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Commander

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I would have sworn I just wrote an article for the Crossed Anchors a couple of months ago and here I am trying to make up stuff again. Maybe I will write four or five more articles at one time for future publications and really make up some stuff.

Okay so we went straight from winter to summer and skipped spring altogether. Not happy with all the climate change. Sad to report that my boat has not been floated yet due to poor weather and too busy to dip it. It has been pressure washed and waxed, motor started on dry land, and is ready on a moment's notice.

The Belews Cruise on June 2 did not happen and was shifted to June 23 which, as you all know, the Catawba Queen Cruise has been cancelled due to they are already full. Therefore, I hope that you all can come and meet Greensboro Power Squadron at 9:00am at the Carolina Marina for a fun filled day. See Davids article for more information.

If your 2nd half of the year is typical the calendar is filling fast. David is keeping us busy with events and meeting programs, burning vacation earned, keeping up with the relatives, and other church/community activities.

You will find this interesting. Laura Ball, George's lady friend, is representing WSSPS at the D 27 Rendezvous in New Bern the weekend of June 9th. None of the rest of us could make that schedule. Of course George is there as well so we have a total of 2 representatives.

July is our quite time in the squadron to perhaps do some real boating, basking in the sun, and vacationing. Got most of my clan going to Virginia Beach. Hope you will be enjoying a cool one as well.

Administrative Officer

LtC David Jackson, S



Well May has pasted us by in a blur. Debbie and I have just returned from a 9-day trip to Key West and we are still trying to get caught up.

We did manage to get to the Yadkin Valley Wine Festival in Elkin. The rains held off and we found the trip worth the ride. There were 20 to 25 local wineries set up and we did a tasting at most of them. The venue was great with food trucks and a stage with a band. Folks brought their chairs and made a day of it. I think the event was a keeper and we can work on getting more folks to come next year.

Next up on the list on Monday is the Executive Meeting at Bill Davis' house, which we will have completed by the time this letter makes it way to you. [The D/27 Rendezvous is in New Bern Friday, Saturday June 8, 9.](#) George Ellis is attended to represent our group. See their site for information.

On Saturday June 23th, we had scheduled a cruise at Lake Norman on the Catawba Queen, however was cancelled as they are already overbooked. Jim and Genny has promised us a raincheck on the social at their place when we reschedule this.

Saturday, June 23, the Greensboro Power Squadron is having a Belews Cruise and we are invited! Since our original plans for the day are cancelled, I hope that we can all make this activity. We will meet at Carolina Marina at 9:00. They are planning activities and is sure to be a fun day. Bring your picnic lunch, sunscreen, and favorite hat to shade the sun from your face. We will provide beverages.

In July we will have our Membership meeting at Bleu restaurant. On Wednesday July 18, 6 to 9 PM Our program will be from Brian Fannon, Ph.D. Watershed Investigator, Yadkin Riverkeeper. He will talk about the Yadkin River Watershed history and how that affects the river and local lakes, and what a Riverkeeper does. Brian spent some time as a fisheries biologist on board commercial fishing boats in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea when it was rated as the most dangerous industry in the US.

This is a look at the next two months, I am still working of the possible upcoming programs include a meeting at Pro Shots with some range time included. Your input and ideas for future programs are greatly appreciated. Again, please refer to the calendar that Sheila has been sending out for the dates and locations of our upcoming meetings. We are still in need of volunteers to host our Executive meetings. I am looking forward to working with each one of you to have a productive year.

Thanks for your support.

LtC David Jackson, S

Admin Officer WSSP Americas Boating Club.



Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette

As I'm writing this article we've already had two tragic boating accidents resulting in loss of life. The first was at High Rock Lake last week involving a young man falling off a jet ski and drowning. The second accident occurred yesterday on Saxapahaw Lake when a kayak capsized, and another young man drowned. In both cases they reportedly were not wearing a life jacket. Wildlife officers stressed the need for wearing a life jacket and taking a boating safety course. Sadly, if both victims had been wearing life jackets they probably would have survived.

To promote boating safety to a younger population, I'm breaking with tradition a bit and offering a mid-summer Americas Boating Course – 3 class on July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and August 2nd at Polo Park Recreation Center from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. With school out families are going to the pool and gym and the center is offering a day camp. Hopefully we can attract some folks to take the class, especially during the peak boating and water sports season. Cost for the course is \$26 for cost of the book, and families can share a book! Polo Park Recreation Center is located at 1850 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Please talk it up among family members and friends! Fun boating begins with safe boating!

Two area Sea Scout Ships have contacted me about doing day long ABC-3 classes on Saturdays in September and October. There are some tentative dates set for September 29th and October 6th. If you know of groups or are a member of a group, youth or adult, that would like to take the ABC-3 class locally, please let me know.

To better serve the educational needs of the WSSPS membership I would like your input into which courses and seminars that you would like to see us offer. Please click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/86PKC9H> and complete this eight-question survey on Survey Monkey. Results of the survey will be used to plan courses and seminars for the summer and fall. To date I haven't heard from anyone and would love to hear from the membership!

See you on the water!
Kin



Fish House Chronicles

“A June Bride In The Fish House” Felix Gets Married

It is every man's dream to have a life of safe, secure, entertaining recreation, and be surrounded by loved ones. It is also every couples dream to be surrounded by the same with a commitment as well. Now Mandy, who has been Felix's best girl-friend going on 8 or more years now has suddenly put her foot down and tells Felix that she wants a commitment from him. That commitment is the legal document that bonds a man and a woman permanently, or sort of permanently unless you pay a lawyer huge sums of money to unravel the legal documents that follow years of marriage. And so with that brief but to the point conversation in bed one morning, Felix surrenders his bachelorhood to the girl of his dreams and says “I Do”.

Later that afternoon after all the phone calls to friends and family, Felix runs to the Dollar Store to get a ring for Mandy. He got the biggest, most brilliant looking plastic engagement ring that money could buy in that store. Felix told the cashier that money was no object for this piece of jewelry. He rushed it back to the boat and romantically slipped it on her left ring finger hoping that he bent the thin metal tin band correctly as it was one of those rings where one size fits all. Felix told Mandy that if she held it up to the sun, the 10 carat size diamond shaped plastic will shine a light that may make a Seeing Eye dog go blind. And she did and it competed with the light seen on the light house at Cape Lookout. Felix also thought about using this as a navigational aid. You know sailors, they think of multi-purpose tools and multi-purpose items to keep on a boat to include things women wear. But we won't get into that subject as this is a family story.

Now the planning begins for a knock down all out wedding celebration that no one in the fish house has ever seen. And yes you guessed it, Felix and Mandy want to have the wedding right there on the fish house porch. With Frank & Polly's permission, Mandy set a date for the end of June that year. But Felix said that is just a few weeks away. My guess is that Mandy wants to get Felix on the alter or some sort of replication of an alter that could even float before he changed his mind.

Now Captain Reid told Felix he needs a first class officiant to do the wedding ceremony. So at that point, Brother Don was drafted to do the ceremony because he does great boat naming ceremonies and has a great connection with Poseidon and Neptune. Felix said he needs a best man and Mandy needs a Maid of Honor. So Captain Denny and First Mate Linda were drafted as well. Besides, Denny has a great way of delivering people to the dock in the nick of time using Denny's little dinghy.

With the preliminary planning complete, small items such as a guest list, flowers, food and beverages for guests was all that needed to be done. Captain Reid placed himself in charge of beverages. It will be a monumental four foot high Champaign fountain using Coors Light instead of Champaign. The food was going to be a committee between Winston-Salem and Ft. Macon Sail & Power Squadron seeing that these two groups represent the bulk of the guest lists. So a culinary collection of pot luck hamburgers, hot dogs, and Bar B Q was ordered up for about 50 people. Grill masters from both Squadrons were assigned, and each had to bring their own grills. Now it was rumored that some had grills so large, they were built on their own trailer. Several members even had large tents and canopies to set up just in case it was too hot out or a chance of rain.

Those short few weeks flew by and the big day has arrived. Felix will no longer be considered the most eligible bachelor in Carteret County. He will enter the realms of old married men. Or with some, married once again. The morning dew burned off by 9 am and the sun was shining through the early morning fog over the creek as the day was about to come alive with the sound of guests arriving and food preparers getting the grills in order. The birds were chirping in the trees and the hustle of volunteers were getting tents and chairs set up. The occasional sound of a power cruiser exiting 70 West marina was in the back ground as were the sounds and flavor of late morning risers making that pot of coffee on deck. It was a day starting to be one for the records of a beautiful day to have a wedding outdoors. With 3 hours to wedding time, Mandy climbs out of the main cabin of "Ester" and asks where is Felix? She has not seen him since Denny picked him up last night for his bachelor party.

The word in the Fish House spread like wildfire. A search party was formed and every able seaman and those who were not already drunk were mustered into groups to search the creek for Denny & Felix. Denny & Felix's car's were still parked from the day before, and Denny's little dinghy was still hanging off the back of the Gemini. They could not have gone too far on foot so the search party spread out along the neighboring marina's in search of passed out party animals or the remains of a party somewhere. An hour has passed and no one had results to report. This time it appears to be cutting it too close for comfort. Neither Felix or Denny's cell phones were responding. All desperate messaging was going direct to voice mail. With less than 2 hours to the ceremony, and no groom or best man, it was getting quite scary as guests began to arrive from Winston-Salem and some relatives from Charlotte and Wilmington. Mandy is getting quite concerned and maybe a bit more steamed than she is displaying. With time ticking away and the aroma of food grilling in the back yard by Frank's house, there may be a cause for concern that this event may be in jeopardy, and really catastrophic if Reid runs out of Coors Light in his home made fountain because search party people need libations to search..

With one hour to go, a stranger drives up and asks to see Linda and Mandy. As the two approach this stranger, they can only think of the worst case. Something horrible has happened last night and the two men have done something rash, or are hurt and in the hospital. The stranger identified himself as a sportsman from the Triad Saltwater Anglers fishing club and he got a VHF message from Tom saying that he is on his way in with Denny and Felix. They went fishing last night for flounder and instead of a party, Felix asked Tom to take him fishing. So they did and they are coming in with a boat load of fish. They should be arriving in Pelletier Creek in 20 minutes or so. Mandy almost fainted on the spot so Linda and other guests carried her over to one of the tables and gave her some pre-marital libations. I think they called the shot glasses filled with sweet liquor and whipped cream a BJ. In a few moments, Mandy was feeling OK and refreshed. At that moment here comes a 24' center console screaming into the creek weighed down to the gunnels as three men each holding a beer can smiling from ear to ear slid into an empty boat slip. They tied it off and Felix came running into Mandy's arms. Not so fast the reverend Don spoke. No funny business until after the wedding ceremony. We have plenty of time later for celebrations. So let's get on with it as most guests have already arrived and they are drinking Reid's beer like no tomorrow.

The cars were parked all the way back to route 70 and some had to park in the storage yards behind Frank & Polly's house. What a traffic jam on route 70 as the many cars came streaming in from west and east. Lake Ave was a single lane only for anyone driving through. The groom did not have time to get cleaned up so he quickly put on his white shirt and tie that was not tied and he had boat shoes and no socks. Someone brought a boom box with wedding music to play and also a great collection of Aerosmith and the Village People music for later on. The ceremony was short and sweet as the Reverend Don was not one for wasting good celebration time. And what a celebration it was.

Another wedding bites the dust at the Fish House. If walls could talk, I wonder how many weddings took place there and how many had to take place because of the Fish House late night romances. Because they say what happens in the Fish House, stays in the Fish House. The party was a huge success as they almost ran out of Coors Light but there was plenty of food. Some guests stayed late and some continued the party well beyond the staying up hours of the bride & groom. The Fish House porch has a reputation to uphold when it comes to consuming libations on Pelletier Creek. When the light of the moon shines high above and all is quiet after 8 bells, the only sound should be a gentle lapping of water against the hulls of slipped boats. And for the newly married couple? All is quiet on the decks of "Ester" as Felix gently placed a sign over the cabin door latch reading: If this boat is rockin, don't come knockin because it may not be the wind or tide.

See you on the water soon
PC Don Breault
Still boat shopping





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