

# CROSSED ANCHORS

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## Upcoming Events

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December 7, 2014	Kernersville Christmas Parade - Walk with us. More info coming.
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 Bring \$10 gift to exchange. See page 3 for more info.

**2014 Annual  
Commanders'  
Picnic**

**Catawba Cruise  
on Lake Norman**



**2014 Annual  
Commanders' Picnic**

**Members in attendance in-  
cluded:**

**Cdr. Eddie & Becky Shinlever,  
Jim & Genny Frazier,  
Lt/C Joe & Chris Grogan,  
P/C Alex and Kathie Cooper**



## Nominees for the 2015 WSSPS BRIDGE

**Commander** Lt/C Eddie Shinlever, P

**Executive Officer** Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

**Administrative Officer** P/C Joseph (Joe) Grogan, P

**Secretary** P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

**Treasurer** Lt/C Kathy Vestal, S

**Educational Officer** Lt/C Kin Cartrette, P

**Asst. Educational Officers** P/C Don Breault

**Members at Large:** Lt. Jim Frazier S, David Jackson S, John Tatum,  
Linda and Dennis Brigadier



**You**  
**are invited to the**  
**WSSPS Annual**  
**Christmas Party**  
**Dec 13, 2014**  
**Art's Community Cafe**  
**(off 411 W 4th St,**  
**Winston Salem, NC)**

Seared Filet of Salmon.....\$25.00

Chicken Cordon Bleu.....\$25.00

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef...\$30.00

**All entrees include: salad, red bliss smashed potatoes,  
roasted broccoli, warm rolls and butter, coffee and tea.**

**Please contact Joe Grogan with meal choice**

**no later than December 1, 2014**

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***Our very own Groucho Marx (Don Breault) will be the  
Master of Ceremonies***

***Bring a \$10 wrapped gift to  
exchange.***





# Commander

Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P



This Fall Weather has been beautiful. Hope you have been able to take advantage of it. I hate that we needed to cancel the BBQ and Auction at "Double T Farm" due to other commitments only about 7 or 8 people were committed to going.

## **I NEED YOUR HELP**

Merit mark time is here. We have to have forms for Merit Marks turned in by NOVEMBER 15. I have only received information from 3 people thus far. Lots more of you are deserving of this Award. Please send me an email [eshinlever@triad.rr.com](mailto:eshinlever@triad.rr.com) let me know what you have done this year. Be it coming to Bridge or Member Meetings, helped with one of the outings, helped plan something, anything all that you have done to help the Squadron this year. But I need it ASAP.

As we enter into the Holiday Season for November and December, I am very hopeful we will have a strong attendance at our next 2 meetings. November being at a new place Bleus Restaurant and Bar, 3425 Frontis St. Winston-Salem. Our Christmas Party is December 13 at the Arts Council. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you Blue Sky's and Smooth Sailing,  
Eddie



## Executive Officer Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

I did research on the origin of "two" used after the Pledge of Allegiance. The attached is edited/shortened from the Toledo Power Squadron "The Breeze" March 2007 newsletter. We should all give them credit for figuring this out for us.

"Two" IT IS (edited)

A bit of trivia from

Linda Osborn

Each time I attend a function where the Pledge of Allegiance I said I wonder why "two" is said at the end. In fact I wasn't even sure it was the word two. I have heard "toot" said also. So this year I decided to find out what it meant.

.....At the change of watch we had several visiting members from D-29, District Commander Andy Sausser came to the rescue. According to D/C Sausser the word "two"... The ritual of saying the Pledge of Allegiance is to be followed by a two second breast salute. At the end of two seconds you end the breast salute. The person in charge says "two" to let everyone know that the two second breast salute has been accomplished.



# Educational Officer

## Lt. Kin Cartrette

*See You On The Water!*



Unfortunately we had no one sign up for the ABC-3 public boating course this October. The next scheduled ABC-3 public boating course will be at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and April 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. To better promote this course we will start advertising in January in the local newspapers, online registration, and fliers at the local recreation centers as well as trying to obtain permission to advertise at local retailers of boating gear. Hopefully we can get the word out better. We also have an opportunity to offer a day long class in the spring to local Boy Scouts taking Motor Boating Merit Badge.

We weren't able to put together an Advanced Piloting class this fall, however, we will be offering the one night Knots, Bends, and Hitches Seminar on Monday night, November 24<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. This seminar will be done with the Sea Scouts since they will be covering the same material and perhaps we can sign up a few new Apprentice members for the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. This seminar is very hands-on and covers all of the basic knots involved in boating, their practical uses, as well as line heaving and types of line materials and their advantages and disadvantages. The cost for the seminar is \$28 to cover course materials as well as two lengths of line and tying post. Everyone interested in taking this seminar please send me an email me at [education@wssps.org](mailto:education@wssps.org) or call me at (336) 413-6490.

We would love to hear from more WSSPS members about courses offerings and schedule. The WSSPS educational survey can be taken online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9PVDFF>.

We are always looking for folks to join the education team and teach or help teach courses. One of the best ways to learn with deeper understanding is to teach. This winter we will be offering the USPS Instructor Development Course. Watch for emails and notices in the Crossed Anchors.



<<— The Sea Scouts setting up for Trunk or Treat at New Hope United Methodist Church on October 25th. They turned the sloop "Capn'Mac" into a ghost ship



.Sea Scouts on the Battleship North Carolina on November 1st. The were supposed to do some offshore fishing, but rain, seven foot seas, and winds of 25 plus knots made them select a back up plan. Their choice was to visit a bigger boat . ———>>



# Administrative Officer

## Lt/C Joe Grogan, P



With sadness in our hearts, cold weather is upon us and so is the end of another boating season. Alas, it is time to winterize our boats and prepare for next year.

There are several more exciting activities for the remainder of 2014. Our November monthly meeting will be held at Bleu Restaurant and Bar at 3425 Frontis Street (behind Village Tavern on Hanes Mall Blvd.) Winston Salem on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 1800 hours. This meeting features Commander Shinlever as he gives his year end review for WSSPS. There will be door prizes and good fellowship. Come and bring a friend!

It's almost time for the annual **WSSPS Christmas Party!** *Our very own Groucho Marx (Don Breault) will be the Master of Ceremonies.* See page 3 for more info



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



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	2014
January 10, 2015	D/27 Training-NC State University Club
January 18-25, 2015	USPS Annual Meeting - Jacksonville, Fla - check out more info @ <a href="http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php">http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php</a>
January 31, 2015	WSSPS Change of Watch (COW) Bermuda Run Country Club
February 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - Jim & Genny Frazier - 154 Broadmoor Dr., Advance, NC (336 998 6998)
March 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill" - 1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
March 20-22 2015	D/27 Spring 2015 Council/Conference-Releigh, NC
April 6, 2015	Bridge Meeting - TBA



WSSPS was represented at the 1st Annual Heal Our Heroes 9/11 Banquet by (L-R) Lt Tisha London, Bill O'Neil, Dianne Bradshaw, Sheila & P/C Don Breault, Linda Brigadier, P/C Reid & Faye London, Tom & Cathy Loveless, Dennis Brigadier.

Heal Our Heroes seeks to achieve our vision by serving, supporting and strengthening military warriors, families, leaders, chaplains and caregivers, and wounded warriors through offering training, services and resources which promote resiliency and relational health throughout the deployment cycle. These services include retreats, counseling professionals and print and media resources.



## 2014 BRIDGE

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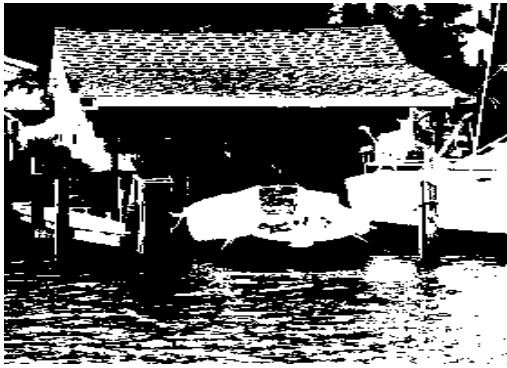
**Nominating Committee:** Chairman P/C Wayne Creekmore JN, P/C Debbie Mayfield S, P/C Reid London N

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.

**November 2014  
WSSPS BRIDGE  
Meeting**

P/C Don Breault,  
Lt/C Kathi Vestal,  
George Ellis,  
Lt. Jim Frazier,  
P/C Debbie Mayfield,  
Lt/C Bill Davis,  
P/C Joe Grogan,  
Dennis Brigadier





# Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

## “Boating is still the best deal in family entertainment”

Have you ever admired those golfers who maintain low handicaps? I do. I still on occasion try my hand at that frustrating sport. Usually my ball favors the sand or the water. Maybe it is in my blood to be near the beach. Have you ever admired those vacation travelers who could afford a 2 week long European vacation tour? I do. But my version of a European tour may be from the deck of a boat in the Med. Have you wondered what fun it would be to travel to an exotic destination in the South Pacific for a week? I do. But this is a bucket list item. I am dreaming of sailing the south Pacific from one exotic island to another. I just got to find the money to do that.

I am sure some of us have had the opportunity to discover or experience all of the above. But what I have always treasured the most, is spending time with family and friends in a priceless setting surrounded by water. Yes you can not beat the quality time spent with family watching the setting sun across the sound or a lake, somewhere in North Carolina. This makes boating a quality form of entertainment. Improving your golf swing is not always family oriented. Traveling to exotic destinations is not always practical if you treasure your time off with family.

You don't have to go to a different destination every time you go to the boat or haul the boat to the lake. Some of us just like to cruise the boat to a secluded cove, drop the anchor, and jump off the swim platform. Some of us that are more industrious, like to tinker with big and little things on a boat to improve it. And some of us just like to use a boat as a floating condo. No matter how small it may seem, it is your palace on the water.

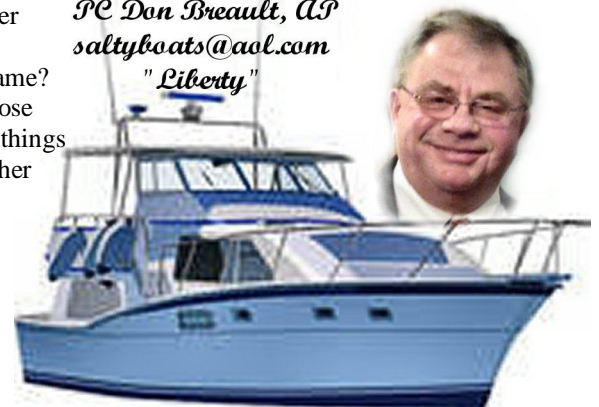
Boating does not have to be expensive all of the time. Just pick and choose your boating activity and do it. Fuel prices are still manageable, there appears to be fewer boats on the water now compared to a few years ago, so repair and servicing capacity is better. And for those who are fortunate to be in the market to purchase a new or used boat, it doesn't get any better than this time of year. It is a buyers market out there. (Too bad for anyone wanting to sell a boat, like me!)

Trailer boaters, gather up those water toys and fishing poles, muster those grand children, and head off to the lake next Saturday. You still have some great Indian summer days left in the year. Make some of the most rewarding memories your family will have for the rest of their lives. My two sons still speak of those events on the lake over 25 years ago. I still remember my Grandfather teaching me to fish from a small wooden rowboat in Connecticut. I was maybe 7 or 8 years old. These memories are still vivid in my mind and I can still picture them with every thought of doing the same for my grandchildren.

Boating is a memory maker for all families. You just have to do it. I know the economy is still struggling, but if you already have a boat, make the time and take the time to spend with family and friends in a boat somewhere. You will never regret it, and everyone will remember that the best of times can happen in the worst of times. (Sounds like a cliché from a novel I once read in high school). Look at the memories Felix and Hector have made for themselves on the Carolina Coast. And I bet they are working on more for next year. The plan is to do a lot more boating and fishing.

Remember this year in Oriental? Remember this year in Ocracoke? Remember this year at the Double T Farm? Remember this year on the Catawba Queen? Remember this year at the Fish House? Remember this year at the Dash ballgame? Remember this year at our Change of Watch? What a year. I would like to close with these thoughts: The events we have been to and are planning to go to are things we like to do with friends and family. We are not another year older, but another year of memories made in North Carolina. I can not wait to start this process again in January.

*PC Don Breault, AP  
saltyboats@aol.com  
"Liberty"*





MAKING NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS SUGGESTIONS  
FROM THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON®

I'm an experienced boater: resolutions you ask?  
Remembering rules is really a task.  
To set the record straight and clear the confusion,  
Let me explain my New Year's resolutions.

I'll turn on my blower, when cruising at slow  
'Cause CO is odorless and deadly, you know.  
I'll check all my flares especially their date.  
In an emergency, there's no time to wait.

I wear a life jacket when voyaging around,  
in most fatalities, the victim is drowned.  
I'll vow CPR to learn and more  
When emergency's aboard, help's away on the shore

When pumping my fuel I'll surely take care  
Flying is fun, but not blown in the air.  
When setting my anchor, it's 7 to 1  
'Cause drifting on shoals is really no fun.

I'll monitor my fuel, the rule of thirds  
Going to empty, is more than absurd.  
I'll check the forecast and watch the sky  
with rain you get wet, but with lightning you die.

I'll go into new waters; chart and GPS 'in hand  
what looks tawny water, could actually be land.  
There's navigational hazards, pilings, shoals as you know.  
And local charts could save you a tow.

With a man overboard, my engines I'll stop  
And avoid lancing him with my razor sharp prop.  
And I'll never use alcohol when I'm the skipper  
For under the influence we become Jack the Ripper

I truly love cruising: avoid every mistake.  
But there's times I forget my vessel's big wake.  
In the spirit of the New Year I'll take time to pause.  
Remembering the injuries that those waves could cause

These are my resolutions along with explanations  
a safer boater is my expectation.  
I'll do things right and forget my remorse.  
Everyone needs US Power Squadron courses.

Happy and Safe New Year

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