

# CROSSED ANCHORS

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**September 11, 2014**

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18 June, 2014—Membership Meeting Ag The Joanie Moser Memorial Park  
Lewisville, NC







Commander  
*Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P*

Hello all, Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. It is passing so fast for me I can't get my head raped around the idea it's August.

I do wish we would have had more people at The Bridge Meeting Monday night the 7th of August. John & Barbara Richardson did a Low Country Boil that was absolutely "Wonderful". If you have not heard, they are moving to Florida. They want to be closer to children and Grand Children, can't blame them for that. They have been a fantastic help to me and I'm going to miss John and Barbara.

We did not have an official members meeting in July. But some of us got together for a Dash ball game on July 24. We had a little rain, some good food, good people to talk to. It was my first time to see people squeegee the grass to get it dry for play.

Just want to ask all to come to meeting and remind everyone that our Bridge Meeting are open to everyone. Come out, participate. You may just enjoy it. John & Barbara Richardson will make a presentation entitled "Activities With Friends".

Bring a friend.

Wishing all Blue Skies and Smooth Sailing.  
Eddie

Good bye Dear Friends,

Just a few words from your newspaper editor:

John and I are much honored to have been a part of WSSPS for these few years. We have made some very dear friends. It is time, however to move on and pursue other things, such as family.

Our son's family lives in Crawfordville, Fl. and we have sold our house and intend to settle near them. We have 3 strapping grandsons to look forward to seeing often and looking in on their progress. There is no Power Squadron in Tallahassee or Crawfordville as far as we can determine. Maybe we can start a new squadron. That remains to be seen. Meanwhile, accept this as our final farewell, and an invitation to call and stop by to see us if you are ever in the Big Bend Area. Our cell number is the same.

Much love and Good Wishes

John & Barbara Richardson



# Executive Officer

*Lt/C Bill Davis, SN*

Well, three guesses what I am going to talk about this month. No, one should be sufficient. Are we checking markers out there people??? Has a marina closed and no one reported it??? Did you run aground and it was supposed to be 15 feet deep??? Unfortunately I would have to put on my one ski belt and swim if I was doing this so I depend on others with boats in the squadron to do this. Plus we have the disadvantage of not being a coastal squadron so I know the opportunities are limited.

Speaking of ata-boys Denny and Linda called in to report errant markers so we will see what develops with that. Marshall has already been a big help reporting markers. Ata-boy there too.

On the other hand we may be drifting toward being the Winston-Salem Non Sailing and Non Power Squadron. I know I don't have a boat at the moment so this is not the pot calling the kettle black. The Richardsons' are taking their boat to Florida. We will miss them. The Cranfords' are already there. K.B. and Cindy will be in Charleston when their house here sells, i.e. one less boat. Travis and Bee probably got a canoe in the shed somewhere I haven't seen yet and may join the Cranfords' one day. The Loveless downsized I understand. Don and Sheila are exiting the boat business which I understand. I am in the "same boat" myself. Who have I left out? Kathi/John, hang on to your boat; we may all want to get in yours. Perhaps we want to regroup and congregate in Jacksonville and be the WSSPS of Jacksonville. Has potential. With all the experience and credentials and grade ranks we have we may be the smartest non boaters in USPS.

Enough of my ranting. Happy boating everyone.



# Administrative Officer

*Lt/C Joe Grogan, P*

Our June cookout at Joanie Moser Memorial Park was a huge success! I want to thank those who attended and brought all of the delicious accompaniments and desserts. A special note of recognition to David Jackson for being the grill master. Several new members and two guests were in attendance with our regular members.

Thank you to those that attended the July outing at BB&T Ballpark. We averted the rainy weather and had an enjoyable evening! Hopefully we can visit the ballpark again during the 2014 season.

Our August membership meeting will be held at River Ridge Tap House in Clemmons, NC at 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 21, 2014. This is not our usual Wednesday night meeting date, so please mark your calendars accordingly. John and Barbara Richardson and others will provide a presentation about recent summer boating activities. Don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor. Also, there will be door prizes, so be there for the festivities!

Have fun and enjoy good times with friends while practicing safe boating.



# Educational Officer

## *Lt. Kin Cartrette*



Squadron Education Officer  
Lt/C Kin Cartrette, P

The Americas Boating Course – 3 is scheduled for Tuesdays, October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and November 4th 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 for the course is \$50 and includes a 6 month trial membership in the United States Power Squadrons/Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron.

We are hoping to offer the Advanced Piloting Course in October and November. If you are willing to serve as chair or help teach this course please let me know. This is the follow-up course to Piloting and goes into much more depths on near-shore navigation.

We also need instructors and a chair for the Junior Navigation Course. We are wanting to offer this class during the winter 2014-2015. Watch your emails and the Crossed Anchor for details.

P/C Don Breault AP is teaching the ABC-3 boating safety course at Indian Beach, NC in early August.

We need your continued feedback for education courses this year! Please go online to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BLGW7DN> and take the 2014 Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron education survey. Your input is important in planning and scheduling courses for 2014.

If you are interested in taking or teaching a squadron course please email me at [education@wssps.org](mailto:education@wssps.org) or call me at (336) 413-6490. The USPS courses and seminars are excellent opportunities for increasing our knowledge and skills as boaters.

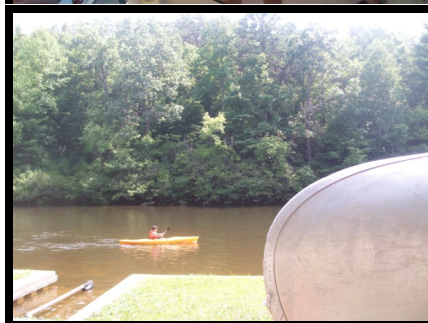
The WSSPS is continuing to offer technical support to Sea Scout Ship 924 sponsored by New Hope United Methodist Church. The Sea Scouts along with Venture Crew 934 (sponsored by Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church) will be hosting the 2014 Davy Jones Rendezvous in Southmont on High Rock Lake on September 12-14. If you get a chance, come on out and watch the fun! Some of our squadron members came last year and saw the Sea Scouts and Venturers from four states boating and having fun on the water!

See you on the water!

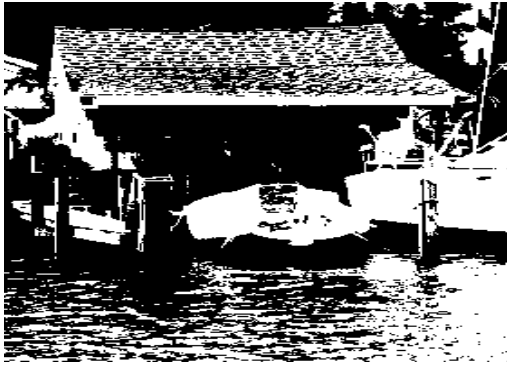
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# Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

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

## “Felix Visits Lake Norman” “A Freshwater Experience”

About a month after Felix, Hector, and Emil went deep sea fishing and came home feeling pretty ill and depressed after being in heavy surf all day, Felix got the notion that he could trailer his little center console over to Mooresville, NC and launch it in Lake Norman. After all, he thought that the freshwater would never pose as a significant challenge to him in way of tides, waves, and shallow ground like the Beaufort Inlet has.

Now Felix at one time owned a condo on Lake Norman, but he sold it to catch a neat little capital gain and to re-invest it into a nice condo on Bogue Banks in Carteret County. Unfortunately, Felix got cold feet on that new condo so he had to settle with putting the money in the bank at 25% interest. (Wow!, 25%, Felix has connections we all need to know) Now Felix decided that he would explore his old stomping ground somewhere just south of the Route 15 Bridge in Cornelius. As he arrived at the boat launch, he waited for those few fishermen to practice backing up a boat trailer for the first time and when it became his turn, he would show off his trailer handling skills. After all, Felix at one time was a trucker and everyone knew that, because he uses the VHF radio like a CB. You remember the crackling sound of “Breaker-Breaker 16, hey Coast Guard, you got your ears on?”

Well anyway, Felix got his boat in the water and he even remembered to re-insert the drain plug this time. Off he went going a little northwest with a bit more toward the western shore of the lake. When all of a sudden, Felix got the look of some boat running at “Warp” speed leaving a rooster tail behind him that was over 50 feet in the air. Then Felix got another closer glimpse of this super power boat and to his amazement it was not just a power boat but two power boats drag racing in the middle of the lake. Felix then remembered he had a nice pair of those great stable view field glasses that his friend Ray sold to him and he reached down and focused on this super speed racing event. Felix focused the glasses and almost fell on to the deck in laughter.

The two power boats were two pontoon boats. Being driven by two not so young looking helmsman. (not so young looking is a polite term used to describe senior citizens)

The two captains of the pontoon boats were inching past one another cursing as they tried to pass one another. Cuss words were being shouted at one another and a single fist was raised by each threatening one another that they could beat him easy. But this neck and neck race was not so easily won or there would be a simple victor and loser. These pontoon boats were obviously evenly matched in size, horsepower and dynamics. (now a pontoon boat with dynamics is an oxymoron) Like a fourth of July firecracker, both pontoon boats began to fizzle out in speed and slow to a crawl as they got near Queens Landing. They followed one another toward the floating docks that also supported a floating bar. Felix quickly ran full throttle to try and see if he can meet these speed demon old guys.

With the sun beginning to go through the steps of doing another fabulous sunset display over the lake, the pontoon boats easily tied up to the docks and into the bar these two captains went. And for Felix, well it would take another ten minutes or so as his boat was not as fast. In about that time, Felix arrived and quickly secured his boat to the dock and looked for the two captains of these pontoon drag boats. Before doing that, Felix decided to take a closer look at these super pontoon speed demon boats. What he discovered was they were not just any ordinary pontoon boat. You know the pontoon boat with several opening gates for grandchildren to jump off of and into the water. No these pontoon boats did not even have a decent platform to fish from. Everything was built for wind resistance, speed, and more speed. On the stern Felix discovered that one of these boats had twin Yamaha 200 HP outboards. The other boat had a hybrid inboard outboard type of engine design. Felix could not see what kind of engine it had but he figured it had to be pretty big. Felix also noted that these boats had three pontoons. They were “Tritoons”

Now Felix was even more interested in finding the owners of these new types of speed boats. He wanted to learn more about how a pontoon boat can go so fast. After all, Mooresville, NC is where many NASCAR race shops are located and perhaps some race shops

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may want to venture into Marine type racing events one day. What a location to start with by using a lake as large as Lake Norman.

As Felix began to carouse the many patrons socializing over an afternoon cocktail, Felix thought that he recognized a couple of members of that infamous Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron, both sitting at the bar drinking gin and tonics. With out raising a fuss, Felix politely sat down next to these two senior citizens and asked if they would mind if he joined them for a cocktail or two. Now the two of them looked up at Felix and then at each other, they nodded and approved of Felix joining them.

After some introductions and a little small talk, Felix broke the ice on the most important question of the day. Are you two captains of those ultra fast speed pontoon boats tied to the dock? They both nodded yes and then laughter broke out between the two of them. The one, who is called Jimmy, said that he just got this new “tritoon” type of hybrid express cruiser and he was trying to see if he could beat his other buddy named Dwight. You see Jimmy explained that for many years Dwight was the king of the speed hill on Lake Norman in the pontoon boat class. But today Jimmy passed him and made it hard for Dwight to stay up with him. Now that did not go over very well with Dwight. How dare some other pontoon boat pass him? And with those thoughts of no longer being on the top of the hill in pontoon boat speed events, Dwight challenged Jimmy to a once and for all knocked down winner take all drag race. And now here we are drinking with that character Felix who lives no where because he sold his lake condo.

By the way asked Dwight? Did you ever get that Condo off of Bogue Sound? Felix in dismay and embarrassment bowed his head low and said “No”. Felix also anticipated the next question of: why?”

The annual 2014 Fourth of July celebration and patriotic boat race event was coming up in a few days. Now the outcome of today’s drag race has still not been settled. One boat is either the remaining king of the lake or the other one is a new king of the lake. If you want to really find out who has the fastest pontoon boat on Lake Norman, you will have to read the results in next month’s edition of the “Fish House Chronicles”.



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See you on the water.  
P/C, Don Breault  
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WINSTON-SALEM



## Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

### Calendar of Events for 2014



DATE	EVENT
21-Aug Thursday	Membership Meeting-River Ridge Tap House-1480 River Ridge Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012 (John & Barbara Richardson-Video Presentation-"Activities With Friends")
8-Sep	Bridge Meeting-Tom & Cathy Loveless, 204 Hadley Ct., Winston-Salem, NC 27106 (336-575-4279)
13-Sep Saturday	Membership Meeting-Commander's Picnic At the home of Wayne & Becky Creekmore located at 290 Harbor Dr E. Lexington, NC 27292- Starts at 3:00pm -\$9.00 per person-Bring a covered dish to share, your preferred drinks, and enjoy a picnic, swimming and boating activities with squadron friends.
6-Oct	Bridge Meeting- George Ellis-381 Hollybrook Dr., Advance, NC 27006 (336 941 9050)
11-Oct Saturday	Membership Meeting-Pig-Pickings, Fundraiser & Auction at the Double T Farm (John Tatum's home) located at 1330 Marshall Ridge Rd., Pinnacle, NC 27043- Starts at 3:30pm-\$15.00 per person-bring your favorite beverage of choice, chairs and a side dish to share & don't forget to bring something for the Auction!
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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