

CROSSED ANCHORS

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Basic Weather and Forecasting Seminar
January 7, 2014 @ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
New Hope Methodist Church,
5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston Salem, NC

Basic Description: a practical seminar on how to recognize weather and forecasting while at sea. Has no test or evaluation on your knowledge of weather systems.

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 is \$25. Both members, family members, friends, and guests are invited to this seminar. Membership is not mandatory to take this seminar.

Picture taken by Lt. Linda Brigadier @ Ocracoke, NC

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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.

If anyone would like to bring some refreshments, I am sure they will be appreciated.



Pictures taken and provided by P/D/LtC Dana Breda

WSSPS COW 2014

February 8, 2014
Bermuda Run Country Club
1800 Until
\$30 per person

Choice of:

- 1. Hoisen-Pineapple Chicken Brest with wok vegetables**
- 2. Blackened Atlantic Salmon over skillet potatoes, roasted asparagus**
- 3. Brown Sugar Cured Pork Chop with baked sweet potato, sautéed spinach**

All meals with salad. Cash bar. Awards, Music, Dancing

Advise Bill Davis at wld122@aol.com or 817-0347 of meal choice and head count by January 31, 2014

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Christmas 2014 at the Community Arts Cafe



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

From the Helm
Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

Happy New year to all. Our WSSPS Change of Watch is now scheduled on Feb 8th, 2014 at the Bermuda Run Country Club. Lots more info to come but please mark your calendars and plan to come and have a great evening at this event.

We do not have a regular membership meeting scheduled at this time due to the close proximity of our COW. We will have a bridge meeting prior to the COW and as always, any member is welcome to attend.

We welcome Barbara Richardson as our "Crossed Anchors" editor. Please provide her with timely input and feedback to help her during the coming year

Hope to see you at the D=27 training at Raleigh. The bridge has voted to supplement the luncheon costs to WSSPS attendees by 50%.

Co-op Charting:

Thanks to Denny and Linda Brigadier and Marshall Tyler the WSSPS has participated in this endeavor and our D-27 has achieved 100% participation. In the past we have been unable at times to submit reports.

Thanks to our members who have participated in the very important role that USPS plays in keeping our charts current.

Cdr Wayne

Education Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



Happy New Year all! As we close the book on 2013 and start planning for 2014, take a look at the USPS educational opportunities available!

The Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will offer the Basic Weather and Forecasting seminar on Tuesday, January 7th, 2014 at 6:30 PM at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive Winston-Salem, 27106. P/C Don Breault AP will be the instructor for this seminar. We try to join us for this one night seminar, it promises to be informative and fun. Knots, Bends, and Hitches will be the next seminar offered, date and location pending.

The Americas Boating Course – 3 is tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. Please pass the words to boating friends! This is a great opportunity to educate the public on boating safety and spread the word about the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron!

We need your feedback for education courses this year! We are asking all members to go online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BLGW7DN> and take the 2014 Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron education survey. The survey consists of six questions. Your input is important in planning and scheduling courses for 2014.

Those interested in taking or teaching a squadron course please email me at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490. The USPS courses and seminars are excellent opportunities for boaters to increase their knowledge and skills!

See you on the water soon!

Kin



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

I think I will spare you the drone of waxing on about another year down and looking forward to another year. You can send a thank you note to wld122@aol.com. Since we are suppose to be moving on in preparation for the new year and I don't need to talk about upcoming boating events/meetings/ etc. because I don't have any I periodically cruise the USPS website for stuff I never heard of before. What a menagerie of information. We should have a survey of the USPS membership and give those who have ever read every link a reward. It should be entitled "I READ THE WHOLE THING" award.

In the interest of passing along information you didn't know you needed here are a few of the tidbits I came across.

You probably have heard of the Century Fund. It is a fund USPS have been collection money for the centen-



Century Fund.htm

nial year. See this attached link.

They are 1.5 million dollars toward their goal of 10 million dollars. What exactly the money is to be used for I was not able to decipher but I am impressed with the funding raised so far.

Did you know there is a USPS Bulletin with periodic posting for pertinent information you should be aware of? It is instructions for things we are suppose to be doing and other useful information with links. Who knew we were supposed to be checking this site!



USPS Bulletin.htm

We have a national photographer! I had seen this before. He must go to the various national meetings and post the pictures for The ENSIGN magazine. That's what I would do. Eddie Shinlever, you need to apply



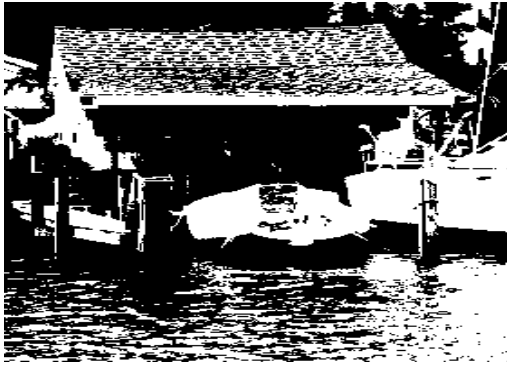
National Photographer Home Page.htm

for this job. See the world, at least the United States.

And last but not least we have insurance coverage for major squadron boating activities. However the event needs to be submitted with the applicable information so it is a documented event. I had heard this before but never opened the form to see how to fill it out. Again, didn't know, not my job that I was aware of. Amazing what you can learn by being inquisitive.



USPS District-Squadron Insurance.htm



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

“The Cape Experience, Sharing The Connection of Sand And Water”

“The One That Got Away” “More Fish Stories”

Now that Felix has discovered the wonderful sport of fishing, he has also discovered that “Fish Tales” are just as much fun when spoken on the dock or the porch of the Fish House. Felix has become an overnight legend from his last encounter with a rod & reel. So what he thought if he did not catch anything. What did they know, he thought to himself? After all, I have never seen Ricky with any fish.

It was not more than a week later when Felix’s older Brother Hector called and asked him if they could do some offshore fishing the following weekend. Without a hesitation Felix agreed that the following weekend the two of them would set sail early on a Saturday morning and fish off of Bogue Banks. When Hector arrived, he presented Felix with a trophy plaque that had a four foot rubber fish mounted on it as a token of his appreciation for taking him out fishing. Felix was so proud that his brother was very thoughtful of this award and he stowed it into the forward compartment to show the gang at the fish house later on that day. It was 5 AM and the sun was just contemplating a new sunrise, and the two of them in a 25’ center consol were motoring out of Beaufort Inlet. The weather Gods were all in favor for a great day as the sun rise gave way to a spectacular pink and red sky.

They set out about 1 mile off the banks just drifting and they were throwing more bait than they were catching fish. Little did Felix know that it was his turn to buy bait and feed the fish in this area this weekend. Around 10AM and with little or no luck at all, the sky began to fill with some of the ugliest looking black and dark gray clouds Hector has ever seen. “Felix blurted out to Hector, do you think we need to think about heading back in?” With a sighting of lighting bolts striking the sea some miles offshore and the ugly cloud formation heading there way, they soon reeled in and started motoring alongside Bogue Banks in westerly direction.

The confusion and distraction of which direction to head into made it easy for a mariner like Felix to go the wrong way. At least the seas were not quite angry enough to force any other bad decision by this distracted and confused fisherman. They continued west until they spotted an inlet they could use to navigate back to protected waters. It was not Beaufort Inlet like Felix thought it was, but it was Bogue Inlet. At this point they were between buoys and heading in toward land and little did they know that this inlet is very tricky and local knowledge is supreme while coming or going. Local knowledge is something Felix does not have. Maybe basic knowledge is something Felix was a little short on anyway.

Hector remembered he had one of those small compact mini GPS chart plotters that fit into your pocket. While they were motoring away from a now very angry sea, Hector turned on this small 1" screen of a GPS to see where they were because no markers looked like the ones they used earlier that morning. Not that this would make much of a difference because it was dark out when they left the protection of Beaufort Inlet earlier that day. As they rounded out marker FG 17, Hector told Felix to continue until they reach the ICW and then turn right because we are very close to Swansboro and we need to be in Morehead City.

Felix replied and as they skimmed over some very skinny water these two fisherman were as lucky as any one can be as the speed of the boat kept most of the hull and skeg out of the water to prevent a sudden and unexpected grounding. After all, the Dewda award is still up for grabs this year. As they turned right going North in the ICW, a crack of thunder and a bolt of lightning hit near by. This caused a brief interruption in the route that was plotted north because it was a long way to their destination and shelter was a more desperate need at this time. With an abrupt about face, this small craft was heading South on the ICW toward Swansboro. Now the rain came pouring down as the two of them huddled tightly to try and minimize the effect of being wet and very cold. As they rounded out the slight turn into Swansboro, Hector advised Felix to seek shelter under the White Oak River Bridge.

The two wet and shivering Mariners found a spot they could fit under the bridge and somehow quickly tied to a beam above their heads. It was here they would wait out the storm and then resume their fishing or head back into port. About an hour later, the storm blew by and there was some wind that followed as the front passed overhead. While being bored, Hector threw his line into the water and to his surprise, he began to land fish. One right after another. Small blues and stripers. Then Felix did the same. But no luck for Felix. He thought that the best he would ever catch would be an old shoe someone threw into the river. They untied the boat and began to drift toward the ICW as the current of an outgoing tide moderately guided their small boat away from the bridge. Just at that moment, Felix felt a huge push and a tugging on the end of his rod. Felix began to fight what felt like a monster of a fish. Felix stood up and with all of the mellow dramatics of a sportsman hooking "Jaws", Felix began to play this "dragged out fight for your life" contest with whatever was down below in the black waters of the river and the end of Bogue Sound. It seemed that the fighting fish prevented the small boat from drifting any further that the edge of the bridge overhead.

Soon people passing by on the bridge saw this event of a classic “North American” sport fisherman fighting what appeared to be a small “Moby Dick” right beneath their eyes. The small crowd grew to a medium crowd and traffic on the bridge began to rubberneck the same event and soon most cars and trucks began to crawl over the bridge to get a glimpse of what could be a record breaking catch in this area. Some cars stopped on the bridge and passengers and drivers got out to witness this live sport fishing event. Everyone raised their cell phones to make a picture or to record the potential landing of a fish that could set records from Charleston to Norfolk. This fight went on until Felix realized that he was only snagged on the bottom and he did not have a fish on at all. As Hector looked up at the crowd, he told Felix, that you can not disappoint these onlookers for they are expecting you to raise a fish of monumental proportions.

With quick thinking while all eyes were on Felix, Hector remembered where Felix put that trophy with the rubber fish attached to it. He quickly retrieved it using the partially covered boat that was still lingering under the bridge, where no one could see, and he pulled the rubber fish from the plaque and placed it in the landing net. Hector also placed a lure and line in the mouth of this monster rubber fish. As he gently placed the landing net into the water being careful not to lose the rubber fish, he told Felix to work his snagged line over toward the opposite side of the boat while Hector moved the net deeper into the water. As the two of them came together in sight of all the onlookers, Hector told Felix to cut his line so no one will see him do it, and together they would haul up this monster of a fish in the net. Somehow this worked like a movie shot and they hauled up from the deep a monster fish that sat half in the net and half out of the net. They quickly pulled it aboard and they placed it on the deck of the boat for everyone to see. The crowd roared in a cheer like Felix just made a touchdown for the home team in the last second of regulation play. As the little fishing boat began to slowly drift away from the bridge. The cheering got louder and Felix instantly picked up this rubber fish and held it by the tail for everyone to see the size and girth of the monster fish of Bogue Sound!!

Then the little fishing boat with two proud and grinning mariners started their return trip home. While underway Hector told Felix; “No body knows. And no body must ever know”. The two of them kept silent almost all the way back to the Fish House on Pelitier Creek. For Felix realized that there will be more fish stories to tell on the back porch of the “Fish House”.

See you on the water.
P/C, Don Breault
“Liberty”

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Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2014



DATE	EVENT
4-Jan	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh, NC
7-Jan.	Basic Weather and Forecasting Seminar New Hope Methodist Church, 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston Salem, NC
26 Jan.-2 Feb.	USPS 2014 Annual Meeting Jacksonville, FL
3-Feb	Bridge Committee Meeting, @ Jim & Jenny Frazier's
8-Feb	Change Of Watch (COW) Bermuda Run Country Club - 1800 Until
1-Mar.	Bridge Committee Meeting Tom * & Cathy Loveless's

Ship's Store

WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

Men's: Medium-X/Large

Ladies: Medium-Large

\$15 each

WSSPS 50th Anniversary burgees

\$25 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 Lt. Jim Frazier at (336) 998-6998.



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Please visit with us anytime.

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