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Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



I know many of you have been anxiously awaiting the results of my boat fuel system repairs. Good news. Extremely expensive parts by my estimation for the Vapor Separation Tank have been installed a few weeks ago and the first weekend of August I dragged the boat to Atlantic Beach for a weekend with the kids. After some hand pumping and filling of the filter/water separator with gas the engine cranked and appeared to function as originally designed. Mission accomplished.

In regard to the water in the fuel issue I reported numerous times I thought I pretty much got all the water out of the fuel tank. However we did a lot of splashing with the boat on the ICW, Morehead City waters, Beaufort, around Carrot Island, and about Shackleford Banks. I am theorizing water was forced up the gasoline vent on the side of the boat and, of course, into the tank, thereby ending up in the water separator. Actually, that's better than ending up in the engine which doesn't burn water very well. The water separator has a drain petcock so getting the water out was not a problem.

Last the extended canopy I devised worked well for the passengers on the back of the boat. I think I should start a franchise business with my design. I did have one 1/4" bolt that had too much stress and popped the head off so I need to upgrade to a 5/16" bolt.

On to the Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron good summer so far. We had a great time at the Frazier's Lake Norman home in July. Weather was good and no passing showers with rainbows spotted. Thanks Jim and Ginny.

The joint adventure with the Greensboro Power Squadron to Norfolk is the weekend after Labor Day and four to six of us are planning that trip. I believe Sheila has sent that information out to everyone earlier. All are welcome. Just let me know.

Administrative Officer

LtC David Jackson, S



Wow, where has the summer gone, its August already here and fall is right around the corner. For some of us it's the get back to school routine and end to the summertime boating.

As I look back on this year, I see a fairly active schedule. We held a picnic, and a membership meeting at Lake Norman. Many membership meetings and executive meetings. Thanks again to the Frazier's for hosting at Lake Norman.

Kin has been very active with classes this summer and we had fair support from the club. We appreciate all of the hard work that he does for the group. Leon also amazed us with his knot mastery again.

We had a good trip to Edenton for the D-27 rendezvous.

Next up on the agenda is the trip to Norfolk with the Greensboro squadron. Bill, Debbie, and I, all plan to attend. It should be a good time for all.

Our membership meeting is still scheduled for Bleu restaurant, we did have a minor setback. Sam with Bleu informed us the we have been relocated out of our meeting room in favor of a paying group. I did meet with Sam and he has agreed that the room is ours if he has no high bidders! Our next meeting is Aug 21 at Bleu restaurant, the program is TBA.

I will not bore everyone by listing the next months agenda, but will include the updated calendar.

There is a boating opportunity on Sept. 14 for the Clean sweep at Belews Lake, weather permitting.

Debbie and I are working on Christmas party location, we are limited with the lost of Five Points, I will keep everyone informed.

Any ideas for programs and or locations 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

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and getting in plenty of on-the-water time! One of the advantages of living in the Carolinas is that we can stretch the boating seasons well past Labor Day in into the fall.

This summer the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron offered three seminars in June and July: “Knots, Bends, and Hitches”, “Paddle Smart”, and “How to Use a Chart”. Leon Corbett worked his marlinespike magic again and did an excellent job teaching “Knots, Bends, and Hitches”. Unfortunately, there was not any interest in the “Paddle Smart” class. “How to Use a Chart” had a low turn-out due to scheduling and schedule conflicts, but, there certainly was interest. So, we are going to offer it again in August!

For the remainder of the summer and into the fall of 2019, we will be offering two seminars and a boating safety course. All of the classes will be taught at the Polo Park Recreation Center at 1850 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 from 7:00 until 9:00 PM.

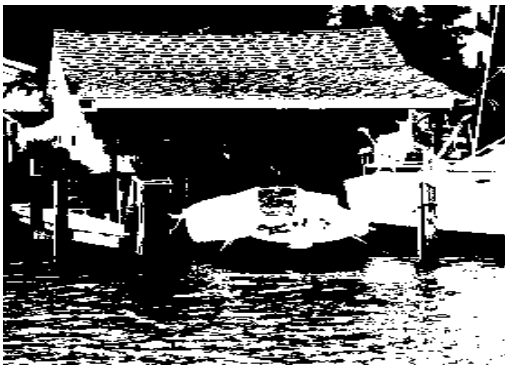
On Wednesday, August 28th, 2019, Bill Davis will be teaching “How to Use a Chart”. This class is designed for those who have limited experience using nautical charts and understanding chart symbols and information. It is also a great refresher for those who have taken the Piloting class or want to take it soon. The cost for the seminar is \$15.

“Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio” will be taught on Wednesday, September 4th, 2019. This two hour seminar will cover the basics of marine VHF radio, radio, radio channels, radio etiquette, and that VHF/DSC system. The cost for this seminar is \$15.

On Thursdays, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, 2019, the WSSPS will be offering the Americas Boating Course – Third Edition. Cost of this five week class is \$26. The ABC-3 course is the United States Power Squadron’s NASBLA approved boating safety class and meets the state of North Carolina’s boating and PWC licensing requirements.

Please spread the word about these classes, we would love to fill up the classes! If you would like to register for these classes please contact me at (336) 413-6490 or email scoutingplus@aol.com. Watch your email and the WSSPS website and Facebook page for updates. I hope to see everyone soon.

Fair Winds and Following Seas!
Kin



Fish House Chronicles

“Crystal Coast Island Time”

What a gift God has left us on the Carolina Coast. Shifting sand bars, dunes, inlets, and the many sounds we can boat and fish in. North Carolina has over 300 miles of coastal sand bars called islands. We get to them using boats, bridges and ferries. But the most picturesque of them all are those islands that face the south. The Southern Outer Banks is a consortium of shifting sand starting at the tip of Cape Lookout and extending to the end of Bogue Banks in Emerald Isle. This is the area that defines what is known as the “The Crystal Coast”. You will pronounce the sounds that define the many seaside villages and communities in this area such as Harkers Island, Beaufort, Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, Pine Knoll Shores, Indian Beach, Salter Path, and Emerald Isle.

Beach goers and tourists travel to this area year after year yearning to extend their arms toward the sea to witness the wind swept dunes and fresh ocean air laden with salt. They walk up and down the tide carved ribbons of sand that no two are alike in the world. They stop to pick up an ocean deposit of treasure called shells. During the day they baptize themselves by immersion into the foamy brine of waves that are washing the sand into different shapes and color. At night, they gently rock themselves to sleep to the sound of the surf and the feeling of a balmy summer breeze off the ocean as these gentle winds wave over their sleeping body.

The many boardwalks and piers allow for those to walk up to 600 plus feet into the ocean that presents itself an opportunity to fish if one feels lucky enough to land tonight’s dinner. The smell of seafood frying in canola oil along with French fries yearns one to buy lunch on the pier waiting for the aquatic creatures below to determine if what is hanging off that hook is tempting enough to bite as a snack. If you are patient, you can witness a 5 year old landing his or her first fish on this pier. For the brave hearted fit traveler, you can take a ferry to Cape Lookout and walk the 207 steps to the top to witness the 360 degree vista of the Crystal Coast. Or you can take the ferry shuttle to Shackleford Banks and walk with the wild Spanish Mustangs that call this island home.

Exploring the historic sections of Beaufort and looking at the many homes that Sea Captains once lived in for over a century ago is a must agenda for anyone who has never been here before. You can walk the same footsteps that pirates walked from nearly 300 years ago when they came to this same place to spend their booty from several months at sea. The many museums and historic places this little village has to offer along with the many choices of eateries is nothing to shy away from. You can even see the artifacts of Blackbeard the pirate flag ship, “The Queen Ann’s Revenge” located in the maritime museum. Don’t forget that the largest fishing tournament in the United States takes place every June in Morehead City called the “Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament”. This historical tournament has the largest payout for bill fish in the world, and has also returned Millions back to charity.

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But for anyone who desires a low keyed sit back and relax summer vacation, there is nothing like lounging around in a shade tent on a beautiful beach with blue green clear water that may have a hint of 80 degrees in temperature. The formation of coastal memories will take place as you sip another beverage or two, letting your body and soul drift into a slight slumber. As the sun begins to set across the sound or behind a dune if you are at the Cape, you will see that the effect of “Island Time” has taken place.

Now for those seafood connoisseur’s, the Crystal Coast is home to many sport fishing and commercial shrimping fleets. Given the time of year, local shrimpers can harvest hundreds of pounds of the classic “Carolina Bugs” of several species such as brown, pink, and white with some being jumbo size in one evening. The abundance of game fish off of this coast is significant because of the proximity of the Gulf Stream only 50 to 60 miles off shore. Fresh Mahi-Mahi, Drum, Kings, Cobia, and Flounder are found on the dinner menu in most restaurants. And let us not forget clams, scallops, blue crab, and oysters. Oysters of all different sizes are abundant by the bushel. And if you are a beer aficionado, you can easily wash down your oysters with a locally made microbrew from the many microbreweries that are setting up tasting rooms in Atlantic Beach, Beaufort, and Morehead City. My mouth is starting to water so I am getting off this subject.

Last but by no means least, you will be mesmerized by the local folk lore and history of the peoples who have settled this area that call the Crystal Coast home. They are the descendants of centuries old Watermen who fished and farmed these barrier islands scratching out a modest living since the late 17th century. They were transient people moving from one Barrier Island to another with many staying making their homes from Hatteras to Topsail. Those who stayed on Bogue Banks helped create the many names of the spits and points on a barrier island. You will learn that this part of the Carolina coast was very isolated until the early 20th century with access only by boat. This in itself has carved the culture and life styles the local people call this place home. If you could time transport oneself back to these earlier periods of coastal development, you will see that there is a similarity between the way mother nature has shaped these barrier islands over the many decades to that of those people who lived here. There is a strong fiber of resilience found in the values of these people that came from the harsh environment they grew up in before the 20th century. They had to make due with little and make it last a long time.

So the people who come to this part of the Carolina coast are adventurous. They seek a little wilderness found between the sand and the stars. They seek to re-connect to the Sea that once started the life cycle of planet Earth. They seek to re-connect with many generations of their families year after year. They desire a simple vacation only found in this place. In comparison, there are no international cruise voyages; no long plane rides to a foreign country, and no high adventure trips to an exotic place in another continent that can compare. This is where most North Carolinians call their vacation home. Island Time on the Crystal Coast.

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

Fishing & Cruising Power Boat For Sale

2001 Grady White Voyager Series model 248. This is a solid fishing boat with hard top and a single Yamaha 250 hp outboard engine. Low hours. This fresh water used boat is located in Lake Norman and has been dry stacked. This boat will make an excellent coastal or large lake cruiser and fishing platform for the most discriminate fisherman. Boat is well equipped for both day tripping off shore or inshore excursions and makes for excellent overnigher for those weekends either in Ocracoke Island or anywhere along the Carolina coast. This boat is also trailerable so you can move it to any state or lake of your choosing for exploration and tournament fishing.

Asking price \$22,000.

Specifications:

Centerline Length	24'9"
Beam	8'6"
Fuel Capacity	105 gallons
Hull Draft	1'3"
Engine Shaft Length	30"
Dry Weight	4035 lbs
Steering Type	Hydraulic w/tilt
Hydraulic Trim Tabs	

Electronics:

VHF Radio
Garmin 50S GPS/Sounder
Sony AM/FM/CD
Dual Antennas
Ritchie compass



Features:

Factory hardtop with Rocket launcher rod holders
Hardtop with radio bocrds and spreader lights
Full cockpit canvas
Cockpit bolsters
4 Deck rod holders
PortaPotti with inline macerator
Rod storage in cabin
Deluxe helm and companion chairs
Stainless steel cushioned deck chairs (2)
Full cockpit seating cushions
Dual batteries with cut off switch
Windshield wiper (port)

Remote oil reservoir
Full cabin cushions
Opening ports and screens
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