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Washington, NC Cruisers

May Events

13 May	Membership Meeting At Yacht House
18-22 May	National Safe Boating Week
18-24 May	Ocracoke Island Cruise
1 June	Communications Mtg At Breault's house
24 June	"Low Country Boil" Dinner & Auction At Travis's house

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Meeting Notes

P/C

RayTravis,SN

;"NC BOC Regulations"

May 13

Yacht House Restaurant

Order off menu

Social starts 6:30

From the Helm

Cdr Joel Williams, AP

April is the time of seasonal change. It can be cold or hot and the wind can have an extreme effect on your boating. Our first rendezvous to Washington, NC provided a challenge and learning experience.

Don Breault and I will soon be a part of the TV series "Deadliest Catch". I snagged 2 crab pots wrapping one around my prop and Don caught a steel cable. He and I will soon be taking on the Bering Sea. Denny Brigadier will soon be working on a pit crew with a NASCAR team, he will be the fuel man. Reid London will now be working as a part-time boat plumber and county fair contortionist for his ability to twist into tight places and make plumbing repairs. Millie Williams is now a member of a local motorcycle gang,"Grandmommys on Harleys" as she rode around town on the back of a Harley Davidson.

This trip re-enforced something I already knew. The great camaraderie and friendship that is in our squadron. At the first sign of trouble by anyone in the trip, everyone offered to help and do anything necessary to assist. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful members.

In closing, I want to thank the Pamlico Power Squadron for joining us during the evenings, sharing some local town history and especially to Tom Miller who helped us in so many ways. Thanks go also to Ray's brother, "Sparky" for driving us around as needed. New Winston Salem Squadron members John Tatum and Carol Farroch were brave to venture out with us and we hope to see them again on another trip.

Ideas are like the stars: we never reach them
but like the mariners of the sea,
we chart our course by them.

Carl Schurz

Educational Officer

P/C Kris Cranford, AP

We have just completed our first public boating course of the year, and have graduated about one dozen students. Thanks to all those who taught, who graded tests and proctored, and those folks who served refreshments and socialized with the students. Special thanks are due to Reid London who chaired our course.

The Piloting course, which was to have started May 5, has been postponed indefinitely due to the lack of students. If there is anyone out there who would like to take Seamanship, please let me know. We just possibly might have time to pull together a course starting in June.

Donald Breault will be having a meeting in the fall to plan for a big group trip next year. There are three ideas out there:

1) Return to the British Virgin Islands and charter boats for a week.
2) Explore the Abacos chain of islands in the Bahamas, a trip a few of us have taken before, and another great charter.
3) Or book rooms at a resort in the Florida Keys and rent day boats. instead of residing on the boat. A resort would offer diving, snorkeling and beach-going in addition to the boating. Also side trips to Key West would offer sightseeing and shopping.

Other suggestions are also very welcome. Start telling us your ideas and indicating your desire to participate now.

Executive Officer

P/C Mike Vestal, JN

It is the middle of Spring and we are beginning a new boating season. Our group has just returned from a great cruise to Washington, NC where we all had a wonderful time. Reid London took care of the weather for us, and we are still thanking him for that. Can you do that again for our next cruise? The Washington trip was like others we have been on. We had dinner each night with each boat doing a theme. Captain Denny Brigadier and his crew did Italian night. You need to see pictures of that, we had trouble keeping up with the moustaches. Captain Reid London and the crew of "My Girl" did " Cheese-burgers in Paradise". The "Liberty" did a ghost ship theme with Captain Don Breault and crew serving up an abundance of food. Thanks to all

National Safe Boating week is coming up May 18 –22. That being said, I would like to write about safety issues that concern boaters. What I would like to discuss in this letter is the danger of carbon monoxide. Many people are killed each year in their boats and even outside of boats because of this gas. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless and tasteless. The gas enters your bloodstream through your lungs and displaces the oxygen in your heart. The symptoms of the gas include nausea, dizziness and headache.

A good checklist before any trip in your boat should include the following:

- Make sure water flows from the exhaust outlet when the engines and generator are started.
- As a captain, inform all passengers about carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Listen for any change in exhaust sound that might indicate a system failure.
- Check your rubber exhaust hoses for burned or cracked sections. All hoses should be flexible and free of kinks.
- Test the operation of all of your carbon monoxide detectors by pressing the test button. Make sure that the battery is good. Do you have carbon monoxide detectors on your boat?
- Have your boat checked out by a qualified marine technician every year before taking it out for the season.

Following these guidelines should prevent the possibility of having carbon monoxide issues on you vessel.

Take care this summer and have a great time on the water wherever you are.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

Our Carolina Coastal Cruisers kicked off the cruising season with a trip from Morehead City to Washington, NC on April the 23rd to the 26th. In May, we will be going back to Ocracoke Island. This event will begin in Morehead City on May 18 and will finish up on May 24. The last part of the trip will include a hop over to Cape Lookout and will spend 2 nights on the hook.

Our recent journey to Washington, NC was a wonderful turnout of cruisers. We had 7 boats from WSSPS with 28 people. This is a solid representation of what the fellowship is all about. No one was ever hungry as all boats contributed to a substantial cocktail hour to include our very own Italian-American crew from the Gemini. They put on a wonderful tour of Italy with a special guest star who tried his best to impersonate "Old Blue Eyes". On another night we had the makings of a Ghost Ship with some pirate "want to be".

Our trip too and from Washington did not go with out issues. A couple of our cruisers picked up submerged snags in Goose Creek. Let this be a warning to all coastal cruisers. There is danger lurking just 2 feet deep inside marked channels. Sooner or later, you will get one wrapped around your prop shaft.

Fuel prices on the coastal areas are ranging from 1.60 to 2.00 per gallon for diesel and 2.00 to 2.30 for gasoline. It has been a long time since we have seen fuel prices this low but hold on to your hat because I see the fuel climbing up again. Boating is still one of the best sources of a family weekend event.

Our program plan and presentation for this month's membership meeting has been changed. The Wildlife enforcement people had to cancel due to state budget cuts. Instead, we will have our very own District L/C Ray Travis SN do a presentation on the BOC program. Any one who owns a boat no matter what size will not want to miss this program. Most states are mandating boating certifications for those who want to pilot a power boat 25hp and above. North Carolina is hot on the trail for this to happen. So you want to pay close attention to what our own "Capt. Bligh" has to say.

A final word for everyone to ponder. Please talk it up about our programs and program plans. We have such a gifted group of members who are willing to spend much of their time teaching and putting together all of these events. We can do so much more if we have the power of membership.

Encourage anyone who may be a little bit interested in our program. I am sure we can easily draw a few more members if they have an invitation to attend one of our meetings.

See you on the water.

Please purchase our new Anniversary Burgee for your boat or wall

Winston Salem 50th Anniversary Burgee only $25

Red or Blue *Can Hugger* for $3.00 each or 2 for $5.00.

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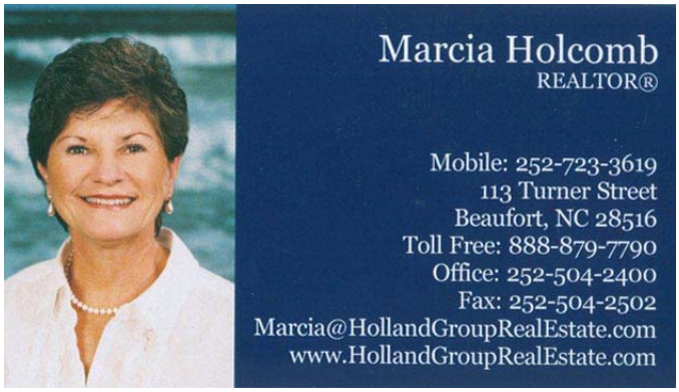

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Calendar of Events for 2009

March 24-31, 2009	Public Boating Course - Old Town Recreation Center
March 18, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Cruising the Great Loop" George Malinzdak
March 27-29, 2009	D27 Annual Meeting/COW - Durham, NC - North Raleigh Hilton
April 6, 2009	Communication Briefing - Mike & Kris Cranford House
March 24 - May 5, 2009	Public Boating Course - Old Town Recreation Center
April 15, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "Cruising The Florida Keys" John Richardson
April 23-26, 2009	Cruise - Washington, NC
May 4, 2009	Communication Briefing - "LTL"
May 5 - June 23, 2009	Piloting Course - Old Town Recreation Center
May 13, 2009	**(2nd Wednesday) Yacht House Restaurant "Boat Operator Certification" A presentation by P/C Ray Travis.**
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 24, 2009	(4th Wednesday) Ray and B Travis Home for our "Low Country Boil & Auction"
June 27, 2009	(Saturday) Public Boating Course - "LTL" Clemmons, NC
July 3-5	4th July Cape Lookout Rendzvous
July 7 - August 8	Sailing Course - Old Town Recreation Center
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 - "Washington, NC & Ocracoke Island Cruising"
August 22, 2009	(Saturday) Public Boating Course - "LTL" Clemmons, NC
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 1 - November 3	Marine Electrical Systems Course. Old Town Recreation Center
September 15 - October 27	Public Boating Course - Location: TBA
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.
October 5, 2009	Communication Briefing - Don & Shelia Breault "The Breault House"
October 17, 2009	Saturday Night Commander's Picnic "Pig Picking" at Ray & B Travis House
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 - "Year in Review"
November 30, 2009	Christmas Social - Reid, Faye, & Tisha London. "LTL"
December 12, 2009	Saturday Night Annual Christmas Party, Bermuda Run Country Club

Schedule of WSSPS Classes for 2009

(This will be updated every month.)

Public Boating Course. Old Town Recreation Center, March 23 thru 31 and April 7 thru 21, Tuesdays 6:30 PM, Reid London Chairman. 766-6643

Junior Navigation, Tuesdays in March at the Travis house, Ray Travis chairman. 930-3168

Piloting, Cancelled. Will be rescheduled in fall. Please let Kris Cranford know if you are interested in taking Seamanship.

Public Boating Course. Reid London's house, June 27 & 28, llam-2pm. Call Reid London for more information 766-6643

Sail. Tuesdays, July 7 thru August 18. Time and location TBA. Fred Eldridge, Chairman. 765-5202

Public Boating Course. Reid London's house, August 22 & 23, 11am-2pm. Call Reid London for more information 766-6643.

Advanced Piloting. September 15, Tuesdays, At the Travis house, Ray Travis chairman. 930-3168

Marine Electrical Systems. Old Town Recreation Center, Tuesdays, September 1 thru November 3. Wayne Creekmore, Chairman. 859-3773.

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

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

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