

THE WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

(Chartered 14 September 1959)

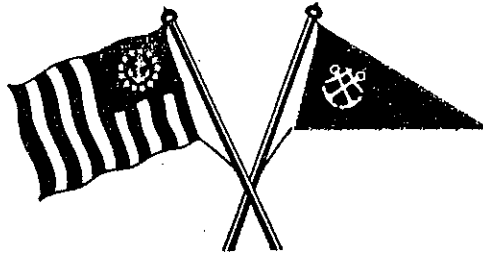
A Unit of United States Power Squadrons

District 27

SAIL AND POWER BOATING

THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

1959-1984



A collection from the
25 Past Commanders of WSPS

by

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14 September 1984

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1984 Foreword

We are grateful to P/C Charles E. Beard, JN (deceased) for the first 14 years of WSPS history recorded in the following pages. Included are genealogy charts, the charter dates of District 27 Squadrons, and a list of District 27 Past District Commanders and Education Officers which notes those from the Charlotte and Greensboro Power Squadrons descending from WSPS. There is an explanation of the charter from District 30 for WSPS, and included also are lists of WSPS Education Officers, Past Commanders, lady members, and lady family members.

A dozen important milestones in the 25-year history of WSPS are:

1. 14 September 1959 ... WSPS Charter is granted from District 30.
2. 17 March 1960 ... The Tar Heels Newsletter is started.
3. 27 March 1961 ... WSPS chooses and accepts as its pennant the design of P/C Walter Boerner, AP -- two red crossed anchors (representing the twin city origin) on a blue (sky and sea) background.
4. 10 April 1961 ... WSPS, having unanimously approved formation of the Charlotte Power Squadron on 30 January 1961, helps CPS separate from WSPS and get its charter. (This is before District 27 was organized.) WSPS had taught Public Boating in Charlotte. (See 1960 for record of Cdr -- later P/D/C -- Donald L. Soefker appointing Lt James O. Beard for Belmont-Charlotte area.)
5. 11 January 1963 ... WSPS incorporates in North Carolina, petitions to form a new Squadron.
6. 30 March 1963 ... WSPS is transferred from District 30 and helps USPS form District 27.
7. 30 March 1963 ... WSPS is the first Squadron to receive the Tom Smiley Education Award.
8. 24 September 1974 ... WSPS gives two hundred dollars and relinquishes 48 of its 157 members to support charter of the new Greensboro Power Squadron.
9. 2 February 1979 ... Cdr L. B. Holt appoints Fleet Surgeon's Aides and Fleet Captain's Aides to all areas frequented by WSPS.
10. 2 June 1979 ... SEO Harold D. Green, JN, and Bonnie Green develop and give the First Computer Course in Advanced Piloting and Junior Navigation in U.S. to USPS.
11. 1983 ... WSPS accepts first Lady Member, Ann W. Watts, P, and nine Lady Family Members.
12. 19 September 1984 ... Cdr William Hershey Davis, Jr., AP, hosts 25th Silver Anniversary celebration of WSPS.

P/C L. B. Holt
Chairman, Silver Anniversary Comm. &
Historian, 25th Anniversary Book

Mem/Com: Florine Bremer, Polly Styers, Sarah Sowers, Miriam Harmon,
Clarice Davis, Ann A. Flynt, Sandra Sanderford, Ann W. Watts.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1973 Foreword

In attempting to write a history of the Winston-Salem Power Squadron approximately 14 years after its original organization, several factors come to light which make the task something less than easy. First, of the original 20 Charter Members, only six are still members of the Winston-Salem Squadron. Secondly, time has taken its toll and memory has dimmed over the years regarding the details of past events all but forgotten by these remaining Charter Members. This is less than altogether desirable from the standpoint of completeness and detail for the writing of a historical document.

In view of the foregoing, I am sure that many intimate details of the trials and tribulations of the early years are left unrecorded. This history will therefore be based on what can be gleaned from the minutes of past meetings back to the beginning, supplemented by the memories of the remaining Charter Members who are still aboard.

P/C Charles E. Beard, JN
(deceased 1983)

We gratefully acknowledge all the historical information which we were fortunate enough to receive from Historian R/C J. Toms Dover, N, D/27, and which has been included in this 25th Anniversary Book of the Winston-Salem Power Squadron, Inc.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Special thanks to Dorothy E. Wolberg for her editorial assistance and for the painstaking and meticulous care she took in typing this commemorative history of WSPS:

"The First Twenty-Five Years"

COMMANDER WILLIAM HERSEY DAVIS, JR., AP

This history is dedicated to Commander William Hersey Davis, Jr., AP, and his family who have over a dozen sea captains in their own history.

For fun: Captains John Mercer Davis, Sr., his brother-in-law, Dr. Blackwell Sawyer, Sr., John Mercer Davis, Jr., and Dr. Blackwell Sawyer, Jr., won two silver cups racing one of the world's most skillfully and beautifully designed sloops, the "Wanda," designed by the famous naval architect, Herreschoff.

For a living: Many plied the nearby Atlantic Ocean. Captain Joshua Davis Sawyer and his grandfather traded between the Caribbean Islands and Elizabeth City and Edenton, N.C. Captain Edmond Davis was captain of his first schooner at age twenty, the same year that he married Miss Minerva Jennings of the Possum Quarter section of Elizabeth City, N.C. There were also Captains Arthur Davis, Thomas Sawyer, Warren Davis, and Jefferson Mercer Davis.

Other notables in the Davis heritage: President Jefferson Davis and, by marriage, Peter Stanley Firestone.

Commander Davis' father was born in Norfolk, Va. He was Chief and Professor of New Testament of The Holy Bible at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Today, his Beginner's Greek Grammar of the New Testament is used by theological seminaries and ministers all over the world.

William Hersey Davis, Jr. married Clarice Tyson of Roseboro, N.C. Following his graduation cum laude from Duke University Medical School, he served in the armed forces and for his service during the meningitis epidemic in the United States Army in 1946, he received the U.S. Army Commendation Ribbon.

While a practicing physician in the fields of pediatrics and adolescent medicine, Commander Davis has managed to find time to be a Mason, chairman of the Baptist Board of Deacons at Elizabeth City, as well as of the Board of Deacons of Wake Forest University Baptist Church, president of Kiwanis Club, member of Junior Chamber of Commerce -- to name just a few of his affiliations. He has published numerous medical papers and is on the faculty of Bowman Gray School of Medicine where he teaches.

Commander Davis is the father of

-- Jefferson Underwood Davis, M.D., a plastic surgeon, who married Suzanne Martin. They have a daughter, Lauren.

-- Pamela Davis, who married G. S. Leight, Jr., M.D., who teaches surgery at Duke University Medical School. They have three children: Kristin, Melanie and Derek.

-- William Hersey Davis, III, Vice President of Human Resources at Liberty Life Insurance Company. He married Mary Owens and they have two children, Jennifer and Mary Tyson.

As an avocation, Commander Davis and his family are interested in sailing at Holden's Beach, N.C. His uncle, R. H. Holden, developed the Holden's Beach area of North Carolina.



THIS 25th SILVER ANNIVERSARY HISTORY IS DEDICATED TO
COMMANDER WILLIAM HERSEY DAVIS, JR., AP

United States Power Squadrons



Local Squadron Charter

We It Known that upon application duly made and pursuant to resolution of the Governing Board of the United States Power Squadrons, a Local Squadron has been constituted, known as the

Winston-Salem Power Squadron

In consist of Walter Boerner, Samuel L. Booze, Jr., Leon H. Cash, William D. Conrad,
Wesley S. Ellington, Carlos B. Ervin, John E. Heitman, Walter R. Holder, Jr.,
Jack C. McLean, Julian M. Plimmans, Henry M. Poulsen, Winkred O. Robertson,
Gilbert F. Snipes, Donald L. Soefker, John P. Strug, Thomas H. Swoford,
James M. Thomas, Bob G. Thritt, Charles F. Thritt, Charles H. Tindol

and such other members of the United States Power Squadrons, as may be elected to membership therein.

This Charter is granted subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the United States Power Squadrons, now or hereafter in force.

In Witness Whereof, this Charter is issued under the hand of the Chief Commander and Secretary this day of 14 September 1959.

V/C F. G. McLaughlin, JN

Secretary

C/C Lester C. Lowe, N

Chief Commander

"I do solemnly pledge myself to promote and perpetuate high standards of navigation and seamanship;

"To abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the United States Power Squadrons and of any District or Squadron of which I may be a member;

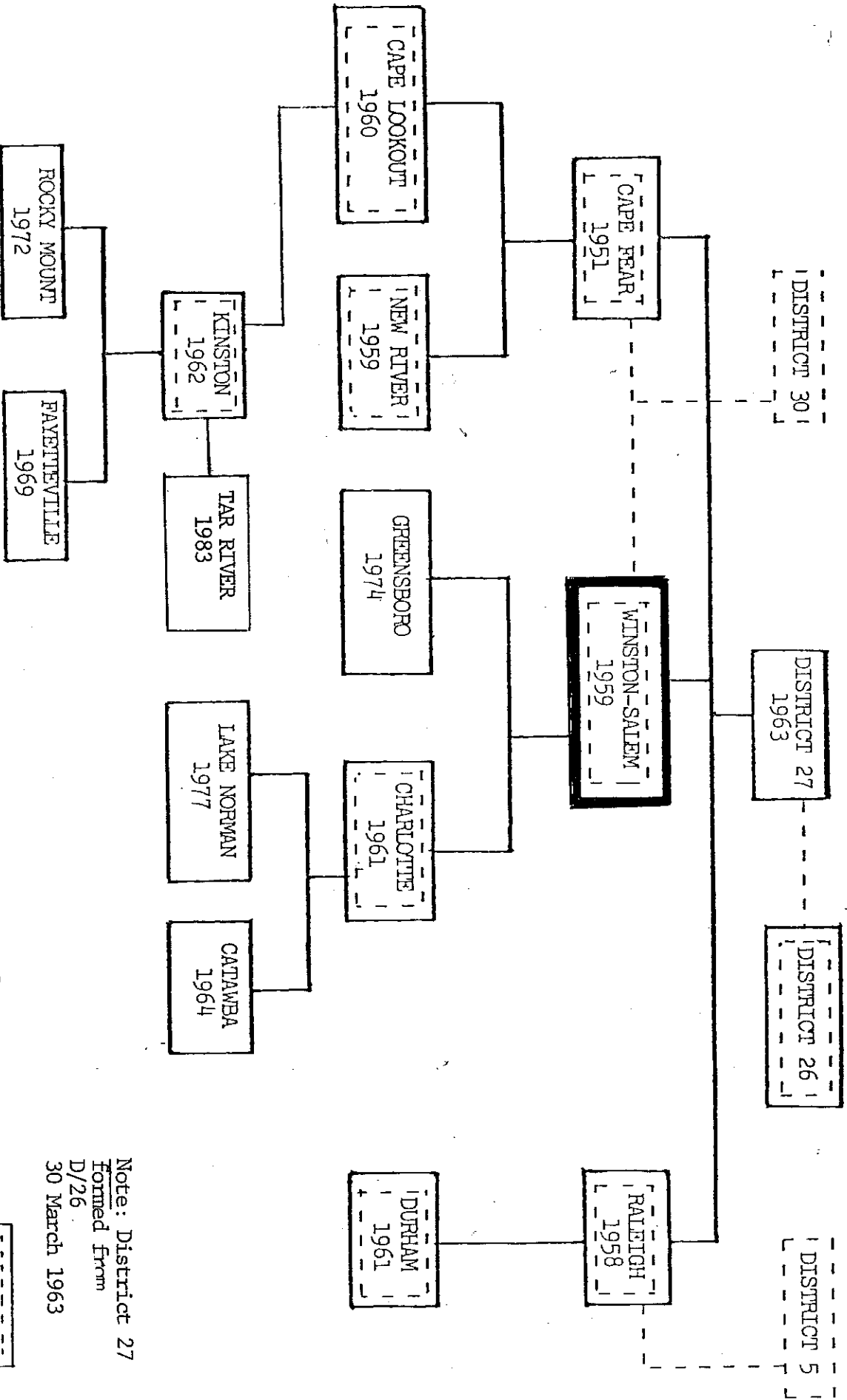
"To cooperate with agencies of the United States of America and all governmental authority charged with the enforcement of laws and regulations relating to navigation;

"To maintain and operate my boat legally and in a manner that will not cause damage or discomfort to others;

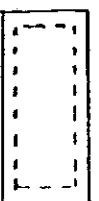
"To render assistance, whenever possible, to anyone afloat who is disabled or in distress;

"And at all times to conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor, and respect to the organization of which I am privileged to be a member."

GENEALOGY - DISTRICT 27



Note: District 27
Formed From
D/26
30 March 1963



DISTRICT 27 SQUADRONS
Charter Dates and Charter Members

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>CHARTER DATE</u>	<u>MEMBERS ON CHARTER</u>
Cape Fear	9 June 1951	13
Cape Lookout	16 January 1960	44
Catawba	13 September 1964	37
Charlotte	10 April 1961	48
Durham	13 November 1961	23
Fayetteville	11 May 1969	32
Greensboro	24 September 1974	48
Kinston	12 November 1962	27
Lake Norman	26 July 1977	61
New River	9 November 1959	17
Raleigh	8 September 1958	16
Rocky Mount	7 May 1972	27
* Winston-Salem	14 September 1959	20

* The Winston-Salem Power Squadron, Inc., was chartered by District 30 on 14 September 1959 before District 27 was founded on 30 March 1963 from District 26, (See Genealogy Chart.)

DISTRICT 27

Established 30 March 1963

PAST COMMANDERS

Donald L. Soefker, AP	1963-65	WSPS
C. Robert Dodson, JN	1965-66	
William John Craig, AP	1966-67	
James H. Pou Bailey, N	1967-68	
Winfred O. Robertson, AP	1968-69	WSPS
William T. Casey, N	1969-70	
Howard E. Greene, N	1970-71	CPS
Ronald C. Rau, AP	1971-72	LNPS
Charles W. Hammond, N	1972-73	
J. Toms Dover, N	1973-74	CPS
John C. Ellsworth, JN	1974-75	
Peter J. Chenery, N	1975-76	
Floyd M. Quisenberry, AP	1976-77	
Neil A. McNeill, N	1977-78	
Edward C. McMillian, N	1978-79	GPS
Melvin L. Roberts, N	1979-80	
Ralson M. Pound, Jr., N	1980-81	
L. M. Barnes, III, JN	1981-82	
Edward W. Gawler, N	1982-83	WSPS
Carl E. Helsing, AP	1983-84	
Albert P. Parker, N	1984-85	LNPS

EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS

Howard E. Greene, N	1963-66	CPS
John H. Marshall, JN	1966-68	
J. Toms Dover, N	1968-72	CPS
Richard W. Pritchard, JN	1972-75	
George L. Margeson, III, N	1975-77	
John J. Rodgers, N	1977-80	
Oswald M. Sowers, N	1980-82	WSPS
Raymond N. Miller, N	1982-85	

NATIONAL USPS OFFICERS

R/C	J. Toms Dover, N
R/C	Howard E. Greene, N
P/Stf/C	Ronald C. Rau, AP

Note: The Charlotte Power Squadron descended from WSPS 10 April 1961.
The Greensboro Power Squadron descended from WSPS in September 1974.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

Founded 1959

COMMANDERS

James M. Thomas, AP	* J. D. Rogers, AP
Donald L. Soefker, AP	Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr., JN
Carlos B. Ervin, AP	Frank C. Styers, AP
* W. Scoble Ellington, AP	Edward W. Gawler, N
Walter Boerner, AP	Oswald M. Sowers, N
* Winfred O. Robertson, AP	Martin W. Ericson, AP
Ronald C. Rau, AP	Robert Sosnik, S
George H. Bremer, S	* L. Byerly Holt, S
Claude P. Sherman, AP	Kenneth B. Jennings, Sr., AP
Charles A. Bailey, Jr., AP	Kenneth B. Jennings, Jr., AP
George T. Boggs, AP	Manning S. Hunter, AP
Dan A. Lynch, Jr., AP	Perry B. Harmon, AP
* Charles E. Beard, JN	William H. Davis, Jr., AP

EDUCATION OFFICERS

James Michael Thomas, AP
* Charles E. Beard, JN
Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr., JN
Walter R. Pistole, N
Oswald M. Sowers, N
Harold D. Green, JN
Kenneth B. Jennings, Sr., AP
James F. Toole, JN
Harold O. Goodman, AP
James R. Flynt, Jr., AP
Dana M. Breda, AP

* Deceased

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON

Officers - 1984

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME & GRADE</u>
Commander	Cdr	William H. Davis, Jr., AP
Exec/Off	Lt/C	J. David Blankenbeckler, AP
Edu/Off	Lt/C	Dana M. Breda, AP
Adm/Off	Lt/C	James F. Carter, S
Secretary	Lt/C	Richard W. Smithdeal, S
Treasurer	Lt/C	William A. Starbuck, N
Asst Ed/Off	1st/Lt	Bobby R. Truett, AP
Asst/Sec	1st/Lt	Harold T. Jarrell, S
Asst/Treas	1st/Lt	Victor F. Harllee, S

ROSTER - 1984

Pete R. Armstrong, S	Harold O. Goodman, AP
Will E. Berry, S	Harold D. Green, JN
J. Walton Blackman, III	Bradford S. Grubbs
Damon Blake, AP	Fletcher J. Grubbs
J. David Blankenbeckler, AP	Paul P. Gwyn, P
Clayton A. Boggan, S	Victor F. Harllee, S
Dana M. Breda, AP	Perry G. Harmon, AP
Herb Bremer, S	Charles Brady Hauser, S
C. Richard Brewer	Barry C. Henderson, S
Merrill R. Campbell	William H. Hoffler, Jr., S
James F. Carter, S	Glenn R. Holt, S
Valerie Carter, P	L. Byerly Holt, S
Charles Cleary	Manning S. Hunter, AP
Frederick R. Clifford, P	Harold T. Jarrell, S
E. Ray Corbett	Howard C. Jarrell, S
Vance E. Cox, S	Kenneth B. Jennings, Jr., AP
Robert B. Crosland, S	Kenneth B. Jennings, Sr., AP
Dallas E. Cundiff, S	Rocky W. Johnson, S
H. Cris Dannelly, S	David E. Jones, P
William H. Davis, Jr., AP	G. Alan Jones, S
Lloyd C. Dillon, Jr., S	John M. Kartanson
C. David Bubuisson	Robert Kerr, AP
Martin W. Ericson, AP	Peter E. Lejarre, S
Vic I. Flow	James F. Luper
Ann Flynt, P	Phillip H. McKinley, P
James R. Flynt, Jr., AP	George C. McLarty, Jr., AP
William L. Foster, S	Richard D. Messinger, AP
Mark L. Frazier	George W. Morgan, S
Edward W. Gawler, N	Robert C. Morgan, S
Donald D. Gilstrap, S	James Mothershed
Benjamin Goldberg, S	Quentin N. Myrvik, S

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON

ROSTER - 1984
(cont'd)

Joe F. Neely, S	Homer Irving Snow
Gilbert E. Paradies, JN	Robert Sosnik, S
Robert G. Piper, P	Oswald M. Sowers, <u>N</u>
James E. Pope	W. A. Starbuck, <u>N</u>
Philip R. Potter, S	Frank C. Styers, <u>AP</u>
Don E. Powell	R. Dean Tester, S
William B. Powell, II, S	Robert T. Thacker, <u>AP</u>
Parks A. Roberts	John D. Tolmie
Winfred O. Robertson, <u>AP</u>	James F. Toole, <u>JN</u>
Jerry R. Prosser	Bobby R. Truett, <u>AP</u>
Alfred J. Ruffy, Jr., S	Albert E. Wallen, S
Willard G. Sanderford, S	Lloyd G. Walter, Jr.
Claude P. Sherman, <u>AP</u>	Ann Warren Watts, P
Oscar Edward Shinlever, Jr.	D. Earl Watts
Francis W. Slate, <u>JN</u>	Dick Webster, S
Conley L. Smith, S	Robert S. Weidman, S
William G. Smith	Howard L. Wilson
Richard W. Smithdeal, S	C. David Wroten
Albert Davis Sonbert	

FAMILY CERTIFICATE MEMBERS - 1984

Barbara M. Cleary	Ellen K. Pope
Allison Blount Dubuisson	Joyce Prosser
Kathryn R. Holt	Rebecca Jayne Shinlever
Maryelyn Krekel Holt	Jacquelyn S. Snow
Anne A. Luper	Shirley Sonbert

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1959

On 18 August 1959 a meeting was called at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with the following persons present:

Jim Thomas	Walter Holder
W. O. Robertson	Charles Thrift
John Heitman	Henry Paulsen
Donald Soefker	W. R. Holder
Gil Snipes	Jack McLean
Walter Boerner	

Jim Thomas acted as temporary chairman and Donald Soefker served as acting secretary. At this meeting it was agreed that the name of the squadron would be the Winston-Salem Power Squadron, and that the group would petition the Governing Board for a charter. By-Laws were discussed and agreed upon. The following individuals were suggested for elected officers and were elected unanimously:

Squadron Commander	-	Jim Thomas
Lt. Commander	-	Donald Soefker
1st Lieutenant	-	Carlos Ervin
Secretary	-	Wesley Ellington
Treasurer	-	Charles Thrift

Nominating Committee members:

Gil Snipes, Chairman
John Strug
Julian Plémmons

Executive Committee members:

Walter Boerner
John Heitman
Sam Booke, Jr.

Auditing Committee members:

B. G. Thrift
Jack McLean

Commander Thomas appointed Tom Swofford as Chaplain and W. O. Robertson as Public Relations Officer.

At a meeting held 8 October 1959, Commander Thomas reported that the Winston-Salem Power Squadron charter had been granted. He read congratulatory letters from the Commanders of the Asheville and Raleigh Squadrons.

The Charter Party was held at the Forsyth Country Club, with the Charter dated 14 September 1959.

At the meeting held 15 December 1959 it was reported that Walter Boerner's Seamanship class was progressing nicely and that the Piloting class would start 14 January 1960.

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1960 (cont'd)

It was also announced that the Piloting class at Belmont (Charlotte) was now practically completed, with the examination scheduled for 24 May 1960.

At this meeting of 17 May 1960, the first proofs of the "Tar Heels," the Squadron's news bulletin, were displayed by Lt W. O. Robertson, PRO. Also at this meeting a motion was made and carried that Squadron meetings be held on the fourth Monday night of the month.

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At the regular meeting 27 June 1960, Cdr Donald Soefker appointed James O. Beard of the Belmont-Charlotte DIVISION CDR. Also at this meeting, the first discussions on proposed designs for a Squadron pennant were heard. Designs were solicited from the members.

At the 22 August 1960 meeting, it was announced that a Piloting class was to start 15 September 1960 at the Naval Reserve Armory.

At the 26 September 1960 meeting, an Advanced Piloting class to start 4 October 1960 was announced. At the Executive Committee meeting held on 26 September 1960, Cdr Soefker announced that for reasons of health he would have to resign as Squadron Commander.

At an Executive Committee meeting held 4 October 1960, it was decided to move Lt Cdr Ervin up to Commander, Lt Boerner up to Lt Cdr, and appoint W. O. Robertson 1st Lt to cover the vacancy created by the resignation of Cdr Soefker.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1960

At the Annual Meeting held on 31 March 1960, the following slate of officers and committee members were elected:

Commander	-	Donald L. Soefker
Lt. Commander	-	Carlos B. Ervin
1st Lieutenant	-	Walter Boerner
Secretary	-	W. Croble Ellington
Treasurer	-	Charles F. Thrift

Executive Committee:

John E. Heitman, Chairman
Samuel L. Booke, Jr.
Winfred O. Robertson

Auditing Committee:

B. G. Thrift
Jack McLean

Nominating Committee:

James M. Thomas, Chairman
W. Douglas Conrad
Gilbert F. Snipes

At this meeting, the successful completion of the first Piloting class was reported. There was also a report on the Change-of-Watch and Installation of New Members dinner to be held at the Frontier Supper Club on 29 April 1960.

Some discussion took place concerning the Piloting course which the WSPS was teaching in Charlotte and of the efforts being made to start a new squadron in the Charlotte area. (The Charlotte Power Squadron split from WSPS 10 April, 1961.)

Note: At this point in time, the Winston-Salem Power Squadron was attached to District 30 and there was talk of being attached to the proposed District 26 which would be formed by a split-up of District 17. The organization meeting was to take place at the Spring Conference of District 17 in Savannah, Georgia, on 8-9 April 1960. Lt. Commander Ervin was elected as a delegate to this conference, and Commander Soefker was automatically a delegate by virtue of his office as Commander. Eventually, the WSPS was placed in District 27 on 30 March 1963.

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At the regular meeting of 17 May 1960, announcement was made of the successful completion of the first Seamanship course by members Boerner, McLean, Plemmons, Soefker, and Thomas.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1961

At an Executive Committee meeting 30 January 1961, approval of the petition by the Charlotte Division for a new Squadron Kit was unanimous. At the regular meeting on this date, it was announced that P/C James Thomas had been transferred to Louisville, Kentucky. It was also noted that Piloting classes were scheduled to start 30 March 1961 and that the Squadron could expect to have a booth at the Sportsmen's Show.

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At the 27 February meeting, designs for the proposed Squadron pennant were reviewed and the selection narrowed to two which were to be given further review.

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At the Annual Meeting on 27 March 1961, the following slate of officers and elected committee members was voted on and accepted:

Commander	-	Scroble Ellington
Lt Commander	-	Walter Boerner
1st Lt	-	Julian Plemmons
Secretary	-	W. O. Robertson
Treasurer	-	John Heitman

Executive Committee:

Charles E. Beard, Chairman
Sam Booke
Gil Snipes

Auditing Committee:

Jack McLean
Sam Booke

Nominating Committee:

Carlos B. Ervin, Chairman
Harry B. Dennis
Donald L. Soefker

It was agreed to hold the Change-of-Watch on 15 April 1961 at the Frontier Supper Club.

Final design for a Squadron pennant was selected and Walter Boerner's proposed design was accepted as the winner.

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At the 23 October 1961 meeting, it was reported that the Squadron pennant was approved by the District and forwarded for approval by the Flag and Etiquette Committee and the Governing Board.

Notice of approval was reported at the 27 November 1961 meeting.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1962

At the 26 February 1962 meeting, it was reported that Piloting classes had been started in Martinsville, Va., with 15 students in the first class, and that Piloting classes would start in Winston-Salem 13 March 1962.

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At the Annual Meeting 26 March 1962, the following slate of officers and elected committee members was voted on and accepted:

Commander	-	Walter Boerner
Lt Cdr	-	Henry White
1st Lt	-	Otis Blackburn
Secretary	-	W. O. Robertson
Treasurer	-	Ronald Rau

Executive Committee: John Strug, Chairman; Jack Winder, Omnia Fowler

Auditing Committee: Bill Andrews, Chairman; Nelson Hendrix

Nominating Committee: P/C W. Scoble Ellington, Chairman; P/C Carlos B. Ervin, SEO Charles E. Beard

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At the 28 May 1962 regular meeting, action was taken for the first time to provide funds to the Supply Officer for the purpose of providing an inventory of supplies.

It was announced that Piloting classes were completed in Martinsville, Va., with 12 exams being given and 12 passing.

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At the 25 June 1962 meeting, it was heard for the first time that there was talk of splitting District 26.

Claude Sherman was appointed Lieutenant as liaison for the Martinsville group.

An announcement was made of the competition for the Tom Smiley Award.

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At the regular meeting 25 September 1962, it was announced that P/C Donald Soefker had been nominated as District Commander of the new District 27.

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At the 22 November 1962 meeting, it was reported that the first IT course had been completed.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1963

At the 22 January 1963 regular meeting, there was discussion of Piloting classes to be conducted at North Wilkesboro.

The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from James H. Pou Bailey, District Law Officer, informing the Squadron that he had filed incorporation papers with the Secretary of State and that the Squadron may assume being incorporated as of 11 January 1963.

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At the 25 February 1963 meeting, Squadron By-Laws, as revised, were accepted by unanimous vote.

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At the Annual Meeting 25 March 1963, the following slate of officers and elected committee members was accepted by unanimous vote of the members present:

Commander	-	W. O. Robertson
Lt Cdr	-	Charles F. Thrift
1st Lt	-	Otis Blackburn
Secretary	-	Ronald C. Rau
Treasurer	-	E. Dean Matlock

Executive Committee: Henry P. White, Chairman
* Claude P. Sherman
Walter R. Pistole

Auditing Committee: John H. Winder, Chairman
Douglass Grimes

Nominating Committee: P/C Walter Boerner, Chairman
P/C W. Scoble Ellington
P/C Carlos Ervin

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(District 27 was formed and chartered 30 March 1963.)

At the District Conference held in Charlotte 30 March 1963, the Winston-Salem Power Squadron was the first recipient of the Tom Smiley Award for educational achievement.

Arrangements were made for Change-of-Watch party at the Parkway Chalet, 19 April 1963.

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At the 27 May 1963 meeting, approval was granted for the purchase of the first sextant by the Squadron.

It was announced that the first Piloting class held in Greensboro would start 14 October 1963.

* Denotes still a member.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1964

At the 27 January 1964 meeting, it was reported that 30 people took the Piloting examination in the Greensboro class; 25 passed.

Arrangements were made for the Change-of-Watch party at Le Chateau Restaurant on 29 February 1964.

Also at this meeting, the following slate of officers and committee members was unanimously elected:

Commander	-	W. O. Robertson
Lt Cdr	-	Ronald C. Rau
1st Lt	-	* Herb Bremer
Secretary	-	Tom O'Brien
Treasurer	-	E. Dean Matlock

Executive Committee: Doug Grimes, Chairman
* Damon Blake
* Claude Sherman

Auditing Committee: Charles Thrift, Chairman
Harold Draper

Nominating Committee: P/C Walter Boerner, Chairman
P/C W. Scoble Ellington
P/C Carlos Ervin

It was noted that here, for the first time, a Commander was elected for a second consecutive year.

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At the regular meeting 27 April 1964, members heard about the cooperative Charting Program for the first time.

Squadron approval of the request for a charter by the Catawba Power Squadron was given at this meeting.

There was an announcement concerning the Piloting examinations held in Greensboro 20 January 1964 and 24 February 1964: 35 participated, 31 passed.

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At the 28 September 1964 meeting, an announcement was made of the formation of the Catawba Power Squadron.

There was discussion of a complete revision of the basic Piloting course at this meeting.

It was noted that this year marked the first time a post office box was obtained.

* Denotes still a member.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1965

At the Annual Meeting 26 January 1965, the following slate of officers and elected committee members was unanimously elected:

Commander	-	Ronald C. Rau
Executive Officer	- *	George "Herb" Bremer
Administrative Officer	-	Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr.
Secretary	-	Walter R. Pistole
Treasurer	- *	Charles A. Bailey

Executive Committee: * Damon D. Blake, Chairman
Dale H. Butcher
James C. Mills

Auditing Committee: George T. Boggs, Sr., Chairman
* William A. Starbuck

Nominating Committee: Winfred O. Robertson, Chairman
Walter Boerner
W. Scroble Ellington

Noted here was that for the first time, instead of electing a Lieutenant Commander and a 1st Lieutenant, an Executive Officer and an Administrative Officer were elected. Both the Executive Officer and the Administrative Officer would carry the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

An announcement was made that the annual Change-of-Watch party would be held at the Sheraton Inn Motor Lodge on 6 February 1965.

It was reported that the amendment to the Squadron By-Laws, Article XI, Section 1, had been approved by the USPS Committee on Rules.

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At the regular meeting 27 September 1965, a letter of resignation as Commander, received from Ronald Rau, was read. This resignation was made necessary due to his moving to Charlotte. Herb Bremer automatically succeeded Rau as Commander due to his position as Executive Officer.

It was announced that the Weather Course would be given for the first time starting 26 October 1965, at the home of P/C Donald Soefker.

This year for the first time the Executive Committee approved reimbursing the Squadron Commander for hotel and travel expenses to the USPS Annual Meeting.

In memory of a member who died in December -- John Watts, of Martinsville -- a contribution was made to the Memorial and Gifts Fund.

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1966

At the Annual Meeting, 31 January 1966, the following slate of officers and committee members was unanimously elected:

Commander	- * Herb Bremer, S
Executive Officer	- Walter R. Pistole, AP
Administrative Officer	- * Claude P. Sherman, AP
Secretary	- * Charles A. Bailey, Jr., AP
Treasurer	- George T. Boggs, Sr.

Executive Committee: John W. Andrews, S
F. Jack McFayden, S
James C. Mills, S

Auditing Committee: * William Starbuck, Chairman
Robert T. Savage

It was announced at this meeting that Charles E. Beard, AP, having served the normal tour of duty of five years as Squadron Education Officer, had asked to be relieved of this assignment, and would be replaced by Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr., AP.

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The Change-of-Watch party was held at the Sheraton Motor Inn, on 19 February 1966. At this party, all past commanders who had not received a plaque were presented with this award in recognition of their service to the Squadron. A plaque was also presented to outgoing SEO Charles F. Beard, AP.

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At the 28 March 1966 regular meeting, it was announced that P/C W. O. Robertson was the newly elected District 27 Administrative Officer.

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At the 30 May 1966 regular meeting, it was announced that the February 1967 District Council Meeting would be held in Winston-Salem, and that the Winston-Salem Squadron would host the 1967 Spring Conference at the Blockade Runner Motel at Wrightsville Beach.

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At the 8 September 1966 meeting, the Executive Committee voted to purchase a 12 x 18 USPS Ensign for each new member.

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The loss of another member by death -- Bill Andrews -- was reported at the 28 November 1966 regular meeting.

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1967

At the Annual Meeting 23 January 1967, the following slate of officers and committee members was unanimously elected:

Commander	- * Claude P. Sherman, AP
Executive Officer	- * Charles A. Bailey, Jr., AP
Administrative Officer	- George T. Boggs, Sr., S
Secretary	- * William A. Starbuck, AP
Treasurer	- Robert B. Deal, Jr., S

Executive Committee: Harold M. Draper, AP
Wilbur S. Doyle
Walter C. Thomas, Jr.

Auditing Committee: Thomas N. Lide, AP
Dan A. Lynch, Jr., AP

Nominating Committee: * P/C Herb Bremer, S
P/C Ronald C. Rau, AP
P/C W. O. Robertson, AP

Change-of-Watch was planned for 25 February 1967 at the Sheraton Motor Inn.

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At the 20 March 1967 regular meeting, SEO Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr., AP, reported that about 90 people are attending the Piloting Class, the large number causing a sellout in some of the student material which had to be reordered.

It was also reported that out of the 15 persons who took the first Marine Electronics examination, 13 passed.

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At the regular meeting 24 April 1967, it was reported that the following Winston-Salem Squadron members had been elected or appointed to District offices:

W. O. Robertson	- Executive Officer
W. S. Ellington	- Treasurer
Ronald C. Rau	- Public Relations Officer

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At the 18 May 1967 Executive Committee meeting, Admissions Chairman Andy Lyon reported that 98 persons had registered for the Piloting Class, with an average attendance of 43 after the first two weeks.

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1967 (cont'd)

At the 22 May 1967 regular meeting, it was reported by SEO O'Brien that WSPS ranked third in the District this year in advanced grades awarded and elective courses given.

It was also announced that this year for the first time WSPS would have a USPS display at the State Fair in Raleigh. This would be set up by the Raleigh Squadron, and Winston-Salem Day to man the exhibit was set for 12 October 1967, from 0900 to 2100.

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At the Executive Committee meeting 19 October 1967, SEO O'Brien reported that there were 12 members enrolled in the JN course being given for the first time by WSPS.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1968

At the Annual Meeting 29 January 1968, the following slate of officers and committee members was unanimously elected:

Commander	-	* Charles A. Bailey, Jr., AP
Executive Officer	-	George T. Boggs, Sr., S
Administrative Officer	-	Dan A. Lynch, Jr., AP
Secretary	-	Peter R. Denby
Treasurer	-	Frederick S. Pollette

Executive Committee: Jack M. Cox, S
* Perry G. Harmon
Judson D. Dukes, S

Auditing Committee: * William A. Starbuck, AP
* Robert B. Deal, Jr., S

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During the year 1968, it was recorded that the Change-of-Watch Party was held at the Sheraton Motor Inn on 24 February; that the first Tanglewood cook-out was held; and that consideration was given to using a billboard to advertise the Piloting Classes.

At the District Fall Conference, held in Raleigh, the Winston-Salem Squadron won five First Prizes in the District Training Aids Exhibit, as follows:

Public Piloting
Seamanship
Junior Navigator
Best in Show
Most Categories Entered

Also in 1968, another member -- Judson Dukes -- passed away.

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1969

At the Annual Meeting 27 January 1969, the following slate of officers and committee members was unanimously elected:

Commander	-	George T. Boggs, AP
Executive Officer	-	Dan A. Lynch, Jr., AP
Administrative Officer	-	Charles E. Beard, AP
Secretary	-	Peter R. Denby, AP
Treasurer	-	* Robert T. Thacker, S

Auditing Committee: Charles H. Siewers, AP
* Perry G. Harmon, S

Nominating Committee: * Charles A. Bailey, Jr., AP
* Claude P. Sherman, AP
* Herb Bremer, S

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The Change-of-Watch party was held 22 February 1969 at the Twin City Club.

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At the Executive Committee meeting 12 May 1969, a motion was made and passed to terminate the policy of giving each new member an Ensign. Ensign subscriptions at the Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point Libraries were continued.

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A cook-out for the induction of new members was held at Tanglewood Park on 12 June 1969.

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At the District Fall Conference, WSPS took honors as follows in the District Training Aids competition:

1st in Engine Maintenance
1st in Most Categories Entered
2nd in Seamanship

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1970

At the Annual Meeting 26 January 1970, the following slate of officers and committee members was unanimously elected:

Commander	-	Dan A. Lynch, Jr., AP
Executive Officer	-	Charles E. Beard, AP
Administrative Officer	-	J. D. Rogers, S
Secretary	-	James E. Toler
Treasurer	-	* Robert T. Thacker, Jr., S

Auditing Committee: * Robert C. Morgan, S
George T. Boggs, Sr., AP

Nominating Committee: George T. Boggs, Sr., AP
* Charles A. Bailey, Jr., AP
* Claude P. Sherman, AP

Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr., JN, retired as Squadron Education Officer and was replaced by Walter R. Pistole, JN.

Other important dates and events during 1970 were as follows:

21 February 1970...Change-of-Watch party at Sheraton Motor Inn.

23 May 1970.....The new USPS Headquarters building was dedicated.

17 June 1970.....New members inducted at Tanglewood outing.

20-21 June 1970....Squadron Rendezvous at Outrigger on Lake Norman.

10 September 1970..Start of Fall Piloting Class at West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro.

WSPS member Ronald C. Rau, AP, became District Executive Officer this year.

In 1970, for the first time WSPS could advertise our Piloting Classes on two billboards. Through the efforts of Pete Siewers, the Public Relations had been outstanding during the past year.

Also, during 1970 it was agreed to try holding a meeting in July; it was voted to raise local dues from \$5.00 to \$7.00 annually effective 1 January 1971, and to make dues and fees paid in after 1 October to apply through the following year.

WSPS agreed to assist the Charlotte Power Squadron in Cooperative Charting of Bogue and Core Sounds.

Two members lost by death this year: Ed Lowenstein and Andy Lyon. Contributions were made to the Memorials and Gifts Fund in their memory.

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1971

An Executive Committee meeting was held on 18 January 1971 at the home of Cdr Lynch. At that time, the death of Tom Smiley was announced.

Also noted at that meeting were the following announcements:

The USPS Education Department now levies a \$1.00 service charge per order effective 1 January 1971.

It was arranged for WSPS to have a booth at the Sportsmen's Show.

Spring Piloting Classes would start 24 February 1971 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Change-of-Watch party was scheduled for 27 February 1971.

The Winter Council meeting in February would be hosted by WSPS.

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At the Annual Meeting 25 January 1971, the following slate of Bridge Officers was elected:

Commander	-	Charles E. Beard, AP
Executive Officer	-	J. D. Rogers, AP
Administrative Officer	-	Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr., JN
Secretary	-	* Frank C. Styers, AP
Treasurer	-	* Robert C. Morgan, S

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At the 26 April 1971 regular meeting, SEO Pistole announced that a new Plath Yachtsman's sextant had been ordered for the Squadron.

It was noted that the Tanglewood outing was scheduled for the last Wednesday in May.

Dr. Merlo from Elkin attended the meeting to express the need for Piloting Classes in the Elkin area.

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At the regular meeting 27 September 1971, the following announcements were made:

WSPS had lease for use of Naval Reserve Armory for another five years ... Cape Lookout Bight had been renamed Power Squadron Spit in honor of our work in the Cooperative Charting Program ... the new Boating Class was scheduled to start 10 February 1972 at St. Paul's ... and Change-of-Watch party would be held 26 February 1972 at the Kona Kai.

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1972

At the Annual Meeting in January, the following slate of officers was elected:

Commander	-	J. D. Rogers, AP
Executive Officer	-	Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr., JN
Administrative Officer	-	* Frank C. Styers, AP
Treasurer	-	* William A. Starbuck, JN
Secretary	-	* Edward W. Gawler, JN

Important dates and events in 1972:

Change-of-Watch was held at the Kona-Kai at the Sheraton Motor Inn.

District 27 won the National Award in connection with the Cooperative Charting Program.

As of 27 March 1972, WSPS had 108 members on the rolls. By year's end, this had increased to 128.

The Annual Fish Fry was held 21 October at the Triple Ess Marina at Atlantic Beach.

A program of inviting the ladies to attend our meetings, preceded by dinner at the K & W Cafeteria, was inaugurated this year.

Educational courses completed this year included Seamanship, AP, JN, and IT.

SEO W. Robert Pistole, JN, was succeeded by Oswald M. Sowers, JN.

An auction held at the 27 November meeting netted \$260 for the WSPS treasury.

The Annual Indoctrination Picnic was held at Tanglewood Park.

A WSPS booth was manned at the Sportsmen's Show at Benton Convention Center.

A Fall public Boating Class was held this year with 57 students registered; 27 completed the course and passed the examination.

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1973

At the Annual Meeting on 22 January 1973, the following slate of officers and committee members was elected:

Commander	-	Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr., JN
Executive Officer	-	* Frank C. Styers, AP
Education Officer	-	* Oswald M. Sowers, JN
Administrative Officer	-	W. Robert Pistole, JN
Secretary	-	* Edward W. Gawler, JN
Treasurer	-	* William A. Starbuck

Executive Committee: David W. Beck
Peter R. Denby, AP
Paul H. Kolb, AP

Auditing Committee: * Fletcher J. Grubbs
* Perry O. Harmon, S

A Boating Course, starting this month, was held in Greensboro; 50 exams were given, 32 persons passed.

Important dates and events in 1973:

On 1 February 1973, the Executive Committee voted to allow officers to retain their flag of office when they leave office.

The Change-of-Watch party was held on 24 February 1973 at Bermuda Run.

Cooperative Charting Weekend was 2-3 August 1973 at Calico Jack's on Harkers Island.

At the regular meeting on 24 September 1973, the membership voted in favor of continuing USPS as a Private Club.

The Fall Coastal Rendezvous and Fish Fry took place 2-4 November 1973.

District 27 won the Cooperative Charting National Award for the second consecutive year.

Educational courses completed this year included AP, Seamanship, JN, and Weather. A course in N was started for the first time.

A District 27 Patch was made available.

The Executive Committee voted to pay round-trip air fare, tourist class, (or the equivalent as car expense, if driving) for the Commander and Executive Office for attendance at the National Meeting in Miami for 1974. It was decided that in the future this would apply to the Executive Officer only if he attended. The same provision was made for the incoming SEO.

P/C Ron Rau, AP, was elected a General Member of the Governing Board.

As of 18 December 1973, the Secretary reported there were 129 members, with one transfer still in progress.

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1974

At the Annual Meeting on 28 January 1974, the following slate of officers and committee members was elected:

Commander	-	* Frank C. Styers, AP
Executive Officer	-	Walter R. Pistole, JN
Education Officer	-	* Oswald M. Sowers, JN
Administrative Officer	-	* Edward W. Gawler, JN
Secretary	-	* Edward C. McMillan, JN
Treasurer	-	* William A. Starbuck, JN
Asst. Education Officer	-	* Harold D. Green, JN

Executive Committee: Clyde T. Canter, S
* Robert T. Thacker, AP
Robert B. Deal, AP

Auditing Committee: * Robert C. Morgan, S
Charles Hammond, S

Important dates and events during 1974:

February - Change-of-Watch was held at the Elks Club on 22 February 1974.

March - A meeting was held 11 March 1974 in Greensboro by a group interested in forming a Greensboro Squadron. The group elected the following persons to act as officers during the organization period:

Commander	-	Larry E. Williams, JN
Executive Officer	-	Everett J. Lucke, AP
Education Officer	-	Edward C. McMillan, JN
Administrative Officer	-	James E. Toler, S
Secretary	-	Edward C. McMillan, JN
Treasurer	-	Clyde T. Canter, S

Executive Committee: Fred P. Bunge
John T. Morgan
Richard F. Howle, Jr.

At the Executive Committee meeting 20 March 1974, a motion was made and passed to recommend to District that Winston-Salem Power Squadron be permitted to form a Greensboro Division, and to supervise and assist Greensboro in becoming a Squadron. Authorization to do this was granted at the District Change-of-Watch 29-31 March 1974, at Wrightsville Beach. As a result, 48 WSPS members from Greensboro split from the Winston-Salem Power Squadron to form the new Greensboro Power Squadron. Also, WSPS advanced \$200 to the Greensboro unit to cover operating expenses.

It was announced at the District Change-of-Watch that the Winston-Salem Power Squadron had received the Prince Henry Educational Award.

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WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1974 (cont'd)

WSPS was host Squadron for the District Change-of-Watch at the Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach, 29-31 March 1974.

- June - A "Past Commanders Night" was held this year at the regular meeting 26 June 1974 at the Elks Club. All Past Commanders were invited as guests of the Squadron at dinner preceding the meeting.

The Squadron Rendezvous was held in June at Lake Norman.

- July - Several members of the WSPS and GPS appeared on the "Jim Pritchard Radio Show" in Greensboro on 1 July 1974 in connection with Safe Boating Week. Also, about 15 minutes was devoted to Power Squadron and Safe Boating Week on the "Ask Tom" program on WSJS Radio in Winston-Salem.

For his cooperation during Safe Boating Week, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Jim Pritchard of Radio Station WBIG in Greensboro.

At the Executive Committee meeting on 18 July 1974, the Committee voted to increase dues by \$4.00 per year, making the total \$20.00.

- August - The Cooperative Charting Cruise was held 1-2 August 1974 in the area north of Morehead City.

At the regular meeting 26 August 1974, WSPS approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee to make the dues \$20.00 per year.

National dues were increased by \$3.00 per year.

Scheduled date for the Greensboro organizational meeting was 27 August 1974.

- September - WSPS Boating Course scheduled to begin 12 September 1974; Greensboro to hold a class beginning 10 September 1974.

- November - At the regular meeting 25 November 1974, it was reported that WSPS membership now stands at 109 as the result of 48 members having transferred to the Greensboro Squadron.

Also taking place during 1974: District 27 for the third consecutive year reported the greatest number of Cooperative Charting corrections ... A resolution to change the USPS to function as a public accommodation was defeated at the Annual Meeting in Miami ... The Executive Committee voted to send the incoming SEO to the Annual Meeting in January 1975.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1975

The year got under way with the election of the following bridge at the Annual Meeting on 7 January 1975 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church:

Commander	-	* Edward W. Gawler, N
Executive Officer	-	* Oswald M. Sowers, N
Education Officer	-	* Harold D. Green, JN
Administrative Officer	-	* Martin W. Ericson, AP
Secretary	-	* George C. McLarty, Jr., S
Treasurer	-	* William A. Starbuck, JN

Executive Committee: Charles E. Beard, JN -
Paul H. Kolb, AP
Ronald C. Rau, AP

Auditing Committee: * Robert C. Morgan
* Charlie B. Hauser

Year 1975 was a year of rebuilding for the Winston-Salem Power Squadron. Our membership was reduced to 78, mainly because of transfers to the new Greensboro Squadron. During 1975, however, we accepted 32 new members (an increase of 41%) into the Squadron. Nearly 50% of our roster at the beginning of the year received Merit Marks. This compared to 29.5% nationally.

Some of our activities which made the year so successful are as follows:

Executive Department under Lt/C Oswald M. Sowers, N:

P/C Herb Bremer organized and set up a booth at the Sportsmen's Show; 25 members participated.

P/Stf/C Ron Rau conducted a successful COCH cruise, submitting 122 corrections by 31 members.

Lt James Royal and P/C Bremer were responsible for an active Safe Boating Week program, with Mayor Franklin Shirley of Winston-Salem proclaiming Safe Boating Week.

Education Department under Lt/Cdr Harold D. Green, JN:

This was a year of outstanding accomplishment for Lt/C Green. A Boating Course in High Point and the following courses in Winston-Salem were completed or partially completed:

Boating Course, Marine Electronics, Sail, Instructional Aids, Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, and Navigator. The Boating Courses were taken by 73 people; 83 members took advanced courses and/or electives; 21 members participated in teaching these courses; and 21 members proctored in the Boating Courses.

* Denotes still a member

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1975 (cont'd)

Administrative Department under Lt/Cdr Martin Ericson

A lake rendezvous on 14 June 1975 at Hal Green's was attended by over 50 people.

A Cape Fear River Cruise, another 1975 highlight, was completely documented by Lt/C George McLarty.

The Cape Lookout Rendezvous -- still another fabulous weekend -- was enjoyed by 15 members and their families.

The Annual Fish Rendezvous at Tar Landings, by courtesy of P/C Bailey, was augmented by a "pig-pickin'" thanks to Frank Styers.

Financially, the year was a success, our having received \$600 more than we spent, as shown by the report of Lt/C William A. Starbuck, JN, our Treasurer.

Secretary's Department - A comprehensive account of the year can be found in the records kept by our Secretary, Lt/C George McLarty, AP, who was also an active participant in many other areas.

Special guests during the year were D/C Peter J. Chenery and his wife, Faeth, and DEO George L. Margeson and his wife, Phyllis, who attended our membership meeting on 24 November 1975 at Downtowner Motor Inn, Winston-Salem.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1976

At the Annual Meeting on 5 January 1976, the following slate of officers and committee members was unanimously elected:

Commander	-	* Oswald M. Sowers, N
Executive Officer	-	* Martin W. Ericson, AP
Administrative Officer	-	* Damon D. Blake, AP
Secretary	-	* George C. McLarty, Jr., AP
Treasurer	-	* William A. Starbuck, N
Education Officer	-	* Harold D. Green, JN
Asst. Education Officer	-	Don C. Jones, S
Past Commander	-	* Edward W. Gawler, N

Executive Committee: David W. Beck, S
J. D. Rogers, AP
James P. Royal, AP

Auditing Committee: * Robert C. Morgan, S
Robert T. Thacker, AP

Nominating Committee: * Edward W. Gawler, N
* Frank C. Styers, AP
Thomas F. O'Brien, JN

Lt Robert H. Conrad, S, arranged for monthly meetings to be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Family Steak House, Reynolda Manor Shopping Center. Each of these meetings was enhanced with an excellent program arranged for by Program Chairman Lt L. Byerly Holt, S.

In January, a booth at the annual Boat & Sportsmen's Show at the Benton Convention Center was arranged and set up by P/C Herb Bremer, S.

As of 7 February, Squadron membership was 95 members, 15 Lady Certificate Holders, and 8 Apprentices.

The Squadron Change-of-Watch Dinner Dance was held at the Winston-Salem Elks Club on 5 March, with P/D/C Donald L. Soefker, AP, acting as master of ceremonies. D/C Peter J. Chenery, N, attended as a guest of the club and conducted the official installation of officers.

A Cooperative Charting cruise, on 22-23 May 1976, was arranged by Chairman P/C Charles A. Bailey, Jr., AP, and conducted by 35 members, with eight boats in the Atlantic Beach, N.C. area. Following the Saturday cruise, a dinner of boiled shrimp and fried chicken was served to the participants by Lady Certificate Holders Sara Pistole and Sarah Sowers.

The Annual Fishing Rendezvous was held at Atlantic Beach, N.C., on 23-24 October.

In 1976, many members were active in teaching and/or taking the following courses: Public Boating (spring, Winston-Salem; fall, High Point); Officers' Training; Seamanship; Advanced Piloting (one course, January-March; one course, September-December); Junior Navigation; Weather; Engine Maintenance.

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WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1977

Elected Officers:

Commander	-	* Martin W. Ericson, AP
Executive Officer	-	* Harold D. Green, JN
Administrative Officer	-	David W. Beck, AP
Secretary	-	* Robert Sosnik, S
Treasurer	-	* William A. Starbuck, N
Education Officer	-	* Kenneth B. Jennings, AP
Asst. Education Officer	-	Robert E. Frazier, AP
Past Commander	-	* Oswald M. Sowers, N

Executive Committee-at-Large

* P/C Frank Styers, AP
* L. Byerly Holt, S
* Perry Harmon, S

General Committees:

Auditing	-	* Robert C. Morgan, S Charles N. Siewers, S
Nominating	-	* Oswald M. Sowers, N * Edward W. Gawler, N * Frank C. Styers, AP

Educational Activities:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Number Passed</u>
Public Boating	19
Orientation and Boating for Members	12
Seamanship	9
Engine Maintenance	1
Advanced Piloting	1

Cooperative Charting:

Under the leadership of George McLarty, 15 Squadron members attended the Cooperative Charting Cruise at New River on 4 June 1977. Ed Gawler and George McLarty, for their efforts, and our Squadron won a national award.

Boat Show:

Herb Bremer was in charge of the Squadron booth at the Winston-Salem Boat Show. Fifteen Squadron members helped man the booth, and 35,000 attended the Boat Show.

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WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1977 (cont'd)

Executive Committee Meetings:

Ten Executive Committee meetings were held at the home of Cdr Martin W. Ericson. Social activities after these meetings continued far into the night on several occasions. One meeting was held at Lt/C Hal Green's at High Rock Lake, and another at his home in Winston-Salem.

General Membership Meetings:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program</u>
February	Western Sizzler	Accidental Drowning Causes
March	" "	Power Squadron History
April	" "	C.P.R.
May	Green's Supper Club	W-S/Greensboro Dinner Dance
July	High Rock Lake	Swimming/Sailing Barbecue
September	Brown Bottle Room (Schlitz)	Corps of Engineers & Dance
October	Atlantic Beach	Fall Fishing
November	Western Sizzler	The Wreck of the Monitor

It should be noted that the general meetings were outstanding and that 120 Squadron members and wives attended the "Schlitz Blitz."

Fall Fishing:

The Fall Fishing Rendezvous was held at Atlantic Beach with Frank Styers as chairman. A rousing party and fish fry took place at the Bogue Bank Country Club.

District Meeting:

The Commander and several other Squadron members attended all District meetings, including the District Change-of-Watch in Wilmington.

National Change-of-Watch:

Those who attended the National Change-of-Watch in Miami, Florida, were: Ericson, Jennings, Gawler, Sosnik, and Green.

Winding Down the Year's End

The Commanders' cocktail party to honor incoming and outgoing Bridge Members and D/27 Officers was held at Holiday Inn West just prior to the WSPS Change-of-Watch.

The Change-of-Watch to honor the outgoing Commander and to induct Robert Sosnik as incoming Commander was held 13 January 1978 at the Elks Club, with dance music provided by Benny Benfield to the accompaniment of three inches of snow.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1978

Elected Officers:

Commander	-	Robert Sosnik, S
Executive Officer	-	Lawrence Byerly Holt, S
Administrative Officer	-	Perry G. Harmon, S
Education Officer	-	Kenneth B. Jennings, Sr., AP
Secretary	-	Leslie Flipppo, S
Treasurer	-	William A. Starbuck, N
Past Commander	-	Martin W. Ericson, AP

Executive Committee-at-Large:

Oswald M. Sowers, N
Edward W. Gawler, N
Frank C. Styers, AP

Auditing Committee:

Robert C. Morgan, S
Charles N. Siewers, AP

Nominating Committee:

Martin W. Ericson, AP
Oswald M. Sowers, N
Edward W. Gawler, N

Change-of-Watch:

The new bridge was inducted on 13 January 1978 at the Elks Club in Winston-Salem. For the second consecutive year, there was snow on the day of the Change-of-Watch Banquet and Dance.

USPS Annual Meeting and Change-of-Watch:

Five members of WSPS attended the National Meeting at Miami Beach at the Fontainebleu Hotel. This was held 18-22 January.

Spring Coastal Caravan:

On the weekend of 26 April, WSPS members and wives greeted spring at the first rendezvous of the year at the coast. The event was well attended and a weekend of fishing, boating, shell gathering, and just plain relaxing was culminated by a fish fry at Tar Landing under the chairmanship of Dick Webster.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1978 (cont'd)

Cooperative Charting:

This year Cooperative Charting was under the chairmanship of P/C Martin Ericson. Three members attended NOA training at Norfolk, Va., 7-8 April. Briefing and work assignments were given at the Commander's residence on 30 May. The weekend of the charting was 3 June, and the area of charting was Spooner's Creek to New River. Our Squadron worked in conjunction with the New River Squadron. Following our efforts, a relaxing steak dinner was consumed at 8½ Marina Clubhouse.

Trailerboat Outing:

An all-day trailerboat rendezvous was held at Perry Harmon's cottage at Lake Norman on 19 August. On the program were boating, fishing, swimming, water skiing, and eating.

Schlitz Brown Bottle Room Dinner-Dance:

Our annual Schlitz Brown Bottle Blast was held on 29 September. With 140 in attendance, it was the best populated gathering in recent WSPS memory. The attendance was greatly aided by members from other Squadrons in D/27 as there was a Council Meeting in Winston-Salem the following day.

Fall Fishing Rendezvous:

What was forecast as a wet and windy weekend cleared just in time for WSPS to take to the boats and get in a Saturday of fishing. We then gathered at 8½ Marina Clubhouse to exaggerate our catches and eat fried fish which may or may not have been caught by WSPS.

New Member Orientation:

On 20 September, new member orientation was held at the Commander's house. USPS slide programs were shown and the orientation was well attended by new and old members.

Education:

A Spring Public Boating Course was given in High Point and a Fall Public Boating Course was presented in Winston-Salem. Ten members passed Seamanship during the year; three passed AP; five passed Sail. Additional courses during the year were AP, Engine Maintenance, and Weather.

Change-of-Watch:

The Change-of-Watch Dinner and Dance was scheduled for 13 January, 1979. Due to a severe ice storm which made driving almost impossible, it was postponed to 16 March, at which time the new bridge was installed.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1979

Elected Officers:

Commander	-	Cdr L. B. Holt, S
Executive Officer	-	Lt/C K. B. Jennings, Sr., AP
Education Officer	-	Lt/C J. F. Toole, JN
Administrative Officer	-	Lt/C D. S. Webster, S
Secretary	-	Lt/C K. B. Jennings, Jr., AP
Treasurer	-	Lt/C W. A. Starbuck, N
Chr., Audit Comm.	-	1st/Lt R. C. Morgan, S
Asst. Education Officer	-	1st/Lt J. F. Carter, S

Executive Department under Exe/Off Lt/C K. B. Jennings, Sr., AP:

Ch/Boat Show Com.	-	P/C George H. Bremer, S
Chr/Coop. Chart.	-	L/C Robert E. Frazier, AP
Legis/Off	-	Lt Robert B. Wilson, Jr.
Liaison Com.	-	Lt F. E. Long, Jr., AP
Program Com.	-	Lt R. B. Crosland, S
Chr/Rt/Com	-	Lt C. Tara, S
Safety Officer	-	Lt W. E. Berry, S

Education Department under Edu/Off Lt/C J. F. Toole, JN:

Asst. Edu/Off	-	1st Lt J. F. Carter, S
Ch/Lb/P	-	P/C M. W. Ericson, AP
Ch/Lb/Ag	-	D/Lt/C E. W. Gawler, N
Ch/Lb/Ec	-	D/1st/L O. M. Sowers, N
Ch/Lb/lq	-	Lt/C H. D. Green, JN
Chr/Audio Visual	-	Lt H. O. Goodman, AP
Ch/Lb/Sup/Progs	-	Lt/C H. D. Green, JN

Significant "Firsts":

The first Publications Commander for the Squadron was appointed. He was P/C Robert Sosnik, S.

For the first time, Fleet Surgeon's Aides and Fleet Captain's Aides were appointed for the purpose of assisting all WSPS members at all bodies of water enjoyed by the WSPS members in North Carolina.

Committee Chairmen:

Flag & Etiquette Comm.	-	Lt Glenn R. Holt, S
Housing Comm.	-	Lt H. Kapp Ogburn, III
Property Comm.	-	Lt Paul A. McLaurin
Finance Comm.	-	Lt H. M. Dillabough, S

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1979 (cont'd)

Cdr L. B. Holt, S, was chairperson of the first 16 hours Operational Training Course, with 20 passing the course. D/C Melvin L. Roberts, N, presented the certificates to the class at High Point, N.C., where the Squadron visited the boatworks of Hatteras Yacht Co., Inc.

Courses during 1979: Seamanship was given with 25 members in the class. Advanced Piloting and Sailing were given one time. USPS Public Boating (Piloting) was given twice.

Cdr Holt administered tests on Weather, Engine Maintenance, Junior Navigation, and Intelligence Qualification.

There were 121 members in WSPS this year, with many ladies taking courses. There were 32 women certificate holders.

SEO Harold Green, JN, and Bonnie Green developed and gave the First Computer Course in Advanced Piloting and Junior Navigation to the Squadron and to USPS. Unfortunately, the National Elective Education Officer was sick, the course was not sent to his assistant, and so SEO Harold Green, JN, and Bonnie Green did NOT receive the credit they deserved, although they were given a plaque.

Cdr Holt, P/C Sosnik, and Lt Cdr Harmon attended the NOA meeting in Norfolk, Va.

The Cooperative Charting was held on the Neuse and Trent Rivers, with headquarters at Fairfield Harbor at New Bern, N.C., for 33 members. A "pig-pickin'" was enjoyed by all.

WSPS voted to (1) put the Squadron number on all members' dues cards, and (2) to use "X" on uniforms for ten Merit Marks, and "XX" for 20 Merit Marks. These resolutions were presented to the District.

It was also voted that P/C Ed W. Gawler, N, be nominated for District 27 Secretary or Administrative Officer, and that P/C Oswald Sowers, N, be nominated for District Education Officer for D/27, as each had full Navigation certificates and ten Merit Marks.

P/C L. B. Holt, D/Lt/Com Sowers, N, along with Lt James F. Carter pulled Carter's sailboat with WSPS Banner in the Thanksgiving Day Christmas Parade in Winston-Salem.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1980

Elected Officers:

Commander	-	Kenneth B. Jennings, Sr., AP
Executive Officer	-	Kenneth B. Jennings, Jr., AP
Administrative Officer	-	Manning S. Hunter, AP
Education Officer	-	James F. Toole, JN
Secretary	-	Robert E. Frazier, AP
Treasurer	-	William A. Starbuck, N
Asst. Education Officer	-	James F. Carter, S
Asst. Treasurer	-	Robert S. Weidman, S

Annual Meeting and Change-of-Watch took place 6 December 1979 at Tanglewood.

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Educational Accomplishments in 1980:

Public Boating - 12 women and 18 men took the course.

Seamanship - 6 women and 9 men took the course. All 15 passed --
A RECORD!

Piloting - 11 took course. All women passed; three men failed.

Advanced Piloting - 9 took course; 3 passed.

IT - one took course and passed.

Special Honors:

P/C L.B. Holt, S, received Cooperative Charting Award on behalf of WSPS.

Lt/C G.C. McLarty, AP, became a member of USPS Honor Roll for Cooperative Charting.

Other 1980 Highlights:

Cooperative Charting Cruise, 13-15 June, with turning basin of Morehead City through ICW to Oriental, N.C., to Bellhaven. There were 25 members participating in this event.

In June, WSPS participated with Coast Guard Auxiliary in Safe Boating Week.

P/C L. B. Holt and Lt James Carter pulled WSPS (Carter's) 23-foot sailboat in annual Christmas Parade in Winston-Salem.

Membership:

Total members for year: 88, with an additional 32 women certificate holders.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1981

At the annual meeting 6 December 1980, the following slate of officers and committee members was unanimously elected:

Commander	-	Kenneth B. Jennings, Jr., AP
Executive Officer	-	Manning S. Hunter, AP
Administrative Officer	-	Perry G. Harmon, S
Secretary	-	Robert S. Weidman, S
Treasurer	-	William A. Starbuck, N
Education Officer	-	Harold O. Goodman, AP
Assistant Education Officer	-	William H. Davis, Jr., S
Past Commander	-	Kenneth B. Jennings, Sr., AP

Executive Committee: L. Byerly Holt, S
Robert Sosnik, S
Martin W. Ericson, AP

Lt Conley Smith arranged for membership dinner to be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Joc-Lyn's Restaurant. Programs for each meeting were planned by Lt Smith and other Squadron members, including a Cooperative Charting Program by D/27 Coop-Charting Chairman John L. Rosenblatt and a presentation on Scuba Diving by member David Stump.

The Cooperative Charting Cruise was based at Holden Beach, N.C., with 35 members, wives and guests participating. Housing was provided at Bill Davis' cottage, and two canal-front cottages rented by the group. The charting was coordinated by chairman Damon Blake. A fish fry was held at the cottages Saturday night. Holden Beach mayor John Tandy helped with arrangements for the cruise.

Other Highlights of the Year:

Lake Norman Cruise and Rendezvous - lunch at David Blankenbeckler's, supper at Perry Harmon's - 80 people and 16 boats in attendance.

High Rock Lake Rendezvous at Hal and Bonnie Green's cottage; 42 people attended.

25 September - Schlitz Blitz, Brown Bottle Room; 59 people attended - W-S, Greensboro, Charlotte, and Lake Norman Squadron members.

17 October - Fishing Rendezvous, 8½ Marina Village, Atlantic Beach; a few fish, lots of fun.

16 December - Annual Meeting at Joc-Lyn's Restaurant. Change-of-Watch scheduled for 16 January 1982 at Tanglewood Golf Clubhouse.

During the year, members taught and participated in the following courses: Public Boating, Piloting and Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, Sail, Instructor Qualification, Supplemental Course in Scuba Diving.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1982

The following elected officers were sworn in 15 December 1981 by D/27 Cdr Edward Gawler, N:

Commander	-	Manning S. Hunter, AP
Executive Officer	-	Perry G. Harmon, S
Administrative Officer	-	William H. Davis, Jr., AP
Education Officer	-	Harold O. Goodman, AP
Secretary	-	Conley K. Smith, S
Treasurer	-	William A. Starbuck, N
Asst. Education Officer	-	James R. Flynt, Jr., S
Asst. Treasurer	-	Harold T. Jarrell, S

There were 99 members for the year, with 32 women certificate holders. Of the total number, 49 received Merit Marks -- the largest number of Merit Marks recorded in the history of WSPS.

Educational Achievements under SEO Harold O. Goodman, AP:

Public Boating Course	-	26 enrolled; 18 passed
Seamanship	-	23 enrolled; 16 passed
Piloting	-	10 enrolled; 7 passed
Advanced Piloting	-	10 enrolled; 7 passed
Sail	-	14 enrolled; 10 passed

Cdr M. S. Hunter, AP, was chairman of Operations Training, with 14 enrolled, and Orientation with 14 enrolled.

Cooperative Charting under Cdr M. S. Hunter, AP; Lt David Jones; and Lt Sandy (Willard G.) Sanderford:

There were 26 members and eight ladies who participated in (a) Holden Beach Charting and ICW, and (b) Beaufort Channel, Morehead Basin south to Swansboro. We placed 8th in District 27's thirteen Squadrons, helping D/27 to be Number One District in the nation.

Other highlights in 1982:

Safe Boating Week in June was marked by a proclamation by the Mayor of Winston-Salem, also a boating parade at Lake Norman.

Lt/Cdr and Mrs. Harold Green, JN, hosted the WSPS at their High Rock residence and private marina on 24 July.

About 90 people from WSPS and LNPS enjoyed the outing on 27 August at the vacation residence of Lt/Cdr and Mrs. Perry G. Harmon. There was skiing, the anticipated log contest, boating, games, and food. Lt/Cdr Conley Smith, S, organized the first monkey fist throwing contest, and the winner was Virginia (Mrs. Conley) Smith.

The District 27 Cape Lookout fish fry was attended by 16 WSPS members.

WINSTON-SALEM POWER SQUADRON, INC.

1983

Elected Officers:

Commander	-	Perry G. Harmon, AP
Executive Officer	-	William H. Davis, Jr., AP
Administrative Officer	-	Conley L. Smith, S
Education Officer	-	James R. Flynt, Jr., AP
Secretary	-	Richard W. Smithdeal, S
Treasurer	-	William A. Starbuck, N

Highest membership (approximate) during year: 95

Squadron's meeting place: Holiday Inn North.

Executive Committee's meeting place: 2310 Buena Vista Road, W-S 27104.

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Year 1983 could be considered the most noteworthy year since WSPS was organized, for two reasons:

1. Lt Ann W. Watts became the first lady active member.
2. Nine ladies were accepted as family members: Allison B. Dubuisson, Ann Flynt, Kathryn R. Holt, Maryelyn Holt, Anne E. Luper, Ellen K. Pope, Joyce Prosser, Rebecca Jayne Shinlever, and Jacquelyn S. Snow.

Educational Achievements: Seamanship 1; Piloting 10; Advanced Piloting 1; JN 1; Engine Maintenance 1; Sail 1; Weather 8.

Cooperative Charting: Pamlico River, N.C., 18 June 1983. The cookout at Howard and Nancy Wilson's was attended by 36 members, wives, and guests. Manning Hunter was at the skillet. The Squadron made the Honor Roll.

Change-of-Watch was held at Tanglewood, with guests from Charlotte, Lake Norman and Greensboro. Attendance was approximately 90, for cocktails, dinner, roasting, and dancing.

Other highlights of the year:

Rendezvous at High Rock Lake hosted by Hal and Bonnie Green; Lake Norman hosted by Perry and Miriam Harmon; and Cape Lookout by D/27.

Safe Boating held at Hanes Mall; manned by 32 members.

Cdr Harmon again saved WSPS from the brink of bankruptcy with a second successful yard sale at the Elks Club.

Merit Marks were earned by 44 members in 1983.

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1984

The following elected officers were installed at the Change-of-Watch at Tanglewood in January 1984:

- Commander - William H. Davis, Jr., AP
- Executive Officer - David Blankenbeckler, AP
- Administrative Officer - James F. Carter, S
- Education Officer - Dana M. Breda, AP
- Secretary - Richard W. Smithdeal, S
- Treasurer - William A. Starbuck, N
- Asst. Education Officer - Bobby R. Truett, AP
- Asst. Secretary - Harold T. Jarrell, S
- Asst. Treasurer - Victor F. Harllee, S

The acceptance of lady members has proven to be an asset to WSPS. New members are: Valerie Carter, Barbara M. Cleary, and Ann Flynt, P.

Nine ladies continued their family membership. (See 1983 for a list of their names.) *Members*

Cdr W. H. Davis, Jr., AP, initiated the Skipper Saver Program, with 30 members getting the Skipper Saver Award.

Cdr Davis and P/C Perry G. Harmon, AP, reported that they called the membership and encouraged 25 members to enroll in Seamanship.

Highly successful accomplishments during 1984:

Lt Ann W. Watts, P, published the Squadron newsletter -- The Tar Heels.

For the second year, Lt Robert G. Piper led a Geodetic Marker Preservation Survey in Forsyth County, with over 300 corrections.

Cooperative Charting at Morehead City-Beaufort-Inland Waterway, in Harkers Island area, was conducted by Lt Sandy (Willard G.) Sanderford, S, in May.

P/C Perry and Miriam Harmon, and Lt/C Dave and Marcia Blankenbeckler had a Rendezvous at Lake Norman that was most delightful -- as was the Rendezvous which Lt/C Hal and Bonnie Green had at High Rock for the WSPS.

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The Winston-Salem Power Squadron looked forward with much anticipation to the gala and memorable SILVER ANNIVERSARY celebration, hosted by Commander William Hersey Davis, Jr., AP, at Holiday Inn North, on 19 September 1984.

New Member certificate pages

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49 *Meat Market*

Yard Sale at Timothy's Church

Cape Lookout

Boat Blow Coach

COW

Fisher Hardware

Sheldon

Seaside School - Post Comm - Poles

Shelby Bltz