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50th Anniversary Celebration

September

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Feel free to contact any members above if you have questions or concerns

Meeting

"Salvage"

Speaker: KB Jennings, AP

Sept.16
Yacht House Seafood

Order off menu
Social starts 6:30

WINSTON-SALEM SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

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Saturday 17 October 2009

Pine Brook Country Club
5475 Germanton Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Class A Uniform with bow tie or appropriate evening attire

Social and Cash Bar Begins at 1800
Dinner Buffet and Program to Follow

Dinner Buffet includes Entrees, Salad, Vegetables, Dessert, Tea and Coffee

$30.00 per person

RSVP (with check to WSSPS) by October 4 to:

Lt/C Kathi Vestal, S
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From the Helm

Cdr Joel Williams, AP

The summer has flown by. It is starting to wind down for many lake boaters, while the season is just beginning for fall coastal boating.

Whether you have a boat, ride with someone else or just enjoy the social end of the Power Squadron, we invite you to come celebrate the Squadron's 50th Anniversary at the Pinebrook Country Club. We have a great celebration planned! There will be video histories, dignitaries, celebrities, dinner and dancing. It will all begin at 6:00 for social hour and at 7:00 we get down to business.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17th. Tickets are $30 per person. Please send checks to our treasurer, Kathy Vestal. as early as possible so we may have an accurate count. We'll also take checks at the Sept. 16 membership meeting. Ticket ordering deadline is October 4.

Winston Salem Mayor Allen Joines has officially proclaimed September 14 (which is our actual birthday) as "**Winston Salem Power Squadron Day**". We thank the Mayor for his continued interest in our club.

Our new website is up and looking great, thanks to the talent and efforts of Michael Cranford, Leon Corbett, Dwight Evans, and Rob Wittner. Type-in wssps.org on your favorites list to get the new site.

Remember to shine up your dancing' shoes and help us celebrate on October 17.

Executive Officer

L/C Mike Vestal, JN

It is already September and in a few short weeks summer will be over. Leaves are already falling off the trees! The air is getting crisp and cool, just right for boating. We have had a great boating season. The WSSPS has had a number of great boating excursions and some unique experiences, not always happy outcomes, but what adventures we have had!

As the Executive Officer, I have also assumed the responsibility of the food drive for this year. The WSSPS wants to collect 1000 pounds of food. That being said please bring nonperishable food items to all the bridge and communication meetings for the next few months. Clean out your pantries! Also, place boxes at the marinas you work with. As boat owners close up for the season they may be encouraged to donate some of their bounty to the cause. We will also be placing collection boxes at our 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Pine brook Country Club and the Christmas Party being hosted by Reid London.

In December we will be presenting our collections with others, supported by WXII. Last year the WSSPS filled the back of Cathy and Tom Loveless' car with donations. This year let's fill theirs, Reid's truck and my Ford Explorer to help the Winston Salem, Forsyth County Food Bank.

I look forward to all of you helping with this challenge. Hope to see you soon.

Educational Officer

P/C Kris Cranford, AP

September will see the start of two new classes. On September 15, the ABC boating class for the public will begin. Right now we have about five students, but we certainly would welcome more. If you know anyone who is interested in a basic boating class, please encourage them to sign up. This class will run for five consecutive Tuesdays at the Oldtown Recreation Center.

The second class starting in September will be Marine Electrical Systems. This course will start at 7 PM Thursday, September 17 at the Oldtown Recreation Center, and run for about ten weeks. We have a great response now of about ten students, but could accommodate a couple more.

In November, the Cruise Planning course will begin also at Oldtown on Tuesday nights.

For next year, be thinking about what courses you would like to see offered. We should certainly consider Seamanship and Piloting since we have not had those in a while. These courses are probably the two most useful and informative courses we offer. Next month, I will discuss some of the Squadron's electives, so we can choose some for next year.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

"Be Prepared"

We have recently dodged 2 silver bullets off of our coast near the end of August. Perhaps the next one may not be so lucky. I am talking about Hurricanes. We are now smack in the middle of the most active time of the year for hurricanes. Some you can see far and away and you wonder if this is it, or some can develop right off of our coast overnight. Either way, most boaters who maintain boats on the coast have very little to time to react.

So what do you do? Like the Boy Scout Motto: "Be Prepared". Have a storm plan. Work out an arrangement with your boating neighbors. Clean out those dock boxes of non essential items. Make sure you have extra fenders and lines in place. Get the canvas removed if you can. And in some cases if you have the flexibility, travel down to the coast when you know there is a storm approaching to make sure you are secured and for those who have that special arrangement already made, get your boat pulled on to dry dock. If you have to leave your boat in the water, anticipate tidal surges and wind velocity over 100 knots.

Unlike our northern neighbors in New England, this is the time of year they are thinking about winterizing and lay up for the season. Not so for us. This is the best time of the year for boating except for that occasional storm. We have warm sunny days and cool evenings and lower humidity. We have the most spectacular sunsets you can imagine. The water is still warm to swim in; beach walking and shelling will never be better than this time of year. So don't think about lay-up or winterizing just because of a hurricane. After the storms, pass you can come back out and play.

On a more somber note, I would like to say farewell to a friend. Jack Cummins has been a loyal and sincere shipmate since Sheila and I moved to North Carolina 9 years ago. We will miss his witty humor and advice. He has been and will always be a dear and close friend who bestowed a personal relationship with me almost 9 years ago. His courage and character is one that would never vary, as it touched so many hearts. If there was ever an example of a hero, and you had the privilege of meeting Jack Cummins, then you met the bravest hero I know. We will all miss him.

"The Quiz"

It's time for our 50th Anniversary Quiz! Answer the following questions and you may win a prize! But you take a risk too. Read the fine print!

Answers will be due one week after the Anniversary Edition of Crossed Anchors is published. You will find plenty of history in that, but it won't answer everything.

Send your answers to lcorbett@triad.rr.com. Make the subject "The Quiz". Just make a list and put your answer by each number. If you do not have email, write your answers on the back of an old envelope, an old $20 bill, or other piece of paper and deliver by hand or the other USPS to Leon Corbett. Put your name on your answer list. Again, put your name on your answer list. If you missed it, put your name on your answer list. (This is not dumb, it is based on experience! Emails will be printed out for grading. Some people use their spouse's email address. No credit for unidentified pieces of paper. Put your name on your answer list.)

First Prize

1. A second squadron anniversary burgee. (You must have already purchased one to qualify for this. Don't want to hurt the market for the new burgee!)
2. A two-year exemption from eligibility for the DEWDA award!
3. Two free WSSPS advanced or elective courses.

Second Prize

1. A one-year exemption from eligibility for the DEWDA award!
2. One free WSSPS advanced or elective course.

And for the low score:

1. Special consideration for the DEWDA award.
2. Required at two meetings to ring the bell and restore order.

Ties will be decided by a drawing out of an official USPS uniform hat on a dark and stormy night, or reasonable facsimile thereof, with little or no verification of authenticity.

Make a list of numbers, 1-30. Put your name on the list. Prepare to answer.

Questions

1. When was WSPS chartered?
2. When was the name changed?
3. What district was WSPS originally a member of?
4. What district is WSPS a member of now?
5. What member succeeded his father as Commander of WSPS?
6. What member succeeded his or her spouse as commander of WSPS?
7. What other husband-wife team(s) has/have been WSPS commanders?
8. What does DEWDA stand for?
9. What deceased member was noted for DEWDA awards?
10. What member was noted for going aground, and awarded a DEWDA for it?
11. What is the most common location for coastal gatherings of WSSPS?
12. What squadrons are the "children" of WSPS?
13. What squadrons are the "grandchildren" of WSPS?
14. What was the name of the newsletter before it became "Crossed Anchors"?
15. Who was the first female active member of WSPS?
16. Who was the first female commander of WSPS?
17. What do the crossed anchors on the WSSPS burgee represent?
18. Why is it blue?
19. Who designed the WSPS burgee?
20. What is the southernmost recorded point that the WSPS/WSSPS burgee has flown?
21. Name three places that WSPS/WSSPS has regularly held its meetings.
22. What is Cooperative Charting?
23. What inland marks were at one time searched for by the squadron?
24. What piece of equipment has been most used as a teaching aid in the squadron's history?
25. What are the three legs of the USPS triangle?
26. What two famous English sea captains have lent their names to a WSPS commander?
27. What is the highest rank in WSSPS?
28. What is the highest grade in USPS/WSSPS?
29. What change has been made to the squadron burgee because of its 50th anniversary?
30. What is a merit mark and what squadron member has the most of them?
31. What is your name?

Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron

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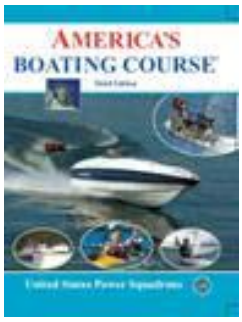
September 8-13, 2009	USPS Fall Governing Board - Kansas City, MO - Hyatt Regency Crown Center
September 17 - November 12	Marine Electrical Systems Course. Old Town Recreation Center
September 15 - October 27	Public Boating Course - Location: Old Town Recreation Center
September 16, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Salvage" by KB Jennings
September 18-19, 2009	D27 Fall Conference "New Bern, NC" - Sheraton Hotel.
September 24-27	ORIENTAL & Cape Lookout Rendezvous and Raft-up
October 5, 2009	Communication Briefing - Don & Shelia Breault "Breault's Boston Bar and Grill"
October 17, 2009	Saturday Night WSSPS 50th Anniversary Location : Pine Brook C.C.
November 2, 2009	Communication Briefing - Tom & Cathy Loveless House
November 10 - December 8	Cruise Planning Course. Old Town Recreation Center
November 5-8, 2009	Cape Lookout Rendezvous and Raft-up
November 18, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Our Year in Review"
December 12, 2009	Saturday Night Annual Christmas Party, Hosted by the London Family at the "LTL"
	2010
January 4, 2010	Communication Briefing - Don & Sheila Breault "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"
January 15-17, 2010	D27 Winter Council/Squadron Officer Training - Durham, NC - Hilton RDU Airport
January 23, 2010	WSSPS Change of Watch - Forsyth Country Club
February 1-6, 2010	USPS Annual Meeting/COW - Orlando, FL - Disney World Colorado Springs Resort
February 1, 2010	Communication Briefing
February 2, 2010	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant "TBA"
March 1, 2010	Communications Briefing
March 16, 2010	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant "TBA"
March 19-20, 2010	D27 Annual Meeting/COW - Wilmington, NC
April 5, 2010	Communiocation Briefing
April 21, 2010	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant "TBA"

2009 Schedule of WSSPS Classes



Public Boating Course. Oldtown Recreation Center. Tuesdays starting September 15-October 27. Call Reid London, Chairman, at 766-6643, if interested.

Marine Electrical Systems. Oldtown Recreation Center. Thursdays starting September 17 for 10 weeks. Call Wayne Creekmore, Chairman, at 859-3773, if interested.

Cruise Planning . Oldtown Recreation Center, Tuesdays, November 10 thru December 8. Michael and Kris Cranford, Chairpersons. 924-2698

Classes generally take place at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted. Call class chairpersons for more information if you wish to **learn** or to **teach**.

Be proud of the Squadron's 50 years

Purchase a short sleeve t-shirt to wear cruising, traveling or for squadron social events. PLUS, a CD full of 50 years of memories, pictures, and the Tar Heels/Crossed Anchors Commemorative History Issue.

Pre-order both items at the upcoming Sept. 16 meeting. Or send $10 check for CD to Kathi Vestal, 182 Parkview Cir., Pinnacle, NC 27043. Colors can be seen at the meeting or on the Hanes.com website (look under tagless pocket-t). T-shirt price TBD based on qty ordered.

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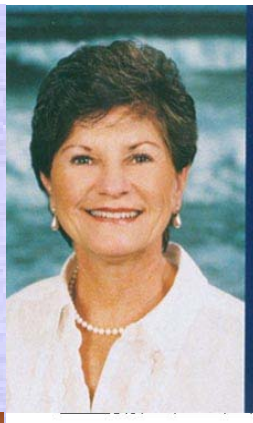

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P/C Jack Cummins, AP

We lost one of our own on August 14. Jack Cummins died after a long and courageous fight with cancer. He lived to the end of that what we all had come to know and love with Jack: although he faced severe health problems over the years, he did not dwell on them. Rather, Jack could be counted on to cheer any of us with his lighthearted, and always insightful, commentary on the world we inhabit. He loved his family and his church, but the virtue that meant much to us was that he loved boats and he loved the Power Squadron, whatever faults and foibles he could find in it.

He was active in the squadron; always a participant in the work and activities that kept it going. He took a turn as our commander in 2003, and it was a very good year. He left us, though, to move to Pine Knoll Shores, down on the coast. Who among us could fault him for that? It was close to the water, close to his boats, and of course, close to Frank's. There he joined the young Fort Macon Power Squadron and continued to be an active member.

He left a large family: a daughter, two sons, three stepdaughters, one sister and six grandchildren. But his partner in all things boating and Power Squadron, as well as in the rest of life, was his beloved wife, Beth. And she is our beloved, as well.

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