

America's Boating Club of Winston-Salem



CROSSED ANCHORS

June, July, August 2022



Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the FriendsSM

We had our annual picnic at Joanie Moser Park on Wednesday June 15. We enjoyed Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and an incredible variety of foods. A good social time was enjoyed by all.

Here is a couple pictures from that evening.

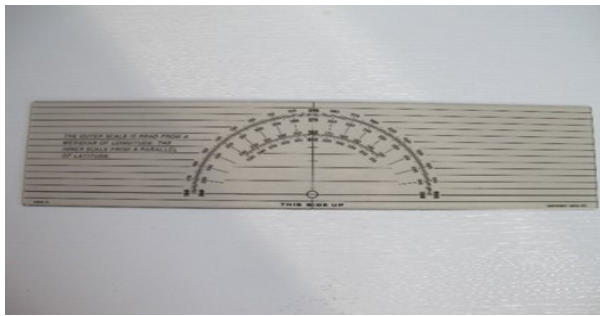


Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



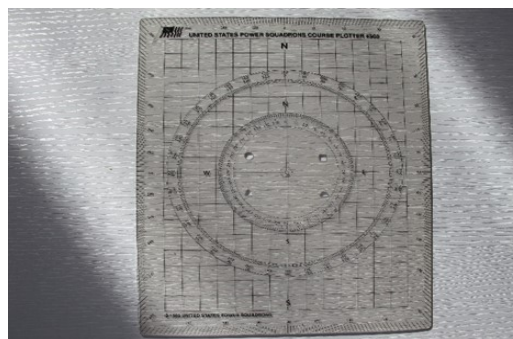
Okay, you can now take a deep sigh of relief. This is the last in a series of “How we used to do it” tools. It’s not quite as bad as it may seem. There are those of us that still like to print ON PAPER what needs to be read. I tell the tree huggers, don’t worry about using up trees; I will grow you some new ones.



This is a combination compass and straight edge. Again, in the ancient days when we had to whip out a chart and plot our destination using dead reckoning, this was a useful tool. Like many of you, the older I get the more I like my chart plotter. Can you blame me.

Again, a straight edge but with 3 levels of compasses. Pretty handy where you can mark the degrees needed on the outer perimeter of this thing.

Now a break from class. For those of you with a functional boat and a chart plotter of some nature, we do have the “Belews Cruise” coming up September 17 at Belews Lake. This is where we test out our piloting skills using a given latitude/longitude to find milk jugs in creeks and coves of the lake. You never know when that skill could kick in for use in your life. I notice even our car navigation apps sometimes give locations in lat/lon. Even if you aren’t in a boating mood come out anyway as we will have plenty of room in boats for guest to help as lookouts, back seat drivers, and general opinion makers.



Administrative Officer

David Jackson



Greetings every one, I hope everyone is doing well. Thanks to all of the brave souls that joined us at the annual picnic at Joanie Moser Park on June 15. We had a good crowd even though it was hot that day. There was plenty of food and sweets for everyone to enjoy. We had 10 members and 2 guest attending. Thanks to everyone that brought a side item.

During the past month, Bill and I went to North State Marina located at Badin Lake to do vessel inspections. Old North State is a private community on the lake. We met with the dock master and set up inspections at the gas docks. The lake was busy and so was the gas dock. We were able to do 7 complete vessel inspections and met a lot of folks that needed education. As always in vessel inspections we ran across some folks that had no business being on the water!

After we finished our inspections for the day, we stopped at the local restaurant to catch a bite. At the restaurant we ran across a group of Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel examiners eating lunch. They saw us and asked what was up, we replied that we were doing vessel exams at the club, come to find out this group was doing an ABC class at the club house of Old North State. We were there most of the day and no one on the lake knew about the ongoing class. Jim Cortes was leading the group; he is the national director of vessel examinations for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. We had a good time talking to him. Jim has agreed to come give us a program on the working of their program at the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Our membership meeting for August will be held on August 17 at Laura's house in Buena Vista.

The rest of the summer is looking busy for Debbie and I with trips to the beach and to Orlando! Bill is going to reschedule a Geodetic Survey hunt in town. I am working on the calendar through November, the meetings will be TBA until Bill and I get together. Please give us feedback on meetings and locations. I am looking forward to our meetings and seeing everyone.

Thanks for your support.

Ltc David Jackson, S

Admin Officer, Americas Boating Club of Winston Salem.

Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



On June 16th 2022 the United States Coast Guard released the “2021 Recreational Boating Statistics”. Despite the increase in boating activities as people are returning to the water as we return to normal from the COVID pandemic, from 2020 boating accidents dropped 15.7%, injuries decreased 17.2%, and fatalities dropped 14.2%. This is good news, however, according to a review by Boat US the need for boating education remains critical. In the “2021 Recreational Boating Statistics” the top two accident types were collision with recreational boats and collision with fixed objects, the top two vessel types with top casualties (injury and loss of life) were open motorboats and PWCs, and 399 of 489 drownings occurred where life jackets were present but not worn. The report listed the top ten contributing factors for boating accidents in 2021 in order as operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, machinery failure, excessive speed, alcohol use, force of wave/wake, navigation rules violation, hazardous waters, and weather. Emphasizing the need for safe boating education, each of these factors is discussed in the Americas Boating Course – Third Edition as well as other NASBLA safe boating courses.

I have received some emails and a phone call recently asking about a boating class. In response to the renewed interest in the area the Americas Boating Club of Winston-Salem/Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron has scheduled Americas Boating Course for Thursdays, September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and October 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Polo Park Community Center at 1850 Polo Road in Winston-Salem, 27106. The cost of the class is \$28. If would like to attend the class, know someone who may be interested, or would like to help with the class, please call me at 336 413-6490 or send me an email at scoutingplus@aol.com.

As area recreational boaters return to the water, lets do our part to encourage safe boating education. Seeing a drop in boating accidents is great news and with a focus on safety we may be able to keep that trend going! When folks buy a boat, trailer, water skis, fishing tackle, and gear, one of the least expensive and most important investments that they can make is to take an in-person boating safety class with their family members.

Safety first and we'll see you on the water!

Kin Cartrette, P



Americas Boating Course – 3

NASBLA safe boating course, N.C. boat/PWC license

Four-part course with a final exam on

Thursdays, September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th,

October 6th, 2022

6:30 PM until 8:30 PM

Polo Park Community Center

1850 Polo Road

Winston-Salem, NC 27106

\$28 for the ABC-3 book and exam

Contact Kin Cartrette @ scoutingplus@aol.com or

(336) 413-6490 to register.

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Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron

Syllabus:

September 8th - Chapter 1, “Getting Started”, “Required Safety Equipment”, “Going Boating”.

September 15th – Chapter 2, “Navigation Rules”, “Navigation Aids”, “Lights and Sound Signals”, “Government Regulations”.

September 22nd – Chapter 3, “Finding Your Way”, “Anchoring”, “Adverse Conditions and Emergencies”, “Communications Afloat”.

September 29th – Chapter 4, “Water Sports Safety”, “Trailerling”, “PWC Operation”, “Knots and Lines”.

October 6th – Review and Proctored Examination.



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

"Summer Time Blues, Keeping Cool on a Hot Day"

Felix & Mandy were relaxing on their forward deck, taking in an early morning sunrise on the beautiful Peltier Creek. By 8 am, the heat from that rising sun was not only uncomfortable, but downright miserable when you factor in 80% humidity. Many boaters hibernate into the air-conditioned cabins as they try to get out of the blazing sun. And the other option for keeping cool is take the boat on the outside of the protective waters of the ICW and try to create a "boat breeze," to at least cool off for a couple of hours. But the moment you slow down or stop, the heat attacks you like a swarm of green head flies. With marine fuel breaching seven dollars per gallon, you get the hint to stick to the safety of the dock for the sake of saving your credit card from maxing out.

So, for those boaters who do not have air conditioning, they try to be somewhat creative in their quest to be cool especially when you have a limited budget. And you guessed it, Felix fits this category and calls Hector to see if he has any ideas. The two wannabe engineers put their heads together to see what they can create for less than \$200. Trips to Ace Hardware, Lowes Hardware, and Rusty's Used Marine Parts created a hodge podge of tubes, hoses, wires, buckets, and some "Starboard" lumber. They tried to avoid West Marine because no one can ever get out of that store who owns a boat for less than \$1,000 or more.

Mandy has the right idea, she went shopping at Belk's because it is air conditioned.

We know that our fellow boater Felix has some mechanical and plumbing skills along with an occasional electrical job or two. He can wire up an outlet and fasten a few pipes together to carry seawater to a cooling jacket, and he can also fix or modify marine toilets in a very creative way. (see our story on where is the poop?) But, to build an air conditioner is something that even the great and powerful Felix may be challenged with. The Fish House has some manuals and guide books that many boaters donated on "How Too" but nothing in creative air conditioning. So, Felix offered libations of beer to anyone who would help him or at least speak up about how too!! There was one person who did speak up as he rose from a late afternoon nap on the fish house porch, and he told Felix that he has an idea that won't cost very much. Felix was all ears as Captain Ralph spoke up some more!!

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After a six pack of Old Milwaukee Light, Captain Ralph asked Felix if he was okay to drive because he knew where there was an air conditioner no one was using at the time. They drove to a small marina across the creek and saw a small outbuilding that had an old widow type of air conditioner hanging on a bracket. Captain Ralph told Felix that was Felix's new AC unit and all he had to do is take it down. That sounded like an easy-peasy job except Felix saw the world's biggest hornets' nest in the bottom of this AC unit. Felix asked who was going to get the AC unit off the brackets and will it be okay with the person who owns the building?

Ralph told Felix you go get it. The door is unlocked and just go inside and unplug it, and here is a 3/8 wrench to get the brackets loose. And also here is a can of wasp spray. After a few stings and with all the hornets dead or dying, Felix made quick work. He got the old rusty brackets off the AC unit and he gently placed it into his pickup truck bed. Good thing no one was looking said Captain Ralph as he popped open another beer. Because people just don't understand the value of helping a fellow neighbor clean up his unused equipment and allocating it to a good cause. Plus think of all the electricity that person who owns the outbuilding will be saving now that there is no more AC.

Felix and Ralph came back to the fish house just in time to help Mandy unload another 16 bags of new clothes she got on sale at Belk's.

A few more cold brews and the two engineers were hard at work cutting a hole into the forward deck of the boat. Ralph told Felix to also drill a couple of extra holes for running evaporator hoses from the cabin to the outside deck, so there would be no dripping of water inside. Once they were happy with the deck cut out, they placed the AC unit into the cutout and then Felix got some 5200 marine sealants to put around the opening and also made a bracket out of wood using the marine sealant to glue it together to support the AC unit.

Felix thought it did look funny having a window style AC unit upside down facing the inside of the cabin from the roof. But he trusted Captain Ralph, as Ralph has been fixing, building, stealing, and selling boats for over 50 years. (Mostly on Lake Norman until he was run off by the Sheriff's Department in Catawba County).

Now with the bulk of the work done and the 5200-sealant needing time to set up, Ralph asked Felix to plug it in and test it to make sure it works. After blowing a few fuses and heating up the 30-amp-power cord, they managed to get the new AC unit to work.

Now the two mariners decided to go to the Fish House porch and consume the remainder of the case of Old Milwaukee Light beer that they bought on the way home from the rescue of an unwanted AC unit. Ralph explained to Felix that AC unit was being abused by its former owner who hardly ever used it. Yes, Felix was convinced this was a mission of mercy with a cool reward and he was forever grateful to Captain Ralph for helping him resolve the cooling issue. The big bonus was this may allow Felix's credit card to cool off because Mandy no longer has an excuse to shop at Belk's.

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The next morning brought joy to Felix as his cabin was now reading 74 degrees and he was pleased with the performance of this little AC unit. Mandy however, was a bit angry with the sound of the unit breaking 120 decibels and the unit dripping water all night on her pillow. I guess Felix and Ralph forgot to connect the evaporator hose. Felix thought to himself this is no big problem. Being hot and sticky is very miserable, but being cool and wet is less miserable. Hopefully the 5200-sealant set up okay because that stuff takes time to cure.

Back on the Fish House Porch, Felix toasted the success of his job while Captain Ralph drifted off to sleep dreaming of little people swimming in the pool and Hector modeling his new speedo!!

See you on the water

P/C Don Breault, AP

Still Boatless

2022 Calendar.

Date	Activity	Place	Time
Wed, Aug 17	Membership Meeting	Bleu Restaurant	1800 hr
Sat, Sep 17	Belews Cruise	Belews Lake	0930 hr
Wed, Sep 21	Membership Meeting	Bleu Restaurant	1800 hr
Mon, Oct 3	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Wed, Oct 19	Membership Meeting	Bleu Restaurant	1800 hr
Mon, Nov 3	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Wed, Nov 16	Membership Meeting	Bleu Restaurant	1800 hr
Mon, Dec 5	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Dec 7 or 12	Christmas Party	TBA	1800 hr

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Feel free to contact any of the above if you have questions. Our meetings are open to the public.

Please visit us any time.