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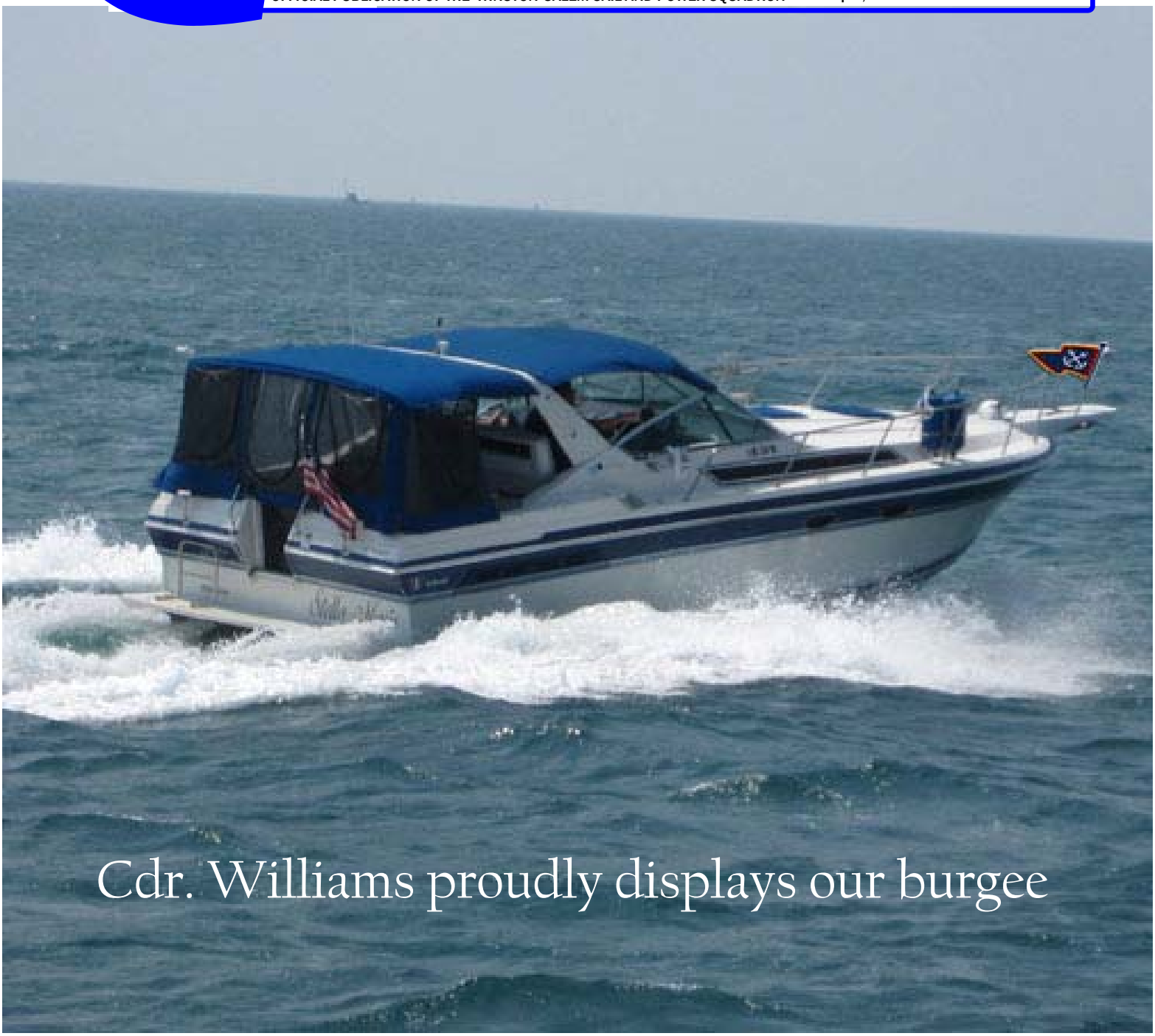

Cdr. Williams proudly displays our burgee

April

Calendar of Events

15 April	Membership meeting at the Yacht House 4881 Country Club Rd. 27106
21 April	Public Boating Course ends
23-26 April	Washington, NC cruise
2 May	Belk Coupon Event at Hanes Mall
4 May	Communications Briefing at London's house 8440 Maeve Ct, 27102
5 May	Piloting course begins at Old Town Rec Center

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Squadron Contacts

If you have any questions concerning any of the upcoming events, classes, or any other items, please feel free to contact any of the people listed below.

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Meeting Notes

"Cruising the Florida Keys

By

John Richardson

April 15

Yacht House Restaurant

Order off menu

Social starts 6:30

Guests always welcome!

From the Helm

Cdr Joel Williams, AP

Spring has sprung, the birds are singing, the bees are buzzing and the boats are being warmed up. It is illegal to wear socks. Shorts should be worn at least 75% of the time. All beer should be drunk no warmer than 34 degrees and flowers should always be on the kitchen table.

To other matters, Reid London, Ray Travis and I attended the Boating Operators Certification Seminar in Raleigh on March 27th. This could be a major change in the way our courses are presented and taken. This could also tie in to the legislation currently be considered in the NC legislature to have a boat operators license. Many of the details are still being worked out by national headquarters and hopefully they will soon have this ready for the local squadrons. Ray Travis is planning to present a more detailed program to our members in August.

Leon and Mary Lou Corbett, Ray Travis, George Ellis, Dawn Gaskill and I attended many of the seminars at the district Change of Watch and came home with some great ideas. Leon and Mary Lou, Ray and B. Travis, George and Helen Ellis, Dawn Gaskill and Millie and I had a wonderful time at the Change of Watch Dinner.

We are still looking for ideas for membership involvement and Mike Cranford should have our new website up by April 10th. I hope you will be as proud of it as I am.

Meditations of a Voyage
(unknown)

The fish jumping in the morning light, like silver daggers flying.
The fluffy clouds in morning flight give way to another night dying.
The decks awash with salty spray, the sails are full and pulling.
Another sign of a tradewinds day and the "Morning Winds" keep going.
As the ocean reflects the Azure sky, and my long night's watch is past
The sailor asks the question why?
Why did I leave my loves to sail behind the mast?
This voyage around the world has taken me to unknown shores
God's greatness He has shown me, by opening my uncharted doors.

Educational Officer

P/C Kris Cranford, AP

Anytime is a good time to get more boating education, but this year might be especially good.

A few years ago we took a group trip to the British Virgin Islands, and those who participated still reminisce fondly about that trip. Well, we are going to do it again. In 2010, we will either return to the BVI, explore the Abacos Islands or choose another exotic, watery destination.

If this idea intrigues you, think how much more you can enjoy yourself if you do a little advanced study. Probably the most practical course we offer is Seamanship. You will learn invaluable tips on docking, anchoring, handling lines, preparing for bad weather, mooring, buoyage, and all other phases of handling a boat. Seamanship will be offered later this year if we have enough interest. Dawn Gaskill will chair.

In the fall, Cruise Planning will be offered. If you have not taken this course, it is full of good information about provisioning, planning an itinerary, and making advance arrangements. Kris and Michael Cranford will co-chair.

Of course, if you wish to venture out on a sailboat, there is Fred Eldridge's Sail chartered catamarans, which allowed us to sail when we wanted to, and just motor along if we wanted to.

Start thinking about where you want to go, and the preparation you will need. We will be talking about this trip a lot from now on, and everyone's input is appreciated. So plan to sign up for the trip, and sign up for the classes!

Executive Officer

P/C Mike Vestal, JN

We are all getting ready for a new boating season. I am getting “Fender Bender” prepared for the spring, taking all the equipment back to the boat that I have stored in my garage during the winter. Shore power electrical cord, dock lines, and fenders just to name a few.

One thing we must not overlook is making sure we are compliant with Coast Guard regulations with our Personal Flotation Devices or life jackets. According to Federal requirements all recreational boats must carry one wearable PFD for each person on board your vessel. Be sure they are the correct size for the passengers that you plan to transport on your boat. Check the label on the PFD for weight information.

I will add a few notes from the US Coast Guard website that I think is good information for all:

PFDs must be:

1. Coast Guard approved
2. In good and serviceable condition
3. The correct size for the intended user.

Accessibility

1. Wearable PFDs must be readily accessible.
2. The best PFD is the one you will wear.
3. Throwable devices must be immediately available for use.
4. Do not store PFDs in locked or closed compartments that have other gear stowed on top of them.
5. Though not required, a PFD should be worn at all times when the vessel is underway.

Administrative Officer

P/C Don Breault, AP

"The Boating Season Begins"

We have another outstanding presentation for our April, 2009 membership meeting on Cruising The Florida Keys by our very own John Richardson. For those who were fortunate enough to see some of John and Barb Richardson's photography in the past, you will not want to miss this informative program. We as Americans, take for granted our many beautiful cruising places we have to offer off of our own coast. The May program will be presented by our Marine Law Enforcement group. The N.C. Wildlife Marine Patrol will be speaking to us on the importance of marine safety and education on the water. I am sure they will have many good sea stories to tell us from enforcing our boating laws.

Our Carolina Coastal Cruisers are kicking off the cruising season with cruise No. 09-01 with a trip from Morehead City to Washington, NC on April the 23rd. The following month 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.

Fuel prices on the coastal areas are ranging from $1.80 to $2.20 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. Most boat yards are working reduced hours due to a lack of business. Some boat yards have laid off people due to the same low demand. Looking at the boat traffic on the water also shows a significant drop in total boats cruising this year so far. Let us see what happens by end of May. But, there are still boats out there. Use 'em or loose 'em they say. Boating is still one of the best sources of a family weekend event. I think it beats golf. Perhaps, that may be the reason why my golf game is so poor.

We have a long range plan to charter some boats next year to either cruise the Keys or the Abacos. Anyone interested, please contact myself or P/C Kris Cranford.

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. Please try and recruit any new members who may have an interest in boating or boating education. We can do so much more if we have the power of membership. We will always welcome guests or friends at our monthly membership meetings. 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.

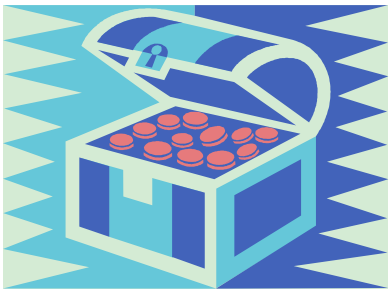
See you on the water

"Fun(d) Raising"

Not many of the past treasurers have had the pleasure to write articles for the "Crossed Anchors", so I wanted to take advantage of a superb opportunity to share information with you about some of the WSSPS fundraisers that are underway. It is also important to give recognition to each of the squadron members who are presiding over the fund raisers and to let everyone else know how they can be part of it.

On May 2nd Belks is hosting a Charity Day. Belk Charity Day tickets can be purchased prior to or on the day of May 2nd for $5 each and are good for $5 off any 1-item purchase made between 6 and 10am at any Belk store on that day. We are selling these tickets and 100% of the ticket proceeds will go to the WSSPS. Last year the WSSPS collected over $500 from the event with only five volunteers. Debbie Mayfield is again handling the event and says we can double our proceeds if we pre-sell tickets and work tables both Friday and Saturday. Tickets will be handled out at the April 15 meeting at the Yacht House Restaurant. If you want tickets earlier or can volunteer at the tables, please contact her at djmayfield@earthlink.net or 336.924.9296.

Also on May 2nd, Sheila Breault has welcomed the WSSPS to donate items to her family yard sale stating that the earnings will be given to the squadron. She is looking for items that you think would easily move and asks that you bring the items to her house before May 2nd with pricing attached. Items that are not purchased will be donated to an auction-taking place at Bea and Ray Travis' house on June 24th. You can reach Sheila at 336.712.0661 for more information.



On June 24th a "Low Country Boil" is being hosted at the Travis home where there be an auction. The "Low Country Boil" is taking place of the annual "Fish Fry". WSSPS members and their guests are asked to bring any unneeded or novelty boating items to be bid on. Last year's auction went well with everyone having a good time.

For those who love to shop eBay, we have something of great interest. Dawn Gaskill has volunteered to auction our donated items on eBay. All proceeds after eBay charges and S&H will be designated to the WSSPS 50th Anniversary program. She suggests that the items be less than 5 lbs. due to S&H charges, and that groups of items, such as collectables or 3 or more of a single category sell best. She would also like an idea of the categories each item could best be advertised in, such as a book- is it a collectable, educational, or hardback and what pricing you want. Contact her at dawnatg@aol.com or call 336.785.0996 to discuss your items and delivery arrangements. Her eBAy sign-on is "alboats".

Many WSSPS member have voiced other wonderful and unique ideas for fund raisers. We are always looking for more. If you would like to submit suggestions or even help with or co-ordinate a fund raiser, please call me at 336.368.5046 or any of the other bridge members. We would love to hear your ideas and help promote them within the squadron. I look forward to working with you this year.

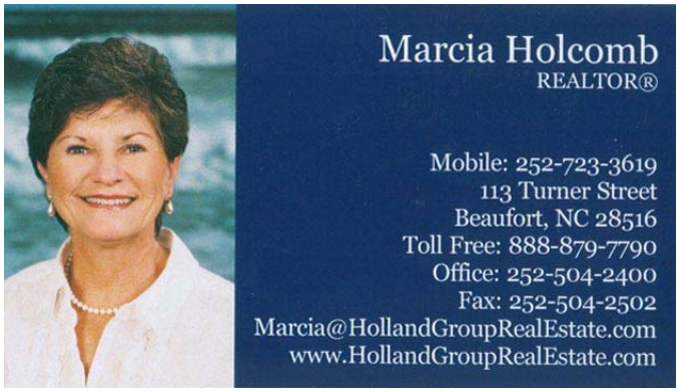
Lt./C Kathi Vestal, S

Purchase our custom items at the next meeting

6" x 12" 2-color *License Plate* only $5.00.

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

***Coffee Mug* with our logo printed on both sides. Comes with a no spill lid. Only $5.00.**



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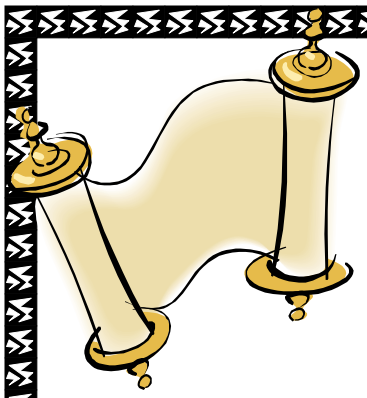

A Bit of History—the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron—

Bit One"

The "Winston-Salem Power Squadron" was chartered by the United States Power Squadrons on 14 September 1959, with 20 members. It was a part of District 30 of USPS. In 1963 it was transferred and helped form District 27, which had eight squadrons. (Now there are 20.) In 2002, "Sail" was added to the squadron's name. Although USPS has frequently considered changing its name, but always refused, it has permitted squadrons to make the addition of "sail" to indicate that not all are power boaters. The squadron is a North Carolina Not for Profit Corporation. (Not all squadrons are incorporated.) Because it is a part of the United States Power Squadrons, it also qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the deductibility of contributions.

A few questions for you:

1. What member of WSSPS succeeded his father as commander?
2. What couples have both served as commander?
3. What does DEWDA mean?
4. Who holds the record for DEWDA awards?
5. Who is reputed to hold the squadron record for going aground?

More questions will follow. In September, there will be a quiz on all the questions in these "bits of history", with a prize. If there are ties, there will be a drawing, but all high scores will be noted in the newsletter.

<u>First Prize</u>

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.

<u>Second Prize</u>

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

<u>And for the low score:</u>

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

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron

Calendar of Events for 2009

Date	Event	Date 2/18/2009
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	
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	
April 7-21, 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 5-26	Piloting Course - Old Town Recreation Center	
May 13, 2009	(2nd Wednesday) Yacht House - "Safe Boating " Sgt. Carey Bostic, NC Wildlife	
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 2-23	Piloting Course - Old Town Recreation Center	
June 24, 2009	(4th Wednesday) Ray and B Travis Home for our "Fabulous Fish Fry"	
July 3-5	4th July Cape Lookout Rendzvous	
July 7-28	Public Boating 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 4-11	Public Boating Course - Old Town Recreation Center	
August 19, 2009	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant - "TBD"	
August 31, 2009	Communication Briefing - Michael & Kris Cranford House	

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.

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, Old Town Recreation Center, Tuesdays, beginning May 5 at 6:30 PM, Wayne Creekmore Chairman. 859-3773

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

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

Fall Public Boating TBA

Seamanship TBA.

Classes generally take place at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted. Call Class chairpersons for more information if you wish to learn or **wish to teach**. We will be needing a chair-

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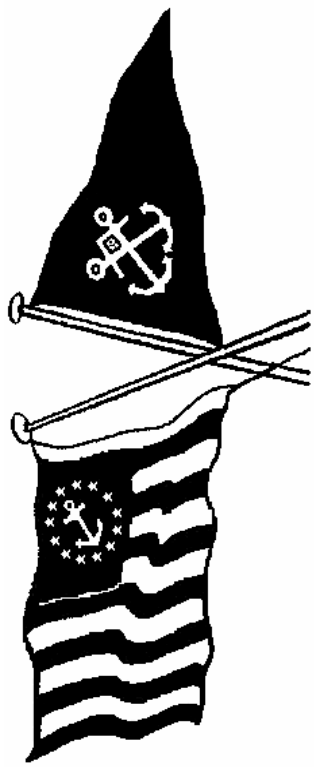

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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2 May	Belk coupon event
4 May	Communication Briefing at London's house
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