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## Merry Christmas From Winston Salem Sail and Power Squad-



Our Christmas party this year was at Five Points Restaurant in Winston on Wednesday, Dec 12.

Left is George Ellis, flanked by Laura Ball and Cathy Clark.

Below is Bill Davis and Debbie Mayfield. On Debbie's left is Becky Shinlever talking with Shirley Kennedy. Jan Whittle is in the background between them. On Bills right is Leon & Mary Lou Corbett, facing away.



# Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



The boat is winterized as best it is going to get, visions of sugar plums are dancing in my head in anticipation of Christmas, but I am not happy about the coming winter. I don't snow ski, don't frolic in the stuff, and have no reason to eat snow cones.

We are set for next year with a new/old slate of officers. I hope you are planning to come to the Christmas party to vote us in as we will just be wandering around next year if you don't. I am going for a new WSSPS record of 4 times as your commander but I met a guy at the fall conference who is up for his 5<sup>th</sup> term so I don't feel so bad.

While in Charleston for a Greensboro Power Squadron event in October I got to visit with KB. Good visit. Cindy did most of the talking but KB got in some input. We did get to talking about his military days and the assorted adventures he had in Europe, etc. His memory of that was amazing. I can't recite many details of my 20's. Cindy is taking very good care of him.

Sheila mentioned this already in a request to the membership but me repeat. I think it would be of interest to everyone if all of you that have or have had boats would submit an article to Sheila about your boat history. I suspect numerous of you have had several boats and I for one would love to hear your war stories of how you came by them, adventures you have had with them, DEWDA level moments, what became of the boat, etc. Embellish if you like, lie a little if you wish; we won't be able to verify the veracity of your tales. She will publish them during the course of next year as they come in and spread the wealth during her publications.

Last, we would like to welcome Bill and Beth Fenimore into the squadron. They were sworn in at the November general meeting. I told Bill this only required the sacrifice their first-born son and he was good with that.

# Administrative Officer

LtC David Jackson, S



Dear Fellow Members,

Thank you for your support in 2018; it was a challenging year for all of us. We can look forward to the coming year with anticipation and drive. I am looking forward to an active year. Some of our goals will be membership retention, Boating Safety Classes, and growing our group. This is always a hard one for a landlocked boating club. Hopefully, we can plan on some coastal activities this year, and get closer to the water. I would also like to see more programs and pursuing some different activities. Cooperative charting is a possibility and safety inspections.

Special thanks to Kin and Don for going the extra mile with their Boating Safety Classes.

Our Membership meetings will be held at Bleu's Restaurant and the Executive meetings will be held at Mayberry's and North Point Grill. I have confirmed most of the meetings and Sheila has the calendar. As always, we would love to have volunteers for our executive meetings to be held at different locations.

Any ideas for programs would be appreciated a lot for these are word of mouth ideas. Thanks to all for a great Christmas Party, every year it is the best time to celebrate our membership and share some time together.

January 12 is the D-27 Winter Training in Cary, which I plan to attend.

Our next executive meeting is on Jan 7, at North Point Grill, and Our Change of Watch is on Feb. 2 at Maple Chase County Club.

I am looking forward to working with each one of you to have a productive year in 2019.

Thanks for your support.

LtC David Jackson, S

Admin Officer WSSP Americas Boating Club.



# Educational Officer Lt. Kin Cartrette

Four Sea Scouts and two adult leaders from the Greensboro area took a day-long Americas Boating Course -3 class on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Old North State Council BSA office in Greensboro. All class participants passed the test! Hopefully these young boaters will eventually become part of a local squadron. Most were new Sea Scouts and have limited boating experience, so, this was a great way for them to begin! 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.

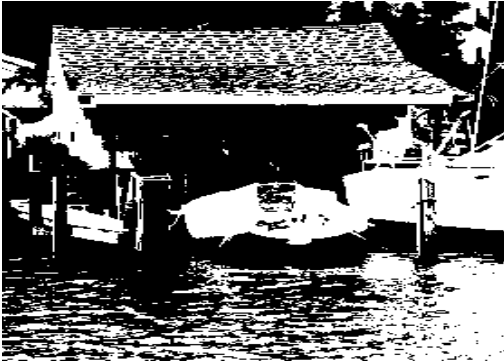
Due to an “inland” hurricane and job travel the Americas Boating Course-3 originally scheduled for Thursdays in October ran well into November, but, we still made it happen! Congratulations to Anthony Long on completing the fall ABC-3 class at Polo Park Recreation Center. Tony is a life-long boater and currently boats at Belews Lake and the coast. Tony plans to attend one of our meetings soon!

We’ve scheduled a day-long ABC-3 class for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Salem Lake in Winston-Salem. The address is 1314 Salem Lake Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27107. This is a change of pace from our usual five class format. The class will begin at 8:00 AM and finish at around 5:00 PM. The cost is \$26.

I’m in the process of scheduling some two hour seminars for the month of March on Thursday nights at Polo Park Recreation Center. Keep a lookout in your emails and the Crossed Anchors for updates in the near future! If you have specific seminars that you would like to see offered, please click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/86PKC9H> and complete the eight-question survey on Survey Monkey. You can also email me at [scoutingplus@aol.com](mailto:scoutingplus@aol.com) .

Fair Winds!

Kin



# Fish House Chronicles

## Felix Gets A New Boat, Part 2

If you remember in our last adventures with Felix & Hector, the two brothers were in somewhat of a fix in the swamplands of the Florida panhandle. The last comments delivered by the boat broker and his family was: “There are a couple more things we need for you to do for our family before we can let you leave this place with this boat. Felix had the look of Fright on his face that resembled the movie “Friday The 13<sup>th</sup> “. Hector gulped and hesitantly asked; “What is it we need to do?”

Cooter and the Broker looked at each other and somewhat hesitantly replied because they were unsure who was going to give Felix the news about this boat he just bought. Cooter said that Felix had to help him make a delivery of his recipe for the Christmas Holiday to those people that were on Cooter’s “Naughty” list. Hector stepped in and said when and how? Cooter and his Brother said by boat and the when was now. They already had Felix’s money for the boat and a quick bill of sale was hand written and given to Felix. So this show is about to get on the way as far as everyone could tell. But the stipulation of making some delivery of an untaxed bootleg whisky from a still hidden deep in the swamp of a small uncharted island off the Florida panhandle coast was somewhat nerving for Hector. Plus there appeared to be two under aged female family members involved as well. Their names were Ginger and Kelly. Cooter said the girls are the delivery people because they get tips.

Cooter and his nieces loaded the boat with cases of bootleg liquids and the boat was drafting a bit more than it was when Felix first eyed it. Cooter put in the last of the goods and told Felix to fire up the engine and cast off as Cooter will let Felix know where the first stop will be. The 6 of them crowded into the boat all but stepping on each other’s toes. The broker commented to Felix that this is a great opportunity to get the feel of the boat and how she runs, and how to dock it as you will be docking and casting off several times during the evening hours. Off they go into the sunset heading west along the coast darting in and out of small islands and swamp bogs. Felix pushed down the throttle and to his surprise the boat came up on plane pretty quick considering the overload they had in her.

They made several stops from Panama City to Fort Walton Beach. Some stops took a bit longer than others as the girls made the delivery by hand into some fish houses where there was a party going on. One time a stop took almost an hour but Ginger got a huge tip for that one. Hector told Felix don’t ask because we don’t know what we don’t know. The last stop was just outside the Naval Air Station in Pensacola. Are finally done Felix asked? Cooter thanked him for his time and understanding for the run they made that night. Cooter also said that his girls would not be returning with us as they both have part time jobs in Pensacola cleaning hotel rooms that the local sailors use. So back to Ft. Walton Beach they went as Cooter and his brother the broker would get off there as well. Once Felix & Hector were alone in Felix’s new boat, Hector asked Felix how does he like the boat? Felix replied she is fast and slick on handling for a single Diesel. By the way asked Felix, what is the name of this boat? Hector looked on to the stern panel and saw a very faded assembly of letters he could barely read. He spelled it out to Felix: Y-O-U C-A-L-L W-E H-A-U-L. “You Call We Haul” Felix asked again? Hector confirmed it.

As the two fishing brothers rounded a turn in the creek entering a no wake zone doing 50 kt's, not too far behind them they saw a faint blue light strobe getting closer. Oh boy bleated Hector, we got Florida Marine Patrol gaining on us and they are shouting something over their PA system. Hector pleaded with Felix that he better slow down or stop to see what they want. Felix complied. It was that moment when they slowed down and came off of their bow wake, Hector spotted in the corner of the cabin below a case of that certain recipe that Cooter may have left behind. "OH No" expressed Hector. If we get caught with that case of untaxed whisky in the boat, they could arrest us and impound the boat. Felix directed Hector to dump it overboard.. But they will see that said hector, how about I flush into the holding tank. Hesitantly, Felix agreed to that but insisted that Hector save at least one bottle. Done deal said Hector as he folded up the corrugated box and stuffed it under the mattress.

As the Marine Patrol tied up alongside of the two fishing brothers, they did their routine checklist of safety inspections and compliance. Then the shoe got dropped on Felix. They wrote him a ticket for speeding in a no wake zone, an expired registration, no fire extinguisher, no sound or horn producing device, and having the "Y" valve in overboard discharge mode on the holding tank macerator in a no discharge zone. Felix pleaded his case that he just bought this boat and was doing sea trials with it and had every intention of complying with all of the USCG regulations on safety. The Marine Patrol Police told Felix to tell it to the judge next month on their trial date. One of the Police Officers said he thought he smelled alcohol. But neither Felix nor Hector seemed to have any on his breath so they let it go. Felix signed the ticket book, the police patrol boat sped off toward the same area they came from and Felix & Hector continued their journey in a much slower mode.

Once they were out of site of the police, Felix switched on his macerator to discharge all of the boot leg whisky out of his holding tank. When finished Hector decided to light a victory Cigar thinking the day could have been worse. He thought of Cooter and his illegal business and the fact no one got hurt today. Hector threw his lit match into the water and Felix remembered that he should not litter such pristine waters as the ICW. Too late, and as the match hit the water, the mixture of 200 proof whisky and a spark of fire turned that section of the creek into a fiery blaze like an airplane crash in the woods. Let's get out of here shouted Hector and off they went as fast as that small cruiser could go. They turned to look back, and the area they came from had the look of a Hollywood crash scene with a fiery blaze on top of the water rising 6 to 10 feet tall.

Did you see that shouted Felix? Hector feeling like why did I just bring more attention to us when it is not needed. Let's get out of here said Hector and get this boat back to Pelletier Creek in North Carolina. No one will ever believe this sea story we just went through this week. The fish house at franks will have another tall tale to discuss when these two guys return in a week or so.

See you on the water soon



PC Don Breault. "Still boat shopping"



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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.

**We wish you Peace, Health and Safe Sailing during the  
Holidays, and through the New Year.**

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