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Thank you for your many years of service

October

Calendar of Events

5-8 Nov. Cape Lookout Raft-up

18 Nov. Membership meeting
Yacht House Seafood

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone

16 Dec. Annual Christmas Party
Yacht House Seafood

Year in Review

Commander

Joel Williams, AP

Please join us

Wed. Nov 18

Yacht House Seafood

Social starts 6:30

Guests always welcome!

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

From the Helm

Cdr. Joel Williams, AP

Everyone who came to our 50th anniversary celebration had a great time. The dinner and program came off flawlessly. This was all due to the planning and hard work by Leon and Mary Lou Corbett, Shelia Breault and Cathy Loveless. Just 3 weeks prior we were worried if we were going to have the 30 minimum needed and we had 81 in attendance.

All of our guests had a wonderful time. The Mayor Allen Joines came by and presented us with the declaration of making Sept. 14th WSSPS day in Winston-Salem. He could not stay long due to previous obligations. V/C John Alter, SN from National and D/Lt/C Jamie McCurry from the District came and presented the squadron with a 50th Anniversary Certificate. Many members from other squadrons came from over the state to help us celebrate the cocktail hour, the dinner, and program.

The cocktail hour was great giving everyone a chance to meet, greet and loosen up a little. The dinner was spectacular; everyone was telling me that the food was amazing.

The program, run by Leon Corbett, was all very informative and, more importantly, it came within the predetermined time guidelines. I would also like to thank all of our speakers. Afterward there were a few more "adult" beverages and some "cutting a rug".

I wish to personally thank Kin Cartrette and the Sea Scouts Byron Landingham and Oliver Isabelle for presenting the colors and all of our out of town guests and members who attended. Linda Brigadier took some outstanding photos that will appear in a special custom CD that records the evening and past 25 years of historical events. You can contact Ray Travis (940-3168) to order one.

Last, please keep David Blankenbeckler and Reid's Dad in your prayers.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

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The 50th Anniversry Gala has come and gone, but we will have many, wonderful memories of old and new friends. All this will be recorded in the Anniversary Newsletter and Ray ' s CD. Included below and next page are some excerpts from the CD.

Our past Commanders

Sheila's cake

Important guests

Sir Nelson

Wonderful food

MANY, MANY SPECIAL GUESTS

GUESTS FROM THE WINSTON-SALEM COMMUNITY:

Mayor Allen Joines
Our friend and weatherman, Austin Caviness, and Angela Caviness

SPECIAL GUESTS FROM THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

The Chief Commander's Representative, the National Administrative Officer, V/C John T. Alter, SN. AND Judy Alter, P (**Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron**)

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P/D/C Stephen Puckett, N and Lt. Chris Puckett, P **(Greensboro)**

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Cdr John Oberholtzer, AP (**Greensboro)**
Cdr Jack Seymour, P and P/C JoAnn Seymour, P **(Fayetteville)**

SEA SCOUT SHIP 924, THE S.S.S. RAVEN POINT

WSSPS Members

P/C Don Breault, Chartered Organization Representative

Kin Cartrette, Ship Committee Chair

David and Sherri Harris, Ship Committee Members

David Joyce, Ship Committee Member

Sea Scouts: (Color Guards)

Bosun's Mate Byron Landingham, and Store Keeper Oliver Isabelle

OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS

James and Alberta Seabright—guests of the Cranfords

And finally, a person who defies all categories. A former member who now lives in Beaufort, NC. The seafaring, Bermuda traveling, Cap'n Jim Flynt and Dona Styron.

Educational Officer

P/C Kris Cranford, AP

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The Marine Electrical Systems course is finishing up. Wavne Creekmore, the instructor, reports that the small class worked very hard and has ended up learning many valuable skills.

The Public Boating Course, under Reid London, has been postponed until later this year. There will also be one offered in March, 2010. Remember this I course is open to the public.

The Cruise Planning Course, due to small size, has been changed to independent study. Contact Kris Cranford if you want to enroll and get a workbook.

We are looking at offering Seamanship and Piloting next year. Be thinking of any elective courses you might want.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

Part of boat ownership can be a painful journey. With a recent repair bill lurking over one's head for more than $$$, it can easily turn most part time boaters off from boating. Then couple that with every time you make the 5 hour drive to spend 2 nights on the boat results in you having to fix, replace or do some other type of manual labor before you even pull off of the dock. Then you are making another list of things to do when you get back to the dock. Then you launch the inflatable and it begins to leak. I am talking about leaking both air and water at the same time. Of course my lovely wife injected, "when does it ever stop?"

You see, the love for boating is beyond these things. There is a sense of magic that surrounds you and the crew every time you drop the hook at the Cape. You soon forget about those repairs and headaches caused by a 20 year old boat. You are surrounded by the fellowship of other squadron members as they creep up along your port side for a raft up. Then one more boat joins the flotilla. Then another. Pretty soon you have the making of a serious party.

Early evening, someone brings out a slab of pork or beef and the galley slaves start to season this loose collection of mystery meat. Then it goes on the grill that soon fills all of the boats with a sweet aroma that sends everyone's stomach into overdrive. Then someone brings out a concoction of imported beverages that will soon cause all of the world's problems to be resolved in a few minutes. This also includes three grown men who become the three philosophers. At that time I believe a message in a bottle was sent to someone far and away searching for truth. Then we all began the festive eating and laughter as we all watched a spectacular sunset over the dunes.

Later that evening as we all gaze in awe at the most spectacular display of the celestial heavens one could ever see, we reflected to each other that it does not get any better than this. Then we look at the moving water around us and soon we find out we are floating in the world's largest fish bowl because our boats are surrounded by millions of fish. Some small and some large. And do you remember that magic that surrounded us as we dropped the anchor earlier? That was the moment that some one became the WSSPS "Fish Whisperer".

Fish Whisperer

Yes we have a fish whisperer among us. We know this because the very next morning when we looked out, we all noticed a large collection of fish that had found their way into the dinghy. We had more than one type of fish all searching for those answers of why are you here? The answer was simple. It is "Because We Are Who We Are". Another day of great fellowship began as we transported most crews to the shore in search of that perfect collection of sea shells. In doing this, we soon discovered that the "Fish Whisperer" had a significant following. Waves of both bait fish and predators came thrashing above the water toward land. All in search of finding those answers that only a fish could ask.

The question that was asked from the "Fish Whisperer" was: Why are these bigger fish following us? The answer given: They are hungry and you better swim faster and stay clear of those areas void of water. And with that said, away they all swam trying to do as the "Fish Whisperer" recommended. And not one more fish came into the dinghy that day.

"See you on the water"

Don Breault,

Resident "Fish Whisperer"

Executive Officer

L/C Mike Vestal, JN

I would like to start out by giving KB and Cindy a most heart felt expression of sympathy for the loss of "Horizon". Kathi and I had an opportunity to visit the "Horizon" last year and we both were very much aware of how close KB and Cindy were to their boat. I want to thank them for sharing their loss and the salvage experience with us at the last membership meeting.

As of October 1st we have 85 days to prepare for Christmas. Kathi has already started. She is preparing for family and friends to join us the weekend before to celebrate, visit, and enjoy being with each other. This year's Power Squadron Christmas gathering will be a little different from the others, but it is expected to be fun, exciting and an opportunity to visit with each other to celebrate 2009. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 16 at Yacht House Seafood. The party starts at 7pm and come with a gift so we can play "dirty Santa".

In closing, our squadron mission is to promote recreational boating skills and safety through education, hands-on training, and civic activities ,while providing fellowship for members and those less fortunate. As reported last month, I have 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 next meetings and parties for the next few weeks. We will be presenting our collections with others, supported by WXII, to help the Winston Salem, Forsyth County Food Bank.

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Have you got your 50th Anniversary burgee ?

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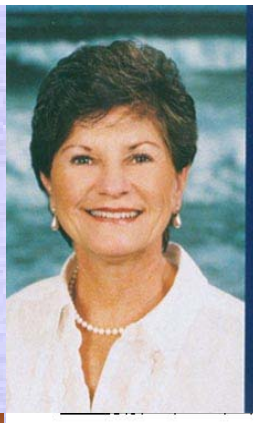

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The Quiz-Repeat

If you did not respond yet, here's your chance. 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 (due out late November). 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, deliver or mail to me. Put your name on your answer list. Again, put your name on your answer list. Emails will be printed out for grading. No credit for unidentified pieces of paper.

First Prize

1. A second squadron anniversary 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

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 & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2009

Date	Event	Date 11/2/2009
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 16, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Our Annual Christmas Party"	
	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"	

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

5-8 Nov.	Cape Lookout Raft-up
18 Nov.	Membership meeting at Yacht House Seafood
16 Dec.	Annual Christmas Party Yacht House Seafood - bring present to share

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