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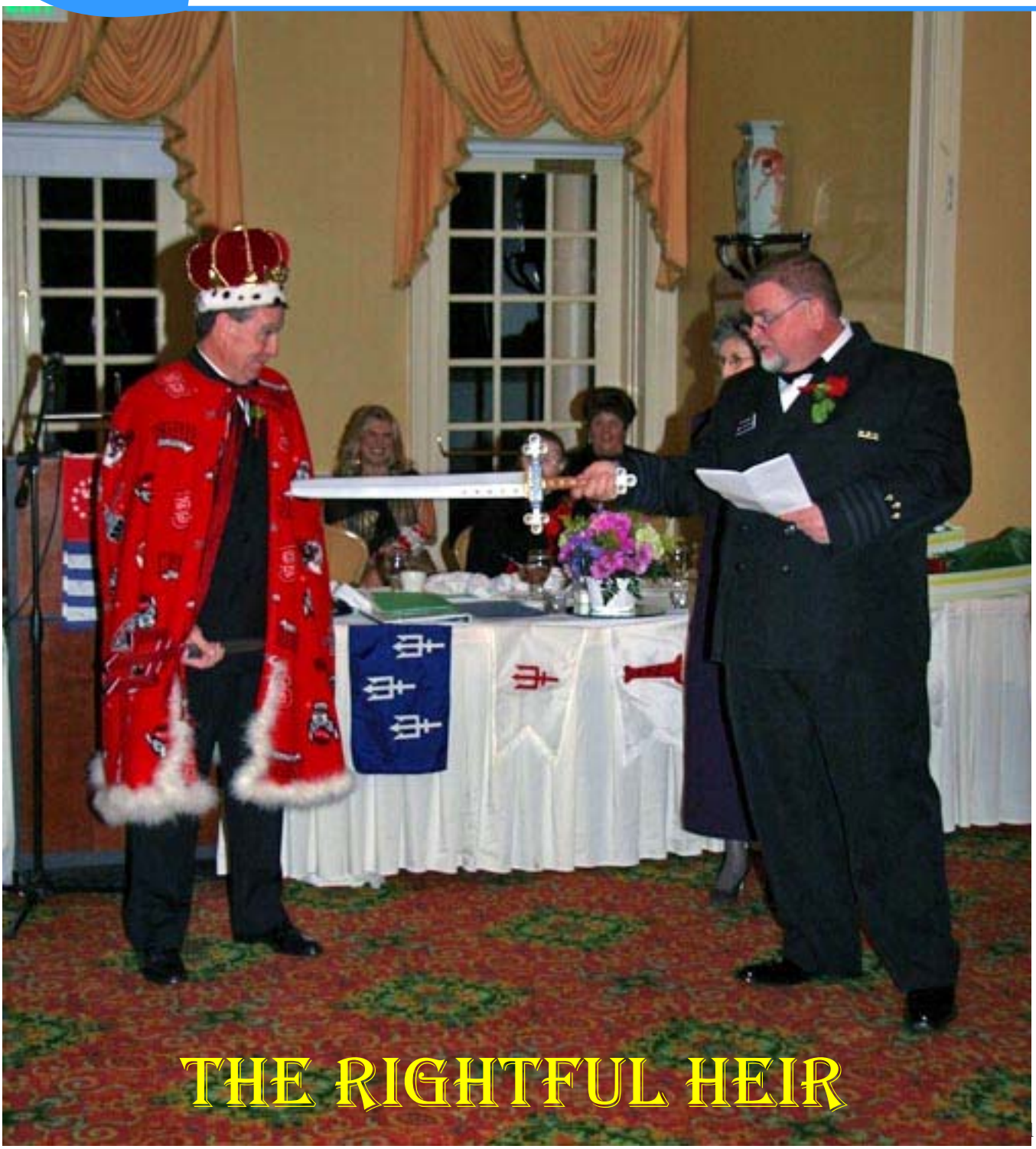

February 2009

Calendar of Events

18 February	**Membership Meeting** ***At Yacht House***
02 March	**News Articles Due** Email to tlovelessjr@triad.rr.com
02 March	**Communications Briefing** At Loveless' home
24 March	**Public Boating Course** Old Town Recreation Center

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All squadron members are always welcomed and encouraged to come to the monthly Communication Briefing every month. Call 766-6643 for directions and time. Come out and join us. We would like to have your input.

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If you have any questions concerning any of the upcoming events, classes, or any other items about the Power Squadron, please feel free to contact any of the people listed below.

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MONTHLY MEETING

Don't miss

Austin Caviness

Channel 12 Meteorologist

February 18
Yacht House

Order off menu
Social starts 6:30

Guests are always welcome!

From the Helm

Cdr Joel Williams, AP

This is going to be a great year for The Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. Our Bridge is about as good as you could get and we are already receiving great support on our 2009 projects. I have 3 major goals for the coming year.

I would like to see more of the membership involved in our squadron activities. Whether it is educational, social, charity work or just attending meetings, I'd like to see more people active. There should be a niche for everyone.

This year I hope that more people in our community get to know the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron and what we offer. We plan to approach on all fronts. Radio, TV, newspapers, brochures and word of mouth. We are sending photos and press releases to 10 different medias to publicize our recent Change of Watch. However, our greatest asset in gaining more exposure is YOU, our members. Cathy Loveless will be heading up our PR efforts, along with Mike Vestal. They could use help in publicity ideas, photography and distributing materials throughout the year.

Improving our website is my third priority. I hope we can start making these improvements in the near future. Anyone who has a strong background in computers and would like to help, please contact me.

Let us all work together to make this a great year!

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Mother Sea

Rolling, thunderous, ever plunging breakers
On the Point No Point shores of Vancouver Isle
Watching Orca thrust down on the wave crests
Spraying salty air, refreshes on my smile
Happily gazing through the
distance of Her sea view

Meditating on the sands of Her Long Beach
An encrusted, war torn log displays its aging
And creates a chair within my welcoming reach
Glittering sun-jewels hitting on the water
As Her icy hands encircle unclothed feet
Strangely now adjoined, in Her rapturous caress
Like and old seafarer, at last port - -
I'm so complete!

Whispering reflections bid me daydreams
As a sea ern circles calmly up above
Escaping from all complexities - - disquietude
I interpose in peace with life's mural of love
Sands create themselves as artist's renderings
As frothy, soft tides rise to shape the shore
Sail boats sit at bay, on this carefree summer day
Then turn to catch a wind on sail once more

Living for the beauty of the moment
Skipping pebbles along the water-line
Nature's marvels convey in me deep solitude
As lasting visions saturate my mind
I love this sense of liberty She grants me
If only for mere seconds of the day
My searching soul does always thirst this freedom
As Mother Sea caresses thoughts at play

Charlotte Mair

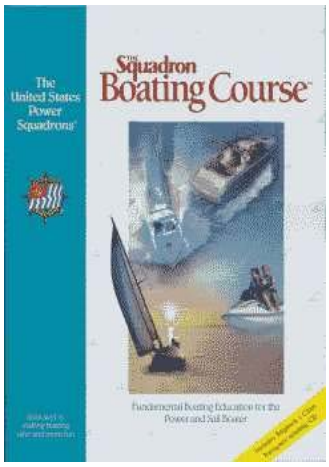
EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

P/C Kris Cranford, AP

A new year has begun for our squadron and already your education committee has met and completed a schedule of classes and has the chairpersons in place. Your education committee consists of myself as Squadron Education Officer, Leon Corbett as my Assistant Education Officer, Reid London who will be in charge of our Public Boating Classes, Ray Travis who will direct the Advanced Grades, and Fred Eldridge who will chair Electives. Also involved are our Commander Joel Williams, our Executive Officer Mike Vestal, and our Administrative Officer Don Breault. With all these good people, how could we not be a success?

We will kick off the year in education on March 24 with a Public Boating Course at the Old Town Recreation Center. Reid London will chair.

In Advanced grades, Ray Travis will chair both Junior Navigation and a class in Advanced Piloting in September. If you have not yet had Piloting you can work that in before AP , with Wayne Creekmore at the Old Town Recreation Center starting in May.



For electives, we will offer Marine Electrical Systems starting in September with Wayne Creekmore doing the honors again. Fred Eldridge will again offer his wonderful laid-back, hands- on sailing course for six or seven weeks in July and August. Fred says this course will be at his home if he has four students or less, otherwise it will spill out into the Polo Road recreation building. In October, Michael Cranford and myself will chair Cruise Planning., again at Old Town Recreation Center.

Leon Corbett will again offer a seminar in GPS, time, date and location to be announced.

If you are interested in any of these courses contact myself, Leon, or the course chairperson. If you would like to help with any of these courses, proctoring, etc. we sure would appreciate the help. Remember the more you know, the better your boating experiences will be. Sign up for something and enjoy.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Mike Vestal, JN

A new year for the WSSPS has officially begun, and I am looking forward to be your Executive officer. This will be a new experience for me, as I have been the Administrative officer for the past two years, and the duties and responsibilities that are required will change. As in years past, I believe we have an energetic and knowledgeable group working on the Bridge and all of the committees, and I am sure we will have a very successful year.

There are many duties that are the responsibility of the Executive officer. One of them is to assist the Commander. I will try my best to assist Commander Joel in whatever ways that are needed as we go through this year. Another area that I will be involved in is to expand our membership. Cathy Loveless is heading up a newly formed Public Relations Committee that will be focused on getting information about the WSSPS out to the public. I will work together with the committee to get out information about our Public Safe Boating Course and other public events that we are planning on this year. We will be using newspapers, television, brochures, and as many other methods as we can to inform the public of the activities that we offer. Many of our members came into the squadron through the Safe Boating Course.

The WSSPS is all about boating safety, and we will continue to educate boaters so that their experience on the water will be an enjoyable one.

"You might want to buckle up, dear. I'm going to open it wide open!"

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

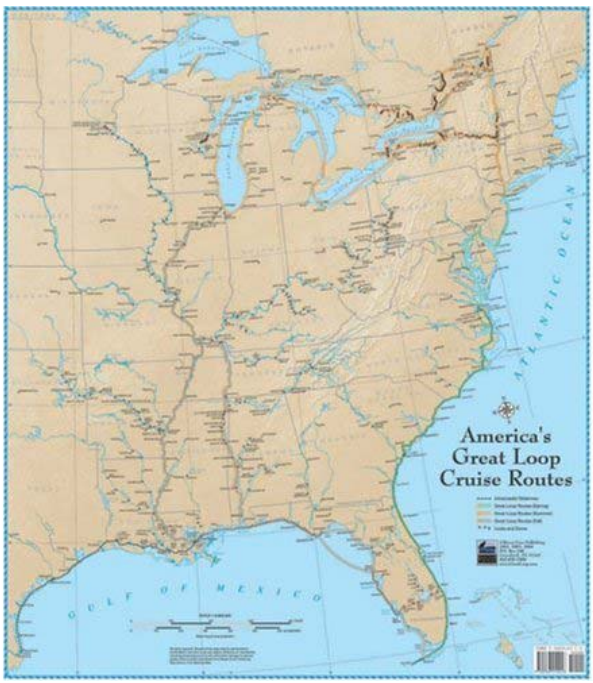
P/C Don Breault,

Back in the saddle again!! It seems not long ago I was writing my first Admin. Officers Report in 2002. That was 7 years and two boats ago. You never know when you will be recycled into a bridge position so here I am again.

We have an amazing bridge this year and we have all been working with each other for some time. And most of us have been boating with each other even longer. We have pledged to make this next year a fun season for all members. Remember that old slogan Jack Cummins and I captured in 2003? WSSPS, "we make it happen, we make it fun." Well the fun part is about to begin. Look for a world class "Weather" presentation by our own Austin Caviness on February 18 at the Yacht House. Then look for another outstanding presentation on Cruising The Great Loop on March 18 by George Malinzdak.

We have many ideas regarding our program plans for 2009. We are lining up our guest speakers for 2009 as I write this but I wanted to get a feel from our membership on what it is they want to see in presentations this year. Some ideas on the table are: a presentation on cruising the BVI and the Abacos. Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. A guided tour of a boat production plant in New Bern. Law enforcement on the water. A presentation on how to purchase a used boat, and many more. Please e-mail any ideas and or comments to: Saltyboats@aol.com.

In addition to our presentations, we are also planning several cruises this year and please look over the calendar for dates and destinations. Feel free to contact me regarding these events and if you do not have a boat you want to take on these cruises, let me know as some of these boats committed to these cruises may have extra cabins available. Remember you do not have to sleep on a boat to enjoy these cruises, because the destinations all have hotels within walking distance from the marinas.



See you on the water
P/C Don Breault, AP
"Liberty"

2009 Change of Watch

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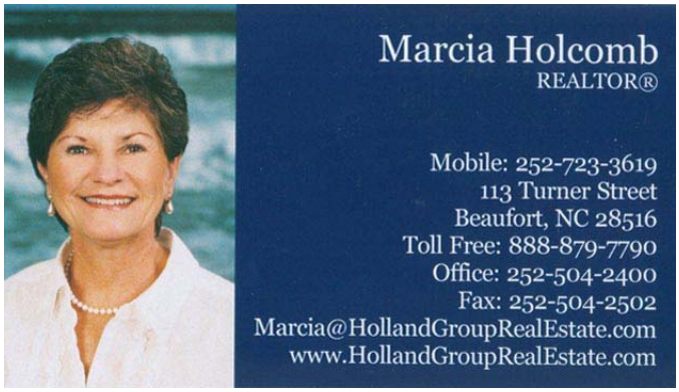
Ask Jim about a ***Burgee*** too.



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Calendar of Events for 2009

Date	Event Date 1/01/09
January 16-18, 2009	D27 Winter Council/Squadron Officer Training - Durham, NC - Hilton RDU Airport
January 24, 2009	WSSPS Change of Watch - Forsyth Country Club
February 2, 2009	Communication Briefing - Don & Shelia Breault "The Breault House"
February 18, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Austin Caviness WXII12 Weather"
February 17-22, 2009	USPS Annual Meeting/COW - Anaheim, CA - Orange County - Hyatt Regency Hotel
March 2, 2009	Communication Briefing - Tom & Cathy Loveless House
March 24-31, 2009	Public Boating Course - Old Town Recreation Center
April 7-21, 2009	Public Boating Course - Old Town Recreation Center
March 18, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "TBD"
March 27-29, 2009	D27 Annual Meeting/COW - Durham, NC - North Raleigh Hilton
April 6, 2009	Communication Briefing - "LTL"
April 15, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "TBD"
April 23-26, 2009	Cruise - Washington, NC
May 4, 2009	Communication Briefing - "LTL"
May 13, 2009	2nd Wednesday Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "TBD"
May 18-22, 2009	USPS National Safe Boating Week
May 18-24, 2009	Cruise - Ocracoke Island/Cape Lookout
June 1, 2009	Communication Briefing - Don & Shelia Breault "The Breault House"
June 13, 2009	Saturday Night Ray and B Travis Home for our "Fabulous Fish Fry"
July 11, 2009	Jim and Genny Frazier's Lake Norman Home - Rendezvous
July 24-26, 2009	D27/D5 Rendezvous - Cape Charles VA
August 3, 2009	Communication Briefing - Tom & Cathy Loveless House
August 19, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "TBD"
August 31, 2009	Communication Briefing - Michael & Kris Cranford House
September 8-13, 2009	USPS Fall Governing Board - Kansas City, MO - Hyatt Regency Crown Center
September 19, 2009	Saturday Night WSSPS 50th Anniversary - Forsyth Country Club
September 25-27, 2009	D27 Fall Conference "New Bern, NC" - Sheraton Hotel. This is also a cruise from MHC.

Many dates are tentative and subject to change as well as new events being added on a regular basis. Please make sure you check for those changes and additions in <u>each</u> month's issue.

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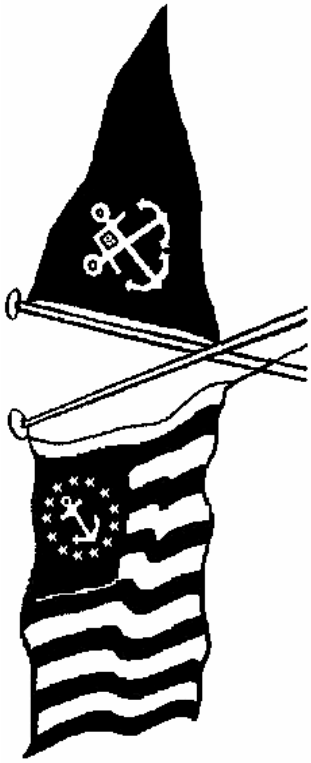

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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02 February	**Communications Briefing at Loveless' Home**
24 March	**Public Boating Class Old Town Rec.**

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