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Memories of Our 2019 Summer Picnic at Joanie Moser Park.



P/C Reid London and Adm. Officer David Jackson having a serious discussion. Looks important...



The London Family enjoying a summer picnic and friendship.



Commander Bill, left and members enjoying the picnic and socializing. Was a beautiful day for burgers and dogs.



Debbie Mayfield and Becky Shinlever enjoying some down time.

Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



The annual ritual is on again. I don't know how a boat with a cover over it all winter can get so dirty. The invention of the water pressure washer is a bountiful blessing for us old people. I don't remember my car or truck collecting that much mold over the winter. On the other hand, I did notice that my red and blue tractors were starting to take on a greenish tint. Now for the green tractors it is just an enhancement to the classic green that comes from John Deere.

In addition, the Yamaha did crank easily with the water mittens on it. So far no water in the glass bowl!

I learned one new lesson. One of the automatic inflatable life vest had discharged over the winter. I had left it in the cabin over the winter. My theory is that the elevated moisture level in the air over time saturated the hydroscopic cartridge and it release the pin into the CO2 container. That's \$20 a pop (figuratively and in reality) so the lesson here is to bring that exploding puppy to the house and put in my heated garage for the winter.

Now that we got that out of the way, on to Edenton. I see a good number of the membership is going the D27 rendezvous the weekend of June 21 -23 and I am hoping for good weather to traverse from Plymouth up the Roanoke to the Albemarle Sound and cross over to Edenton. Also the docking, according to the local dock master in Edenton, may be a little iffy so we will see how that plays out.

The plan at the moment is to leave the boat at the farm (Jamesville). Yes, it's a real town on the map with one stop light. Hopes are to make it to New Bern, Mackeys, and the Crystal Coast this summer with the boat. Plans still in formation.

Oh yes, squadron news. Guess that's what I am supposed to cover.

We are studying on a trademark name for the squadron. This is not a name change. We will always be legally the Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron. But not to confuse the public that have motorized airplanes something more descriptive is needed per national's recommendations. So we will be discussing this over the next few months.

I also see Kin has some summer seminars planned for the public. I will even have a go at teaching one of them.

I see between David and Sheila they recently published a new calendar of events so take a look at that and put some of the events on your calendar.

Administrative Officer

LtC David Jackson, S



Wow it's the middle of summer, schools out, let the vacations begin! Everyone is busy. We had our picnic/cookout at Joanie Moser Park for the Membership Meeting on May 15th. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the food and company.

Coming up on the calendar there are several events this month. Our next Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday June 19 at Bleu restaurant. We don't have a program, so there might be pictures from France! The D/27 Rendezvous will be on Friday and Saturday June 21 & 22 in Edenton. Debbie and I and Bill all plan to attend. It should be a good time for all.

Kin has lined up some classes in the next several weeks, please pass the word and plan to join us to show support for our programs. His upcoming classes are Knots, Bends, and Hitches" June 26th, cost = \$20. This hands-on class covers the essentials on basic knots and line heaving essential to all boating. In July Paddle Smart" - July 3rd, cost = \$15. This class will look at the basics and safety of all paddle craft operation - one of the more popular types of boating in our area and on July 10, "How to Use a Chart", We will learn the basics on how to read a nautical chart for near shore navigations. All of the classes will be taught at [Polo Park Community Center at 1850 Polo Road](#) in Winston-Salem. Please pass these opportunities along to family and friends. To register or if you have any questions, please email Kin at scoutingplus@aol.com or call him at (336) 413 – 6490.

So far, we are homeless for our July Membership meeting Bleu is closed on that day. I am open for suggestions and we would love to have volunteer locations for our executive meetings to be held at different locations.

Some of our other plans and ideas for 2019 are: We would like to do Geodesic survey again, picking a location in a new area this year. We would also like to do some boating with Greensboro bunch on Belews Lake for the Clean Sweep, Sept 14 and the Belews Cruise. The Pirate Invasion in Beaufort Aug 9,10 ,11 in Beaufort. A possible link up with the Greensboro squadron in Norfolk, VA in Sept. A lot of these are ideas from our membership. Any ideas for programs would be greatly appreciated.

I hope to see you soon
Thanks for your support.

Lt/C David Jackson, S

Admin Officer WSSP Americas Boating Club.



Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette

Knots, Bends, and Hitches Seminar

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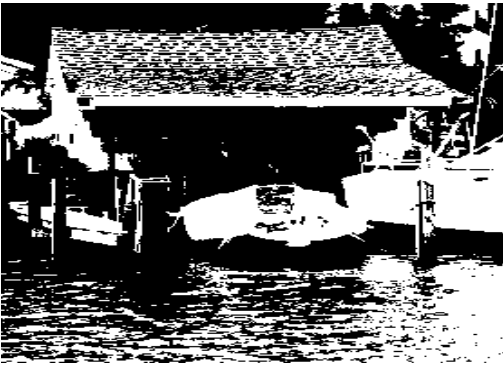
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Fish House Chronicles

“Making More Dreams”

One of the ironies of life is how do we maintain a balance of recreation in our life vs. the check book, and then balance the time needed to support the recreation. Sometimes we often find ourselves trying to make decisions that contradict those sound and solid principals that protect our financial security. Then we may be faced with issues surrounding a list of those things we have to do each time we return to our boats for the weekend. Often times I find myself making a list of things to do and many times this list is so long, it requires me to prioritize it in steps.

Wow, we have uncovered two dilemmas here. One is the check book limits and the other is the time needed to do those little things. Two major limits slapping you in the face as you try and determine the justification of it all considering family, house, and the retirement bucket list. We all know that when you get into a hobby like boating, the cost is something you consider, but when you get to retirement, the cost of your dream may take a slight second seat to the time you feel you have left to enjoy it. Of course we are not speaking about the cost associated with supporting a mega yacht, but one of a moderate sized fishing boat with a couple of creature comforts for an aging couple who likes to be cool in the sweltering heat, or have some overhead protection from the sun.

One thing that may easily slip away in your thought process is the fact that each time you return to the boat, you are living your own private dream each and every time you arrive at the boat no matter what time of day. It seems that when you arrive, the costs of those repairs needed are not the primary concern at that time. It seems that when you step foot on to the boat from the dock, the time commitment is no longer an issue. Then you slip into your grubby shorts and open a cool beverage to watch a spectacular sunset and then you realize that you are living that first dream once again. Then along comes a troop of smaller grandchildren with fishing poles in one hand and a fish bucket in the other just in case they get lucky.

So the dream maker takes on a new dimension at this point. The grand children are loaded and fitted with PFD's, and the engine comes to a roar along with the bells and sounds of electronics clicking on. Your first mate remembers how to handle dock lines and fenders and everyone is instructed to keep all arms, hands, and little fingers inside the boat while exiting the slip. The boat putters into the middle of the creek at high tide as the skipper plots his route to the cape. Once in open waters on the ICW, the look of excitement on the faces of these grandchildren take on a new meaning of “Living the Dream” for Grand Pa and Grand Ma. The salt spray into their faces and the sounds and smells of the ocean take on a new meaning of entertainment not found in a video game on a TV set. The excitement of anticipation in catching a big fish is written all over their faces. They think to themselves what an experience this will be. The least will be an excellent ride in a fishing boat with a side trip to an island by Cape Lookout. The best will be a fish to brag about to my friends in Winston-Salem.

The skipper pilots this boat about a half mile off of Bogue Banks Island and begins to set up the tackle and fishing rods. Bait is carefully prepared on each line as the children anxiously hold the rods thinking this will be over in a few minutes and we will have fish on board soon. Each child is given instructions on what to do and Granny begins to snap away with her I-pad camera. Time slows down at this point as the boat is puffing along a pre-determined course parallel to the island and the fish finder is giving the skipper a three dimensional view of what's below. Minutes later, the first grandchild feels a huge tug of war on her rod and she elevates the high pitch voice of excitement as she screams for help and asking what do I do? The Old Man of the Sea also known as Grandfather hollers to his crew: "Fish On". The boat goes to neutral and the granddaughter begins to reel in her catch being told not to yank too hard or pull the rod in a way that could lose the fish. 50 yards behind the boat, the fish breaks water in a desperate fight to get free from the hook caught in his mouth. Then moments turn to split seconds as the fish is drawn closer so that Grandfather can help bring the fighting little critter on board. Now this action goes on for the next hour or so with all grandchildren catching something or getting strikes and feeling the tug and pull of an aquatic creature that was just out looking for a small snack.

The skipper is running from rod to rod re-baiting and untangling lines as the children give no thought to the work involved. But this labor of love watching these children for the first time in their life land fresh fish from the ocean into this boat. Yes we have blood and fish slime on the decks along with bits and pieces of bait all over the stern. But the work is outweighed by the memories these children will take with them for a life time. We are making more dreams while living the dream. When the fish box gets filled with a variety of fish that looks like a couple of hours of cleaning & packing, the fishing activity begins to slow. Perhaps the run on fish has moved elsewhere as the fish finder has few and far targets to chase. When the Bull Sharks start to come up, the fishing for the day may be over. So the little fishing boat and her tired and worn out crew of little fisherman begins to journey back to the docks.

The chatter between these little people seems to be a bit of entertainment for her adult crew as the talk for the remainder of the day will be about the big one that did not get away. (Big meaning legal size to keep) The ride back to the marina and the tie up of the little boat went well with everyone trying to help, or attempting to help. Grandfather will draw the task of a quick wash down of the decks, and the chore of cleaning the fish. Granny will entertain the children as they load back into the car to return to a refreshing swimming pool later that day. When Grandfather has finished his chores, he contemplates that phrase we use often about living the dream. Living the dream is the same as fulfilling a childhood adventure dream for his grandchildren. He remembers that dream he had when he was 6 years old. As he drives away, the thought occurs to him that we are making more dreams. Dreams and memories on the Carolina Coast! It may never get better than that.

See you on the water
P/C Don Breault
"Island Girl"

Finding Soft Sand

How a cruising couple from New England found home on the Carolina Coast.

Sheila & Don started their boating career in Connecticut in 1985 with a small Grumman aluminum open bass type of boat named "Trout Scout". She was a light shallow draft trailerable boat designed for fresh water lakes and rivers with fishing as the primary use. This small inexpensive vessel helped us explore lakes in all 6 New England states and some in upstate New York. The stories and memories of two small 5 and 6 year old boys learning how to fish, explore, and see things from the vast reaches of northern New England natural alpine lakes are still talked about today.

The next step was a 20 foot cuddy named "Distraction". This was a trailerable boat with some added creature comforts, and she had a great I/O Mercruiser that did 50mph on flat water. Knee boarding, and tubing soon replaced the fish tackle our young teenage sons once adored.

As the two small boys grew up they no longer showed much interest in spending time with Mom & Dad on the water as part time jobs, cars and girlfriends became a higher priority. So Mom & Dad explored the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound in this small cruiser that also was rigged for both freshwater and saltwater fishing. (the fishing part was just an excuse to go cruising).

With a porta potty, small cabin for sleeping, and a large bimini, this made the comfort level for Sheila a whole new ballgame for enjoying a new found hobby called cruising. This is when we joined the United States Power Squadron in Manchester, CT. This small cruiser took us into exotic places such as Sag Harbor NY, Great Peconic Bay, (we even saw Billy Joel cruise past us on this bay) Block Island, and many historic coastal villages along the RI and CT coast to include the famous Mystic Seaport.

Being transferred to North Carolina resulted in us towing this cruiser from Connecticut to Lake Norman where she spent 2 years slipped in All Seasons Marina in Davidson Creek. After transferring our Squadron membership to Winston-Salem, we were introduced to Coastal Carolina. Soon we purchased a 26' Four Winns Vista Cruiser named "April Star". Hence the start of salt water cruising as far north as Norfolk, VA and as far south to Georgetown, SC. This little pocket go fast cruiser gave us the experiences and comradeships with members of the WSSPS who also kept boats in Morehead City, NC. This is also where we hung out at the "Fish House" at Frank & Polly Styers place in Pelletier Creek.

But as time went on, we outgrew that boat and sold her so we could step into the live aboard experience of an older President Marine Trawler named "Liberty". Now this was taking the boating experience to another level. Perhaps one of financial stupidity, but one that delivered many memories of coastal cruising vacations and raft ups. Liberty was 40 plus OAL with a 13' beam and twin diesel engines.

Then grand children came and they along with their Mom & Dad, they were introduced to sleeping aboard a trawler anchored in the bite of Cape Lookout where they got their first sighting of Dolphins, Loggerhead Sea Turtles, and other marine wildlife. They also got to witness the view of a perfect southern night sky with a stunning scene of the Milky Way that was so spectacular with the absence of artificial light, and all of this viewed from the deck of grandpa's boat. The memory maker was at work once again only with another generation. After enjoying "Liberty" for 8 years, it was time to move on to land for a short time to regroup

the boating hobby so we sold “Liberty” to another retired couple from Canada.

Being boatless for 3 years and approaching retirement very soon gave us the excuse to take the plunge one more time. Along came “Island Girl”, a 30’ “Yankee” built down east style cruiser that looks a little like a New England Lobster boat. This is an Albin 28 TE model with a single diesel with a bow thruster for easier docking. She is a blue water fishing & cruising boat made for short off shore trips to chase those fish tales we often speak about. But the creature comforts in the cabin are just what Sheila needs. A head, queen berth, and an air conditioner for those hot & humid summer nights in Ocracoke Island. The best of both worlds while being retired were about to happen: A boat with the utility to fish from in a spacious cockpit, and a cabin built for only two. The hard top pilot house will give us the protection needed from the scourge of the Carolina sun in the summer, but also keep us snug for that occasional winter cruise to the cape on a flat water day.

Living the dream, once again....





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