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**Frank's Fish House is calling
all boaters**

April

WSSPS MEETING

18 April

NC Wildlife
Agency

Officer Woods

Big Shotz
Clemmons

Guests always welcome
Order off menu, no RSVP
Social: 6:00 pm
Meeting: 7:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 18 April | Membership meeting at
Big Shotz Restaurant,
Social: 6pm, Mtg: 7pm |
| 4,5 May | D/27 Rendezvous Weekend at
Little River, SC |
| 7 May | Exec. Committee Mtg at
London Tyme Lounge |
| 19 May | Pig Pickin & Auction at
John Tatum Double T Farm |

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Feel free to contact any of the above officers if
you have questions.
All club meetings are open to the public.



From the Helm

Cdr. Debbie Mayfield, S

The Spring ABC 3 Class ended on Tuesday, April 10 with 5 graduates. Thanks to P/C Reid London for another great teaching job. Thanks to the following members for coming out to meet the students and share their WSSPS experiences: KB Jennings, Dawn Gaskill, Wayne and Becky Creekmore, Tom Loveless and myself.

Our Administrative Officer Lt/C Bill Davis, SN has great meetings and events planned and P/C Don Breault, AP has an exciting cruise schedule underway. Please review the calendar in this newsletter to see upcoming meetings, events, and cruises for 2012. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to help, please let Bill Davis know. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Our squadron had a great representation at the D27 COW in March with 9 members attending. P/C Alexander Cooper receives his life membership for earning 25 merit marks as a member of our squadron.

Our squadron is again participating in Belk Charity Day scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 6-10 AM. This is one of our fund raising events for the year. Tickets were distributed at our March meeting and can also be picked up at the April meeting. We also have a PR table on Friday, April 20 from 1-4 PM to sell tickets in Belk. If anyone would like to help at this time, just let me know. I will also need volunteers on Charity Day to work at Belk for an assigned time between 6-10 AM. To refresh everyone, our group sells tickets to Belk Charity Day for \$5.00 each for individuals to get into Belk to shop at Charity Day at 6 AM and the ticket gives them \$5.00 off their first purchase. All of the \$5.00 from each ticket sold comes to the WSSPS.

We have a great social scheduled for May 19th at the farm of John Tatum and Carol Farroch in Pilot Mountain. It will be a Pig Picking and we will have our fund raising auction of donated items as well. Get together all your donations and plan to bring them to the auction. KB Jennings will be our auctioneer again this year. In addition, a conch blowing contest is being planned.

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP



As the Year of 2012 stomps on, WSSPS is in need of your HELP! We had a public boating course in March. In April, we want to have Seamanship and Weather. Please call if you would be willing to teach a couple of sections of Seamanship and Weather.

We must have continuing Public Relations. If you are good at speaking to groups, have contact with newspapers, television or radio, or are willing to contact these entities, let your Bridge know. WSSPS NEEDS YOU.

Weather and Seamanship will also start in April. Go to the USPS and/or WSSPS.org websites for the exact starting dates. Or call/email me with any questions. We need at least 5 students to hold the Weather class.

All of these courses need Publicizing to others whom may be interested in joining WSSPS and taking the courses. The Seminars, like GPS, are always open to the public. Hope to see YOU in some of our courses.

WEATHER COURSE HIGHLIGHTS:

The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the water have always been weather dependent. In this course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of the basic principles of meteorology — the science of the atmosphere. The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. Wx2012 is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm. Each student receives:

- a Weather Manual - *USPS Weather* - an explanatory text with full color photographs and drawings covering weather in the United States and its coastal and inland waters;
- a set of three Daily Weather Maps - learning aids with a complete explanation of map symbols designed to develop weather map reading and analysis skills; and
- *NOAA's Sky Watcher Chart* - a reference to assist in identifying cloud types – helpful indicators of approaching weather.

As always, please let me know what areas you are interested in by emailing dawnatg@aol.com



Administrative Officer

Lt.C Bill Davis, SN

Now here's the way it goes down at my house. Cathy sends an e-mail to the officers that in essence says "Start Typing". I dutifully sit down at my cluttered desk clearing away a space for my 6 ounce Coca-Cola bottle on one side and a cigarette with smoke curling up to the ceiling in a glass ashtray on the other side. I put the green visor on my forehead and get out the White-out tape to correct the many misspellings that I know I am going to make. Then I check the ribbon on my Underwood manual typewriter, I think a 1930's vintage, and begin typing in triplet using the stash of carbon paper I can still buy thru Office Depot.

If you bought that scenario then I have some land in Florida I would like to interest you in. Actually the mind can be a very entertaining thing. We were out with another couple many years ago doing coop charting when we came across an old boat washed up in the rushes of a cove and the lady, who apparently liked to read mystery novels, launched into this narrative about what had potentially happened on the boat. It seems there was this murder/suicide pack that this elderly couple had made and they had come out on their boat to do the deed. They both fell overboard and the boat drifted to this final resting place. Also it seems there was much squabbling amongst the children as to who was to blame for not looking after their parents better and who should get the good china. The next time you come across an abandoned boat washed up on the bank you can come up with your own plot.

Moving on, I have been employing my multi-gene lately by studying the night sky for stars and constellations lately. This is an excellent time of year to be looking up during your evening stroll outside as the sky is clearer than other periods of the year. Also the birds have gone to roost by 1930 so no danger looking up at that hour. I have found only mediocre websites for identifying stars and constellations. I bought a computer disk from the U. S. Naval Observatory that was a huge help when I was taking the navigation courses checking the azimuth and angle of stars for a given Lat/Lon. I print out sky charts from that program and go looking. This time of year Orion is almost directly overhead by 2000 so you can spot Betelgeuse and Rigel easily in that constellation. Plenty bright will be Jupiter and Venus to the west. Sirius and Procyon will be just to the east of Orion, Capella to the north. If it is dark enough the two outboard stars of the Big Dipper will point toward Pollaris (North Star) at a multiple of 5 based on their spacing. Give it a try. It also will make you feel fairly small in the universe.

In case you were wondering if I was ever going to get to admin stuff yes we have great programs planned but you got to come to the general meetings to see them. We don't make house calls.

Ship's Store

New WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

Mens: Medium-X-Large

Ladies: Small-Large \$25



WSSPS coffee cups & can "huggies"

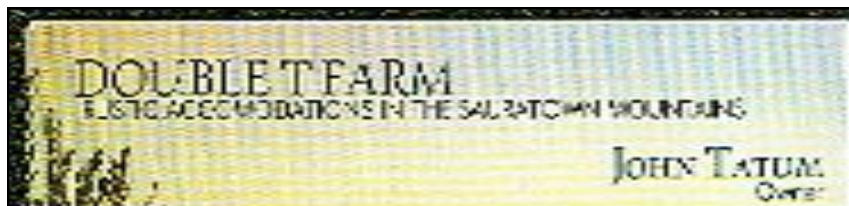
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Calendar of Events for 2012

Date	Event	Date:4/2/2012
April 2, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "Cathy & Tom Loveless House"	
April 3, 2012	Final ABC Class. Old Town Recreation Center	
April 18, 2012	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "NC Wildlife Agency"	
April 27-May 5, 2012	Norfolk, VA Cruise VIA The Dismal Swamp Canal	
May 4-5, 2012	D-27 Rendezvous'. Little River, NC	
May 7, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "London Times Lounge"	
May 19, 2012	Pig Pickin & Annual Auction. John Tatum House, Pinnacle, NC	
May 26 - 29	Cape Lookout & Shackleford Banks Cruise & Raft-Up	
June 2, 2012	Rendezvous': Mike & Marylyn Shuping "Coastal Retreat On The Neuse"	
June 4, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "George Ellis House"	
June 20, 2012	Monthly Meeting. Big Sotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
July 20 - 22	Cape Lookout Raft - Up & 1st Annual Dinghy Race	
August 6, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "George & Margie Lamb House"	
August 15, 2012	Monthly Meeting. Big Sotz Tavern, Clemmons. "Claiborne Young"	
August 17 - 19	Coastal Cruise & Raft-Up "Beaufort, NC"	
September 1-5, 2012	Coastal Cruise "Oriental"	
September 7 - 9, 2012	USPS Fall Governing Board. Detroit, MI	
September 10, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "TBA"	
September 15, 2012	Yadkin Valley Wine Tour	
September 29, 2012	Commanders Picnic. Creekmore House. High Rock Lake	
October 1, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
October 10, 2012	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "TBA"	
October 12-14, 2012	D-27 Fall Conference. Wrightsville Beach	
October 13-21, 2012	Coastal Cruise Week. "Pamlico Sound Destinations"	
November 5, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "Cathy & Tom Loveless House"	
November 14, 2012	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "Our Year In Review"	
December 3, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "London Times Lounge"	
December 15, 2012	Annual Christmas Party "TBA"	

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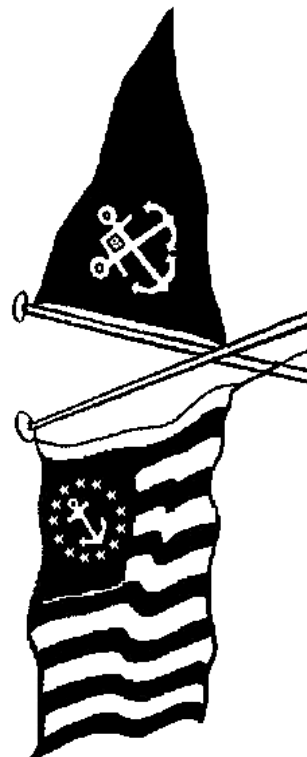
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Important events

- 4/18 Membership meeting at Big Shotz Restaurant
Clemmons, Social: 6pm, Meeting: 7pm
- 5/4-5 D/27 Rendezvous at Little River, NC
- 5/7 Executive Cmt. meeting at London Tyme Lounge
Social: 6pm, Meeting: 7pm
- 5/19 Pig Pickin' at John Tatum's Farm



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