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“A Marina Christmas” *

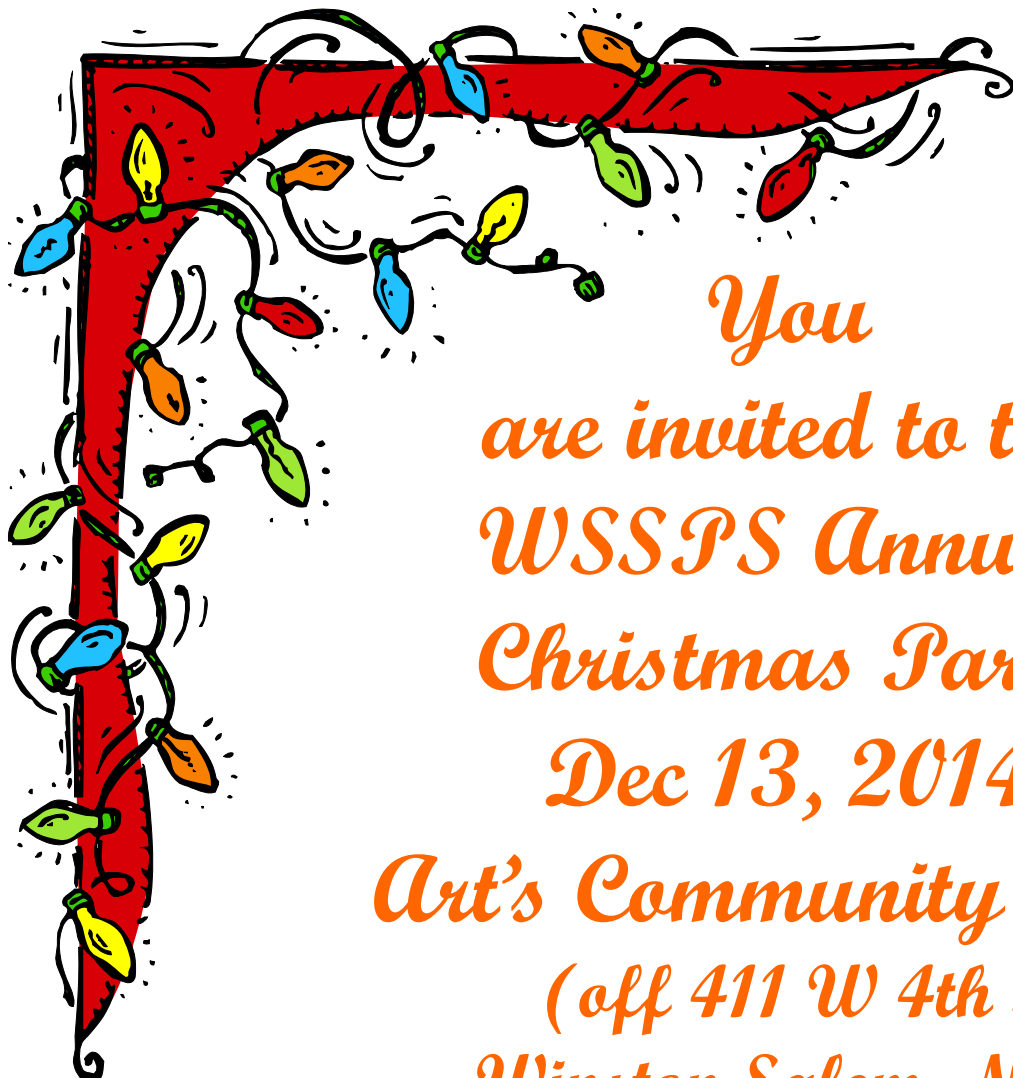
Twas the night before Christmas and all along the coast
The sea fog rolled in like a holiday ghost,
Pele, the dock dog, asleep near our heads,
While most boat owners were home snug in their beds.
The TV weatherman predicts cold weather is near,
As the next Christmas of the East Coast soon will be here.
The boats were in their slips, both large and small,
No mass confusion here, like in a holiday mall.
Sounds in the boatyard were limited in number,
No dock parties to rouse the skipper from his slumber.
The splash of the otters, gleefully jumping,
The gurgle of bilge-pumps, occasionally pumping,
As the boats converse, without dialing of cell phones.
They talk to each other in quiet murmurs and moans,
And to old special friends, who call the marina their home....



**and to all
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.**

*adapted from the poem, "A Marina Christmas" written by Mike Holmes





*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 8, 2014*

jgrogan333@yahoo.com

Home: 336-760-1915 Cell: 336-345-9530

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

*Bring a \$10 wrapped gift to exchange. Mail your
check to Kathi Vestal (182 Parkview Circle,
Pinnacle, NC 27043)*



November BRIDGE Meeting



December BRIDGE Meeting



Commander

Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P



Oh what a turnout we had at the Year In Review meeting on Nov. 19th at The Bleu Restaurant. We had 38 members and 4 guests for a total of 42. That was unreal. The menu was more expensive than we are usually accustomed to. The room was also pretty tight, but everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting.

On that note let's think about the Christmas Party at The Art's Community Cafe on December 13. Bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift to exchange. Call or email Joe Grogan with your meal preference. Joe needs your choice ASAP. Send your checks to Kathi Vestal. Our traditional Master of Ceremony is Don Breault and he just may disguise himself as someone else this year. Some times you just don't know about him.

I hate the Christmas Parade did not work out. The msn that was going to work for me that Sunday quit the company. Meaning I could not get off.

Hope all of boat owners have winterized their boats or made other plans. We don't need any unwanted surprises next spring.

This year has been a real challenge and a load of fun too, with The Squadron being on the Co-op Charting Honor Roll and ranked at #59 nationally. That was quite an Honor indeed. Then we had snafu with Fall Pig Picken and the Commanders Picnic but we are now ready to do better next year.

Don't forget our Friend and Past Commander Wayne Creekmore, and his lovely wife, Becky. They have had very difficult year. I hope all of us think of them in our prayers.

Wishing All Blue Skies and Smooth Sailing,
Eddie Shinlever



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe Grogan, P

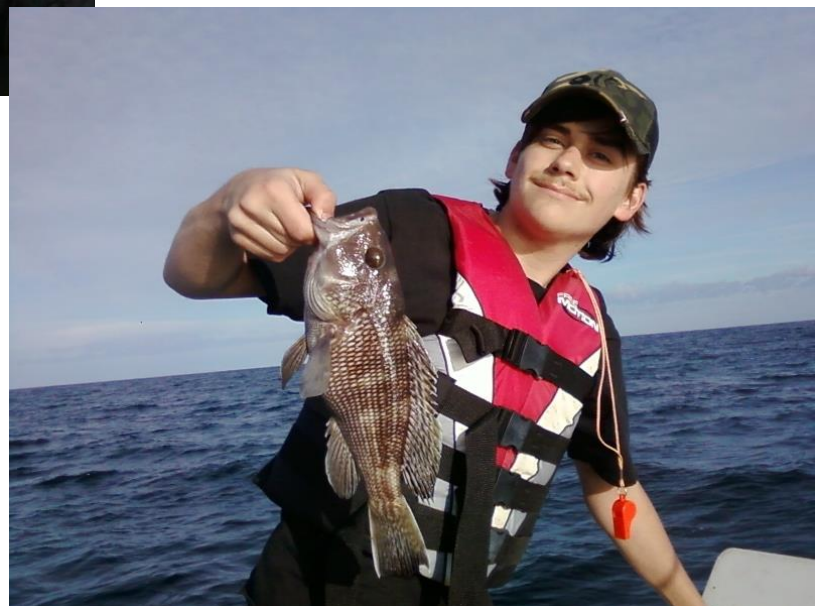
As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone in our squadron for their participation and attendance at WSSPS events. It is truly the time to reflect on good times with good friends. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas party on December 13, 2014 and our Change of Watch on January 31, 2015.

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Joe Grogan, Lt/C



Sea Scouts
November fishing at the
390s off Ocean Isle Beach





Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We managed to hold off until after Thanksgiving before buying our tree and setting out the decorations. The boating has shifted more toward maintenance, repair, and restoration, although we are looking at sneaking in a few days on the water depending upon the weather and holiday festivities.

In 2015 the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will begin the year by offering two seminars and the ABC-3 boating safety course. The seminars will be open to the public and include members of Sea Scout Ship 924.

On Monday, January 26th, 2015, we will be offering the "Using the VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio" seminar from 7:00 until 9:00 PM at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, 27106. This is a one night two hour course to cover the basics of operating a VHC radio and radio types. Cost for this course is \$20.

The "How To Use a Chart" seminar will be offered at New Hope United Methodist on Monday, February 23rd, 2015, from 7:00 until 9:00 PM. This is also a two hour course covering the basics of reading chart symbols and some very basic piloting. Cost for this seminar is \$30 to cover a chart and training materials.

The Americas Boating Course 63 will be offered on Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. The cost for the course is \$50 and includes a 6 month membership in the USPS/WSSPS. 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.

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. The USPS courses and seminars are excellent opportunities for increasing our knowledge and skills as boaters.



Executive Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

As some of you may know I originated from the Greensboro Power Squadron and am an associate member. Being such I get their newsletter "The Breeze". Actually not hard to get as everyone's newsletters are on line. Anyway I get direct feed and so I read their newsletter as well. Yes, Linda, I read the newsletter. Sometimes I miss various points but then I've been accused of being missing in action before. They are a little larger in membership than us but not by a lot. Anneli Johansson is their administrative officer. She is married to Leif, both being retired and originally from Sweden. The accent is a dead giveaway but very nice people. They return to Sweden for a few months each year I presume to visit family and they keep a boat there as well. She was commenting in her article this month about docking boats, that successful docking is like the old saying "chance favors the prepared mind" so planning the maneuver improves your chance of not destroying anything. I paraphrase. She pointed out that all Swedish boats have open bows which facilitates tying up the bow line. I could see taking a chain saw to the front of your boat so you could just step off the front of your boat as you approach the dock bow first. Made good sense to me but I haven't figured out how they keep water out of the front when under power on the water? I guess I need to investigate this further and get back to you.

Now that the boating season is over (been over for me about 4 years) for most of you I hope your boat is dry, neatly tied up, and drained of all fluids that might freeze. I don't know about you but I am ready for Santa Claus.

WINSTON-SALEM



Change Of Watch

**GET
MOOOOOO
MOVING**

And join us

January 31, 2015

Bermuda Run Country Club

Social 6p Meal/Program 7p

Live Music for dancing

and listening.

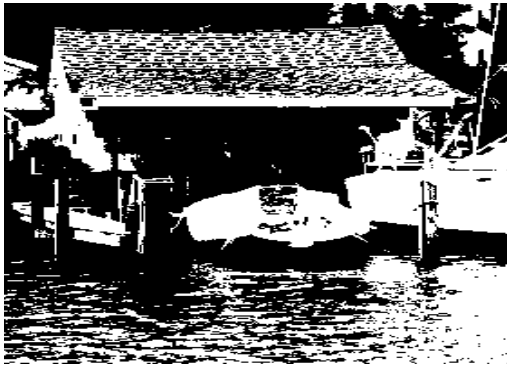
Reservations and meal choice needed by Jan 25. Call George Ellis 336-941-9050 or email him @ GELNPS@aol.com

Meal choice Beef or Salmon.

Silent Auction to be held. Please bring some good quality, new or slightly used items to be auctioned.

50/50 Raffle to be held.

\$35 each. Please send check to Kathi Vestal (182 Parkview Circle, Pinnacle, NC 27043) **and** call George for your menu choice.



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

With a freshly fallen snow covering the countryside in northern New England it is hard to believe that the year end is so near and that the season of Christmas Time is about to begin again. Just with the thoughts of fixing this old boat are not even a distant memory, they are replaced by new thoughts of a sugar plum fairy casting her spell over Winston-Salem. Yes, we are making our annual trek to see the "Nutcracker" Ballet again. This will be in Winston-Salem starting December 13. This time our Grandchildren will get to go.



We have replaced the chores of cleaning and securing this old boat for a winter nap with the spreading of family heirlooms and collectables around the house decorating for the most wonderful time of year. We have found a way of putting off for a short time, the never ending list of those items to fix, replace, and upgrade on this old boat with a list of little boys and girls who may have been naughty or nice. Yes, it is that time of year where we make many preparations and plans to spend with family far and near.

For some families, it may be a bit melancholy to remember those loved ones we have lost recently. For some families it is a time of year to celebrate the birth of a new grandchild, or to witness a successful launch of an older child for the first time. For some families it is a time of year to be thankful for all of the many gifts that God has given each and everyone of us.

Christmas time in our house seems to begin the weekend after Thanksgiving. We begin with the many recordings of Christmas Carols playing in the background while we search for those hidden decorations that have been sleeping for many months. Then we fill the house with those smells of something very good to eat and start filling the cupboard with those many great things to drink this time of year. The anticipation of family and friends visiting and of course, the many Church programs and events we love to attend this time of year. In all, it leaves little time to think about this old boat anymore. At least for a few weeks anyway.

Whether you long for Christmas in the city or Christmas in the country, it is Christmas wherever you are. And the season will linger into the New Year as you may realize it or not, the best gift we can receive or give, is the one that cannot be unwrapped. Yes, that best gift can be what you contribute to our community and for those who can not get out to celebrate with family and friends. So ponder for a few moments the less fortunate than we, and those who have needs that far exceed our very own this time of year. Carry it with you into the New Year and create a new beginning. A new beginning will be the time you can give to a volunteer organization that assist the needy. A new beginning can be the time you give to a local Church in time of prayer, healing and worship. A new beginning can even be your time spent helping the boating public to be safe. And a new beginning can be your time you can spend helping our squadron as an officer or working on a committee which in the long run, will serve our local community in aquatic activities. Yes, it is the end of year but a new beginning for us all.

For most of us, our boating hobby may take a slight backseat to the other activities we see this time of year. But we still enjoy our time on the water even if there is a hint of cold in the air. Wintertime calls for many flat water days and off season chores we have put off. Perhaps the off season of boating will allow us to make cruising plans into 2015. Some of us are somewhat new to boating and some of us are looking to upgrade or downsize their boats. One thing for sure is that boat show season is around the corner. Check your calendars and see what's happening along the east coast. Perhaps we can make a group plan to visit one or two of these shows. After all, technology is always improving and a good sea captain will always stay on top of that.

One final point I will leave with you for the end of the year. This Sail & Power Squadron is going to need some crew members to help navigate the ship into 2015. We have a full slate of officers but we still need some help on committees and events. I have recruited Felix, Hector, and Emil to help but they can only on occasion make you laugh with some of their quirky errors in seamanship. With that being said, I want everyone who reads this to ponder these words: To maintain a successful Sail & Power Squadron, we have to have a winning attitude. Winning is a habit. Watch your thoughts, they become your beliefs. Watch your beliefs, they become your words. Watch your words, they become your actions. Watch your actions, they become your habits. Watch your habits, they become your character!!

From our family of boaters to yours, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you on the water in
2015,

P/C Don Breault
øLibertyö



2014 BRIDGE

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

DATE	EVENT
	2014
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 2.
	2015
January 1, 2015	No Bridge meeting
January 10, 2015	D/27 Training-Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary, NC 27518
January 18-25, 2015	USPS Annual Meeting - Jacksonville, Fla - check out more info @ http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php
January 26, 2015	"VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio" seminar, 7-9p, New Hope Methodist Church, 5125 Shattalon Dr. W/S. Covers the basics of operating a VHC radio and radio types. Cost for this course is \$20. Email Kin Cartrette at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490.
January 31, 2015	WSSPS Change of Watch (COW) Bermuda Run Country Club. See page 7.
February 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - Jim & Genny Frazier - 154 Broadmoor Dr., Advance, NC (336 998 6998)
February 1, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
February 23, 2015	"How To Use a Chart" seminar. 7-9p, New Hope Methodist Church, 5125 Shattalon Dr. W/S. Covers the basics of reading chart symbols and some very basic piloting. Cost for this seminar is \$30 to cover a chart and training materials. Email Kin Cartrette at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490.
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March 1, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
March 20-22 2015	D/27 Spring 2015 Council/Conference-Releigh, NC
April 6, 2015	Bridge Meeting - George Ellis
April 1, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
May 2015 TBA	John Tatum's Annual BBQ and Auction. BRIDGE Mtg prior to BBQ
June 1, 2015	Bridge Meeting - Bill Davis