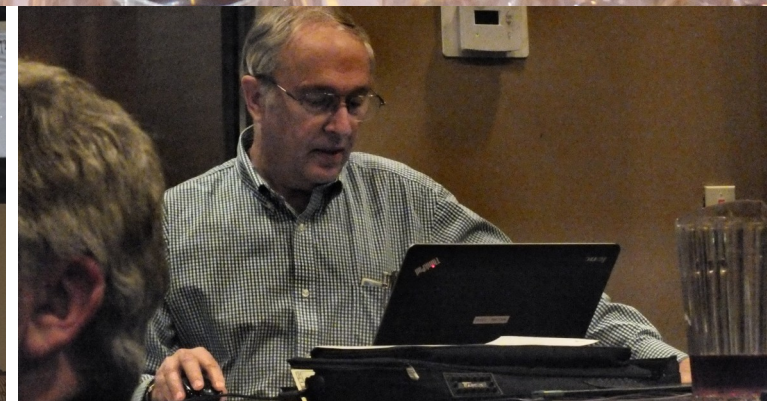


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Membership Meeting March 19, 2014

Exec. Officer Bill Davis regaled us with fascinating stories about his cruises.





Commander

Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P

Hi to all of you,

We had our 1st Bridge meeting Monday night. With the bad weather canceling last month's meeting, it feels like the year is half over.

To let you know, we got down to planning things for the year. We have a very enthusiastic Bridge this year. My hope is to get everyone involved. If you are not on a committee, please come to a meeting. You may just have some fun and enjoy it all over again.

Eddie















Executive Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

I saw a sign coming back from the farm last weekend that said “When is spring coming”? If anyone has an answer please spread the word.
It’s almost boating season and I don’t have anything profound to say about it right now but I did see a reminder of what your boat needs in regard to equipment. The link is as follows;
<http://www.usps.org/national/safety/MinEquipReq.htm>
For those of you who want, the shortcut below is the actual stuff you need. Won’t hurt to check the list and do it twice.

USCG Minimum Equipment Requirements for Recreational Vessels							
Boat Length in Feet		Less than 16', canoes, kayaks	16' to 26' (8 m)	26' to 39.4' (12m)	40' to 65'	65' to 165' (50m)	
	Personal Flota- tion De- vices	One Type I, II, III, or V per person. PFD's must be CG Approved, wearable by the intended user and readily accessible	One Type I, II, II, or V per person plus one Type IV throw able device. PFD's must be CG Ap- proved, wearable by the intended user and read- ily accessible. The Type IV throw able device must be located such that it is immediately avail- able.				
	Fire Ex- tinguish ers	One B-I any type. Fire extinguishers required on any boat with enclosed fuel or engine spaces, en- closed living spaces, or permanent (not movable by one person) fuel tanks.		One B-II or two B-I	One B- II and one B-1 or three B-1	One to eight B-II (Depends on weight) Plus addi- tional re- quirements in machin- ery space - for detail specifics see 46CFR25- 30.20	
	No fixed system						
	With fixed system	No portables required		One B-I	Two B-I or one B -II		

	Visual Distress Signals on Coastal Waters	Night signals required when operating between sunset and sunrise.	Minimum of three day-use and three night-use or three day/night combination pyrotechnic devices. Non-pyrotechnic substitutes: 1 orange flag (day-use) and 1 electric S-O-S signal light (night-use)			
	Sound Producing Devices	Horn or whistle recommended to signal intentions or position. Under Rule 33 of the Navigation Rules, boats under 20m MUST have aboard a means of making an efficient sound.	Bell no longer required by Federal Regulations		One bell not less than 300mm for boats larger than 20m and one whistle or horn required to signal intentions or position.	
	Backfire Flame Arrestors	One CG-Approved device on each carburetor of all gasoline-powered engines built after April 1940, except outboards. Arrestor should be kept clean to prevent contamination from propagating a flame.				
	Ventilation	CG-standard powered system required on gasoline-powered vessels with enclosed engine spaces built after 1 August 1980. Boats built earlier must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartment.				
	Navigation Lights Under power	Sidelights, stern light, masthead light. Boats 16' or longer must also have an 360° all-around white anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white running lights. Sailboats under power are considered powerboats and must follow "under power" rules.				
	Under sail	Sidelights and stern light. Boats under sail under 20m (65.6 feet) can substitute a tri-color light for separate sidelights and stern lights. Sailboats under power are considered powerboats and must follow "under power" rules.				
	Rowing	Sailboats and powerboats under 7m and under 7 knots can substitute a white lantern in place of the required lights.				
	At Anchor	All around white light visible for 2nm at night unless in a chart-designated anchorage.				
	Visibility range	1 nm side lights, 2 nm all others	3nm masthead, 2 nm all others		5nm mast-head, 2nm all others	
	Pollution Regulations	"Honor system", no plaques required.	5" X 8" Oil Discharge placard and 4" X 9" MARPOL Trash placards. Vessels over 39.4' with a galley must have a Waste Management Plan.			
	Marine Sanitation Devices	Vessels with installed head facilities must have an operable CG-Certified Type I, II, or III Marine Sanitation Device (MSD). Any "Y" value for discharge overboard must be located in such a manner or affixed to prevent accidental discharge of untreated waste into water.			Type II or III MSD only.	
	Navigation Rules	Familiarity with the rules is recommended but not required. Boaters should be familiar with the "Rules of the Road" for crossing and overtaking situations, as well as meeting other vessels head on.	Vessels 12m (39.4') or over are required to have a current copy of the US-DOT USCG International - Inland Navigation Rules aboard.			



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe Grogan, P

As the weather warms and the days get longer, boaters look forward to spending time on their boats in and around the water. Boating season is almost here!!! I was beginning to think that it would never arrive. I am currently working on several on and off the water activities and they will be announced each month in our newsletter or as they are confirmed.

Several weeks ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Lake Wylie for a short boat ride. As I watched the boats being launched into the water, I thought about the boating capabilities and knowledge of these boaters. Were they USSPS members? Had they taken classes? Did they know and practice safe boating? Did they know what to do in case of a medical emergency? Did they know proper use of their radio? If they were members of USSPS every answer would be "yes". This summer, boats will fill our inland lakes and coastal waters piloted by the novice to the most experienced boater. This concerns me because I know that problems will develop due to lack of knowledge and understanding of seamanship. This leads me into membership growth for USSPS and also our own WSSPS. I would feel much more comfortable knowing that these boaters go out in their boats with the information, knowledge and support that USSPS provides.

Over the next several weeks, I will be talking to our members about ideas for a plan of action to obtain new members. Our boating classes are second to none and the public should be aware of this. Let's help make this a safe year for all boaters.

You do not want to miss our membership meeting on April 16th at River Ridge Tap House. Our guest speaker is Danny Ferguson. Danny is a successful criminal defense attorney, an avid boater, an author, and a former member of WSSPS. He will be discussing his books, "Vow of Vengeance" and "The Titanic Atonement", which primarily take place in and around NC coastal waters. Danny's talk will be light and humorous, and his books will be available if anyone should want to purchase one.

Let's all enjoy good friendships, promote and practice safe boating and have fun!

Joe Grogan



Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



Squadron Education Officer
Lt/C Kin Cartrette, P

Thank you P/C Leon Corbett, SN for teaching the “Knots, Bends, and Hitches” seminar on March 20! Although the class was small, we had a great teacher to student ratio and were taught by one of the best! Hopefully we can offer this course again in the not too distant future. The skills taught in this seminar are important and fundamental to all boating.



The Americas Boating Course – 3 wrapped up this week on Tuesday, April 1st, at the Old Town Recreation Center. If you know of folks who want to take the course, let me know and we'll put a class together. The weather is warming up and folks are eager to get back on the water! The next scheduled offering of this course will be in October 2014 at the Old Town Recreation Center.

Articles in the WSSPS Crossed Anchors reflect the opinions of the authors. USPS is not responsible for editorial content. Readers' comments, suggestions, and contributions are welcome. Please contact any of the bridge officers.

The USPS Piloting class will be taught on Thursdays, April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 1900 to 2100 at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, 27106 (next door to Linda and Denny). The cost to cover course materials is \$55. Folks planning to attend please email me at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490 so that we can get a head count. We will be enrolling folks through April 10th.

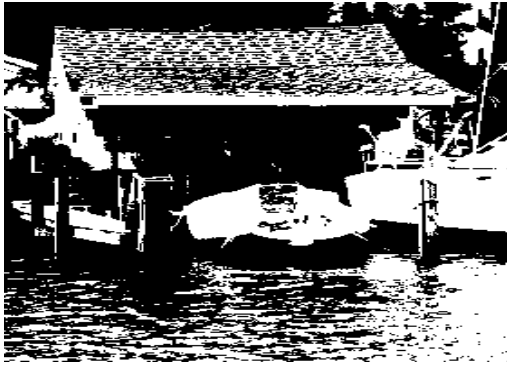
We are looking at scheduling Advanced Piloting in the fall and Junior Navigation over the winter 2014-2015. This summer we are looking at offering more of the 2-hour seminars.

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. If you haven't taken 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!

See you on the water!

Kin



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

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

Cruising Our Coast, Destination: Beaufort, Oriental, and New Bern, NC

A careful cruise planning meeting over the winter produced some incredible plans to cruise locally off the Carolina coast. One very memorable trip was the destination to Oriental, NC where as we fell in love with both river front living and the life near a seaside village still flourishing in the business of fishing and sailing.. But our first stop was Beaufort and we feel that we should tell you about this story of this cruise.

Arriving in Beaufort, we tie up along the historic waterfront at Beaufort Docks. The marina’s floating docks, full-service amenities and convenient location to downtown make this an easy choice. Across Taylor Creek, we spot a couple of wild horses in the distance on Carrot Island. Taylor Creek is a popular anchorage for cruising boats, but the swift current and a narrow channel may convince you to pay for dockage at the Town Docks of Beaufort. Beyond Carrot Island is Shackleford Banks, an isolated barrier island where local ferries and tour boats bring tourists to see the surviving herd of wild Spanish mustangs.

Beaufort (pronounced BOH-fert for our members of northern descent) is much more than a quaint Southern town; it boasts a rich nautical history. Its mild climate and strategic location encourage boaters traveling south in the fall and north in the spring to stop and take advantage of the area’s top-notch boatyards and experienced workforce. Referred to as the “Gateway to the Caribbean” and just 675 miles from Bermuda, Beaufort is often a temporary home to an off-shore sailing vessel or long-range trawler preparing for a serious blue-water voyage.

To learn more about Beaufort’s nautical past, we can visit the North Carolina Maritime Museum on Front Street. Permanent exhibitions spotlight the local seafood industry, whaling industry and history of North Carolina’s coastal life-saving services. We especially enjoy Blackbeard’s Queen Anne’s Revenge, an exhibition of artifacts from the pirate’s flagship that went down in Beaufort Inlet in 1718. Discovered in 1996, the shipwreck provides valuable insights into the lives of 18th-century pirates.

The next day we embark on a kayak exploration of the Rachel Carson Reserve, a complex of small islands across Taylor Creek. Following the recommendations of a guide, we bring fresh water, snacks and bug spray. The boardwalk on Carrot Island takes us to an overlook of Shackleford Banks, and we are fortunate to get a glimpse of several wild mustangs. While I am not an avid knowledgeable bird-watcher, I am treated to the sight of several of the 200 species of birds that dwell in these beautiful, protected salt marshes.

Our cruise is about to begin, and Oriental, NC awaits us. We stop at Beaufort's sister city, Morehead City, less than five miles to the west to get some of that lower cost fuel before heading north on the ICW toward Adams Creek.. We get a day slip at Morehead Gulf Docks located across from Sugar Loaf Island and within walking distance to restaurants and shops. Like Beaufort, Morehead City is a popular stopover for captains traveling up and down the coast who want to bypass the offshore waters of Cape Hatteras. Repair and maintenance services of all types are available. Based on the number of commercial and charter fishing boats we see, this is a center for sport fishing activity with a number of major tournaments being held here. We're nearly overwhelmed by the number of restaurants near our marina, but we settle on the Rudy Duck Tavern and have a great lunch. By mid afternoon we begin our northbound travel up Adams Creek toward oriental our next stop. When we arrive that early evening, we notice that most boats here are in transit, as this sleepy little town is strategically located between the Neuse River and the Pamlico Sound. A walk through town reveals several empty storefronts with "For Rent" or "For Sale" signs, and a couple of shops that appear to be in business but they are closed for the day. Hurricane Irene hit this town hard in 2011, and it's been struggling to survive since then. But we wind up having dinner at M & M's Restaurant and are pleasantly surprised by its good food and reasonable prices. Some of the historic homes of the 1800s and early 1900s have been lovingly restored, and there are new developments underway along the waterfront. Transient slips here are limited, so it's a good idea to call ahead before stopping.

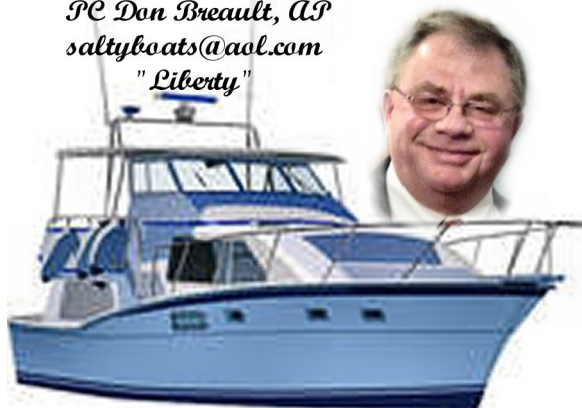
After spending a relaxing two days of veging out at Oriental Harbor Marina and enjoying the day walking the town and coming back to a tropical life in the outdoor "Tiki Bar", we began our journey at mid morning going north on the Neuse River. Here we took a casual and leisurely tour of one of the oldest rivers in North Carolina. The mighty Neuse has been taking boats of many types up and down from the Pamlico Sound to the many historic inland ports that lie waiting for those ancient mariners of yesteryear, to off load the ocean going cargo that was destined to colonial America. This tour of the mighty Neuse was not only historic but it was very scenic as the many miles of shore revealed a place that time has forgotten by the unspoiled maritime forests that have lined the shores for centuries. As we approached the many bridges and highways that crossed the confluence of the Neuse and Trent Rivers, we could see the small quaint skyline of New Bern beyond the U.S. 17 overpass crossing the Neuse. Once we cleared the last overpass we slowed to clutch speed awaiting the bridge tender's pleasant welcome and instruction as he stopped traffic for us in order to open the new swing bridge that connects downtown New Bern and Business 17 from the US 70 Bypass. Once we have cleared the swing bridge and paid our thanks to a bridge tender who may be up for a nomination as the most pleasant of bridge tenders to ever speak on the VHF. It was unanimous that he fully understood the tourism industry.

Once we were docked at the New Bern Grand Marina (formerly the Sheraton Hotel Marina) we had a grand view of the Trent River in front and behind us was the newly badged Double Tree Hotel and Resort. All of the luxury a mariner could ask for was waiting for us at these facilities. We were only a 2 block walk to historic downtown New Bern with all of the sights, scenes, and buildings that can boast being almost 300 years old. And yes many eating facilities were at our disposal as well.

No one goes hungry or thirsty in New Bern. (New Bern is home to the invention of Pepsi Cola and the actual drug store is a historic site you can visit) The small city of New Bern offers a mariner so much to do and see. One of the high points of this ancient colonial capital of North Carolina is the famous Tryon Palace, home to one of the first Governors of North Carolina before America won it's independence from England. You can easily access this historic facility by walking a mere 2 blocks west and a small visitors building will await you to show you the many options for purchasing a tour pass. Then there is a large 6 person golf cart waiting for you with a volunteer driver that can take you to the front gates of the palace. The area resembles an 18th century view of colonial America with the many historic buildings and streets that have been expertly preserved by many non profit groups in this area. In the back ground you can hear a fife and drum band practicing for the 4th of July celebration that will take place the following weekend.

With the day melting into night, and weary as travelers on foot can get, the short walk back to the marina was a welcome sight as we all looked forward to the many libations that were awaiting us from the ice chests of our coolers. There is nothing more relaxing than watching the sun melt away into the west across the Trent River while sipping on a cold one from the aft deck of your cruiser. And yes, this goes to another day to enter into the log book of our most favorite memories cruising the Carolina Coast on "Liberty"!!

PC Don Breault, AP
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"Liberty"





Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2014



DATE	EVENT
3rd,10th,17th, 24th of Apr & 1st,8th,15th, 22nd,29th of May	The USPS Piloting class will be taught on Thursdays, April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 1900 to 2100 at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, 27106 (next door to Linda and Denny). The cost to cover course materials is \$55. Folks planning to attend please email me at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490 so that we can get a head count. We will be enrolling folks through April 10th.
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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-Jun	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012
20-22 Jun	D/27 Rendezvous-Pecan Grove Marina in Oriental, NC
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
17-19 Oct	D/27 Fall Council/Conference (place TBD)
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)
10-Jan 2015	D/27 Training-NC State University Club
20-22 Mar 2015	D/27 Spring 2015 Council/Conference-Releigh, NC



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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.

Ship's Store

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.

Pig-Pickings At The Double T Farm



You are welcome to a pig-picking at the Double T Farm on May 3rd starting at 3:30pm. The directions are as follows: **HIGHWAY 52 NORTH..EXIT PINNACLE AND TURN RIGHT..CROSS THE RAILROAD TRACKS AND TURN LEFT ON OLD HWY 52 AND GO TO HIGHWAY 268 AT SHELL STATION AND TURN RIGHT..GO UNTIL YOU COME TO CROSS ROADS STORE ON LEFT STAY STRAIGHT AND PASS DOUBLE CREEK FIRE DEPT. ON RIGHT. THE NEXT HARD TOP ROAD TO THE RIGHT IS ROCK HOUSE ROAD TURN RIGHT. THE 2ND ROAD TO THE LEFT IS MARSHALL RIDGE TURN LEFT AND GO TO THE END AND YOU ARE THERE. 1330 MARSHALL RIDGE RD. PINNACLE N.C. 27043**



Charge will be \$15 per person for all the BBQ you can eat and all the sides. Please bring your beverage of choice, chairs and a side dish to share. After everyone has finished eating you are welcome to join in to play or just enjoy listening to some stringed instrument music provided by the very talented members of the WSSPS and some of their friends. Any BBQ left will be sold for \$8/lb. to support the WSSPS.



We will also need to coordinate the bread, plates, plastic-ware, cups, napkins, condiments, etc. Please let me know if you are able to bring any of these items. Thanks! Kathi Vestal (kbvestal@triad.rr.com)



General treasury report: Starting balance for 2014 to include checking, savings and petty cash was \$5115.79. Ending balance for March was \$3754.13.



We are currently looking for suggestions for fundraisers to raise money to support the WSSPS. Please send suggestions to Kathi Vestal at kbvestal@triad.rr.com