

America's Boating Club of Winston-Salem



CROSSED ANCHORS

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

Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



It's bang, bang, bang. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas. I love it. Now if we could forgo winter. Being mostly retired I have more time for "farming", which I use that term loosely. As I have said many times, I hope to come to the family farm in Jamesville one day, look around, and can't find a thing to do. So far, in 50 years, it hasn't happened.

That also seems to be the case in Winston Salem. You think I have been commander for quite a while. Not really. I have lost count of how many years I have been treasurer of the Methodist Men, Trustee chairman of my church, worked for a paycheck, etc. But the good news is that I have always been surrounded by helpful, supportive individuals that make my work easier. I am grateful for that.

On October 18th we joined the Greensboro Power Squadron on a Geodetic marker hunt. The weather was a bit chilly and windy, but not too bad. From Winston Salem we had Bill Fenimore, David Jackson, and myself. Greensboro supplied four folks. We rode with Mack Gordy who is an expert at hunting markers. After the morning hunt we had lunch at Jason's deli in Friendly Center. Mack turned in our data and this made district happy as it helps us get on the honor roll. No idea what that means?

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We have our COW February 4th, 2023, so please mark your calendar. By popular demand we will return to the Maple Chase Country Club. We will just order off the menu to keep it simple. At our last meeting at North Point Grill, we discussed calling it something other than Change Of Watch as we don't change much. How about Retention of Watch or something like that. Open for ideas. COW always sounded strange to me anyway.

Cathy and I went to the D27 district meeting the weekend of October 15. It was the usual gang there, 35 plus folks. The Saturday morning program was very good. They had a gentleman from the Bonehenge Whale Center in Beaufort, NC speak about whale activity on the North Carolina coast. He knew everything there was to know about whales. We had done some whale watching in Alaska this summer but didn't know we had our own covey, gaggle, herd, or whatever you call a bunch of whales here in North Carolina. When you cross the bridge from Morehead City going to Beaufort look to the left or north as you exit the bridge. You should see it just below you. If not, just google it.

Another benefit of the weekend was that the NC State fair was in Raleigh, so we got to go to it on Sunday! Saved the gas to go to the fair.



Administrative Officer

David Jackson



Hello, welcome to fall! Looking back over our calendar, I have to say it was a productive year even though everyone was very busy! We were able to complete most of our monthly meetings, and hold Executive Zoom meetings. This was helpful to those folks that were not able to travel.

We were able to have a picnic, do a geodetic survey, do some vessel exams, and thanks to Kin some classes were held!

Looking forward to the end of the year we still have some fun stuff to complete. Our membership meeting was last night, Wednesday Nov. 16. Donald Murray and Jim Cortes the National Director of the Vessel Examinations for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary joined us. We had a great meeting at Little Richards on Stratford Road. Jim talked to us about vessel safety and safety inspections.

We had a great turnout last night, and great food at Little Richards. Nice to see everyone.

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We will have an executive meeting on Monday Dec. the 5 to discuss the upcoming Christmas party. On Wednesday Dec. 14 we will have our Christmas party at Laura's house. The address is 715 Oak lawn Ave. The tentative menu for the party is Baked Ham, yeast rolls, Chicken, a fruit tray, and a veggie tray, finger foods, wines, soda and sweet tea. We will have a cookie swap for dessert, everyone can bring a sweet and take some home too. We will also do a \$10 present swap.

Then in February our Change of Watch will be held on Saturday Feb. 4, 2023 at Maple Chase Country Club starting at 1800 hr. I am currently working on the calendar through September 2023, the meetings will be TBA until Bill and I get together. I am searching for more meeting rooms given our track record with Bleu.

Please give us feedback on meetings and locations. I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Thanks for your support.

LtC. David Jackson, S

Admin Officer, Americas Boating Club of
Winston Salem



Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



Squadron Education Officer

Lt/C Kin Cartrette, P

During the month of September 2022, Americas Boating Club of Winston-Salem/Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron offered the Americas Boating Course – 3 at the Polo Park Community Center in Winston-Salem. Two students, Nelson Bryson and Devon Piner, attended and passed the course. Devon had taken the class online a few years ago and wanted to take a class in-person as a refresher. He commented that the discussion and opportunity to ask questions in-person was a significant advantage over the online class. Both students are active boaters and had a opportunity to apply on the weekends what they were learning while taking the class. Congratulation to Nelson and Devon. Both expressed interest in taking more of the ABC/USPS classes and seminars in the near future.

With relatively moderate winters and avid anglers in the Carolinas, boating continues year-round in the area as weather permits. With boaters continue on the water, here are a few safety tips for boating in cooler weather:

Wear your life jacket. Whether warm or cold weather life jackets won't work unless they are worn.

Type III vest style life jackets also offer a small degree of warmth if you happen to end up in the water.

File a float plan with someone that you trust to call for help if you are not back or have not responded to them by the time that you said that you would be off the water. You should file a float plan anytime that you go boating!

Dress for the water, not the weather! Dress in multiple layers. Avoid wearing cotton clothing while boating, cotton will not keep you warm when wet and will tend to have a cooling effect. Wool and synthetic clothing are better options. Keep an extra change of clothing onboard in case you do get soaked.

Protect exposed skin from wind chapping and sunburn. You can still get too much sun in the winter and the chill of cold air in a moving boat can result in chapping. Protective clothing and sun-screen are your friends!

Stay hydrated! Monitor your water intake. It is easy to forget that you can become dehydrated on cooler days just as those warmer summer day. You might want to bring along extra food as well, such as energy bars or trail mix.

Keep all batteries charged! This includes boat batteries, cell phone batteries, as well any hand-held VHF radios and other electronic devices. Batteries tend to lose their charge faster in colder temperatures.

Have a dry bag! Store extra clothing, your cell phone, and any other items that you don't want to get wet in a dry bag.

Double check everything. Make a checklist for your boat and your trip. Check and recheck the list as you are preparing to get underway.

Always remember safety first when boating. The Americas Boating Club of Winston-Salem will be offering more classes and seminars in 2023, so watch you emails, the WSSPS website and Facebook page, and the Crossed Anchors. In the Americas Boating Course – 3 we talk about the effects of boating in cold weather, cold water immersions, as well as how to respond to weather related emergencies.

Safety first and we'll see you on the water!
Kin Cartrette, P





Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

Bare Boating & Sex on The Beach

With the boating season winding down as the end of the year draws near, Felix did not want the boating experiences to end, but Mandy does not like to be exposed to cold weather or cooler weather as we say it in New England. The weather in December through the end of February can be a bit on the cool side to include the wearing of long pants, sweaters, and on some days a coat.

Felix on the other hand desires to continue boating into the winter months, but wants Mandy to be comfortable so perhaps boating in North Carolina in the winter may not be the right venue. A little research on his part and a big surprise for Mandy, Felix decides to charter a boat in the British Virgin Islands. This was a pleasant surprise for Mandy as she never expected this type of trip. Boating in the Caribbean near the Virgin Islands.

Felix lays out the plan and they soon got plane tickets and for luggage, Felix told Mandy to do a light pack because they will be living on a sailboat for a little more than a week. As they planned this trip, Mandy was wondering if they would be alone on a sailboat or would they share it with another couple. Felix said no way are we sharing this boat. We will be alone. Why else would they call it a “Bare Boat” cruise? Now with many thoughts and imagination, Mandy was thinking are they planning to be naked all week on this boat? Wow she thought, a bare boat cruise and having a minimal wardrobe. Not even a swim suit? She has many questions but was not sure who to ask. Her imagination was on high speed.

She also saw Felix writing down a list of things and items to procure once they arrived in the BVI and one item she glanced at was SEX ON THE BEACH. Was this an activity? Or was this something Felix had on his mind and with whom? How many others will be doing this? Is this some sort of a ritual a couple has to do on the first night or the first day they spend in the BVI? Now Mandy was really concerned as she thought having sex on the beach in the eyes of the public was not such a good idea. What about the sand? Now, her imagination was really running away on her. So many questions and so many concerns with no one to explain except for Felix and Mandy was unsure how to approach these concerns without disappointing him.

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With passports and plane tickets in hand and two sea bags in tow, the couple stepped on to the boarding ramp in Raleigh and in less than 4 hours, they were deplaning in St. Thomas. A short cab ride to the ferry dock and 1 hour ferry ride to Road Town, the excited couple found themselves in the midst of a charter boat facility with so many different boats and so many questions. A short instruction period from the charter company soon revealed a view of paradise from the harbor as the couple motored the mono hull sailboat into the Sir Frances Drake Channel. A balmy 80 degrees and average humidity, they were on their way to a week of BARE BOATING.

Felix told Mandy they will find a mooring in Long Bay Beach for the night and we will start the "Bare Boat" cruise the very next morning. Mandy was so excited that it would be quite an experience to be totally free on the deck of a sailboat in such a pristine place. But the sex on the beach idea still bothered her. The next morning came quickly and Felix disconnected the mooring ball and away they went back into open water. Mandy went below to prepare for the bare boat experience. As she came back on deck, she quickly noticed that Felix was racing 2 other sailboats in the channel and making good time keeping up with them. Then Felix noticed that Mandy was somewhat underdressed on deck. The other two boat crews also took note of her unusual use of minimal clothing in the middle of the sailboat race.

The other boats somehow were confused and distracted as they tacked incorrectly and quickly fell behind Felix yielding his boat as the winner of the short race to Spanish Town. Felix asked Mandy why she was somewhat underdressed, and she asked Felix why he was somewhat overdressed. "Isn't this a bare boat cruise you told me, asked Mandy?" "Yes, Felix replied but bare boat means no crew except for you and I. It does not mean naked cruising like you are doing now." Mandy was so embarrassed and she went below to find a swim suit to wear.

Later that afternoon, they picked up a mooring ball near the Baths in the vicinity of Spanish Town. Later on, the other two sailboats did the same. After introductions and everyone taking dinghies to the beach, they all gathered as a group with small backpacks and they walked among the many boulders and outcroppings of coral and rock to find a very beautiful and secluded beach. Now this group of sailors all being in their early 60's and maybe one over 70 were all excited for the afternoon activity. The older one named Henry asked if everyone was ready to have SEX ON THE BEACH? Felix was first to answer "Yes we are" And the entire group cheered and began a very joyous chant of "Were having sex on the beach today". Now poor Mandy had here worst fears of embarrassment and thoughts of everyone watching this intimate act. She thought who are these people? Is this some sort of cult? Are these older people somewhat left over from those days in Woodstock in the sixties? She also thought there is no way these people are going to watch her and Felix do this on the beach. She also thought that these people have no modesty if they think to have a "Woodstock" style groupie on the beach. Will they ask to swap partners? Will everyone enjoy this type of activity as a group with different partners?

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Now Henry being the leader of this group made a rather commanding statement “Let the Sex on the beach begin”. Mandy all but fainted from anxiety. Henry walked over to Mandy and said I choose you to have this first. And she looked at Felix and he nodded in approval. At that time Henry took off his pack first and was looking for what he described as his little friend. Mandy thoughts were now running into overdrive thinking that; does this old guy still used birth control? Next thing she saw was a series of shot glasses everyone had ready. Now Mandy was on the verge of a total blackout from anxiety thinking are these people going to toast the sex on the beach act? What a bunch of perverts she thought. Then Felix took out a bottle of a pinkish orange colored liquor and poured some into everyone’s shot glass. Mandy got the larger shot glass Henry found in his back pack and said; “she gets a double”. This she guesses was his little friend. As Felix poured the concoction of this fruity flavored liquor into the glasses, Mandy noticed the bottle said **“Sex on The Beach”**.

The remaining crew all toasted and drank their glass of sex on the beach and with a big sigh, they all commented and asked if that was good for you as it was for me. Felix told everyone that this was Mandy’s first-time having Sex on The Beach. And what a place to have it. Spanish Town in the BVI. Henry also commented that the best part is this is safe sex for everyone. They all cheered and drank some more. By the time nightfall came, Henry had sex on the beach with everyone. And Mandy was his first!! What a memory for Mandy. But now the private conversation she had with Felix may have been less than amiable as she informed him, she intentionally did not bring a sufficient wardrobe for the week. Felix had to correct that by taking Mandy shopping almost every day they went ashore in the many tourists islands the Virgin Islands had. I am sure this may have cost him a lot, and his credit card was pushed to the max. But the best souvenir Mandy took home was a few bottles of the liquor called “SEX ON THE BEACH” at one of the duty-free shops prior to boarding the plane to go home.

Henry and his crew also took a secret souvenir by snapping a couple of pictures of Mandy while she was on deck during the sailboat race. They all had previously exchanged addresses and Henry was going to send Felix and Mandy a Christmas card later that year with a little surprise.

Moral of this story is: always ask questions about any new adventure you are about to take. Never assume that the program is what it is stated to be. Never be shy about being somewhat underdressed, or at least wear a PFD. And most of all, be careful of who you can trust to never tell anyone else what you did!!

See you on the water

P/C Don Breault, AP

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2022-2023 Calendar

Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron



Date	Activity	Place	Time
Wed, Nov 16	Membership Meeting	Little Richards	1800 hr
Mon, Dec 5	Executive Meeting	Zoom*	1800 hr
Wed, Dec 14	Christmas Party	Laura's House	1800 hr
Wed, Jan 18	Membership Meeting	Zoom/discuss COW	1800 hr
Sat, Feb 4	Change of Watch	Maple Chase Country Club	1800 hr
Mon, Mar 6	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Wed, Mar 15	Membership Meeting	TBA	1800 hr
Mon, Apr 3	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Wed, Apr 19	Membership Meeting	TBA	1800 hr
Mon, May 1	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Wed, May 17	Membership Meeting	TBA	1800 hr
Mon, June 5	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Wed, June 21	Membership Meeting	TBA	1800 hr
Wed, July 19	Membership Meeting	TBA	1800 hr
Mon, Aug 7	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Wed, Aug 16	Membership Meeting	TBA	1800 hr
Wed, Sept 20	Membership Meeting	TBA	1800 hr.

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Please visit us any time.