on to the trailer at dusk. Good timing on his part but somehow he did not plan the fuel capacity mathematics that good.

The engine spit and sputtered and began to lose power real fast. Felix throttled down and when the boat settled down the engine gave a few more thrusts of limited power and a few more spits and a lot of sputters and then stopped. I mean it stopped dead in the middle of the river about ¼ mile from Oriental. Now the look on Felix's face was that of concern but the look on his lady friend was priceless. She came right out and said: "are we out of gas?" Now Felix with that manly man of pride and excuses said: "why no dear, we have a minor mechanical problem." But the real problem was the very fast outgoing tide toward Pamlico Sound and with the setting sun, the temperatures would be dropping faster than an anchor free falling from the bow at the cape!

As Felix's boat began to drift out to sea, he reached for his VHF radio. Woops!! Someone forgot to change the batteries in the little portable hand held. The batteries were dead as a door nail. So the quick thinking Felix reached for his trusty flare gun kit and quickly loaded a meteor flare into the pistol and shot one up into the air. There was a small group of people along the bank of the river and they saw this flare. Then Felix quickly shot another one toward that group. The reaction Felix got was a very loud applause and many cheers as this crowd thought this was someone in a boat shooting fireworks. Felix began to shoot more flares and the applause and cheers got louder. But no one would come to his rescue. Meanwhile, Felix's lady friend went below into the small cuddy cabin to find a blanket to wrap herself in because it was getting very cold out. The sun had already set and dusk was beginning to fade into the night. The look of despair came across Felix's face and he thought that he could just anchor in the middle of the river and he would flag someone down as they got near to him. But I guess you know what Felix found with his ground tackle.

A real nice rod and 6 feet of chain but no anchor. So the two sailors and the small cuddy began to drift further out to sea with Oriental now 1 mile to the north of their position and the current was moving very fast. A shiver began to work its way completely all over Felix's lady friend and she complained constantly about the cold. Felix knowing it was near the end of the season had taken all of the extra clothing and supplies out of the boat anticipating a very long winter storage. No food, no extra clothing, one smelly old wool blanket, and a few ice cold beers in the day cooler was all they had between the two of them. The time of desperation was upon the two shivering sailors. Now the minutes turned to hours as they continued to drift into the wide part of the river where it blended into the Pamlico. They were several miles from Oriental.

A few moments later they saw what appeared to be a set of running lights on a small boat heading in the same direction from the north. It was almost a quarter mile to their starboard as it raced almost past them. They heard funny noises coming from this small center console boat as it appeared to be running wide open. Noises like singing. Singing from a single operator who had a few. Now Felix's lady friend had some quick thinking and she took out of her purse a small LED high intensity flash light that Leon had given her for learning to tie the cleat hitch in a marlin spike class. She pointed this light at the small boat as it was about to become abeam to the little broken down cuddy and the light was erratically illuminating toward the other smaller boat.

Behold, the other boat began to slow down and then to the surprise of the two castaways, the small boat turned toward them. The lady friend continued to shine the light on and off several times and the center console was along side of them in a few minutes. As this boat pulled alongside the two cold and shivering castaways were almost numb but became even more numb when they got a look at the character who was piloting that small center console. It was a middle aged man with a scraggly old beard that had not been trimmed in a year. He was barefoot in a yellow bib style rain slicker with no shirt on. He was wearing an old raggedy worn out booney hat with more rips, tears, and holes in it than a pair of those new fashioned jeans kids like to wear today. He held a can of Budweiser beer in one hand and had the boat wheel in the other hand. The deck of the boat was scattered with empty beer cans, old fishing tackle, and buckets of live bait. The boat had several rod holders and every one of them had an old beat up fishing rod in it. This old salt of the sea was singing sea chantey's from a CD player duck taped to the console. When he pulled up, he set his boat in neutral and it drifted to an almost gentle stop as it nudged up against Felix's boat. This old salt asked what was the problem in a slur of miss spoken words that came from a little too many libations.

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Stay Tuned to the next edition of Crossed Anchors for the conclusion of the Rescue of Felix



P/C Don Breault
"Liberty"



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



DATE	EVENT	May 2013
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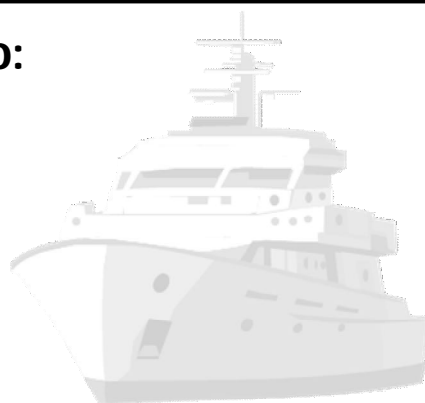
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Ask what your Squadron can do for you"*

AFTERGLOW





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 30th 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 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 8th 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

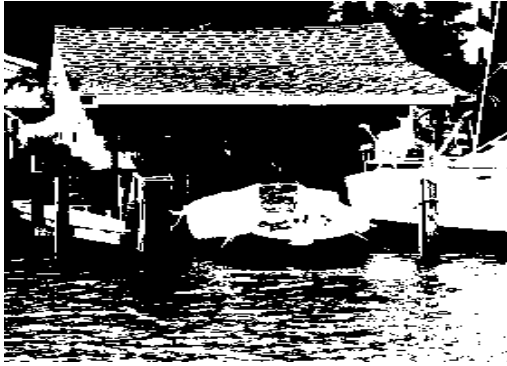
WSSPS Sweatshirt Medium

\$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"



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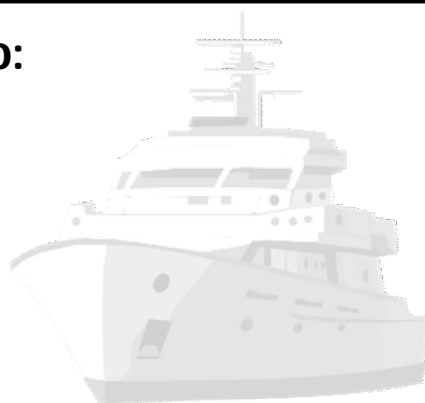
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From the Helm

Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

We said goodbye to Sandy Breda on Sunday 6/23. I know she would have appreciated the WSSPS folks coming to her service. We have all been busy attending our wild summer adventures and looking forward to the 4 July festivities. Hope you have a great time celebrating our National Birthday. Don't forget our D/27 Rendezvous coming up soon. Anyone interested in going? Let me know if you would like to represent WSSPS up in Va. My special thanks to Gary Lewis who in spite of his recent knee replacement drug home for me yet another project boat. He not only found it, but negotiated a deal and then delivered it to High Rock. Here is a photo of Gary and HoneyBun dragging my derelict toy home.



Education Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette

Well, I can literally say that I spent the month of June "gone fishing", but, between Scout trips to the coast and family vacation I did! Actually my son, Jordan, did the fishing, I did the driving, and Suzanne stayed in the air conditioning. Now that I'm back home I can focus on getting courses scheduled for late summer and fall.

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

These 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.

I've had one squadron member recently volunteer to help teach Junior Navigation class and am looking for another one or two instructors help teach the class.

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





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

It's summer now and as long as the sun is shining, which is a really long time this time of year, I am doing something. Tom Slane of Slane Marine I believe really enjoyed have the group over to his facility in High Point June 19th. It was an education for all 11 of us that came over to learn. He is even designing his own sports fisherman boat with special propulsion pods.

July is our chance to go to a DASH game and socialize. We are pretty good at doing that. Linda will keep you informed about that event.

As I was rummaging thru the ADMIN section on the USPS website I noticed an interesting piece about our interaction with the HAM radio people. It always concerned me that when I was far out on the waters the line of sight VHF signal we depended on may not be there when I needed it. We learned about short wave radios in our electronics course but it seems the HAM radio population far out numbers the USPS membership. Didn't know that. Below is an excerpt from the site. Interesting stuff. This is W1AW special event station in celebration of the 100th Anniversaries of both the American Radio Relay League and the United States Power Squadrons. It also commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Hiram Percy Maxim Commemorative Station, W1AW. For more information on this special event, see page 93 in the June QST magazine or check the ARRL website at www.arrl.org. Information about the United States Power Squadrons can be found on their website at www.usps.org. Currently we are operating on a variety of frequencies. We will be on or near the following SSB frequencies throughout the day: 28.365, 21.365, 14.265, 7.265 MHz

The USPS is a non-profit organization founded in February 1914 dedicated to improving maritime safety through education and community service. USPS comprises 45,000+ members in 450 squadrons throughout the United States and its territories. It is America's largest non-profit boating organization.

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W1AW, currently celebrating its 75th anniversary, is both the amateur radio call sign and the primary operating station of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). This station, which is commonly called the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, is located on the grounds of ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. It was inspired by Maxim's 1AW call sign which predated the use of the AA-AL, K, N and W prefixes.

The original ARRL station was licensed with the call sign of W1MK and located in a National Guard building in Hartford, CT. After eight years of operation this flood plain location was destroyed by the waters of the Connecticut River in a 1936 flood. During this same year Hiram Percy Maxim, president and co-founder of the ARRL, died after serving 22 years as the organization's president. It was decided by the ARRL board of directors that a new station would be built as a memorial to their recently lost president and that the new station would assume his call sign of W1AW. On September 2, 1938 the new station was dedicated with the ceremonies being broadcast nationally over the radio. The Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station building appears much as it did when first built in 1938 and is now located next to the ARRL headquarters which was built much later, in 1963.

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Slane Marine



Boat Name Changing – "Paradise Falls"



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Our meetings are always open
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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.

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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

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

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Education Officer

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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!

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See You On The Water!
Kin



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

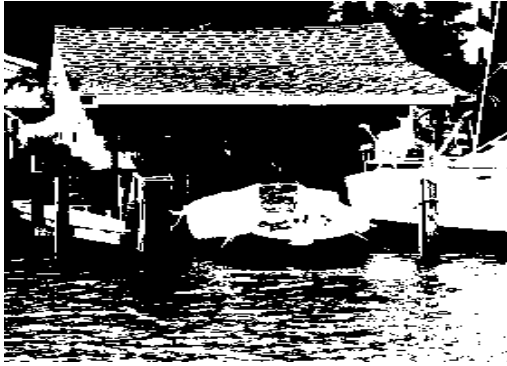


Sea Scouts crabbing



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



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.

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17-Sep-13	WSSPS General Squadron Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons "TBA"	
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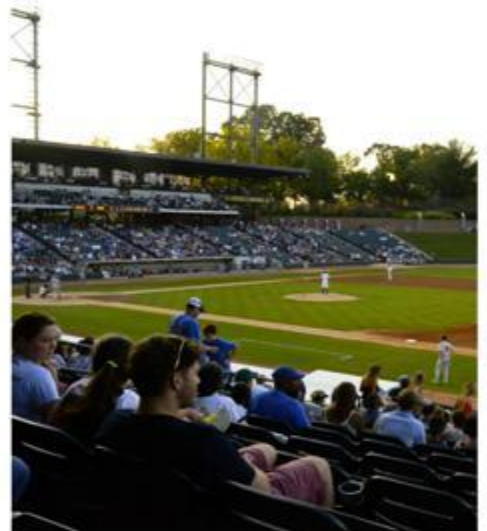


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WSSPS Monthly Membership Meeting September 17, 2013 **Tuesday**

Lt/C Bill Davis

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River Ridge Taphouse Clemmons, NC

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**Social: 6:00p
Meeting 7:00p**

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It will soon be time to start thinking about Merit Marks. Please begin writing a synopsis of your good deeds for the USPS in general and the WSSPS in particular. Many of you are doing so very much for our Squadron that I may or may not be aware of or might forget. Don't be bashful, let me know/remind me of your service to USPS/WSSPS. I would like to submit Merit Marks for all of our members. There is still time for you to earn this honor. If you haven't done so already, DO SOMETHING and let me know.

Looking forward to seeing all members, guests and especially our newest members that have not attended recently at either or both our Bridge meeting and our regular meeting.

Our D-27 meeting will be held at Greenville, NC Sept 27 & 28. Please join me on Friday night at the Greenville Hotel, 207 Greenville Blvd.

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Well, Labor Day has come and gone, the outdoor pools are closing, and summer vacation has ended as the students return to school. However, the boating continues as cruisers stretch the summer a bit more and the anglers prepare to get in some fall fishing.

As we enter into fall the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will be offering two courses for members and the public.

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.

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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. We will be scheduling these seminars in the near future, so, watch for updates in the Crossed Anchors and the WSSPS web page at www.wssps.org.

If anyone is on High Rock Lake on Saturday, September 14th, please drop by the Scout bases on Abbotts Creek and Yachtsman's Cove near Southmont, NC. That is the weekend that Sea Scouts and Venturers will be gathering for the annual Davy Jones Rendezvous. The events are as much fun for spectators as they are for participants. Last year we had almost 180 show up for the fun and fellowship. If you've never seen a canoe tug-o-war, tire tube joust, or man overboard competition, this is a great opportunity!

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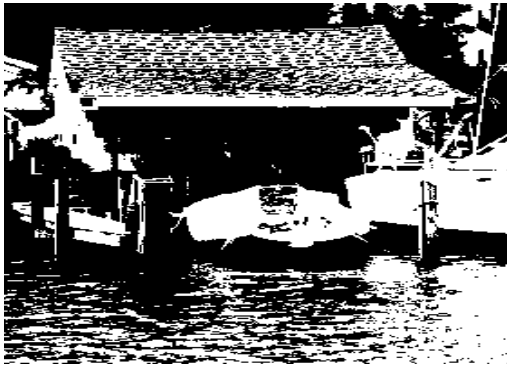
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Fish House Chronicles

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“Boat Naming”

Naming a boat or renaming a boat can bring on a multitude of bad luck if not done properly. It can make your future boating experience something that you may regret and will want to forget if not carried out in a special ceremony. Renaming a boat especially is an event not to be taken lightly.

Since the beginning of time, sailors have sworn that there are unlucky vessels, and the unluckiest of vessels of all are those who have defied the öMythicalö Gods of the öSeven Seasö. Defying these ömythical ögods must never be done by changing a boats name without a proper ceremony to pay homage to these gods.

Research reveals that all accounts lead to a ceremony that involves lots of libations and offerings to the gods of wind and water. Some very elaborate ceremonies have involved backing the stern of the boat over the equator, or involving övestal virginsö. A proper ceremony will involve the gods of the four winds: Boreas (North), Notus (South), Zephyrus (West), and Euros (East). It also involves the Mythical gods of water called Neptune (Roman) and Poseidon (Greek).

Legend has it that every vessel is recorded by name in the ledger of the deep and is personally known by Poseidon or Neptune. It is logical therefore that to change a name of a boat, one must purge itö old name first from the öledger of the Deepö and remove it from Poseidonö memory.

In order to do this, you have to find a öGrand Wizardö who is qualified and has been certified by Poseidon and Neptune to perform such a ceremony. If this is ever done by an amateur pretending to be a öWizardö then the purging of the old name will never take place and bad luck shall overcome the new boat.

Every boat has a spirit and those spirits must be awakened by a group of scaly wags and denizens of the deep to help with the name purge. A öWitch Doctorö and various assistants who pay homage to the old and ancient pirates of the Caribbean will assist the grand wizard in preparation of the actual ceremony. (they have also been known to be the keeper of the rum at the öFish Houseö)

The ceremony invokes Poseidon and Neptune to release the old name and introduce the new name by paying homage to the mighty rulers of the seas and oceans to whom all ships travel and venture upon. In appreciation of the dispensation in honor the greatness of these rulers of the seas and oceans, libations are offered to the majesty and court of the rulers of the deep. Then proper homage is paid to the rulers of the four winds. The four winds are brothers who will make weather something you will never forget if you attempt to leave them out.

Failure to do this ceremony properly by using the special and secret words only Wizards know how to use, can and will result in bad luck. This will also lead to many regrettable experiences one may have with a new boat.

Warning: anyone attempting to do this on their own can be swept away with a swift current or strong wind as these acts of ceremonial replications by uncertified and unapproved öWizardsö are never taken lightly by Poseidon or Neptune. Always remember to consult with the Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron for advice on who to use for help on these matters. Only they know the correct Wizards and Witch Doctors to use.



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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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Please visit with us anytime.

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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	
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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.

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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 Rendez-vous. 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>

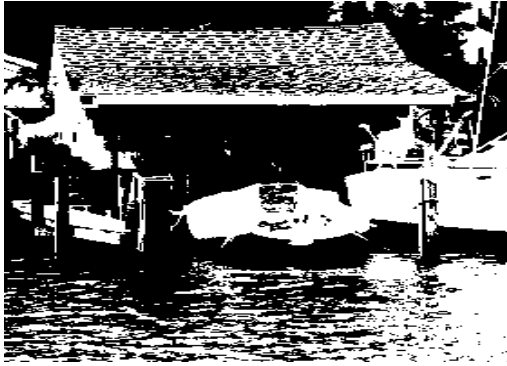
I want to be able to go outside with my laptop and hunt for stars and constellations. I know we are only supposed to pay attention to the 114 nautical stars, 4 planets, sun, and moon in the Nautical Almanac but I miss identifying the constellations. If you were like me your science teacher took the class 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

P/C, Don Breault
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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 childhood adventure dream. Remember that dream you had when you were 6 years old? Now is the time to plan it and make it happen.

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



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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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**Lt. Jim Frazier, S
David Jackson, S
Margie Lamb, P
George Lamb, P
P/C Beckie Creekmore, AP**

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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) and is now working his military ministry under DNA MilitaryNC (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 90skiff 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 or Larry Ledford at lledford@missionsrealty.net or make a check to DNA MilitaryNC with memo 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>

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.

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Anyone interested in taking these course can email me at 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.

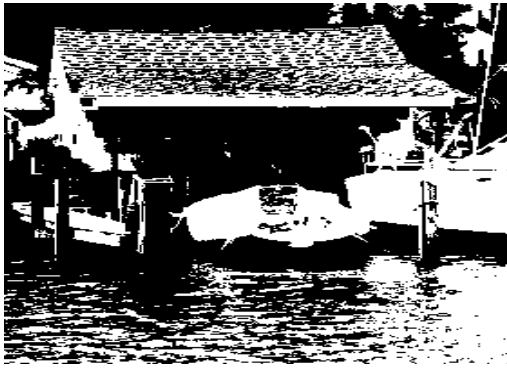
Next, if your squadron is like mine, you are scrambling to fill slots for next year on the bridge. It always eventually comes together but again it ain't pretty. And, if you have written a few dozen of these articles in the past 5 to 10 years like I have you have to meditate a while to see what morphs 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, possibly 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 4th 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 14th this year so get it on your calendar quick if it is not already there. I know December can fill up quickly.

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1-Mar-14	Bridge Committee Meeting Tom & Cathy Loveless	



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

øThe Cape Experience, Sharing The Connection of Sand And Water`ø

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 hourø cruise; you can be beached or anchored in the hook of Cape Lookout. Also called øPower Squadron Spitø. 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 øBankersø 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 øMermaid Expressø to get a lift off of the boat to the island. And to your surprise, a Mystical creature resembling a øMermaidø 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 øcoozieø.

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.

