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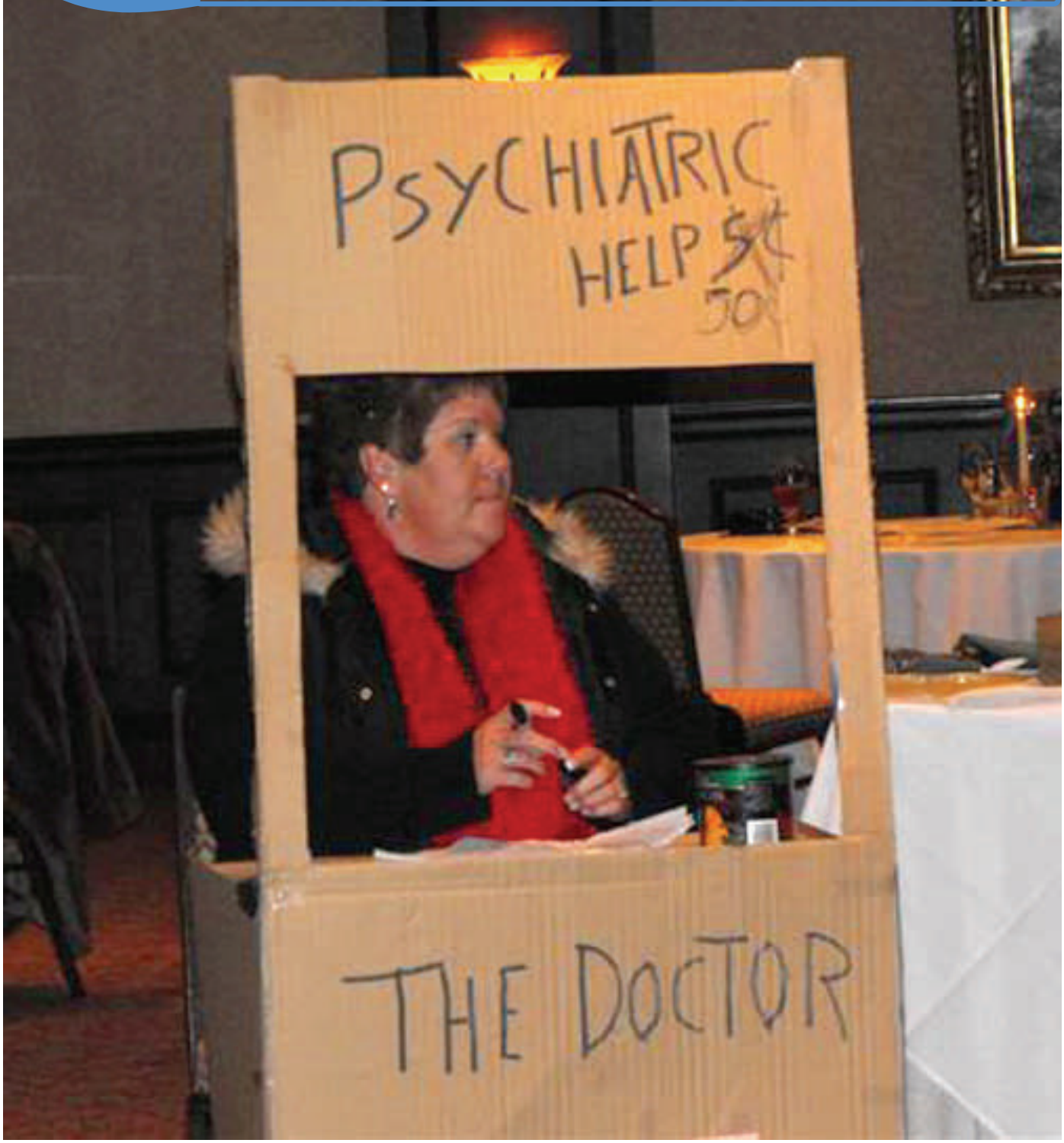

January 2009

Calendar of Events

24 January	**WSSPS COW** ***at Forsyth Country Club***
02 February	**Communications Briefing** at Breault's home
26 January	***News* Articles Due** *E-mail prefered* *mcranford@triad.rr.com*
18 February	**Membership Meeting** *at Yacht House*

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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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MONTHLY MEETING

50th Annual

Change Of Watch

Saturday January 24

at *Forsyth Country Club*

Social begins at 6:30

Prepaid Event

Guests are always welcome!

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From the Helm

Or Should I Say "The Throne"

Cdr Reid London, JN

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the home of your Commander. Our family would like to wish every member of the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron a very happy start to a great year. Can you believe that 2008 is over? Just two years ago at this time I was getting ready to take over as Commander of the Squadron for a two year term and I just cannot believe that two years has passed. I have just begun to enjoy the many things that come with being your Commander. I certainly want to thank every member of the squadron, and all the many friends we have met during the two years, for all the great support. Without your support we would not have been successful. Being the Commander of the Squadron opens up many new doors for fellowship and brings many new friends to our family. These friendships will last a life time. Again "Many, Many, Many, Thanks".

I just want to recap one last time my overall two year mission. My original thoughts were to expand on the social side of the squadron. We are very strong socially and I wanted to bring this more to the front and continue to build on the social strengths of this squadron. This allowed us to bring more people into the operations of the squadron through this socializing. If we could only tap into those little things that each of you enjoys. Every member of this squadron enjoys something about this squadron. If you didn't you would not be here. If everyone would just step forward and take on the little things they enjoy about our squadron, then when we put it all together it equals a great organization that just keeps moving in a positive direction. That was my mission two years ago. I wanted to continue to learn what it is that you enjoy about this Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron. I wanted to continue to expand our opportunities to socialize through our boating classes, our monthly meetings, our communications briefings, our cruises, our rendezvous', and any where we got together to talk about boating. The one thing we do best is socialize, and that will continue to be one of our strong points for years to come.

The new Bridge is strong for 2009. We are fortunate to have leaders to step up that will carry on our mission will into the future. Support them as you have me and my family and the fun will continue.

Special thanks to "The Christmas Party Committee" led by Kris Cranford for organizing the Christmas Party at Bermuda Run Country Club. It was just a matter of time before Charlie Brown showed up with all the gang. The atmosphere, The food, The fellowship, The weather, The friends, The family, The special guest, The whole evening was just GREAT.

Thanks again to all that made it possible. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!!!

Our next squadron meeting on January 24, 2009 will be our annual Change Of Watch. This meeting will be held at The Forsyth Country Club located at 3101 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. The cost will be $40.00 per person and we will have a cash bar set up for all to enjoy. We need RSVP with check made out to WSSPS by January 17, 2009 to Eddie Shinlever, P. This will be a great social to kick off our new bridge and the 2009 season so come on out and enjoy the WSSPS Change Of Watch. Bring a Friend!

You have a choice, you can help create the fun or you can sit back and read about the fun in the next issue of *"CROSSED ANCHORS"*.

Squadron Contacts

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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EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

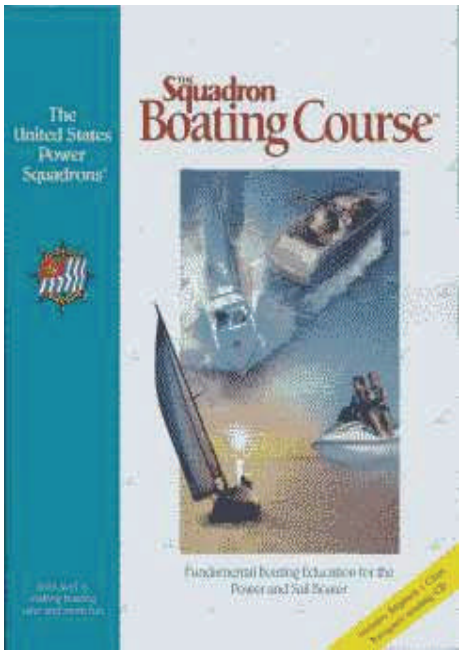
Lt/C Fred Eldridge, JN

Our organization has many facets. Not the least of these are excellent educational courses, which always improve boating knowledge are fun and most assuredly help to keep you and your family safe on the water. So please take as many courses as your schedule allows. These were our educational thoughts for 2008, which I am sure, they will continue in 2009.

This will be my last report so I want to take this time to thank the many members that helped with all our educational efforts this year. I am looking forward to supporting Kris Cranford, as she becomes the SEO for 2009.

I encourage all members to watch our web site for all the news on all courses to be taught which include the core courses as well as the seminars and electives. If you have a chance consider helping Reid with the Basic Boating Course. You will meet some great folks plus help with what is our very best recruiting tool.

On another note, I want to once again thank the squadron for their financial help with the " YSAIL " Pram project. The boat that you paid for will start production on February 16th. It will be built by Latham School YMCA after school kids. Some of them need a "hand up" and you are providing just that.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Joel Williams, P

It has been a great year for me being your executive officer. This is because I have had great people to work with.

Many of my acquaintances are now my close friends. I saw many a caring heart reach out to Millie and me when our oldest daughter had her brain injury. Our Power Squadron family has gone with us through the trials of our youngest daughter's pregnancy and son-in-law in Iraq. All year many of you have sent care packages to Jason which he greatly appreciates.

Every project I started had support from everyone. Each time I had squadron brochures they were met with enthusiasm and all were distributed. When I brought up teaming with WXII on the food drive your generosity was overwhelming.

The people of our Power Squadron have made it easy to be the Executive Officer. Millie and I want to thank you all for everything you have done for us. I am looking forward to being Commander because I look forward to being with my friends.

Solace of the Sea

The sturdy sloop bobs along,
Waves licking at the sides.
Its sails filled with lilting breeze
Birthing joy in my sighs.
The scent of kelp and ocean air,
Gulls gliding overhead,
The swish of boat upon the foam,
I slumber in my water bed.
Rejoicing in the shifting ocean,
And the friendships that I find,
The suntanned faces, generous hearts,
Like currents running through my mind
Oh glorious days spent on the water,
When escape is what must be.
Sea calls me with its siren song
Come launch and sail!
Be free with me!

Linda H. Carney

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Mike Vestal, JN

Well, this was a good year for the WSSPS. We had many activities and programs that I think all of our members really enjoyed. I would like to take a moment and reflect back on some of the activities we had this year. The Ocracoke cruise was outstanding. Kathi and I still are talking about the interesting things we saw and the boating we were able to do together. I see the cruise planning committee has planned one for 2009 and would highly recommend going.

The Smith Mountain Lake inland cruise was also a great time. Thanks to John and Barbara Richardson for heading this up for us. The inland cruise theme was something different for us, but I think after our experience with this cruise, we will be looking at doing more of them.

Outside of the cruises, we had a number of other gatherings that were just as memorable such as the famous fish fry, the commanders' picnic, and the potluck at Jenny and Jim Frazier's place on lake Norman to name a few. It goes to say that even in times of low water levels and extremely high gas prices the WSSPS can still have fun.

I look forward to serving as the EXO for the squadron this year and working with some of the new officers and committee members. I hope all of you had a good new year.

See you at The Change of Watch.

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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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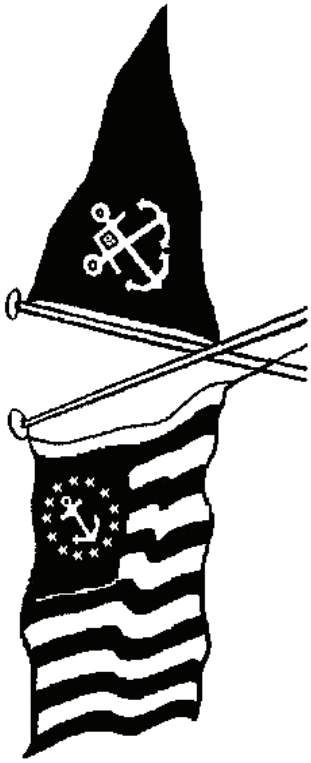

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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