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Food, fellowship, and service

August

Calendar of Events

19 August	Membership meeting at Yacht House Seafood
22 August	Tentative 1-day Public Boat Course. See pg 11
31 August	Communications meeting at Cranford's house
17 Sept. -	Marine electrical course starts

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Meeting

Cruising Washington & Ocracoke

P/C Don Breault, AP

Aug. 19

Yacht House Seafood

Order off menu

Social starts 6:30

From the Helm

Cdr Joel Williams, AP

The summer is slipping by and we have had our summer break for our newsletter and meetings. Be sure to make a note on your calendar for our August 19 meeting at Yacht House Seafood.

I would like to welcome our newest members, C.W. and Elizabeth Tatum and their two sons, David and Will. C.W. and Elizabeth have taken our Sailing Class with Fred Eldridge.

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner will be coming up on October 17th at Pinebrook Country Club here in Winston Salem. The details will be forthcoming. Leon and Mary Lou Corbett have spent many long hours organizing the event. I encourage everyone to order our custom 50th Anniversary t-shirt as soon as possible. Look for the notice in your email.

Our next Communication Briefing will be at Mike and Kris Cranford's on August 31. Please join us.

Also, please keep Jack and Beth Cummins in your prayers. Jack is having a tough time and could use some good thoughts.

Educational Officer

P/C Kris Cranford, AP

Good news! I have talked with Oldtown Recreation Center and we can use their facility on Thursday nights as well as Tuesdays. This will allow us to offer two courses at once. Starting the third week in September, Wayne Creekmore will offer a nine week session on Marine Electrical Systems. We have had a lot of enthusiasm about this course, but so far we have no students, This course is a practical and valuable course for anyone who owns a boat. It will save you money and trouble. If you are interested, we need to know so we can order books. We hope to run this course on Thursday nights, so that those teaching Tuesday night courses can attend. Please, if you are interested, let Wayne or myself know so that we can plan.

Fred Eldridge is winding up his summer sailing course for which he had five students. Our thanks to Fred for all his hard work.

We have scheduled another Public Boating Course starting September 15. We have a dearth of students right now, so if you know anyone who is interested, encourage them to sign up.

On August 22, Reid London and Don Breault compressed a Public Boating Course into one long Saturday. This we had never tried before, but it was well-received by the students. Reid and Don did a fantastic job with this, considering that the students had no time to read ahead or prepare assignments, let alone study for the test. But all did well.

We will proceed with Cruise Planning as scheduled in the fall. So far we have one student. If you are interested, let me know.

Executive Officer

P/C Mike Vestal, JN

I hope everyone is having a great summer. The Low Country Boil was a great success. Forty-five members attended with six families providing main ingredients for the pots. Special thanks to Reid, Faye, Tisha, KB, Cindy, Bea, Ray, Mary Lou, Leon, Barbara, John, Michael and Kris for their generous time and food donations. There were a number of members who brought side dishes. Please know that Kathi and I appreciate all the hard work and talent that goes into putting these events together.

When we aren't at a Low Country Boil, Kathi and I are spending a lot of time on "Fender Bender". The water level is going back down at Belews and is causing problems for some of the boaters who lease slips. Hopefully we will get some rain and the water level will go back up.

Several weeks ago we were out on the lake cruising and encountered boaters operating jet skis or PWC"s in very unsafe manners. It seemed as they have no respect for other boaters. It was also obvious that many of these operators had no idea of the "Rules on the Water" that are specified by the State of North Carolina.

1) No one under 14 can operate a PWC in NC waters. A person who is 14, but not yet 16 can operate a PWC if they are riding with someone who is 18. The exception to this rule is if the youth has successfully completed an approved boating safety education course. Proof of age and safety course completion must be carried while on the water.
2) No one can operate a PWC in NC waters between sunset and sunrise.
3) A PWC must be equipped with a rear view mirror or observer to legally tow someone on skis, in a tube, or any other similar flotation device.
4) All PWC operators and passengers must wear personal flotation devices.

There are many rules and regulations associated with operating jet skis. The best way to learn all this information is to take a safe boating course,. The Winston Salem Power Squadron offers such courses to the public. If you plan to operate a jet ski this summer, please respect others who are sharing the water with you.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

"Boating is still the best deal in family entertainment"

Have you ever admired those golfers who maintain low handicaps? Have you ever admired those vacation travelers who could afford a 2 week long European vacation tour? Have you wondered what fun it would be to travel to an exotic destination in the South Pacific for a week?

I am sure some of us have had the opportunity to discover or experience all of the above. But what I have always treasured the most is spending time with family and friends in a priceless setting surrounded by water. Yes, you can not beat the quality time spent with family watching the setting sun across the sound or a lake, somewhere in North Carolina. This makes boating a quality form of entertainment. Improving your golf swing is not always family oriented. Traveling to exotic destinations is not always practical, if you treasure your time off with family.

You don't have to go to a different destination every time you go to the boat or haul the boat to the lake. Some of us just like to cruise to a secluded cove, drop the anchor, and jump off the swim platform. Some of us that are more industrious, like to tinker with big and little things on a boat to improve it. And some of us just like to use a boat as a floating condo.

Boating does not have to be expensive all of the time. Just pick and choose your boating activity and do it. Fuel prices are still manageable. There appears to be fewer boats on the water now compared to a year ago, so repair and servicing capacity is better. And for those who are fortunate to be in the market to purchase a new or used boat, it doesn't get any better than this summer. It is a buyers market out there. (Too bad for anyone wanting to sell a boat)

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Trailer boaters, gather up those water toys and fishing poles, muster those grand children, and head off to the lake next Saturday. Make some of the most rewarding memories your family will have for the rest of their lives. My two sons still speak of those events on the lake over 20 years ago. I still remember my Grandfather teaching me to fish from a small rowboat in Connecticut. I was maybe 7 or 8 years old.

Boating is a memory maker for all families. You just have to do it. I know the economy is poor, but if you already have a boat, make the time and take the time to spend it with family and friends in a boat somewhere. You will never regret it, and everyone will remember that the *best times can happen in the worst of times.*

"See you on the water

"The Liberty"

A Bit of History—
the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron—
Bit Three

Women became more effective in USPS in 1982, when they were first accepted as active members, but it was 15 years before Dawn Gaskill, AP, became WSSPS' first female commander. Mary Lou Corbett and Kris Cranford have followed since.

Over the years squadron members have boated at many places, both on the coast and at inland lakes. Perhaps the all –time favorite on the coast is Frank Styers' place at Peltier Creek in Morehead City. It has been the scene of many gatherings for Cooperative Charting, Squadron Rendezvous, and just general gatherings. Inland boaters list High Rock Lake, Belews Lake, Baden Lake and others, but Lake Norman has perhaps been the chief of them. Many squadron gatherings were held at the homes of Past Commanders Perry Harmon, David Blankenbeckler and George Ellis. The most recent regular hosts have been Jim and Jenny Frazier, who have hosted an annual July rendezvous for many years.

In addition to rendezvous at the coast and on the lakes, the squadron has on occasion gone to sea, including trips to Maine, where a group travelled on a coastal schooner, and to the British Virgin Islands, where a group chartered bare boats, both sail and power, for extended adventures

At home in Winston-Salem the squadron has met in many places, including local restaurants, the two city clubs—Twin City and Piedmont, and even the Sawtooth center. Throughout, it has followed its tradition of dinner meetings, and has even moved that tradition into its Executive Committee meetings. Unlike many other squadrons, WSSPS does not function without food and drink! Average size of the squadron seems to fluctuate above and below the 100 mark. Just before it spun off the Greensboro Squadron in 1974 it had 157 members, but it gave up 48 to the new squadron. However it picked up 32 new members the following year.

Throughout its history WSSPS has followed the objective set out on the US Power Squadrons' "three sided triangle": self education, civic service and fraternal boating club. Thus, in addition to the things it does for fun, it has continuously run a program of education, beginning with the public boating course (also a service to the public) and going up through the grade courses and the elective courses to permit members to go as high as "Senior Navigator." A Senior Navigator has completed all the grade courses through celestial navigation and has also completed all of the available elective courses.

In the realm of public service, in addition to the public boating courses, the squadron has annually participated in the celebration of safe boating week, done cooperative charting (to update coastal charts), performed vessel safety checks and located geodetic markers. Those markers were placed by the U.S. Government to assist in the location of land surveys. Finding the markers and reporting on their condition was a means of service for inland squadrons for years until the government cooperative program ended. Apparently GPS has taken its toll on the use of the markers. Next month….A Quiz!

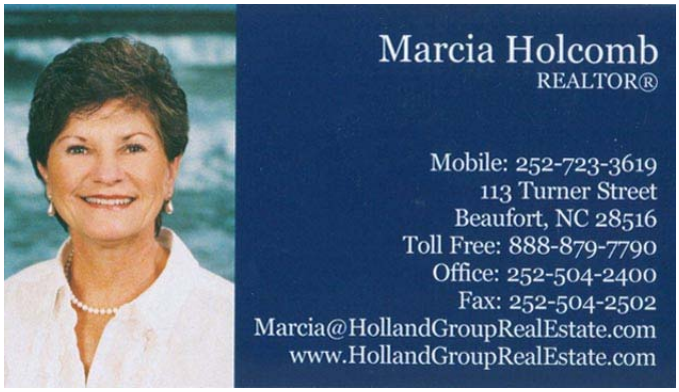
Personalize your boat or office with these Winston Salem Power Squadron items

$25 Anniversary Burgee

Red or blue can hugger. $3 each or 2

6"x12" license plate , $5

Coffee mug with no-spill Lid, $5



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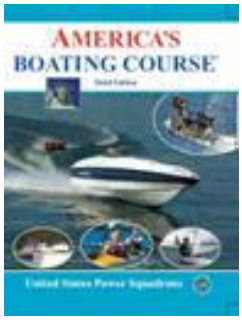
Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron
Calendar of Events for 2009

September 1 - November 3	Marine Electrical Systems Course. Old Town Recreation Center
September 15 - October 27	Public Boating Course - Location: TBA
September 16, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "TBA"
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"

Schedule of WSSPS Classes for 2009

(This will be updated every month.)

Sail. Started July 7 and runs thru August 18. Fred Eldridge, Chairman.



Public Boating Course. Class needs more sign-ups to start Aug. 22. Call Reid London immediately at 766-6643, if interested.

Marine Electrical Systems. Oldtown Recreation Center, Tuesdays, September 17 thru November 12. Wayne Creekmore, Chairman. 859-3773.

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**.

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