

America's Boating Club of Winston-Salem



CROSSED ANCHORS

March-May 2024



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

Commander

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN



I thought I would give a big "Attaboy" to our District 27 officers. A complete slate has been determined and I know the current officers are top notch. Otis White, who presided at our last COW is the new District Commander even though he hasn't been with Cape Fear that long. A fresh retiree as it were. Fine fellow. Connie Shay and I have been in contact for quite a while, particularly when she was the district secretary. She is now the new Executive Officer. Her husband, Greg, is a past district commander. Charles Ibach is the new Administrative Officer and has worked with the district for quite a while, particularly as the Co-op charting guru and a Geodetic Surveyor savant. Thomas Graham is the Educational Officer and very knowledgeable in that area. Here is the D27 link to the current slate of officers.

<https://uspsd27.org/php/d27Bridge.php>

If you are curious how my boat is doing, I think it is still in the storage yard. I haven't checked lately, but I am assuming it is there. At least I am still paying insurance on the thing. If I can stand still long enough, I will drag it to the house and see if it is still seaworthy?

Again, mark your calendar for the weekend of August 3 to be in Washington, NC for the D27 Rendezvous. We are planning some serious water time while there. See link below.

https://uspsd27.org/php/d27DocGet.php?arg_id=bcda2a36

By the way, David and I will be planning to do some Vessel Safety Checks soon so if you have a boat that needs an inspection let one of us know.

Administrative Officer

David Jackson



Happy Spring, looks like we are getting our April showers in May this year. Our last two events fell victim to rain and storms. Our visit to the Frazer's was washed out with thunder storms and our Picnic for Wednesday is also predicted to be thunder storms with lighteing! We cannot predict the weather, but we can be persistent.

I have contacted the Forsyth County dept and they have Joanie Moser Park open on Wednesday May 29! So, we are going to double down and rent the park for that day. Hopefully the sun will shine on us. Menu for the picnic is sirloin hamburgers, beef hot dogs, chili, all the condonement's provided, we will have bottled water to drink. Thanks to everyone for helping with the sides. The list is: Beckey, Cookies and Chips, Bill, Baked beans, Leon, Deviled eggs, Debbie peanut butter cookies, Jennie, potato salad and a dessert. The shelter is ours for the full day, I should have the food ready at 6PM.

Our next membership meeting after the picnic is going to be on June 19 at Little Italy restaurant. Bill and I are still in the hunt for some vessel inspections and Kin is still working on Boating Classes. We are also looking forward to a meeting again this year with our Sea Scout troop.

Thanks to 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



On Wednesday, April 24th, P/C Bill Beers, JN, of District 27 held an Instructor Recertification Course for the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron/Americas Boating Club of Winston-Salem at Polo Park Community Center. In attendance were Barbara Beers, Don Breault, Kin Cartrette, Leon Corbett, Jr., Bill Davis, Jim Green, and David Jackson. Our instructors were recertified and received the latest updates in lesson planning as well as sharing ideas on best practices and ideas on instruction. Many thanks to Bill and Barbara Beers for traveling to Winston-Salem from Charlotte to hold the course!

The Americas Boating Course – 3 which was scheduled for Wednesday evenings in May did not materialize due to lack of students signing up. We will go ahead and plan to offer the course to the public again in the fall 2024. I have received some requests from local Scouts for a boating safety course and will look into setting up a day-long ABC-3 class for them. The ABC-3 course meets several requirements for the BSA Motorboating and Small Boat Sailing merit badges as well as several Sea Scout rank advancements requirements.

If you know of friends or family members interested in taking a boating safety class, please let me know and we can set up a day-long ABC-3 class for them! Fun boating begins with safe boating. Let's make sure that folks are prepared when they take to the water. The WSSPS/ABC offers Vessel Safety Checks and 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

“Living The Dream Part 2”

Back in the day when we all had boats that took us to near and far away destinations along our Carolina coast, we all rafted together while we grilled a skinny chicken and watched that sunset over the dunes on Cape Lookout while we sipped on a special libation. We all said together: “we are living the dream.” We found a way to balance recreation in our busy working life and we also found a way to balance this recreation with the check book as well. We made many memories and pictures to remember the event. We learned a lot together in understanding the technical aspects of sailing these big boats up and down the coast, but most important we found the fellowship and friendship that goes way beyond any repair manual or a navigational textbook. But there is one thing that happened we never planned on. We got older, and perhaps the aging process made us less flexible and less tolerant for the work involved in keeping those big live aboard boats afloat. I remember dropping a screw driver in the bilge 15 years ago and I jumped in right after it to bend my body in places that cannot be bent now to retrieve it and clean it off. Now, if I was to drop that same screw driver in that same bilge, I would exam the resting place it came to, and say I have another screw driver in my tool box so it can stay there.

So, the aspect of creating more memories with the same group of friends that we hung out with for so many years has taken a new turn in how we continue to live the dream. We have all sold those big boats and some of us moved on land into a weekend condo on the island, and some of us have traded those nautical experiences we had in motor yachts and opted for a land yacht. Yes, some of us have evolved into trading the nautical side of recreation to the camping side. Grilling skinny chickens on a gas grill attached to a motor home or a travel trailer “Moored” in a national park very far away from our North Carolina home. Instead of setting the anchor in a gunk hole on the ICW, we use automatic levelers of the land yacht to make sure we are balanced and level as can be. No more swinging on the hook in the ditch. Our most technical job will be how we build the ultimate campfire in a fire pit watching the embers mesmerize us as we gaze upon the stars in a place we have never been to before. Some of us have kept the nautical side of ocean exploration but instead of using our boats, we have opted to purchase passage on cruise ships and river boats exploring other parts of the world.

This takes us to another dimension of living the dream. We have traded the sights of watching dolphins frolicking in our bow wakes to viewing ancient cities that supported the foundations of our western civilization. We have traded shell collecting along a sandy shore to walking in the streets and castles of a twelve-hundred-year-old culture that formed our views in modern history. We have traded those long arduous journeys behind the helm of a boat to a plane ride of thousands of miles from our home. We have traded the work of fixing our broken-down boats to unlocking the door to our cabin on a commercial exploration vessel worry free of any work involved, except that was required to unpack personal items. We traded the small galley area of preparing dinner to just walking to the ships restaurant and ordering from a menu knowing that the food will be prepared by professional world class chefs. How can you beat this comparison?? I call it living the dream part 2.

If you think that living the dream is over because what we did years ago can no longer be attainable, I say rubbish!!! Take on the next phase in our more mature years in a continuation of living the dream into a new dimension. Create and execute your bucket list. Booking an annual or semiannual trip to Europe or South America will open your eyes into a place you never imagined you would ever experience. Walking in the same foot paths as ancient Roman Centurions did 2,000 years ago in Central and Eastern Europe. Having lunch in Europe's oldest continues restaurant built in 806ad in Austria has many bragging rights. Drinking a beer in Bavaria at a beer festival was a sight to hold. Walking on an ancient glacier in Alaska and witnessing the carving of another glacier is a sight to behold. Cruising in the San Juan Islands in Washington State is another bucket list item completed.

So, what is next? We have so many destinations in the land of our ancient origins. Prioritizing is the challenge. And speaking of a bucket list, do not forget to include those domestic destinations you want to see with your land yacht. The Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Big Bend, Mount Rushmore, and a host of other places. Like cruising with our big boats, the destination is great, but the journey to get there is the prize!! The difficulty scale of completing these tasks is better than turning wrenches on a rusty marine diesel engine, and less stress as well. I am looking forward to our next adventure in western Europe, and we are planning 2025 and 2026 adventures as well.

See you on the Water?? No, see you in the Airport!!

Don Breault, AP

Past Commander

"Still Boatless"



2024 Calendar

Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Wed. May 29	Membership Meeting	Joanie Moser Park Picnic	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.