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Swan Creek Wine Trail Event

Saturday, May 21, 2016

1:30 PM Arrive at home of Gary Lewis,
454 Victory Lane, Ronda, NC. Go west on 421 North
past/under I-77. Go approx 5 miles and take Exit 272
to right. Go 1 mile thru 4 way stop sign Go 1 mile to
top of hill and Victory Lane is on the right. Turn
right, House is .4 mile (2nd one on right). Call Gary
@336-817-9073 if you have questions.



1:45 PM Windsor Run Cellars tasting and wine
tour

6531 Windsor Road, Hamptonville, NC 27020

Cost for tasting is \$10.00/person 8 wines and 1 fortified and a wine glass

Tour ½ hour \$6.00/person

3:30 PM Laura Grey Vineyards we will be doing snacks so we are asking participants to bring snack
items to share to snack on while doing the wine tasting at this location

5726 Old US Hwy 60, Hamptonville, NC 27020

Cost per person for tasting is \$10.00/person includes tasting 9 wines and sampling products and a
glass

4:30 PM Yadkin Valley Winery

Right behind Laura Grey Vineyards. These are fruit blended wines

Cost per person is \$5.00/person includes tasting wines a glass

5:30 PM Dinner in Elkin at Seafood Restaurant

**Total cost per person if you do everything, \$31.00. Individuals are not required to do tastings at all
places, just note on your reservation what you are planning to do.**

PLEASE CALL/EMAIL DEBBIE MAYFIELD WITH YOUR RESERVATIONS

By May 5 336-407-3927 OR EMAIL HER @ djmayfield@earthlink.com

Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



I am so excited. It's spring. The leaves are out, the pollen is flying, time to put plants in the ground and IF I HAD A BOAT time to put it in the water. The problem is I am too particular. I want a 20 to 22 foot cuddy with a four stroke outboard that is clean and I don't have to spent weeks getting it serviceable. Apparently that is too much to ask. In the meantime I am trying to think of something useful to report in this article. So these are the thoughts I am processing. \$%#&*(#@\$#_(*__(&%\$#@@@@!!###. There. I hope you understand my thinking process. While that is happening I want to thank the folks who are jumping in there are already this year to get us off to a good start.

Ginny with the moral support of Jim had a great meal for our group at their house in March. The London's treated us in April for that month's bridge meeting. Debbie has us organized with great general meeting programs and one of our favorite pastimes, drinking and eating around the countryside in May. She will post us soon on those plans. I did join the Greensboro Power Squadron a few weeks ago for some Geodetic Survey work around the Greensboro area. They had about 17 people broken up into 5 car groups to hunt various parts of town. We had some success in finding most of the markers on our list but some had apparently been bulldozed, buried too deep, or we just couldn't find them. Nevertheless all those found and unfound markers were reported to USPS for credit. As you may know NOAA is no longer handling the surveys for credit so now USPS is doing that. The markers are still used by surveyors so their location and availability are still important to those folks.

For the moment the CCWeb site is down to be cleaned up from viruses but I will be promoting those with boats to start thinking about doing some co-op charting this summer while you are on the water. In addition I hope with Eddie and Gary's help we can make some progress on getting our vessel safety check program running again so we can get our inspections properly turned in this this year.



Administrative Officer

P/C Debbie Mayfield

With Spring in full swing and boating season beginning we are all enjoying the beautiful weather.

Our squadron has multiple events and programs planned, be sure and review the calendar to see what is coming up. Our newsletter is going to be published every other month with additional emails being sent out for reminders for upcoming meetings and events.

For May, instead of a monthly meeting, we will be having an outing to the Vineyards of Swan Creek. This is planned for Saturday, May 21, 2016 beginning at 1 PM. To get there is a short drive from our area. The vineyards are all in the Ronda area where Gary Lewis lives so we will be meeting at his home and car pooling to different Vineyards to do tastings and to tour one vineyard. We will finish up by going to dinner at a local restaurant. The cost at the vineyards/wineries will depend on if you are tasting or not. The vineyard tour is \$6.00. Plan to bring some snacks to share which we will eat as we are doing tastings at Laurel Grey Winery. Dinner will be at your own expense. For additional information on the vineyards, visit <http://swancreekvineyards.com/>.

We will need a firm count when scheduling because we will have to pay for the number we schedule.



Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette

Congratulations to David Whitworth and Arthur Jackson who passed the ABC-3 course in March. Both David and Arthur took advantage of the six month trial membership in the WSSPS. David works with the Sea Scouts and Arthur as expressed interest in participating in squadron activities and taking more advanced classes. Welcome aboard!

Two adults and two Sea Scouts completed the Weather Seminar in March. Unfortunately no one signed up for the Man Overboard seminar in April.

On Monday, May 16th, we will offer the Partner in Command Seminar at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27021 (the church with the boat in the front parking lot) from 7 - 9 PM. I'll have sign up online and if folks are interested, please let me know in the next couple of weeks so that I can order materials. The cost for the seminar is \$15.

We will again offer Piloting on Thursday nights, May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and June 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th at New Hope UMC from 7-9 PM with makeup dates in July. Cost for the course is \$60. This course is open to new students as well as those who have begun Piloting and need to complete the course and take the test, or just want a refresher. Please contact me if you are interested!

If you want to register for one of these classes or help teach, please give me a call at (336) 413-6490 or email at scoutingplus@aol.com. Course announcements will be posted in the Crossed Anchors, WSSPS website, and the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron Facebook page.



We won the Distinctive Communicator Awards for the WEBSITE and the NEWSLETTER but I have not been able to find the logo for them. I will keep looking.





Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP



Captain Ralph was a very colorful man in his late 50's with a complexion of being in the salt and many drinking bars too long. He walked with a slight forward leaning hump and a noticeable limp when on land. He was an individual that bragged about how he can live off the land. Well almost live off the land. Maybe he drifted from one piece of land in one town to another piece of land in another, whenever he was asked to move on or evading the law. But for sure, Captain Ralph is someone you will never forget if you ever meet him. He can spin a tale or two on the porch of the fish house and when listening to him, you can almost picture yourself as a bystander in one of his past tales of sailing and boating in some of the most exotic places in the world. Yes this man is a drifter and his drifting is motivated by who will support him and provide the needed libations for his story telling and tales of the many mermaids he has loved.

Now Felix, who is the proud new owner of his inherited boat "Ester", is just the man to provide those basic needs for Captain Ralph. Plus Felix sees Captain Ralph as a way to learn about sailing, seamanship, and other related boating skills so that one day Felix can circle the globe in his non mechanized vessel living the dream drifting from one exotic place to another. This appears to be a major bonding of two lost souls who maybe one day can write about their adventures in the Crossed Anchors. Yes the great adventures that Felix wants to live out are just over the horizon beyond the bar near Shackleford Banks. Yes Felix has a plan and his new friend Captain Ralph is going to be his mentor.

Now Mandy, the girl of Felix's dreams has some apprehension about this stranger named Captain Ralph. She is looking into the situation from a more practical perspective. You see she is not the one who is easily mesmerized by the visions of living off the sea drifting from one island to another. She may have a different opinion about the influence Captain Ralph appears to have on Felix. So the stage may be setting for a slight disagreement and a major difference of opinion on how this recreational boating thing should turn out.

It was a beautiful late spring morning with the air temperatures reaching into the mid 70's and relatively mild humidity. The stage was being set for a great day to be on the water. "Ester" was fitted and provisioned for a long weekend sail off the outer banks of North Carolina. The plan was to depart Pelletier Creek and go through Beaufort Inlet and around Cape Lookout offshore alongside Core Banks and back into Ocracoke Inlet entering the Pamlico Sound. Port of calls on this trip would be Ocracoke Island, Oriental, and back to Morehead City. As they departed the creek and entered the ICW into Bogue Sound, Felix was feeling pretty good about himself as he was now in his glory of sailing and boating along the Carolina Coast. It was just an hour or so and they were heading out to sea from Beaufort Inlet and the seas were calm with just an ever so slight roller here and there. The weather was almost perfect with a slight SW breeze of 5 to 8 knots. This brave crew was indeed living the dream.

Once Captain Ralph showed Felix and Mandy how to set the main sail and jib, he decided to go below and get a power nap. He asked to be awake when they were approaching the Ocracoke Inlet. So down below he went. So that smoking diesel engine was cut and the only sound they heard was the pop of the sail catching the wind and the sound of water rushing alongside the hull with the occasional spray of salt over the bow as the boat pitched and poled its way out to sea. Now there was Felix at the helm as proud as he can be. And for Mandy? She was on deck trying to fix some rot that had taken its toll near a cabin window. She being the practical person wanted to use this time and the dry weather to try and get ahead on one of many rebuilding and refurbishing projects needed to restore "This Old Boat"

Well, we all can guess the outcome of this course change by Felix who thinks he knows more than what he was taught by Captain Reid in one the many power squadron classes. Plus, Felix has no depth finder, so the DEW-DA award appears to be just a few minutes away. Then slam, the boat came to a complete and abrupt stop. Down below, Captain Ralph who was sound asleep rolled violently out of his bunk onto the sole of the boat. As he was ejected from the rack, he rolled and hit his head on the door going into the head. With the sudden awakening and a minor injury, Captain Ralph came up on deck to see what caused this interruption of his moment of sleeping off his libations from the night before. To his amazement he quickly saw what the problem was. Now Captain Ralph told Felix & Mandy that this happens all the time. He told them that there is one way to make sure the hull is strong and they way to do it is ram it on to the ground below the water line. Plus he also offered more advice on how to scrape those nasty critters called barnacles off the bottom and he said the quickest way was to scrape it on the fine sand found off of Cape Lookout.

Mandy asked Captain Ron how do we get the boat free? Captain Ralph got on the VHF and called his friends from the Fish House. And soon a rescue boat was on the way. With a little tug and a small push, Ester was free from her shallow water grounding of Cape Lookout shoals. And a deck side celebration was had by all as the two boats turned back into Cape Lookout Bite for an unscheduled anchorage and raft up. That evening a skinny chicken was roasted on the grill with beans and dirty rice on the side. Another fun filled evening of fellowship was nearly completed as the two boat crews witnessed another spectacular sunset melting over the dunes. So what said Felix if we did not complete our trip as planned? And who cares about the small vibration in the running gear we now have. The setting sun and the location are all worth it. And for Captain Ralph? He is in his glory at sea with his new found friends. This experience will allow the legacy of the fish house to continue with its reputation of supporting "Old Salts" who can tell tall tales, and speak of the best sea stories that take place on a raft up or on the dock. And what happens at the Cape, stays at the Cape added Felix.

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



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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 2016

DATE	EVENT
	2016
May 3, 2016	PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY!!!! Bridge Meeting - Cmdr Bill Davis Home @ 6:00p @ 5770 Regent Village Drive Winston-Salem NC 27103 336 970-0288 wld122@aol.com
Saturday May 21, 2016	In place of monthly Membership meeting, this is a Saturday outing. Gary Lewis Farm and Winery Tours in Rhonda, NC. Go west on 421 North past/under I-77. Go approx 5 miles and take Exit 272 to right. Go 1 mile thru 4 way stop sign Go 1 mile to top of hill and Victory Lane is on the right. Turn right, House is .4 mile (2nd one on right). Call Gary @336-817-9073 if you have questions.
June 6, 2016	Bridge Meeting - Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center) at 1800 hours
June 15, 2016	Monthly Membership meeting. Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway shopping center) at 1800 hours.
June 17-19, 2016	D27 Rendezvous Washington NC additional details to come
July 13, 2016	Monthly Meeting Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center) at 1800 hours
August 1, 2016	Bridge Meeting - Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center) at 1800 hours
August 12-14, 2016	Come Join the fun with other members participating in this event. Beaufort Pirate Invasion, Beaufort, NC. Call Beaufort Docks to reserve a boat slip. 252-728-2503
August 17, 2016	Monthly Meeting Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center at 1800 hours
August 21-28, 2016	2016 Governing Board, Pittsburgh, PA
September 12, 2016	Bridge Meeting - London's LTL, @ 6:00p @ 8440 Maeve Ct Clemmons NC 27012 336 766-6643 jlondon002@triad.rr.com
September 15-18, 2016	Come Join the fun with other members participating in this event. Annual Oriental Cup Regatta, Oriental, NC. Oriental Marina/Inn 252-249-1818. 103 Wall Street, Oriental, NC 28571. Call for slip or motel reservations.
September 23-25, 2016	Joint Coop Charting Event with Greensboro Squadron, South Port, NC
October 3, 2016	Monthly Meeting Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center at 1800 hours
October 19, 2016	Monthly Meeting Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center) at 1800 hours
November 7, 2016	Bridge Meeting - Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center) at 1800 hours
November 16, 2016	Monthly Meeting Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center) at 1800 hours. Elections and A Year in Review by Cmd Bill Davis
December 5, 2016	Bridge Meeting - at 1800 hours Home of Jim and Genny Frazier, potluck - everybody bring something
December 10, 2016	Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron Christmas Party