

America's Boating Club of Winston-Salem



CROSSED ANCHORS

Dec 2023—Feb 2024



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

Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



Still too cold to be thinking boating plans.

Besides the usual repairs to my 2005 Sea Pro boat this past fall, I have decided I needed to drain the fuel tank from the past 3, 4, or 5 years of gas. Even though I only use non ethanol gas and treatment with Mystery Marvel oil and STP preservative (I know, a little overboard but the boat doesn't get a lot of use) I know what old gas smells like, and I don't want that.

Since my boat and I both can be a little strange, it has a secondary fuel pump to push through a Racor fuel filter and water separator I added many years ago. That was before I figured out water was getting into my fuel tank via the air vent on the side of the boat. Bad design on Sea Pro's part. Anyway, I have partially drained the tank using this supplemental pump and a hose to my truck gas tank. So far it has been burning the gas just fine. It takes a little while but hopefully with one more session I can get as much of the old boat fuel out as possible.

As I said at the Change of Watch February 3rd, I hope to take the boat to Washington, NC the first weekend of August this year to the D27 Rendezvous, assuming the creeks don't rise and all that stuff. It is a neat location on the Pamlico River and if you are looking for some boat time, please plan to come.

Mack Gordy from the Greensboro Power Squadron gave a talk about their 50 years of service to the community at the COW on February 3rd. He was referencing some of our history as we helped charter the Greensboro and Charlotte squadrons. I am including in this newsletter four documents I think you will find of interest regarding our early years.

Last, if anyone wants to talk hydraulic oil systems driving a rotary cutter mounted vertically to cut overhanging limbs on the farm, let me know. David is excited to see if this contraption is going to kill me.

Administrative Officer

David Jackson



Greetings, well a new year has started already, boy time flies when you are not paying attention. Looking back on the past two months our power squadron had some great gatherings.

In December we had tree trimming party at Laura's house. It has become a yearly tradition. Thanks to Laura for having us and preparing a great meal, and thanks to all our decorators that did a good job on the Christmas tree. Next came the Christmas party at Laura's house. I was very pleased with our turn out. We had a big crowd and everyone had a good time. Special thanks to Laura and George for their help and letting us use their place for the party.

In February we had our annual Change of Watch at Maple Chase Country Club, again we had a good turnout, food was great and Maple Chase did an excellent job taking care of us. Special thanks to Pdc/Mac Gordy for his presentation about the Greensboro squadron. We also had Stf/C Ottis White and his wife Barbara for joining us as representatives for D-27. It was great to have them join us and help with our swearing out and in of our officers. I also want to recognize Sheila for all her hard work this year, she has done an excellent job with our newsletter and the flowers and the tables at the Change of Watch were beautiful.

Our new year is already upon us, our Zoom meeting scheduled for March 4 is canceled, Bill will be on his way to the west coast. We will have our Membership meeting on March 20 at Little Italy in Rural Hall. Again, this year we will plan to have our annual picnic in May. Bill and I will be on the hunt for Vessel inspections and Kin has plans for future boating classes. We are also looking forward to a meeting again this year with our Sea Scout troop. Please see our Calander, I will be busy next week double checking all our reservations for this next year.

Thanks everyone for supporting our club. We manage to do a lot every year with everyone's support.

Be well and take care of yourselves.

Ltc David Jackson, S

Admin Officer, Americas Boating Club of Winston Salem

Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



The Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron/Americas Boating Club of Winston-Salem is planning to kick off the education year later this spring with an Americas Boating Club – 3 class in April. We are in the process of updating our instructor recertifications. District 27 Commander Bill Beers, JN, will be setting up a recertification class with the WSSPS/ABC instructors after he has taken the Recertification Seminar at the United States Power Squadrons/Americas Boating Club national convention during the week of February 6th – 10th.

The USPS/ABC Education Department has developed a National Education Department Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026 from feedback received from District and Squadron Education Officers. The plan seeks to develop our educational courses to address several topics including current boater needs and marketing trends, developing technologies, determining unmet needs, retiring or updating obsolete offerings, hands-on and on-the-water-training, improvements to Americas Boating Course – 3, partnerships with other organizations, and addressing the needs of inland boaters. The plan can be read online by following the link [USPS Template](#). There are six goals:

1. Plan Products to Meet Boaters' Needs
2. Standardize and Improve Efficiency of Core Production Processes
3. Integrate Modern Technology into Our Policies and Procedures
4. Improve Squadron Teaching Support
5. Improve Department Communications
6. Adopt Alternative Strategies to Expand Resources

Also new in 2024, in January the Marine Navigation Student Kit became available in printed format in addition to the eBook format and the new Offshore Navigation (beta) course became available in eBook format. If anyone is interested in these new courses, please let me know!

The word out of Gobbler's Knob is that Punxsutawney Phil has predicted an early spring, if you trust a groundhog. Now is the time to get the boats ready. The WSSPS/ABC is offering Vessel Safety Check and beginning in April the Americas Boating Course – 3. Always remember “Be Prepared” and “Safety First”!

See you on the water!

Kin Cartrette, P



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

A Farewell To A Dear Friend

A Tribute to Past Commander

The irony of life is one that we are born, we live and then we die. What happens in between is both a personal lifestyle issue and how we impacted others. The ancient Egyptians had a beautiful belief about death. When your souls reach the entrance to heaven the guards ask two questions: Have you found joy in your life? Has your life brought joy to others? When we answer these questions correctly, we are allowed into heaven according to their ancient belief. I think its safe to say that Frank has brought joy to many people's lives.

Having known Frank for a mere 22 years seemed like I have known him for a lifetime. Meeting Frank for the first time in 2001 displayed a man with a unique sense of humor and an explicit story telling personality. This was a person who displayed a man with a lust for life that was just starting to get into higher gears. He showed what the true meaning of "southern hospitality" was; as he introduced Sheila and I to his family and his home. He offered us all the knowledge he had about boating in these shallow water areas and how to fix what you broke. He even offered the use of his tools in his tool shed while we repaired that bent prop and try to figure out why we kept getting the coveted award of "DEWDA" (Draft Exceeds Water Depth Allowance)

Yes, Polly his beloved wife also had that sweet southern charm of a lady with such a warm heart and a personality that not only welcomed you, but made you feel so much at home in her home. The weekend trips to what we all called the "Fish House" was a declaration against the mundane routine of working all week and an opportunity to find total relaxation on the porch of the original "Fish House" in Morehead City, NC. As you arrived Frank would come out and greet you and tell you the weeks gossip on Peltier Creek. Maybe some of the stories had some portion of embellishment but we all craved to listen and to drink a can of Old Milwaukee Lite beer with him. He never liked that expensive new fad type of beer that many brought with them. When you finished your beer, he would show you how use his original Frank Styers can crusher and how to recycle the flattened can.

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As time went on and his children now working, he would describe how much fun it was seeing so many generations of his family to include cousins, nephews, nieces, and many others. You could not help but feel you were right there to witness his family achievements. Frank would always make time for anyone who would listen as he described how his grandsons were doing in school. Oh yes, Frank had another story about how he knew someone who got murdered in Winston-Salem many years ago, or who was seen running naked along the sand bar in Bogue Sound at low tide recently. If there was ever a historical book to be written based on folk lore which many were, and it was about Peltier Creek, Frank would be the primary character.

Frank gave so much to the members of the United States Power Squadron as he hosted so many events for many Squadrons in District 27 with Winston-Salem and Ft. Macon being the most popular. He impacted so many boaters and his fellowship brought so many life long memories to many generations of friends and family of those members of what is now called America's Boating Club. When any one hears the word "Morehead City" they all think about the most special place in their hearts; a place named "The Peltier Creek Country Club and Yacht Basin" Everyone had to play a round of golf in his back yard as he had a "Par 2" hole next to the hot tub.

We humans are a relationship species. We endeavor to establish relationships with as many others as we can in our life time. Certain relationships stand out more than others. Other than your family relationships you will always want to remember the ones that impacted you or inspired you the most. Frank was one of those who gave so much inspiration to others that they to will want to carry on the legacy of the many stories told on the porch of the "Fish House." Frank once said; "You measure yourself by the people who measure themselves to you." Such a lesson to remember as we continued the journey of life. A lesson we should never forget.

So, I ring the bell eight times to end your watch, Frank Styers. Your watch is over and it is time for another to take over the watch. May you rest in peace as you are home now. And one day when I go to that final resting place, if I wake up next to that entrance wall, I hope that you Frank Styers will vouch for me and show me the ropes, lines, and halyards on the other side.

Don Breault
Past Commander

Christmas 2023

We had a lovely Christmas celebration at Laura Ball's home. Laura was a wonderful Hostess. Great food, friends, and lots of fun. Wonderful celebration. Thank you Laura.



George Ellis and Laura Ball

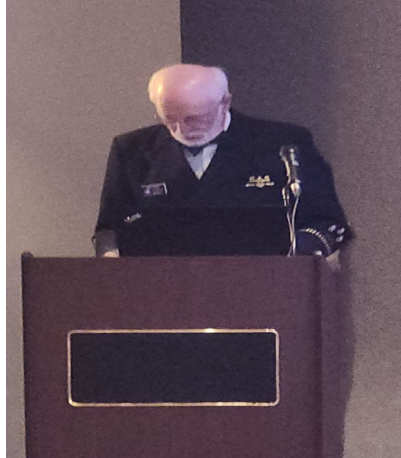


Bill Davis and Cathy Clark

Change of Watch—2024

We had our Change of Watch on Saturday, February 3rd, which we swore in our Commander Bill Davis and his officers for their 10th term. Our hats are off to this team for hanging in with us for all this time.

See David Jacksons comments for further information. Below are a few pictures from the evening.



Swearing in of the Administrative Officers.



Bill Davis gets sworn in by Stf/C Ottis J White



2024 Calendar

Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Mon, Mar 4	Executive Meeting	Cancelled	
Wed, Mar 20	Membership Meeting	Little Italy Restaurant	1800
Mon, April 1	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1900
Wed, April 17	Membership Meeting	Little Richards	1800
Mon, May 6	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1900
Wed, May 15	Membership Meeting	North Point Grill	1800
Mon, June 3	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1900
Wed, June 19	Membership Meeting	Little Italy	1800
Wed, July 17	Membership Meeting	Little Richards	1800
Mon, Aug 5	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1900
Wed, Aug 21	Membership Meeting	North Point Grill	1800
Mon, Sept 9	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1900
Wed, Sept 18	Membership Meeting	Little Italy Restaurant	1800
Mon, Oct 7	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1900
Wed, Oct 16	Membership Meeting	Little Richards	1800
Mon, Nov 4	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1900
Wed, Nov 20	Membership Meeting	North Point Grill	1800
Mon, Dec 2	Executive Meeting	Zoom	1900
Wed, Dec 11	Christmas Party	TBA	1800

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

* North Point Grill—7843 N. Point Blvd, Winston Salem, NC

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

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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.