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2019 CHANGE OF WATCH



Swearing in of the Bridge. Commander Bill Davis, Admin Officer, David Jackson, Secretary George Ellis, and Treasurer Eddy Shinlever.



DEWDA....Again Commander?



Cdr. Bill Davis presents the Conley Smith Beacon Award presented to George Ellis.



Kin Cartrette awards Don Breault with the Educator of the Year,



Cdr Bill Davis awards David Jackson with the Member of The Year.

Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



2019 seems like an odd number. It's like we are counting backwards. 20 then 19. What's next, reliving 18? Oh wait, maybe I am. Didn't I just do this job last year! Guess we all have to be somewhere.

Thanks for everyone who came to the 2019 COW and making it a successful and fun event. I only wish my coat and pants weren't so tight. Had to hold it in for a couple of hours. Fooled you in to thinking I have lost weight.

After the COW Pat Hakanson, the District XO, came to spent the night at my home instead of driving back to Charlotte that evening. I got to hear about her early career as a missionary and I got to explain the basics of row crop farming in eastern North Carolina to her.

While it is purportedly still winter we are like gardeners and farmers, thinking and dreaming of what we are going to do when warm weather comes again. Pat spoke of the June rendezvous in Edenton, NC. Very excited about that. As I grew up in the one stop light town of Jamesville, NC, adjacent to Plymouth, NC, which has a nice N. C. Wildlife boat ramp launch, I plan to set my boat adrift starting there. Then I can go east up the Roanoke River to the mouth of the Albemarle Sound where I can (with my crew of as many as I can haul) cross over north to Edenton on Saturday. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

I keep looking at my boat in the storage lot and so far so good. Resting comfortably. Cover in place and for a change not sagging from rainwater. It took several tries to get the supplemental post supports in the right places to make it shed water. It have been a challenge in the past to go check on the boat and not have a pond with little fish swimming around in one section of the cover.

Administrative Officer

LtC David Jackson, S



Dear Members,

Thank you for your support in the coming year. We had a great Christmas Party and an excellent Change of Watch. Both of our venues worked out well and we are thinking of using them again this year. We missed those members that were unable to attend and hope to see everyone soon.

Our membership meetings in 2019 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 volunteer locations for our executive meetings to be held at different locations.

I did attend the D-27 district training in January. I have learned that there is a lot of stuff that national expects from our clubs, and there is a whole lot of work to be done around activities and memberships.

Some of our plans and ideas for 2019 are: We would like to do geodetic survey again, but not downtown. We are going back to the country away from the concrete. We would also like to do some boating with Greensboro bunch on Belews Lake for the Clean Sweep, and the Belews Cruise if we don't get weathered out! A summer time event is a possible cook out, locations to be explored. We would also like to show some support for Kin and the Sea Scouts. They have a clean sweep scheduled for Sept 14.

Hopeful we can plan on some coastal activities this year and get closer to the water.

Some suggested programs for our membership meetings are the Yadkin Riverkeeper, Don's Boat buying update, and anything else that crosses the bow. Any ideas for programs would be appreciated, a lot of these are word of mouth ideas. Our next membership meeting is set for Wednesday Feb. 20 at Bleu's Restaurant. See you there!

Thanks for your support.

David Jackson, S

Admin Officer, WSSPS, America's Boating Club.



Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette

Punxsutawney Phil is reported to have not seen his shadow and is calling for an early spring in 2019. He was last seen posting a selfie in a Type III PFD on Facebook and declaring “Get the boat ready”! As I look out the window at cloudy skies and a cold rain coming down, I have my doubts. But then again, who am I to argue with tradition? So, following the lead of this furry fellow, let’s get ready to go boating!

We’ve had to make a change in our spring boating course schedule for 2019. Unfortunately, the one-day class originally scheduled for Saturday, March 30th, 2019 at Salem Lake ran into a scheduling conflict. Instead, the Americas Boating Course – 3 will be taught on Thursdays, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and April 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Polo Park Recreation Center, located at 1850 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. The cost for the class is \$26 to cover the cost of the educational materials.

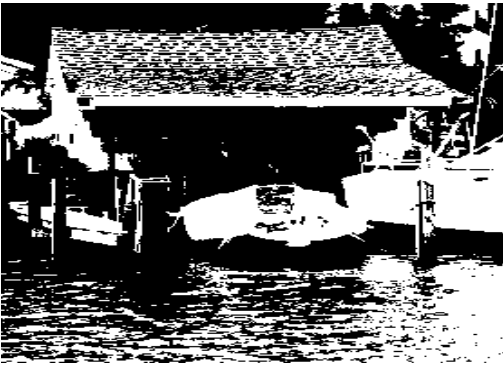
I’m talking with another area marina and a marine dealer to see if we can offer a one-day course later in the spring. I’ll send out the information as soon as it becomes available

Fun boating begins with safe boating and that starts with boating education! The ABC-3 course covers all of the essentials for new and experienced boaters. It meets the requirements for a North Carolina state boating and PWC license and is a great review for experienced boaters. The course can be taken online at www.americasboatingcourse.com. However, there is no substitute for gathering in a class with fellow boating enthusiast and sharing knowledge and experiences on the water and sharing information about Americas Boating Club. Please talk up the ABC-3 class with family members, friends, and fellow boaters!

I would like your input into which courses and seminars that you would like to see us offer. Please go to 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 2019.

Fair winds and follow that groundhog!
Kin

Squadron Education Officer
Lt/C Kin Cartrette, P



Fish House Chronicles

“The Cape Experience, Sharing the Connection of Sand and Water”

The Cape experience is a magical, and yes sometimes a mystical opportunity you endure when you want a low keyed day on flat water less than 20 miles from places along the Bogue Sound. You can venture out on most days in any midsize live aboard trawler or small day use type boat with a shallow water draft and within one hour's cruise; you can be beached or anchored in the hook of Cape Lookout. Also called “Power Squadron Spit”. If you do this in early summer, you can witness some of the finest weather and water conditions the Carolina coast has to offer.

On most late June or early July days, you may get to see the playful action of dolphins surfing your wake, or witness the many Loggerhead Sea Turtles surfacing near your boat being curious as to your presence. Some days you can witness the playful prancing of the many “Bankers” splashing along the beaches of Shackleford Banks. Then you can relax on what appears to be endless miles of uncrowded sandy beaches watching the majestic appearance of the Cape Lookout Light House perform its timeless duty as an aid to navigation for the many off shore vessels approaching our coast.

On an extreme rare occasion, you may witness a Southern Stingray breaching the water surface in pursuit of something or fleeing away from something. Then more turtles will surface to get an even closer look at your presence in this isolated place they have chosen to nest.

Then you call out to the “Mermaid Express” to get a lift off of the boat to the island. And to your surprise, a Mystical creature resembling a “Mermaid” appears at the helm of a smaller center console. You get this lift to the island and behold, you step foot on an extreme deserted place where there are no other members of the human species present. You are alone in the wilderness of sand and slapping water as the tide ebbs out to sea. There is nothing quite like island life as we know it. Time immediately slows down, and you find yourself in another state of mind.

When you traverse across the sand dunes to the ocean side, you will be in awe of the spectacular blue green crystal clear water that gives this part of the southern outer banks a tropical look. Some times you may have to look twice to make sure you are not in the Keys or the Caribbean. Make sure you are covered in sun block because the Sun can be very unforgiving. Now you can step into the clear saltwater and be amazed at the 80 degree temperature it is holding for you. Yet it is still refreshing as a mild sea breeze sweeps across the beach while you sink up to your waist holding your favorite beverage in a floating “coozie”.

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Ahh!! Another summer has arrived and the days are hinting about a lazy hazy day is about to happen. Now you look around by your feet, and see what a jack pot of shells you have found that seem to be as abundant here as the sand is. Then off to the east you hear and see a small center console boat filled with fisherman in pursuit of Spanish and Kings.

Later on, as the sun begins to get low in the late afternoon sky, and you witness the many diamonds and jewels sparkling in the water, you venture back to your boat as you may have had just enough sun for one day. And for those that plan to spend the night, well there is a whole lot more to do and see. After the grill begins to fill the boat with an aroma of something very good to eat, you crack open that favorite beverage and continue to enjoy the melting sun as it fades behind the dunes.

As night fall takes over, you begin to become mesmerized by the constant turning of the light on the light house as it does its job as an active aid to navigation as it has for over 150 years. As nighttime completely takes over, you begin to witness the most spectacular view of the many constellations of our southern night sky and see the broad array of the Milky Way. With the absence of artificial light, the celestial display is magnified a thousand times brighter than on the main land. Now after watching those rare shooting stars, you begin to feel sleepy from all of that salt air on the beach that day. Open the hatches and be amazed at the constant flow of sea breezes as it sweeps through your boat.

The next morning as you awaken, you see that night has once again given way to another beautiful day. You witness the ever bountiful wildlife surrounding your boat. You see many fish breaking water surfaces as larger predators feed from below. Then you see the many seagulls and other sea birds having their feast of what may be left on the surface.

As time goes by and you look at the time of day, and you realize that you have to leave this paradise so you can join the reality of the real world. The world that forces you to abandon such a treasure because you have to get back to the docks and re-join the “Mainlanders”. Then you ask as you have asked yourself a hundred times before: Why do we have to leave? I guess the answer to this difficult question can be summed up this way: Take back the memory you just made and remember the wonderful time you had that created an opportunity for you to long for a return trip very soon. That anticipation of returning to such a jewel of a place will keep you yearning for more all the years to come.



See you on the water very soon!
P/C Don Breault
“Island Girl Project”



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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.

