

CROSSED ANCHORS

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What another
“New Kid on the Block”?
NO, a new boat on the water!!
Whose? Lt/C Joe and Kris Grogan, P
What? 1996 23’ Bayliner Maxum



This will be the last “Crossed Anchors” that I will be editing/publishing. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter but it is time for me to move on and someone else do the editing/publishing. If anyone is interested, please call Eddie Shinlever @ Commander@wssps.org (336) 725-6334, or (336) 408-5575.

Commander

Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P



Summer is passing much faster than I like. I absolutely hate cold weather anymore. This is coming from a fellow that used to swim in Lake Norman till Christmas most years. We have had some beautiful days this year but I believe our coastal people have had a lot of wind this year. Some of the best boating can be in the Fall, with fewer afternoon and evening thunder storms.

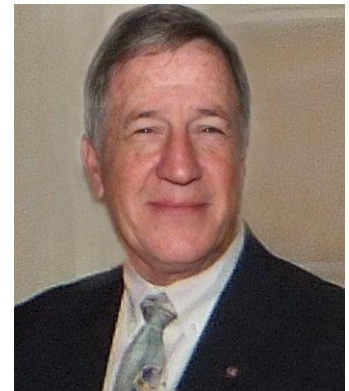
We had the Bridge meeting last night at Don and Sheila Breault's home. They and all the people that have hosted our Bridge Meetings do a great job. Thanks to all of you. The Bridge Meetings are open to every member and the information and the opinions that you could share with us could be helpful in making our Squadron be better, stronger, and more conducive for all. We talked about the schedule for meetings up to the Change of Watch in January or maybe February. For the COW we are looking at going to a restaurant. The Country Clubs have gotten too expensive. Last year Bermuda Run, the cost was \$55.00 per plate. The Squadron charged member \$35.00 a plate. The Squadron can not afford this kind of expense. This year a Country Club could cost \$60.00 to \$70.00 per plate. I don't think anyone would show up at that cost.

As soon as we get things worked out we'll let everyone know. Let Me know if you have an ideas, call me at 336 408 5575 or email eshinlever@triad.rr.com

Wishing All Blue Sky's and Smooth Sailing,
Eddie Shinlever

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe Grogan, P



It is high tide for boating! I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer with friends and family on our warm North Carolina waters.

The August membership meeting will be held at Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway shopping center) on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 1800 hours. The scheduled activity that evening will be "Boating Bingo." Come out and win a prize while testing your boating knowledge. Previously in error, I announced that a WSSPS event of a Winston Salem Dash game would be held on August 19, 2015. This is incorrect due to the monthly membership meeting that will be held on that evening.

Thank you for the kind words of sympathy in the recent death of my mother. We are grateful to have the support of friends during this difficult time.

A special thank you to Linda Brigadier for her diligent work on the WSSPS Newsletter. Her expertise will be missed!

Joe Grogan, Lt/C



Executive Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Again I don my green visor and old stogie like I am a real writer for the Daily Planet. It's been so hot there is no reason to go boating unless your intention is to jump **into** the water. My poor daughter in New Orleans can't get the house temperature below 85 degrees on these hot August days. Of course it doesn't help that this house was built in per 1900, has no floor or wall insulation, and has single panel glass. I hope your air conditioning is working better than that.

While I know many squadrons take a breather during the summer we press on like we all enjoy the heat. A few weeks ago Debbie and I attended a festival of sorts at Kerr Scott Lake near Wilkesboro, NC where Kin Cartrette and his Sea Scouts set up an educational tent. The weather was reasonably nice until a big gully washer came thru and then an Honor Guard preformed to pay tribute to our fallen soldiers. They had food for sale and other tents to buy things. I bought a nice dog leash for the dog I don't have. Actually I do baby-sit a dog now and then.

As always I am on the hunt for anyone with Co-op charting data. There are people who are telling me they intend to do some for us so that's good.

I probably have mentioned this before but one of the more interesting boating website I have in my favorites is "Ocean Navigator". It's pretty easy to google it. One article I thought was of interest is how to rotate a boat within its own length! Might come in handy for some of you boaters. Here is the link.

<http://www.oceannavigator.com/Web-Exclusives-2015/Turning-a-boat-in-its-own-length/>.



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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 Cartrette



On July 23rd we had one student complete the öKnots, Bends, and Hitchesö seminar. This is a hands-on two hour class covering the types of lines, line heaving, and basic knots used in boating.

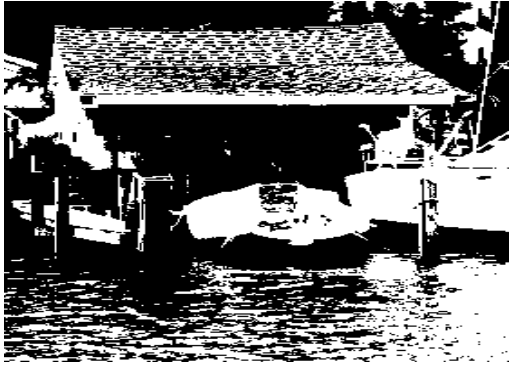
On Thursday, September 10th the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will offer the öPartner in Commandö seminar from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The seminars will be taught at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive in Winston-Salem. Cost for the class is \$15. The class is designed to provide essential information one may require to assist the skipper in operation of a recreational boat and includes actions to take in response to emergencies. If you are interested in taking this seminar, please give me a call at (336) 413-6490 or email at education@wssps.org.

The Americas Boating Course ö Third Edition will be taught on Tuesday nights, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and November 3rd from 7:00 until 9:00 PM at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. The cost for the course is \$26, or \$50 for folks wanting to take the course and take advantage of a 6 month trial membership in the USPS/WSSPS. Please encourage friends and family to attend this NASBLA approved boating course. The ABC-3 course meets the requirements for those needing a boating license in the state of North Carolina.

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>.

See you on the water!
Kin

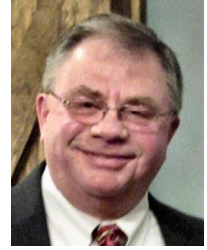




Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

“Felix Inherits a Boat”



The experience of life from a mariner's point of view takes many planned and unplanned moments. They are all converted into memories that we hold and cherish for generations. Some are bitter and some are sweet. When you spend a lot of your time planning for those ultimate adventures in recreational boating, you sometimes find it hard to part with the vessel you have grown to love and enjoy for so many years. The parting of ownership of a boat that has been a part of your family for so many years brings those bitter sweet moments in your mind as you turn back one last time to say fair winds and calm seas to her, the second love in your life. Then the new owner takes the keys from you and begins his new journey.

You ponder what adventure this new owner will begin to share with the vessel that represented so many years of enjoyment. You begin to remember the many sunsets over the dunes off the cape, the many star gazing evenings of the milky way from the forward deck, the gentle rock to sleep as the waves gently slapped the hull, and the gentle and maybe not so gentle salt water spray, as you motor to and from your many destinations in the Pamlico Sound. These were some of the “Sweet” moments.

Then you also remember the many hours spent in the bilge and engine room to fix, repair, and replace the many components that seem to wear out rather quickly in the harsh salt water environment. You remember how many times you thought it was a \$500 repair that turned out to be \$5,000 plus. You remember the many lower back aches and skinned knuckles trying to fit into an area that a “mini me” would not fit. Then you look at how many times you were pegged to the dock because the weather said no to your cruising plans that weekend. Then you start to ponder how small the boat began to shrink as your family began to grow. Then you begin to wonder if there was ever a limit as to how far diesel fuel can go up in price further curbing your long range cruising plans for that summer. And finally you wonder which tropical storm or Hurricane will devastate your floating condo or the dock it is attached to. These were some of the “Bitter” moments.

We could go on and on contemplating those reasons for selling or keeping such a noble vessel. We could easily find a way to justify the expenses and costs no matter what they were as long as the enjoyment we got from it was acceptable. Then we could also say that it was the right time to move on to the next adventure in boat ownership.

This is the part that becomes very exciting. What will our next adventure be? Will we get a smaller cruiser to continue our Power Squadron Raft ups at the Cape? Will we get an open cockpit fishing type of boat so Grandpa can teach small Grandchildren how to fish? Will we get a go fast boat after so many years of going slow at 10 knots? Will we get a boat that requires less maintenance and is easy to keep clean and easier to keep up? Will we consider a trailerable type of boat so the tropical storm threats will be easier to manage?

We have so many things to consider and so many plans to make for the next few years concerning our recreational boating hobby. Retirement is just over the horizon and is but a few short years away. We want to continue with our membership in the WSSPS as we contemplate living in Lewisville for many years to come. We have enjoyed so many great times of fellowship at the coast and in the Winston-Salem area. So I want everyone to continue with the social agendas we have put together along with the ability to support them. Remember, having a boat is not required. And we fit into that category for the first time. Some say the best boat is someone else's boat!!

With the luxury of having a dedicated place to stay at the coast, we plan to be in the Morehead City area at least every month and some week long adventures as well. Once we have located that next floating toy, we will resume our plans to raft up at the Cape. Our next boat may not be so large as to be able to host any more gala events as the evening sun sets over the dunes. But I know there are few Squadron members who do have those large types of cruising boats that will.

As I write this farewell to Liberty, it makes me yearn for that one more raft up on the Cape, and that one more cruise to Ocracoke Island. It wants me to look forward to those short cruises to some of our favorite destinations such as Beaufort and Oriental. So the passion for boating is still very much alive. It may have to take a slight detour until we can find that next great adventure vessel that we will call our boat. Then we have to come up with another boat name. And that will call for another gala event of a celebration at Frank's Pelletier Country Club and Yacht Basin. That in itself is worth the excuse of getting another boat.

See you on the water.

P/C, Don Breault
Temporarily Boatless



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.

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

DATE	EVENT
	2015
August 3, 2015	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill" - 1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661) 6:15p
August 7-9, 2015	Beaufort Pirate Invasion, Beaufort, NC
August 19, 2015	Monthly Membership meeting. Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway shopping center) on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 1800 hours. "Boating Bingo"
August 25-30, 2015	2015 Fall Governing Board - San Diego CA - 25 - 30 August 2015 – Manchester Grand Hyatt
Sept 10-13, 2015	27th Annual Oriental Cup Regatta, Oriental NC Oriental Marina 252-249-1818 103 Wall Street Oriental, NC 28571. Call for slip or motel reservations.
Sept 14, 2015 TBA	Bridge Meeting - Tom/Cathy Loveless
TBA	Commander's Picnic TBA
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