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Cdr. Eddie Shinlever's, "Swearing In Ceremony"

2014 WSSPS COW



Cdr. Shinlever Presents Flags To The WSSPS 2014 Bridge



WSSPS 2014 COW Ceremonies





Executive Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

I'm probably going to start out my little piece of non-informative information like most officers in every squadron in District 27. IS WINTER EVER GOING TO END!!! Twice now I have been on a business trip out of state only to struggle to make it make it to Charlotte when I really needed to get to Greensboro. And twice I had to rent a car to get home from Charlotte. Funny thing about airlines. They keep cancelling flights with no make-up provisions as to how that 126 people who paid good money (which they kept) would ever get back home where they started. At least I wasn't on a cruise ship getting diseased up or listing badly like that one in Greece.

With any luck spring will come one day. As an executive officer I am midway of what I always believed to be the three more important positions in a squadron, i.e. commander, administrative officer, and the education officer. Sort of like being in a raft with the others providing the floatation. I'm here for your folks with all the morale encouragement you need! Been there except for commander so I know the work involved. Actually gives you some motivation for life, making the phone calls to make arrangements, getting materials together, firing up the other participants to make it all happen. Ah the good old days.

As you can tell I don't have any meaty information to pass along yet. It's coming though as we all long for spring and summer to arrive *eventually*.

By the way I am giving the program March 19th on one or more of the various boat cruises I have been fortunate enough to take over the past few years. Lots of pictures to show and maybe some stuff you might not have covered in your adventures so come see me do my thing on the 19th.



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe Grogan, P

As we began this new year, I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your Administrative Officer. It gives me great pleasure to once again be associated with our Winston-Salem Power Squadron. I have recently renewed old relationships and am enjoying making new friends. I especially want to thank Lt/C Bill Davis for sharing information about this office and making my job easier. By the way, Lt/C Davis is the guest speaker for our monthly dinner meeting on March 19, 2014, at the River Ridge Tap House. Don't miss it.

Many of our members have shared ideas and concerns about meetings and upcoming activities for this coming year. I am open to suggestions as we make plans for exciting events on and off the water. We will continue many of the activities that were well attended in the past, and plan for new outings. As you know, our organization is only as good as our member's participation. Speaking of participation, it is not too early to get involved on a committee or assisting with an activity. Just tell any bridge officer that you want to help (remember merit marks). I challenge and encourage each member to get involved by attending membership and bridge meetings, and other activities sponsored by WSSPS and District 27. Member involvement is crucial to the success of our squadron.

This year, let's enjoy good friendships, promote and practice safe boating, and HAVE FUN!



Education Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



Hi All,

Enclosed below is the March 2014 Education Report. We have a Knots, Bends, and Hitches seminar scheduled for Thursday evening, March 20th, from 1900 to 2100 at New Hope United Methodist Church on Shattalon Drive (next door to Linda and Denny). Leon Corbett will be teaching the course. The cost to cover course materials is \$28. Folks planning to attend need to email me at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490 so that we can get a head count. This date was working around Leon's schedule, but, after looking at the calendar it is right before the D27 COW. If it conflicts too much we may need to reschedule, but, otherwise we can stay with March 20th.

We have scheduled the spring ABC-3 course for Tuesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st from 1900 to 2100 at the Old Town Recreation Center.

I checked the most recent calendar and website and saw that the March 20th Knots, Bends, and Hitches seminar and ABC-3 dates weren't listed. We will need to have those included in the calendar.

We need to have as many folks as possible respond to the survey monkey so that we can include their feedback in courses to offer. Right now only a handful have responded, but, the majority of those have listed Advance Piloting as a course that they need. I'll be calling folks this month to set that up for spring. The sail course has also drawn some interest.

I'm still heavily occupied with Sea Scouts on Mondays, so, it will be doubtful that I will be free to attend any of the Bridge Meetings. I'll need to continue to depend heavily on electronic communication. Hopefully the Sea Scouts will pay off with membership in the squadron some day!

Thanks,
Kin

Squadron Education Officer
Lt/C Kin Cartrette, P

On Thursday, March 20th, the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will be offering the Knots, Bends, and Hitches Seminar from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, 27106. P/C Leon Corbett, SN will be the instructor. Mark your calendar and plan to come and learn from the best when it comes to knots! The cost for this course is \$28 to cover the cost of materials. Please send me an email at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490 if you plan to attend so that we can get an accurate headcount. **(continued on next page)**

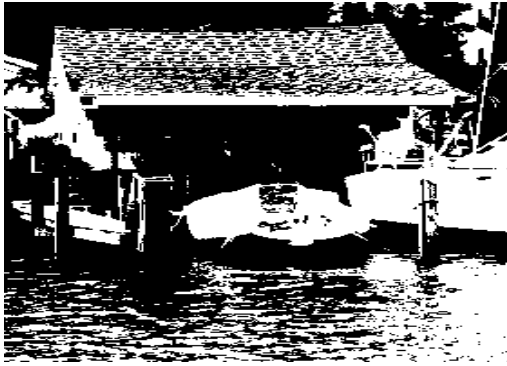
The Americas Boating Course – 3 is scheduled for Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. Please pass the words to boating friends! This is a great opportunity to educate the public on boating safety and spread the word about the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron! The cost to the public is \$50.

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. Right now there is a preference for an Advanced Piloting course this spring. We would love to hear from everyone, so, if you haven't take the survey, please take a few minutes and give us your input.

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!

Time to put up the snow skis and pull out the water skis!

Kin



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

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

“Carolina In My Mind”

When it comes time to plan this years cruising schedule, many boaters are thinking where to take their new and old boats. What far and distant coastal destination will we want to visit this year. Will we make plans to go to the Caribbean? Will we make plans to travel to the Chesapeake? Will we travel to the New England Coast and beyond?

So many choices and so little time and not enough money to travel to all of these exciting places. As we know, they all represent trips of a life time in a boater's log of destinations. With an economy on the recovery and the remains of uncertainty looming over the economic horizon, it may be a prudent thing to look at a lower cost vacation and staying closer to home. But owning and cruising in a boat is never the prudent thing to do. But for those of us who are still fortunate to have the time and the ability, then the best cruise planning could be done so right here near our home base on the Carolina Coast.

When one thinks of staying close to home, we think of cruising to places such as Bald Head Island, New Bern, Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington, and for trailer boaters, Lake Norman, Smith Mountain Lake, John Kerr Reservoir, and High Rock Lake. All of these destinations are great places to visit by land or by sea.

Our coastal destinations are very special. They have a soul that speaks to you with a tickle from her surf and a sound of a wave gently slapping against your hull. That soul can speak to you in a way that no one can understand unless they have experienced this special land we call home. A special land we call Carolina. A coastal region so full of history, tradition and culture that is unique to any other east coast region from Maine to Florida. The traditions in this area of Carolina are so different, with its food, art, and life styles.

There is nothing more soothing than to watch a morning sky on fire from a beach on Bald head Island. When you see the sunshine, you can hear the surf pounding away at the shore delivering another high tide. As the water reclaims the once deserted beach of lightly treaded footsteps, you can hear the whisper of the many sea birds foraging for the many daily meals needed to maintain flight over the glistening seas. As evening rolls in you can almost hear the moonshine rising over the dunes in the east. That great silver moon appearing overhead casts light on a flock of Geese in flight below. Oh yes, you have just experienced another “Carolina In My Mind” day on the beach.

If you enjoy walking the beach, you can become mesmerized with the ribbons of sand as the surf gently washes away the many tracks and footprints of both man and nature. You can uncover buried treasures that the receding surf has uncovered for you in the way of a rare seashell. Or you can continue to walk and enjoy the sounds of many seabirds foraging in front of the remains of a small wave that has just delivered a fresh bounty of food left on the sand. It almost sounds like a dinner bell calling these small seabirds as they walk faster to avoid being caught by the slap of another oncoming wave.

If you enjoy cruising the shallows in a small inflatable that can get you into 1 foot of water, then you can explore the many marsh grasses we have off of the many sounds waiting along the Intercoastal waterway. There is sea life you will never ever get a chance to see unless you go to the Aquarium. Our tidal flats are so full of discoveries that in most cases you will see wildlife you have never seen before. Then you can carefully embrace these moments with a picture taken from your smart phone and instantly share it with the world. The caption would read: “Wish You Were Here”.

If you focus your travel and exploration of the “Lower Banks”, you can experience the special light that illuminates off of a flat water bay in the early morning hours near a place called the “Crystal Coast”. Finding an anchorage in one of the creeks will allow you to leave civilization as far behind as you can ever do so. Some of the whispering pines along the shore seem to talk to you and invite you to spend the night nearby as the gentle breeze flutters their long leaf needles. While you gaze upon the wide expanses of the many rivers we have in this area, you may witness the many pods of wild dolphins that are porpoising in and out of the water in search of food. They are so majestic to watch as they occasionally will give you a full tail fluke before they dive deeper into the river. And if you are really lucky, you may get to experience them playing with your boat wake as you travel in the creek.

Spending these magical moments with grandchildren and family is also inspiring you to take that ride to tranquility at "Cape Lookout" Bight. This is such a special anchorage for so many cruisers that on some days, it has the appearance of a Spanish Armada because there are so many boats. This destination is the number one spot on the Carolina Coast. Because of the many miles of deserted and unspoiled beaches, there is always room for more sun seekers and salt water bathers. The stark artistry of nature has a way of creating quite times of contemplation for a surfer and his best friend. The whisper of breeze in the marsh grasses paint a three dimensional picture of nature with the expanse of the Cape Lookout Light House in the background. Many visitors who stay for the day find themselves slumbering peacefully under the shade of a beach umbrella while listening to gentle sounds of waves slapping the endless ribbons of sand. And yes the water here is blue green in color, and has a tropical look because the southern outer banks face the south which gives the appearance of a land that many people would compare to the Caribbean.

So what if you could just leave this area in your trawler or sailboat and cruise north or south? What would you compare your many destinations too? You would compare them to what has been in your mind all along? Yes you would because we will always hold forever: Carolina In My Mind!!

See You On The Water





DATE	EVENT
3-Mar.	Bridge Committee Meeting Tom * & Cathy Loveless's-204 Hadley Court, WS (336 575 4279)
4-11-18-25 Mar. 1-Apr	ABC-3 course Old Town Recreation Center 1900—2100
19-Mar	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012
13-14-15 Mar	D27-Leadership Development -The USPS Leadership Development courses have been scheduled for March 13, 14, 15 in Raleigh. The sign up sheets are on the D27 website and the national website. Prices are \$75 each but D27 is going to reimburse \$25. We need 15 people to sign up by Feb 13. The venue is the La Quinta motel at RDU. Room rates are decent and the classes will be in the hotel. Very convenient. These are great courses and are well worth the time and expense. They are also approved for continuing education credits.
20-Mar.	Seminar "Knots, Bends, and Hitches" Leon Corbett, New Hope United Methodist Church, 1900—2100 Cost Is \$28.00. email education@wssps.org or call (336)413-6490
21-22 Mar	D27-COW, New Bern, NC - The D27 spring meeting will be in New Bern on March 21, 22. The registration forms are on the D27 website. Come and watch me be relieved by Burt Pearson. Thanks, Bob Howd D27 commander
7-Apr	Bridge Meeting-George Ellis-381 Hollybrook Dr., Advance, NC (336 941 9050)
16-Apr	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012
5-May	Bridge Meeting-"Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"-1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
21-May	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012
2-Jun	Bridge Meeting-Bill Davis-5770 Regents Village Dr., Winston Salem (336 817 0437)
18-June	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012
4-Aug	Bridge Meeting-John&Barbara Richardson-1197 Williams Rd., Advance, NC (336 998 7053)
20-Aug	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012
-Sep	Bridge Meeting-TBD
17-Sep	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012
6-Oct	Bridge Meeting-TBD
15-Oct	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012
3-Nov	Bridge Meeting-"Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"-1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
19-Nov	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012
1-Dec	Bridge Meeting "POT LUCK DINNER" Jim & Genny Frazier-154 Broadmoor Dr., Advance, NC (336 998 6998)



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Feel free to contact any of the above if you have questions. Our meetings are always open to the public. Please visit with us anytime.

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WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

Men's: Medium-X/Large

Ladies: Medium-Large

\$15 each

WSSPS license Plate

\$5 each

WSSPS coffee cups & can "huggies"

\$3 each or 2 for \$5

WSSPS 50th Anniversary burgees

\$25 each

WSSPS Sweatshirt Medium

\$10 each

You can purchase at our Membership meeting or call Lt. Jim Frazier at (336) 998-6998.