

America's Boating Club of Winston-Salem



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



Commander Bill Davis, SN

The Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch (in short WSSPS COW) is January 25, 2025, at the Maple Chase Golf and Country Club. It will be our 65th anniversary event and Connie Shay, the D27 Executive Officer, will address this topic in her remarks. Please mark your calendar for this most important event of our calendar year.

We, as the sponsoring organization for the Sea Scouts that Kin so ably leads, have been meeting with their leadership organization to discuss the growth avenues for them. As you may know, they are now meeting at New Philadelphia Moravian Church on Country Club Road, which already has active girl and boy scout troops.

For those of you keep up or even care, my boat has not been wet this year so far. With good intentions, I took it to the farm for storage thinking there was more water down in eastern North Carolina than here. I intended to take my sister out on the Roanoke River that is the northern border of Martin County not far from the farm. Hard to keep her there on the farm for more than two nights as she is obsessed with mowing the homeplace and our 3-acre barnyard to look like a golf course! I have explained to her that this is a barnyard, but her mower noise drowns me out.

On the national level, they are wrestling with finding a new insurance carrier for the coverage of our activities. There is an assortment of mechanisms that still cover our activities such as being a nonprofit, good Samaritan laws, etc., but nevertheless overall coverage by national was part of our deal with them. A squadron can secure their own coverage for specific events, but it seems somewhat ludicrous to have 400 plus squadrons pursuing insurance coverage.

Just as a reminder, the D27 Rendezvous is June 13/14, 2025, in New Bern, NC and should be a lot of fun. I plan to bring my boat, which is parked not far from New Bern to this event. Again, mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Last, we (David and I) are good with our certification as Vessel Safety Check inspectors for the year. We did our thing at Carolina Marina on Belews Lake this year, and they were very happy to have us back there.



Administrative Officer LCDR. David Jackson



Greetings, Hope everyone is well. Boy it seems like the year has flown by us. Just yesterday it was 90 degrees and we were wearing shorts, now we are looking for our jackets and the weatherman says look for frost. Looking back on the year I think we did a good job fulfilling our mission. We provided support for our Sea Scout Ship #924, held several ABC classes thanks to Kin, and we were able to squeeze in some vessel inspection. We held 11 monthly meetings and 9 zoom meetings to keep everyone informed. I do not know how we managed it with all the traveling and comments we had this past year. Anyway, it has been a good year and the best is yet to come. In December we will have a tree trimming on Sunday Dec1 at 4.30 at Laura's house and the Christmas Party on Dec 11. Debbie and I are working on the main menu, Baked ham, chicken wings, sweet potatoes casserole and green beans. With the ham we must also have yest rolls for ham biscuits. We had a request to up the value of our secret Santa gift swap from \$10 to \$15. We are asking for everyone to bring sweets to finish off the meal. Bill, this means a Peacan pie please! We will have a membership meeting on Wednesday November 20 at Little Italy restaurant in Rural Hall at 6PM. Please let us know of any other sides for the Christmas party. We will have our Change of Watch in January on the 25th at Maple Chase country club. I will be busy next week working 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

LCDR. Kin Cartrette



During the month of September, the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron/Americas Boating Club of Winston-Salem offered the Americas Boating Course 3 at the Polo Park Community Center in Winston-Salem. Congratulations to Ellen and Danny Wingo and Sean Gilley on completing and passing the course! The class was full of lively discussion and sharing of boating experiences. The Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will be offering another Americas Boating Course – 3 in the spring of 2025.

At the request of the students from the fall ABC-3 course, we are looking at offering a Marina Navigation (Piloting) class in the winter and spring. This will be a nine-week course with a written exam covering near shore navigation and GPS. I will send out an email when we have the course set up will also post it on the USPS Education site online. We anticipate that the cost for this course will be \$55. Please talk it up among your friends and fellow boaters!

Enjoy the remainder of boating season 2024 and remember “Safety First”! An educated boater is a safe boater!

Stay safe and we’ll see you on the water soon!

Lt/C Kin Cartrette, P



End of Season and Where New Dreams Begin

The irony of creation is that there are many places on this earth that stand out in such extraordinary beauty, that we humans are in awe with how can such beauty exist like the Shenandoah valley in Virginia, or the fabulous Smokey Mountains along the Tennessee border. Some say the vistas of an alpine mountain chain in the White Mountains of New Hampshire in winter time are a sight to behold. Then you combine that with the extreme colorful beauty of the majestic fall foliage in the Green Mountains of Vermont. These places all rate very high on the scale in the natural beauty God has created for us to admire and if anyone reading this has not had the chance to see all of these, you need to adjust your bucket list. But there is always that one place that resonates in my heart as a place I yearn to return to repeatedly. God has given us a very special gift in a place we call the Crystal Coast.

The shifting sands of this part of the North Carolina coast line faces the south, and it give us that clear ocean water that resonates in a blue green hue with a milder surf compared to the northern outer banks. The Southern Outer Banks is a consortium of shifting sand starting at the tip of Cape Lookout and extending to the end of Bogue Banks in Emerald Isle. You will pronounce the sounds that define the many seaside villages and communities in this area such as Hankers Island, Beaufort, Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, Pine Knoll Shores, Indian Beach, Salter Path, and Emerald Isle.

Beach goers and tourists travel to this area year after year yearning to extend their arms toward the sea to witness the wind-swept dunes and fresh ocean air laden with salt. They walk up and down the tide carved ribbons of sand that no two are alike in the world. They stop to pick up an ocean deposit of treasure called shells. On warmer periods of our extended Indian Summer, during the day the dedicated beach goers may baptize themselves by immersion into the foamy brine of waves that are washing the sand into different shapes and color. At night, they gently rock themselves to sleep to the sound of the surf and the feeling of a balmy light breeze off the ocean as these gentle winds wave over their sleeping body.

Late fall days at the Crystal Coast allows you an extended opportunity of exploring the historic sections of Beaufort and looking at the many homes that Sea Captains once lived in for over a century ago is a must agenda for anyone who has never been here before. You can walk the same footsteps that pirates walked from nearly 300 years ago when they came to this same place to spend their booty from several months at sea.

The many museums and historic places this little village has to offer along with the many choices of eateries is nothing to shy away from. You can even see the artifacts of Blackbeard the pirate flag ship,

“The Queen Ann’s Revenge” located in the maritime museum. For those who are more adventurous, you can take a ferry to Cape Lookout or Shackleford banks and witness the many activities of our local wildlife. You can even hunt sea shells that are very abundant here and hard to find elsewhere along the Atlantic coast.

Last but by no means least, you will be mesmerized by the local folk lore and history of the peoples who have settled this area that call the Crystal Coast home. They are the descendants of centuries old Watermen who fished and farmed these barrier islands scratching out a modest living since the late 17th century. They were transient people moving from one barrier Island to another with many staying making their homes from Hatteras to Topsail. Those who stayed on Bogue Banks helped create the many names of the spits and points on a barrier island. You will learn that this part of the Carolina coast was very isolated until the early 20th century with access only by boat. This helped carve the culture and life styles the local people call this place home.

If you could time transport oneself back to these earlier periods of coastal development, you will see that there is a similarity between the way mother nature has shaped these barrier islands over the many decades to that of those people who lived here. There is a strong fiber of resilience found in the values of these people that came from the harsh environment they grew up in before the 20th century. They had to make due with little and make it last a long time. You can experience this in places like Harkers Island, or the ancient sea side village of Portsmouth on the Core Banks.

This is the time of year where new dreams begin for the next year. Where will we go and how long can we stay. The journey of a dreamer is one that resonates in one’s mind that helps to place your spirit into a relaxing mode that has been preserved just for you. Where will you go in 2025? What will you do? These ribbons of sand will always march on preserving that timeless sense of being, along an uncrowded beach somewhere on Bogue Banks Island.

So, the people who come to this part of the Carolina coast are adventurous. They seek a little wilderness found between the sand and the stars. They seek to re-connect to the Sea that once started the life cycle of planet Earth. They seek to re-connect with many generations of their families year after year. They desire a simple vacation only found in this place. In comparison, there are no international cruise voyages; no long plane rides to a foreign country, and no high adventure trips to an exotic place in another continent that can compare. This is where most North Carolinians call their vacation home. Island Time on the Crystal Coast.

See you on the Island
P/C Don Breault



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