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2014 Cruise to Oriental, North Carolina

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Bridge Members Needed for 2015

It is time for the nominating committee to present the list of members who will serve the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron for 2015. Are you willing to serve our squadron as an officer or member at large for 2015? Members of the Bridge attend the monthly bridge meetings where the business of our group is done. It is a great opportunity to participate in the decisions for the activities and meetings for our squadron.

I currently have members who are willing to serve as Administrative Officer, Treasurer, Education Officer, and 2 Members at Large. I am currently communicating with 2 members concerning the positions of Commander and Executive Officer. We are in need of a Secretary and 4 Members at Large Members. If you are willing to serve in one of these positions or would like additional information on these positions, please contact P/C Debbie Mayfield, S, acting chair of the nominating committee at 407-3927 or email djmayfield@earthlink.net. Serving in these positions gives members an upfront view of what is going on in our squadron and to help us plan for the future.

I need to have the nominating committee report out for the October meeting and newsletter so the elections can be held at our November membership meeting.

**PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING.
I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.**

Thanks,
P/C Debbie Mayfield, S

September
Bridge
Meeting



Pig-Pickings & Auction At The Double T Farm



You are invited to a pig-picking and auction at the Double T Farm on October 25 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 288 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 Rd. Turn left and go to the end and you are there. 1330 Marshall Ridge Rd. Pinnacle, NC 2043

The charge will be \$15 per person for all the BBQ and sides you can eat. Please bring your beverage of choice, chairs and a side dish to share. Any BBQ left will be sold for \$8 per pound to support the WSSPS.

We will also need to coordinate the bread, plates, and plastic-ware, cups, napkins, condiments, etc. Please let me know if you are able to bring any of these items.

Don't forget to bring items for the auction. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year

Thanks! Kathi Vestal (kbvestal@triad.rr.com).



Commander

Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P



Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone had a great summer. Becky and me went to Asheville for a 3 day weekend. Had a good time visiting Biltmore and the garden. If you go to Asheville for an overnight. Take a "LA Zoom" tour, the 8:00pm Haunted Tour, I have not laughed so much in a long time. It is a tour of the city, but with a twist. They have cariters on the bus Mr.T. Wolf is your host. He is a total nut, Jumping around and hanging from bars on the roof of the bus. He has friends that join him at various spots on the route that will keep you in stitches. We were on the bus about 10 minutes and it rain so hard for almost the entire trip you could not make out the sites they talked about. We had a real fun time. We went back the next day so we could see the sites. Lots of fun too. Adult and kids had fun.

We are getting close to time to submit information for Merit Marks so be thinking of what you have done this year and email me that info. I know what some of you have done, but I can not remember it all. I would very much like to have this by October 25. I have to turn in peoples info for Merit Marks by November 1. Please get me the information ASAP. Remember if you have done anything at all, it may get you Merit Mark.

We still have some great boating weather ahead something almost into December.

Newest Boat Owners, Joe and Kris Grogan

Wishing all Blue Sky's and Smooth Sailing, CDR Eddie Shinlever, P



Executive Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

While I was taking a shower tonight I had a minor epiphany about life. I compared it to a demolition derby. You are driving along trying to stay on the track, usually at a breakneck speed, when all of a sudden you get rammed on the left side, careening into the right side protective wall which saves you from totally wrecking. Then you recover from that only to be hammered on the right side sending you into the infield grass where you are spinning helplessly what seems like forever before you thankfully come to a stop. With any luck with that incident you haven't hit someone, something, or suffered a concussion. Now ----- is everyone looking over their shoulder about now? You should because it happens to all of us. Only by the grace of God do we move on.

Oh, yes, boating. We had a great time a couple of weeks ago at Oriental with our Winston-Salem Squadron friends. I say we because I took down this good looking blonde female for this vacation. As it turned out Susan was visiting her son in Florida that weekend and I had her golden retriever with me. She was very friendly with everyone, offering a lick to anyone who would let their face get too close.

Last weekend I got to visit with my Greensboro friends on a cruise from Carolina Beach to North Myrtle Beach. We took in a show at the Alabama Theater and generally enjoyed socializing over meals. Weather was great. Fall, as everyone admits, is a great time to hit the water, even us boatless people.

That's all the drama I have to report. The squadron still has some great stuff going on the rest of the year so I looking forward to all that. We ain't done yet so I will see you then.



Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



The Americas Boating Course 63 will be offered on 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 this fall. If you are willing to help teach this course please let me know. We have one instructor who has volunteered, but, cannot be available every week. If you are interested in taking or teaching a squadron course please email me at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490.

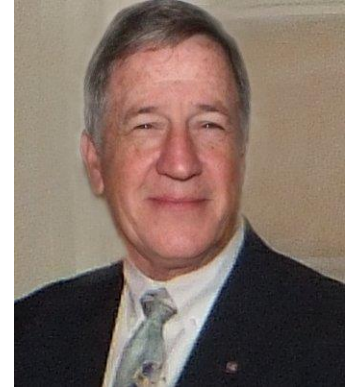
We need your continued feedback for education courses this year! Please go online to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BLGW7DN> and take the 2014 Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron education survey. Your input is important in planning and scheduling courses for 2014. The USPS courses and seminars are excellent opportunities for increasing our knowledge and skills as boaters.

See you on the water!

Kin

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe Grogan, P



All who attended the Commanders Picnic on Lake Normans Catawba Queen enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The weather was perfect. Thank you Commander Shinlever.

The WSSPS floating key chains have finally arrived! They will be used to promote the WSSPS at upcoming events. Special thanks to Don and Sheila Breault and Debbie Mayfield for their generous purchases that made this possible.

Our October membership meeting will be a Pig-Picking hosted by John Tatum and Kathi Vestal at the Double T Farm in Pinnacle, NC. The event will be held on October 25, 2014 and will include John's famous barbecue, an auction, and fundraiser. This is an event that should not be missed. Show your support for our organization!

Mark your calendar for our annual Christmas party on December 13, 2014 at the Arts Council Cafe in downtown Winston Salem. Details will be in the upcoming newsletter.

Enjoy safe boating, sharing good times with friends, and have FUN!

P/C Joe Grogan

Davy Jones Rendezvous on High Rock Lake

Photos of Sea Scouts provided by Lt. Kin Cartrette



2014 Cruise to Oriental, NC (from cover)

WSSPS members on cruise: Tom & Cathy Loveless (øTomCat2), Rocky Johnson, Rick Bahnson, & Bob Truett (øSea-J IIö), Reid, Faye, & Tisha London (øMy Girlö), Dennis & Linda Brigadier (øGeminiö), Don & Sheila Breault (øLibertyö), Bill Davis. Friends of the WSSPS members included Thomas & Jennifer Terrell (øEvening Starö), Roger & Sue Brake (øThe Sanderlinö), Jimmie & Andrea Currin (øPrison Breakö).

We all had a fabulous time. Just ask any one of us. There was even some dancing done as well as lots of food to eat.

REMEMBER LORAN??

Yes, Loran C (as many of us old-timers might remember) was a land-based navigational technique that largely fed us from centuries-old traditional techniques in near-land positioning. Based on measuring difference of time signals from several different broadcasting stations, with Loran C, we were able with good accuracy, to locate our location on land or near-shore.

Then came satellite-based technology, which quickly replaced Loran because of improved precision, accuracy, and world wide availability using what eventually became known as GPS, or more properly gnss (gnss stands for global navigational satellite system, of which GPS is a subset) ...but there are a whole bunch of other versions of GPS including Galileo (Europe), Glonass (Russia), NavIC (India), QZSS (Japan), and BeiDou (China).

Indeed, we fully understand why GPS has replaced Loran and we also understand that the GPS signal is very fragile and, thus, is subject to all kinds of terrestrial and non-terrestrial interferences, the most notable being sun spots and related solar storms.

But now, a new threat has appeared, namely, the purposeful local disruption of the GPS signal to foul-up aircraft or shipping using relatively inexpensive hand-held devices easily available commercially or on the Internet for a few bucks. With a simple multi-frequency jammer, one person can completely knock out local reception of GPS and WARS.

What's the fix? Loran! Of course. It's a newer version called enhanced Loran, or eLoran, which is essentially Loran C to which has been added an additional data channel for broadcasting specific corrections, updates, and the like. The eLoran signal is land based and is very robust and is hard to jam or disrupt by natural or human sources. Further, eLoran allows transmission of high-quality time signals suitable as a certified source of coordinated universal time ... used by banks, railroads, and similar industries.

Understandably, numerous other nations are deeply concerned about the GPS jamming problem and have already taken steps or plans to implement the upgraded Loran fix to GPS. Updated Loran systems already backup GPS in the United Kingdom especially in the Dover Straits area on the English Channel which is said to be the world's busiest choke point with at least 500 ships, ferries, and what-have-you transiting through the waters on a daily basis. Further, India, Russia, Netherlands, and Saudi-Arabia either have or are currently planning similar systems to circumvent the loss of GPS problem..

Though Loran C was going strong a decade or two ago in this country, it was allowed, first ...to fall into disuse, and then to completely collapse for lack of federal funding. In fact, Loran C was not officially declared "dead", but, rather, was simply allowed to die from "non-funding" by our thoughtful government. Not surprisingly, our USCG had started dismantling Loran C stations across the country. However, very recently, our government reversed its thing, and, gamely appears to have taken steps to following the rest of the world in recognizing that GPS systems need backup, and that the only practical method at the moment iseLoran or variation thereof.

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For more info í http://www.boatus.com/husick/techno07_05.asp

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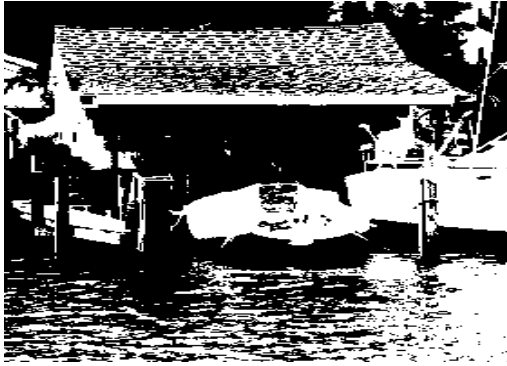
Please submit photos from events, stories of your travels, questions, or anything you would like to see in the Crossed Anchors next time.

Submit photos at highest resolution.

Send all to

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Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

“I Need Another Coastal Fix”

One of the ironies of human existence is that often the measure of a person's life is how they live. It is true that we can measure life by the quality of it in many forms. Family, friends, occupation, fellowship and recreation. Accepting what you have to offer and what it is you have come to expect, are two things that we often get mixed up. An example of this is; offering a helping hand on a marine dock or helping another boater in need for preparation for an approaching hurricane. On the flip side it could be that our expectations of recreation are one that will deliver hours of relaxation under a shade tree sipping a cool beverage.

Whenever I get to go to the coast, it tends to make my step a little bit lighter, my burden a little less burdensome, and the song in my heart a little bit easier to hear. I can not explain why these things happen but it indeed does. It is not just me, but several people who I know personally get these same feelings. Perhaps we have all been given a shot of that old fashion “Carolina Coastal Fix”.

I remember one boating season not long ago, it was a gloomy day in making preparations for an approaching storm. I had found myself helping other boaters and other boaters helping me. When the storm came and passed us by with minimal damage, I was thankful for the efforts we all had made in making these preparations. We had discovered that life is not as simple as driving to the coast and just having a good time. But what we discovered was that as complicated as our boating hobby can be, there was always time to plop into a dinghy and motor out to the sound and watch a melting sunset over the water. Upon our return we climbed back aboard the mother ship to enjoy the fellowship of family and friends. What we all got was another “Coastal Fix”.

Let me mention another aspect of life that may be in need of an occasional fix. As we get a little older and realize that being an empty nester is not so simple. You may have some health issues recently discovered and perhaps some older child is in need of financial help. You soon discover that parenting never ends and now you have the gift and responsibility of grandchildren to add to this. Some times there is a long distance issue in caring for family that may take you away from your “routine”. Then if on a very unsettled day you decide to make a road trip to the coast, you will soon feel that life's circumstances may not be as important as your need to get to the coast. And after your coastal rendezvous, your step became a little bit lighter, your life's burdens a little less burdensome, and the song in your heart, a little bit easier to hear. You have just been given another “Coastal Fix”.

Now that we have given you examples of the “Coastal Fix”, let us discuss one more very important aspect of the fellowship thing that adds to the many “coastal fixes” you are in store for. It has to do with your Power Squadron. You see there are many people we have called upon over and over again to do the behind the scenes work every month to keep this “Ship” afloat. The programs, guest speakers, teaching public boating to the general public, self education, public service and organized social gatherings. All of these need manpower and womanpower to make them happen. Remember the phrase that myself and the late Past Commander Jack Cummins used in 2003 ?

“We make it happen. We make it fun”

You see, we all love the fun part. But making it happen is the part that most members overlook as also having fun. What I am saying here is we need help. Lend a hand in developing a social program for one month. Pitch in and hold an office such as Secretary or Administrative Officer. Surround yourself with the fellowship of other boaters who will show you how to get another “Coastal Fix”.

I rate my experience as being Commander of this great ship as one of the best years in this organization. Why? Because I was surrounded by members who all pitched in to “Make it Happen”. The rest was up to the members who found it easy to: “We Make it Fun”. So ponder these words and don't think about it any longer, but get on the bridge and help navigate the ship. We have many needs and we don't want to go aground. I promise that your experience will make your step a little lighter, your life's burdens a little less burdensome, and the song in your heart a little bit easier to hear. Because you will get another old fashioned “Carolina Coastal Fix”.

See you on the water,

P/C Don Breault, AP
“Liberty”



Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron Calendar of Events for 2014/15



DATE	EVENT
2014	
October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and November 4	Americas Boating Course at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. Cost-\$50 and includes a 6 month trial membership in the United States Power Squadrons/Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. For more info or to register call or email Kin Cartrette 336 413 6490 or education@wssps.org
October 25, 2014	Membership Meeting-Pig-Pickings, Fundraiser & Auction at the Double T Farm (John Tatum's home). See the newsletter for more info.
October 17-19, 2014	D/27 Fall Council/Conference Mooresville, NC
November 3, 2014	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"-1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
November 19, 2014	Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse, Clemmons. "TBA"
December 1, 2014	Bridge Meeting "POT LUCK DINNER" Jim & Genny Frazier-154 Broadmoor Dr., Advance, NC (336 998 6998)
December 13, 2014	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party Art's Community Center (off 411 W 4th St, Winston-Salem, NC.\$25 for most meals. Steaks/prime rib are more Watch newsletter for more info.
2014	
January 10, 2015	D/27 Training-NC State University Club
January 31, 2015	WSSPS Change of Watch (COW) Bermuda Run Country Club
February 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"-1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
March 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - TBA
March 20-22 2015	D/27 Spring 2015 Council/Conference-Releigh, NC
April 6, 2015	Bridge Meeting - TBA

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2014 BRIDGE



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Nominating Committee: Chairman P/C Wayne Creekmore JN, P/C Debbie Mayfield S, P/C Reid London N

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.