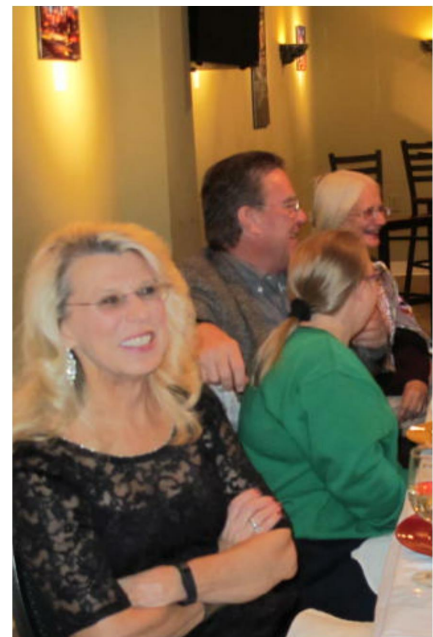


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## *WSSPS Christmas Party*









# WSSPS



## change of Watch

Don't MISS out THIS year  
LIVE Entertainment  
for your listening and dancing

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

**Class A Uniform**



Retirement of the  
WSSPS  
2014 BRIDGE

Installation of  
the WSSPS 2015  
BRIDGE

**DEWDA award**

# Commander

*Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P*



December 13th was our Annual Christmas Party and for those of you that missed it I hate it for you. We had a Really Good event. Sheila Breault had the Arts Council Restaurant looking great.

Don Breault was our Master of Ceremony and he kept us in stitches with his jokes and ad-libs. Joe Grogan had made arrangement for meals and a very nice **hors d'oeuvres** arrangement.

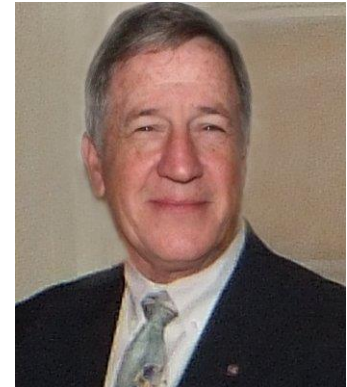
The people I talked to about the meal were very pleased. My salmon was perfectly done. After dinner, Don started up some games pitting one side of the room against the other. Sheila keep score. Joe handed out prizes and every now and then he would hand out a door prize. I think everyone received a door prize. We did our gift exchange. Don had us to form a circle and as he read the Christmas Poem, Don had us to pass the gift left and right several time before the poem ended. Then we had a cake for dessert. The 14th of December was Denny Brigadier's 71st birthday. The cake was delish. We also sang carols. Now we were thinking about heading home but we had one more surprise. Joe announced he wanted to do a duet with his hat. That's right - his HAT. The hat had a recording of Burl Ives singing "Holly Jolly Christmas" also flashing lights around the brim. The top of the hat would flop back and forth as Mr. Ives would sing and every now and then the top of the hat would pop straight up and vibrate. What a Hoot. Not sure I heard Joe sing but that HAT WAS A HIT.

I know I've not acknowledged everyone that helped with the party. I Thank All of You that helped with the party. You all did a GREAT JOB.

There is no board meeting in January. The Change of Watch is January 31, 2015. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

# Administrative Officer

*Lt/C Joe Grogan, P*



Greetings! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a festive New Year's Holiday. As the New Year begins, we are currently planning entertaining events and activities for WSSPS. Our plans include a summertime cookout and cruises/raft-ups at Lake Norman and the coast. We are striving to schedule events that can be enjoyed by all of our members. If you have any suggestions about squadron events or monthly meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The first event of the year will be the WSSPS Change of Watch at Bermuda Run Country Club on January 31st. We hope to see you there!

The first 2015 membership meeting is scheduled for February 18th, at Bleu Restaurant and Bar in Winston Salem. We are looking forward to an exciting 2015!



# Executive Officer

## *Lt/C Bill Davis, SN*

Christmas and New Years were great but now back to the real world. Making a living, paying the bills, keeping up with the relatives, and other opportunities life has to offer.

My biggest problem is simply keeping up. I suspect most you have the same issue. I was reading other articles squadron people have written (as time permitted) and found an interesting website that I had never come across. I will go for the link but otherwise just copy this; <http://www.oceannavigator.com/> . Or google ocean navigator. Thank goodness for google and GPS navigation. It appears to be a most interesting read. Also give thanks for GPS for boats and cars. We learned plotting and dead reckoning in the courses we took but isn't it easier to read the GPS screen than plotting on a chart your waypoints with a pencil on a rocking boat? I am so grateful to live in this age and time with the technology we have. I have maps in the car but my talking Garmin GPS and Google Map program on my phone have spoiled me. I have no sense of orientation like when we had to read a map. I just follow instructions. (Sort of like following my female friend's instructions.) Just do what they say and eventually you will get there.



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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.

# Educational Officer *Lt. Kin Cartrette*



Happy New Year!! To kick off 2015 the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will be offering two USPS seminars, the ABC-3 boating safety course, and the USPS Instructor Development course.

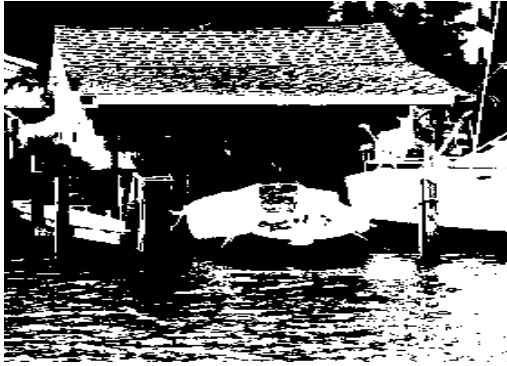
On Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, we will be offering the "Using the VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio" seminar from 7:00 until 9:00 PM at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, 27106. This is a one night two hour course to cover the basics of operating a VHC radio 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

On Thursdays, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. the "Instructor Development" course will be offered at New Hope United Methodist Church. There is no charge for this course. This course is for those who want to try their hand at presenting before a small group, teaching, NASBLA instructor certification and recertification. The actual number of sessions will depend upon how many sign up for the course. Please consider coming out and trying your hand at teaching and presenting in a "trainer friendly" environment!

The Americas Boating Course 63 will be offered on Tuesdays, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 planning to attend one of these courses, please let me know well ahead of time so that materials can be ordered - it usually takes about two weeks for materials to come in. 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. We would love to fill our winter classes!!



# Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

## “Felix Goes To a Boat Show”

With boat show season just around the corner, it appears that most mariners look upon the boat show as a comparison to the passage in life of a boat owner. It is the first major boating event after the holiday season. It is an event every boater can do from a small boat owner operating in a pond with his remote controlled toy boat to the 100 foot yachtsman that finds an easy \$million or more every year to keep his hobby afloat somewhere in an exotic part of the world where it never gets cold. Everyone gravitates to the boat shows that are as abundant in the off season as ice is on a mill pond in Maine this time of year.

There are some rules we must follow when going to these boat shows. With our own guest member expert, Felix, he has volunteered to point out some skills you will need to master for every boat show. Listed below are just a few of his well proven truths about purchasing products and boats at a boat show.

**Anchors:** Only buy one that is demonstrated by a bikini clad woman who can show you how light weight these new anchors are and how little scope they will need to set. They even demonstrate how easy they are to break out of the mud and sand once set. Felix told us he got one of those anchors and he can confirm they will break out very easy, especially when you are asleep in the cabin at 2 AM.

**Boats:** Felix loves the large plush cruising boats that are dry inside the building on the hard. Felix explained that a quality boat builder is never going to take a chance by launching his new vessel where it will be subject to the elements and how you can watch a Styrofoam cup chip the gel coat. Nope, that is way too much risk for that boat builder, so they sell the attributes of sturdy workmanship while it is on the hard with a fancy skirt covering the hull. After all, selling a boat on the hard is something of a sure bet the boat will not go aground. Ask Travis, he knows this for sure. Boat salesman always have a bottle of libations locked away in some storage locker in the boat so they can offer you a generous portion when you are about to write the check for a deposit on a boat you have never seen afloat before.

**Boat Shoes:** Felix explains that all boat shoes at boat shows are always priced less than the average boat. Then they make you take off your newly purchased boat shoes before entering the new boats so you will not mark up the decks with that new style of non skid material found on the soles of every boat shoe. Instead, you are waltzing along a smooth as glass shiny gel coat surface in your lightning quick stocking feet. Felix recommends that you make sure the boat show exhibitors have some kind of liability insurance before entering the boat.

**New Engine Manufacturers:** Felix loves the company that sells boat engines from 50 HP to 500 HP using the same engine block. Beware of the boat salesman that tells you this is true and tries to explain that if you add a turbo charger and racing stripes and a flame decal, you can easily add 200 HP to any engine. Felix bought one and found out it is almost true. He forgot to mention that HP ratings in the shop are somewhat different than in the water. And racing decals that are not water-proof, may have something to do with a reduction in top end speed. Ask Dwight, because he can attest to this as being also true as his side flames and shark teeth on his go-fast pontoon boat all fell off one summer. Maybe that is how he lost the drag race.

**Electronics:** Felix recommends that you look at the new 20 in 1 video electronic display built like a Swiss Army knife. The latest helm mounted or built in electronic video has a GPS, sonar, radar, weather channel, engine data, chart plotter, fish finder, CD/DVD/Blue Ray player, Sirius satellite radio, 200 channel TV with an HBO and playboy channel package, back up camera, engine room camera, and a video tank monitor of your holding tank. All of this in a 10 inch screen. Felix promises there are no disadvantages in having all of these items in one unit.

**Heads:** Marine sanitation has been a controversial issue for decades. Just where do we put all that waste and how do we get rid of it. Felix has the perfect solution by recommending that new style head that will revolutionize the holding tank. You have to eat at least 2 lbs of peat moss before going to bed every night. The stratification process will turn all solids into liquids before they hit the macerator. Then the bacteria in the peat moss will feast on the remaining solids in the holding tank. After hearing Felix describe this to me, I felt constipated while writing this section.

**Why boats are primarily sold to men?** Sheila can explain this in a very simple to understand description. She tells us that women are smarter. A salesman can tell a man that a 24 footer can sleep 8. The man rationalizes this and does the math. He can invite 7 of his drinking buddies over for a weekend. Now women know that number is just a fantasy because they know that boats are designed and built by men. And most men think that 6 inches is pretty big.

**LED lights:** Felix recommends that everyone upgrade to LED lighting on your boat. These lights will last a decade or more and brightness can compete with the sun. This makes a lot of sense as the LED salesman picks up to show you how it works when half the diodes in the center of his sample are already burnt out and the light is so dim you may not even know if it is on. I think the salesman was trained by the 3 blind mice lighting company.

**Life Jackets:** Felix can easily recommend the best life jackets are the ones that are demonstrated in the casting pool in between casting sessions. Watch, as someone's great grandmother tries to be rescued as she drowns in 3 feet of water trying to show how fast these self inflating PFD's can actually inflate. Thank goodness for on site EMT's.

And Felix's favorite boat show event is **the beer garden**. What would a boat show be without a beer garden or several beer vendors trying to sell you a 6 oz. red solo cup of a no named draft beer for \$12. You will need 22 of these to get a buzz. You get into the boat show and you make a "B" line toward the beer garden so you can get at least 5 or 6 of these into you before you start looking at boats. Hopefully there are no long lines to get on that neat looking go fast center console fishing boat with the graphics on the side that say "Eat my Chum". Because all guys quickly learn that at a boat show, you only get to rent the beer. For some, it may be only 2 or 3 when you have to give it back somewhere. So Felix has designed a used beer container that fits on the inside of your pant leg. So next time you see guys walking with a slight limp and to one side, you will know they got one of those used beer containers. I think Felix should rent a booth at the boat show and become an exhibitor selling used beer containers. They could come in many styles and colors. He can even make some models for those guys who like to wear baggy shorts.



See you on the water.  
P/C, Don Breault  
Liberty

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## Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron Calendar of Events for 2015



DATE	EVENT
	2015
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 @ <a href="http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php">http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php</a>
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January 31, 2015	<b>WSSPS Change of Watch (COW) Bermuda Run Country Club. See page 4 of newsletter for more info</b>
February 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - Jim & Genny Frazier - 154 Broadmoor Dr., Advance, NC (336 998 6998)
February 5, 2015	õInstructor Developmentõ course. See Kin Cartrette's article in newsletter/
February 18, 2015	Membership meeting Bleu Restaurant & Bar. Social 6p. Meeting 7p
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March 3, 10, 17, 31	The Americas Boating Course – 7-9p 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! Email Kin Cartrette at <a href="mailto:education@wssps.org">education@wssps.org</a> or call me at (336) 413-6490.
March 1, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
March 20-22 2015	<b>D/27 Spring 2015 Council/Conference-Releigh, NC</b>
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

### *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.**