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March Membership Meeting



Commander

Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P



It sure is nice to see some warmer days. Spring has been slow to arrive for me, maybe for you also. We had good Bridge Meeting Monday evening, a little shorter than I planned. Seems there were a large number of people wanting to see ball games. Congratulations to Duke on their ACC Championship.

We got some planning done and we also had on two fronts. 1st Linda Brigadier is giving up the job Newsletter editor. She and Denny have taken on a project outside the Squadron that is going to be demanding of their time. 2nd is bad news Jim Frazier has been diagnosed with Parkinson. Well wishes and prayers would be welcome.

Our next Membership meeting is Wednesday, April 18, next week. It will be at Oscar's Grill and Tavern, located in Sherwood Plaza Shopping Center on Robinhood Rd. Any suggestions of places to try are very much welcomed.

I will greatly appreciate any and all comments and suggestions on our Christmas Party and next year's Change of Watch. You can email me at eshinlever@triad.rr.com or call me home #336 725 6334 before 2:00pm week days or on my cell 336 408 5575.

Thank you to ALL The Bridge Member and other that come to the Bridge Meeting your thoughts, ideas, and hard work is what keeps the Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron running. All I do is to try to keep an oar in water to hopefully keep us all going in the right direction.

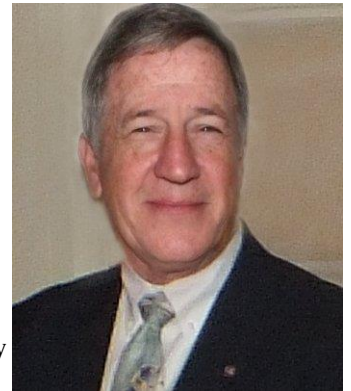
Sincerely,

Eddie Shinlever

Wishing everyone Blue Skies and Smooth Sailing

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe Grogan, P



Spring has sprung....it is boating season! Now is the time use the accumulated knowledge that we have learned from our USPS classes. It is never too late to take additional educational classes, especially engine maintenance and marine electronics. These skills are essential for all boaters.

We have planned several events for this summer, so we hope that each member has the opportunity to attend and be part of the excitement.

Events and Meetings

April 15

Monthly Membership Meeting at Oscar's Grille and Tavern, 3348 Robinhood Rd. in Sherwood Plaza Shopping Center (next to TJ Maxx), Winston Salem, NC at 1800 hours.

May 2

Barbecue and WSSPS Benefit Auction at John Tatum's Farm, Pinnacle, NC at 1530 hours. Good food and excellent entertainment! Bridge Mtg and Membership Mtg along with the Barbecue and Auction.

June 11

Winston Salem Dash baseball game at BB&T Ballpark

June 19-21

Coastal Rendezvous Morehead City, NC

July 15

Monthly Membership Meeting and cookout

July 17-19

Coastal Rendezvous Morehead City, NC

August 7-8

Beaufort Pirate Invasion, Beaufort, NC

August 19

Winston Salem Dash baseball game at BB&T Ballpark

September 11-13

27th Annual Oriental Cup Regatta, Oriental NC

We are also working on a date for a Lake Norman rendezvous and raft-up; a date will be announced later.

**Additional information will be provided about each summer event in the near future.*



Executive Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Hallelujah. Mild weather for a change. I was ðfarmingö the weekend of Palm Sunday and I might as well have been in Minnesota. It was raining, cold, windy, and other un-mentionable characteristics. The only thing it didn't do was lightning and I was standing by for that. The only thing that would have been worse was to have been on a boat on the water doing work. Heaven help you if you were crazy enough to have been doing that.

I was reading up on assorted boat stuff this Easter weekend (amazing what you can find to do with a long weekend off from work) and came across several website that you may or may not have come across. I know numerous of you have substantially more boating experience and knowledge than I but maybe one of these gems you may not have come across. So here goes.

This one <http://www.lasr.cs.ucla.edu/geoff/mnemonics.html> is about definitions and other boating knowledge you probably would have had if you took many of the boating courses. Very handy.

<http://www.realknots.com/knots/stoppers.htm> is one of the better marlinspike sites I have come across. It has pictures of knots, which, for the simple of mind like me, is a big help. There are links within this page to numerous other knots you may be interested in.

This is the basic web page for NOAA regarding Coast Pilot. http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot_w.php?book=4 There are numerous other links with useful information, probably more than you would ever want to know.

Then there is Ocean Navigator, a particularly interesting website. Try this one on for size.

<http://www.oceannavigator.com/> Lots of good stuff on this site.

Last but not least is one I got a lead on from the educational officer at Greensboro. Not exactly sure who runs this website but it can be interesting. Check this one out. <http://nauticaltidbits.blogspot.com/>

Hope this will wet you appetite for new information and have some fun looking these over. Stand by, I may find some other gems for you.



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Feel free to contact any of the above if you have questions. Our meetings are always open to the public.



Educational Officer

Lt/C Kin Carrette



Congratulations to Meg Lomax, Mary and Scott Sechler, and Wayne Ratcliffe on completing the ABC-3 course during the month of March 2015. Meg, Mary, and Scott completed the Tuesday evening course at the Old Town Recreation Center and Wayne took the day long course at New Hope United Methodist Church. All of these folks are boating enthusiasts and interested in the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. A special thanks to Dawn Gaskill, Debbie Mayfield, K.B. Jennings, and Joe Grogan for coming out and supporting the class and talking with the students about the squadron.

This Saturday, April 11th, I will be teaching a day long ABC-3/Motorboating merit badge class to some Scouts at Salem Lake. This is part of the Forsyth County Merit Badge College presented by the Old Hickory Council, BSA. We'll be trying out an on-the-water approach and by the day's end these young folks should have an ABC-3 card and Motorboating merit badge! This will be an interesting approach, especially since most of the boating courses taught are classroom or online.

Also taught during the month of March was the "How to Use a Chart" seminar. We had four adults and two youth participate in this two hour class. All were novices to charts and came loaded with questions and eager to learn.

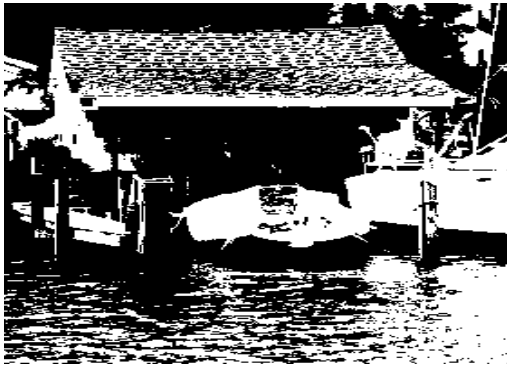
We're planning to offer the "Basic Coastal Navigation" seminar on Monday, April 27th, 2015, at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive in Winston-Salem. This course will require the Weekend Navigator book and Maptech CD. Cost for these materials, if you do not have them from taking a Piloting class, is \$37. In addition to being a great follow up to "How to Use a Chart", this seminar is a great review for Piloting or introduction if you are considering taking Piloting. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in taking this seminar!

Please give us feedback as to the courses that you would like to take or teach. You can take the educational survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9PVDFP>. We are always looking for folks to join the education team and teach or help teach courses. One of the best ways to learn is to teach!

Sea Scout Pictures

1. "Capn'Jack" has his name! Capn'Jack is a PY23 Pace-ship sloop donated to the Sea Scouts a few years back. The Sea Scout decided to name it in honor of P/C Jack Cummins AP. Jack was the WSSPS commander in 2003 and set a goal for his term as commander to start a Sea Scout program in Winston-Salem. He and Executive Officer Don Breault AP worked with the Old Hickory Council, BSA and the result was Sea Scout Ship 924. Jack served as First Mate for Ship 924 for a few years until he and Beth moved to the coast. The Sea Scouts are hoping to have "Capn'Jack" ready for launch by late summer.
2. Sea Scouts practice docking at High Rock Lake
3. Sea Scouts getting in a bit of rowing and small boat sailing
4. Rewiring the mast on "Capn'Jack", not an easy task!





Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

“Felix Inherits a Boat”



With the boating season just beginning, Felix receives a certified letter from a law firm in Savannah, GA. Felix opens the envelope and begins to read the letter. After getting through all of the legal language, the letter indicated that Felix was the only remaining kin of his long lost Great-Great Uncle ðSylvester Wilfred Bigelowö, and that Felix was a beneficiary to the last will and testament of Uncle Sylvester. The letter indicated that Felix must respond by calling this law firm of Dewey-Chetham & Howe no later than 48 hours after receiving the letter of notification. So Felix responded and called the toll free number of this law firm and made an appointment for 10 AM the following Tuesday. The contents of the letter indicated that Felix has inherited a modest sum of money but the real prize was this 45øluxury 2 masted sailing yacht that would be transferred to Felix upon him showing up and signing some papers.

Felix summons his step brother Hector to accompany him on this 5 hour trip to Old Savannah, GA for the reading of the final last will and testament of his uncle Sylvester. On the way to Savannah, Felix and Hector discuss and dream about this most significant windfall of an inheritance. A huge sailing yacht that was once the pride and joy of Uncle Sylvester. Felix remembers his Grandmother talking to family around the holidays about the life and adventures of her Son, Sylvester the sailor. Felix remembers that Sylvester circled the globe in that boat with his many girlfriends (some were married and some were not) and often spent the winter in the tropics living off of lobster and fresh fish that Uncle Sylvester would spear as he dived off of his luxury yacht. You can now just imagine the many ideas that are running through Hectorsøand Felixø mind at this time. Wouldnøt life be just grand if we could just sail off into the sunset every day and always stay in a tropical climate and never be cold again? (I think I smell trouble for these two guys here)

The two brothers arrived safe and sound in Old Savannah and they booked a room near the historic district at the Hampton Inn. The next morning they were in walking distance to the law office which was situated in a back room behind the Pirate House almost next to the Savannah River. They sat in a small waiting area until the lawyer came out to greet them and he politely introduced himself as Attorney Dewey. The three of them sat in a somewhat tiny office decorated with many antique pirate decor as the lawyer read the covenants of the last will and testament of old Uncle Sylvester. Felix had to sign several papers and then the attorney handed Felix a check for \$5,000 and the document title of a 45øCaliber two masted schooner. The documents indicated this sail boat was a 1960 vintage boat with a single diesel engine. The name of this classic sailboat was ðEsterö. The attorney indicated the boat was tied up in a wet slip on the river just a 15 minute walk from his office. So without hesitation the two brothers from North Carolina walked down to the river with the cabin keys and documentation in hand to look for this beautiful historic vintage sailing vessel.

When they arrived at the waterfront, the two Brothers looked at this floating heap of salvaged junk and then looked at each other with such disbelief and disappointment. Then they climbed aboard to be even more disappointed to see they do not even need a key to unlock the cabin door as there was no door to the cabin. It had rotted away and was left at the bottom of the companion way in a heap of dust and rotting wood. Now Hector being the more business minded of the two brothers said we can find a salvage yard and see if they can give us something in a way of salvage for this. After all this is Savannah and they have lots of boat yards looking for projects. Now Felix being the emotional and sentimental type of person he is, disagreed and said to Hector, you forgot I got a check for \$5,000 and I know with a little elbow grease we could fix this boat up and sail her back to Morehead City, NC. She will be the pride of Pelitier Creek!!

So the two of them did a 2 hour survey of the boat using what little knowledge and skills they had with boats and sailing vessels (which was none) and somehow they came up with a list. So off to West Marine they drove to get some supplies and materials to begin "This Old Boat" project. After all, Felix knows Don and Reid who have done this before with older power boats. And they have a couple of nice 25 year old antique classic motor yachts floating in the waters in Pelitier Creek. Upon arrival at West Marine, they handed the list to one of the employees and she quickly started to fill a shopping cart for Felix and Hector. She also told Felix and Hector that they better get a shopping cart as well because not everything will fit in the three carts. When it was all said and done, it was time to check out. The tally came in at \$6,826.16. Felix endorsed his \$5,000 check from his inheritance and put the rest on his credit card. He was smart to use his West Marine credit card because Denny told him he would get points on it for free air travel one day.

Back to the 450 Caliber with a pick up truck full of paint, fiberglass repair kits, a new marine head, electronics, tools, oil, filters, cleaners, sand paper, safety gear, pumps, and some batteries for starting the engine. The two brothers checked out of the hotel as they found it cheaper to live on "Ester" while they diligently worked on her over the next couple of weeks. Now the smart thing to do before sinking a lot of money into any classic sail boat would be to pull her out of the water and do a complete marine survey. But neither Hector nor Felix thought of that because after all, she is still floating so that can't be all that bad. So what if there is a little leak below decks. After all that is what they make bilge pumps for. By the end of the third week of cleaning, painting, varnishing, and engine mechanical servicing, they decided to pull out of the slip and sail her back home to Morehead City, NC. They would arrange to have Felix's pick up truck sent home with a drive away service.

Stay Tuned for Part 2. "The Voyage Home"

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



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

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

DATE	EVENT
	2015
April 15, 2015	Membership meeting Oscars Grille & Tavern, 3348 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106
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June 1, 2015	Bridge Meeting - Bill Davis
June 11, 2015	Winston Salem Dash baseball game at BB&T Ballpark
June 12-14, 2015	D27 & D26 Rendezvous, Little River
June 19-21, 2015	Coastal Rendezvous Morehead City, NC
July 15, 2015	Monthly Membership Meeting and cookout
July 17-19, 2015	Coastal Rendezvous Morehead City, NC
August 3, 2015	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill" - 1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
August 7-8, 2015	Beaufort Pirate Invasion, Beaufort, NC
August 19, 2015	Winston Salem Dash baseball game at BB&T Ballpark
August 25-30, 2015	2015 Fall Governing Board - San Diego CA - 25 - 30 August 2015 – Manchester Grand Hyatt
Sept 9-11, 2015	27th Annual Oriental Cup Regatta, Oriental NC
Sept 14, 2015 TBA	Bridge Meeting - Tom/Cathy Loveless
October 5, 2015	Bridge Meeting - George Ellis
October 16-18, 2015	D/27 2015 Fall Council, Conference Charlotte, NC. Make early plans to attend.
October 21, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
November 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill" - 1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
November 18, 2015	Membership meeting TBA
Dec 2015 TBA	Bridge Meeting - Rocky Johnson tentatively