

America's Boating Club of Winston-Salem



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Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



Another year, another dollar less! That seems to be my motto even though I didn't adopt it.

Going to district meetings will do that even though the district folks try hard to hold down costs. This year it was in the Fort Mill, SC area at a club house. They served up a low country shrimp boil (as opposed to some other country?) Friday night. Saturday, they had two very good speakers. One fellow was with the Coast Guard and worked on boat safety issues from South Carolina south to Porto Rica. Obviously, Florida was his biggest territory for responsibility. Also, a career guy with the Navy NCSI talked about his real-life experience in the service. This is as opposed to what you see on TV. Not as glamorous as the TV show! Saturday afternoon was the usual meeting where two toothpicks helped keep your eyelids open. Not quite that bad until we had to duke it out over Robert's Rules of Order.

Saturday night was really good with excellent barbeque and all the sides you would want. Most everyone was dressed as pirates. Cathy made my outfit, and she won first place for best female pirate!

We are referenced on the NC Wildlife website as a source for the basic boating course. Kin said he had two students this fall.

Winter training is still in the planning stage for January 2024.

The really good news is that the D27 rendezvous is planned for next August 2-3 in Washington, NC. Looks like a great agenda and, if the creeks don't rise, I plan to bring my boat for some Pamlico River exploration. Anyone who looks to go floating, please come down.

We appear to be at 13 active squadrons in D27. Greensboro is in the mode of dispersing their treasury to needy organizations in the Greensboro area.

Merit Marks for those very helpful to the squadron this year have been submitted. You should be hearing shortly from the Chief Commander.

Administrative Officer

David Jackson



Greetings from Rural Hall. I think fall has finally arrived. It was 82 degrees yesterday, I worked up a good sweat raking leaves in the yard.

Debbie and I were baby sitting in Orlando during our last membership meeting. Thanks to everyone who came to Little Richards, I understand we had a good turnout.

Bill, Eddie, Becky, and I had a fun time on our Geodetic hunt on October 11. We met in Rural Hall and our search took us through Bethania. We were able to find about half of the stations. It was an afternoon on dodging traffic and trying to dig in hard ground. It was obvious that we had not had any rain in a long time, but we had a god time. Thanks to everyone that came to help!

Our next membership meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov 15 at North Point Grill at 6PM. Bill will be doing the "Year in Review". If you have any pictures to share, please forward them to Bill.

We will also be going over plans for the Christmas party and Laura's tree trimming event. The tree trimming is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 26 at Laura's house at 4PM. Please let us know if you can come.

There is an executive meeting planed for Monday, Dec. 4. This will be to discuss any final details for the Christmas party and the COW. Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday, Dec.13 at 6PM at Laura's house. The tentative menu is baked ham, rolls, smoked wings from Little Richards, and a vegetable tray. Debbie and I will do deviled eggs, sweet potato casserole and a green bean casserole. If anybody has a dish they would like to bring let us know. We will also need sweets for deserts. We will do a dirty Santa gift exchange, gifts limited to \$10. We hope everyone can attend!

Our Change of Watch will be coming up on Saturday, February 3 at Maple Chase Country Club. We will be ordering from their menu and hope to see a good turnout.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting our club. We manage to do a lot every year with everyone's support.

Education Officer

Lt Kin Cartrette



The Americas Boating Club of Winston-Salem/ Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron offered the Americas Boating Course 3 class in September and October at the Polo Park Community Center. Congratulations to Steve and Delores Hire of Winston-Salem for completing the course! The Hires have family members who boat and are looking at purchasing a boat themselves in the near future. Americas Boating Club of Winston-Salem will be offering another ABC-3 class in the spring of 2024, so look for the announcement in the Crossed Anchors!

If are interested in teaching or help teach the Americas Boating Class – 3, the Education Department of Americas Boating Club in offering an online Instructor Development class in January 2024. Space is still available, so if you are interested, please let me know and I will pass your name on to Tom Graham, the District 27 Education Officer.

Americas Boating Club of Winston-Salem is looking at offering some two hour seminars in 2024. Some of the more popular seminars are “Knots and Line Handling”, “All About VHF/DSC Marine Radio”, “Weather for Boaters”, and “How to Use a Chart”. Please let me know if there are seminars that you would like to see offered or are interested in teaching. Many of the seminars have been updated and a few new seminars have been added to the USPS curriculum. For more details go to www.usps.org/departments/13000/13000-curriculum/13000-seminars.

Since 2010, our Sea Scouts of Ship 924 have been meeting at New Hope Methodist Church. Beginning in 2024 Ship 924 will begin meeting at New Philadelphia Moravian Church on Country Club Road in Winston-Salem. New Hope Methodist Church has been a strong supporter of Scouting for almost 70 years, and we will always be grateful for that support and wish them the best. We will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings when move to New Philadelphia Moravian Church.

Enjoy the Holidays with family and friends and we’ll see you on the water!

Kin Cartrette, P



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

“Changing Water into Wine”

“Felix Gets a Salt Water Farm Part Two”

It has been 8 weeks since Felix & Mandy moved to Saco Bay Maine. They have been diligently restoring his late Danny’s salt water farm. First things came first for Felix. He found an old wooden dory that his uncle Danny used for fishing and tending his 5 lobster traps. This old wooden boat had to be restored and floated in the salty brine of Saco Bay so he too could continue the fishing tradition of his long time New England family. Plus, Felix also dreamed of bagging many bushels of cold-water clams so he could have a pot of “Steamers” to go along with his “lobsta” bake. Meanwhile back at the house, Mandy was busy cleaning, repairing doors, windows, and a part of the roof along with arranging for electricity to be restored to the farm.

Now we may have already guessed how this is going to end and it may not be pretty. Here is Mandy restoring a home to live in, and here is Felix restoring a boat to fish in. Who has the right priority for looking forward and it is already mid-November in Maine, and they have had their first killing frost and a light dusting of snow a couple of weeks ago. Mandy makes a detailed to do list and Felix reads it and finds a spot to have a beer and contemplate his thoughts on how to avoid the heavy lifting of home repairs and how to justify the time to go fishing. Soon the colder weather makes Felix feel a little uncomfortable being exposed to the freezing temperatures of early November and not having any heat in the house except for a fireplace and the supply of wood is at minimum levels.

Over the next few weeks, Mandy manages to round up some home improvement handy men and women to help get the home buttoned up for the winter. She has running water from the well, electricity restored, and an antique furnace that uses heating oil that sputters and smokes a lot but seems to get the job done when evening temperatures reach down in the upper teens. Felix has his fishing dory ready to float. The old dock that reaches into the salty brine of Saco Bay has seen better days and is not very stable to walk on let alone tie a boat too. Felix finds the remains of a once road worthy boat trailer and loads the dory on it and hooks it to his jeep so he can launch the boat for his first sea trial. Thank goodness that Uncle Danny had built a make shift boat ramp made from old oyster shells.

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Felix remembers that the tides here are very long and that once he is in the water with his dory, he better get his jeep back up on high ground because he remembers a bad boat launch story that his friend Reid told him one day at the fish house and that story caused a certain member of the Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron to receive the coveted DEWDA award that year. We will not mention any names. So now Felix is off fishing in his little dory and the small 8 HP outboard spits and sputters as he motors out to his first lobster trap. Felix thinking lobster traps are like crab traps he set out in Bogue sound North Carolina. "Behold" he found out that these Lobster traps are big, heavy, and very deep. Maybe this is why commercial lobstermen use pulleys and cranes to hoist them.

After Felix manages to pull one of five traps, he decides this is way too much work as the one trap he manages to pull had a single one-pound lobster in it. So, after several hours of fishing and lobstering, Felix comes home with 3 lobsters, 2 blue fish, and one striper bass. This he feels will make a great feast for he and Mandy that evening. Once he manages to tie up his dory to the falling apart dock, he somehow manages to avoid falling into the water as he hauls his catch back to shore. He cleans the fish and puts the lobsters into a tub of cold saltwater until he is ready to steam them. Now for the remainder of his ingredients for a surprise feast tonight, he found a potato rake in the tool shed and digs up many long neck clams from the sandy beach and puts them into a burlap bag. We now have the makings of a down east clam bake.

Felix also notices that they are void of libations so after placing his booty of seafood into the outside refrigerator, he sets off to the "Packy." You see in Maine; they have no ABC stores. They sell alcoholic beverages in privately owned stores called Package Stores and the locals slang word for them is called the Packy. At the Packy, Felix gets a case of a wide variety of wines that he thinks will go well with seafood. Loading them into the jeep, he starts to head back to the farm. The late afternoon brings a very chilling northeast wind and he sees snow flurries falling. Better get directly home he thought, because this could be the season's first major snow fall!

As Felix made the final turn into the gravel road leading to his farm, the snow was now getting heavy and with the North East wind blowing at 20 knots, the snow was accumulating very fast against buildings and barns. Visibility toward the water was almost nonexistent. Felix parked less than 6 feet from the front porch and he left his case of libations outside on the porch. As he entered the house, the slight odor of a warm inviting fireplace fire hit his senses and made him feel very warm. Mandy told Felix that they may not have enough firewood to keep that fire going for more than a few hours. Then Felix said we need to cook all that wonderful fish I brought in this morning. We have lobsters, bass, and blue fish. He also told Mandy they had enough clams to make a steam pot. So, Felix quickly ran to the porch refrigerator to retrieve the fish, wash clams, and get the lobsters ready for the "Sauna." Meanwhile the snow was falling a pretty good clip and no sign of letting up. Mandy told Felix she needed water from the well pump outside because the plumbing in the kitchen was still being repaired.

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Trudging into the snow, Felix retrieved several buckets of water and placed them on to the porch next to the case of libations he recently purchased from the "Packy." Mandy started to boil water for the steamers and lobster, while Felix pan seared the fish. Mandy thought they had some left-over corn she purchased the other day at the A&P and she husked the 3 ears and placed them into one of the boiling pots. Then Felix started the process of introducing the lobsters to his stove top "Sauna" one at a time. The dinner was almost ready to serve when the power went out. Mandy told Felix she would need a couple more buckets of water to be brought in just in case they needed to heat the water for dishes later.

Felix easily complied, and went to the porch to retrieve the water buckets and noticed that the box of libations was sitting nearby, so he took a few bottles and placed them into one of the empty buckets and brought them to the kitchen.

The dinner was neatly presented on the kitchen table and Mandy used candles to light the way. How romantic was this setting; A down east style lobster bake with corn, steamers, fish, and a crackling fire in the fireplace with a Northeaster blowing in from the sea. Outside temperatures were briskly falling into the low 20's and the snow was accumulating very quickly. Mandy asked if Felix had any wine and he said yes, I do. He got up and went into one of what Mandy saw was a water bucket, and he poured a couple of glasses inside the bucket and brought them to the dinner table. Now Mandy not being able to see clearly because of the low light inside the house, could have sworn that Felix just retrieved water from the outside well into that same bucket and was now serving wine from it. Then she thought of the view a couple of months ago as she observed Felix walking on water in the shallows of low tide. So, Mandy took a sip of a very excellent pinot noir and asked Felix what was in that water bucket? He replied "Wine." Mandy almost fainted.

See you on the water

P/C Don Breault



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Calendar of Events

Mon, Nov 6	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Wed, Nov 15	Membership Meeting	North Point Grill	1800 hr
Mon, Dec 4	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1800 hr
Wed, Dec 13	Christmas Party	Laura Ball's house	1800 hr
Sat, Feb 3	Change of Watch		1800hr
	Maple Chase Country Club		

*Little Italy Restaurant – 696 Angus Street, Rural Hall, NC 27145

**New Hope Church - - 5125 Shattalon Dr., Winston Salem.

***Little Richards BBQ – 109 S Stratford Rd, Winston Salem.

****North Point Grill - - 7843 N. Point Blvd, Winston Salem



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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.