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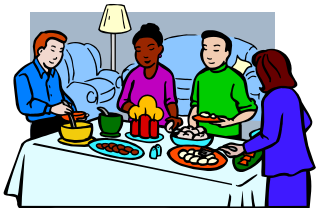
Beautiful fall cruising to New Bern & Oriental

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 14 Meeting
Big Shotz in Clemmons

"Year in Review" &
Voting on 2013 Officers
Social: 6pm; Meeting: 7pm



Dec. 3 Executive Committee Meeting

London's Home
8440 Maeve Ct in Clemmons

Dec. 15 Christmas Party

The District Restaurant
Downtown on Trade Street
$15/person; RSVP in advance
kbvestal@triad.rr.com

From the Helm

Cdr. Debbie Mayfield, S

As our year starts to wind down and the 2012 boating season is just a great memory, it is time for the WSSPS year in review. Our November meeting will be a program reviewing our many events and cruises during 2012. Hopefully most of you have participated in at least one of them. Many thanks, to our Admistrative Officer, Bill Davis for orchestrating our meeting programs and working with the membership to get our social outings finalized. Don Breault, thanks for your hard work as the cruise chairman for this past year, as well as the other years you have faithfully served.

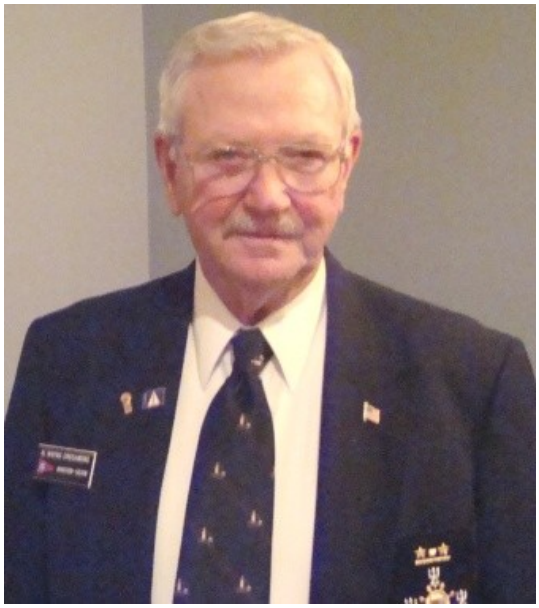
We had a great Southern BBQ hosted by John Tatem at his farm in Pilot Mountain. He is a great chef and a great host as well. Marilyn and Mike Shuping hosted a rendezvous at the coast in June. In July, we had a great cruise on the Catawba Queen on Lake Norman. September was a busy month with the Commander's Picnic hosted by Wayne and Becky Creekmore at their home on High Rock Lake. Cathy and Tom Loveless planned and executed a great Wine tour in September for members as well. All of these events, as well as cruises at the Coast, made a very busy schedule for WSSPS.

Our squadron also presented 2 ABC 3 classes. Thanks to Reid London, KB Jennings, Dawn Gaskill, and Ken Cartrette for all their hard work in presenting these classes to the public. Every person we educate is a great addition to the safety of all boaters.

Many thanks goes to Cathy Loveless, our Newsletter Editor and communications sender. She tirelessly encourages us to turn in our articles for the monthly newsletters and keeps everyone informed on all of our events and meetings.

November is also the month for our annual elections, please plan to attend and support the election of our 2013 Bridge. We appreciate their willingness to serve our squadron as elected officers and I encourage all of our membership to support them and continue their participation in our activities.

I am looking forward to a great year in 2013 in the WSSPS. The member's support of the principles of the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron is awesome. I really appreciate every contribution each and every member makes to our success. Thanks to everyone for their support during the 2 years I have served as Commander.



Executive Officer

P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN

On a recent WSSPS cruise to Ocracoke Island, there were two squadron boats participating, the Liberty and the Gemini. I served as First Mate aboard the Gemini under Capt Denny Brigadier. We were joined in Ocracoke by some acquaintances of the WSSPS boat Captains.

During the traditional "Happy Hour" on board the Gemini all members (of the now 4 boats) participated. A good time was had by all.

The next day due to the prediction of very unfavorable winds and the desire of Liberty to explore a bit, Liberty and the Sailors decided to return to home ports at Broad Creek and Morehead.

One of the sailboats developed water pump problems and soon discovered resources on the Island to make repairs were unavailable.

Faced with a serious problem they discussed their plight with Capt Denny who rendered all possible assistance to solving the problem. Faced with a very expensive tow fee and a long wait for it, Capt Denny reached down into his very well stocked emergency bag of goodies and brought out his Tow Rope... The sailboat Capt was overwhelmed that Denny would tow him 30+ miles and thankfully accepted the offer.

The 30+ft sailboat was towed into Broad Creek to its home dock unscathed and safe. Gemini docked for the night and we had dinner at a restaurant in nearby Oriental.

About to depart the next day, the sailboat Capt asked "how much do I owe you'? Capt Denny replied, "If you can render assistance to a boater someday, somewhere, I will consider myself PAID IN FULL!

That fellow USPS members epitomizes the spirit of USPS wherein we maintain our boats, render assistance to fellow boaters in distress and obtain the skills, training and abilities to accomplish good seamanship and SAFE assistance to others when the occasion requires it.

Captain Denny, it was a privilege to sail with you and I salute you on behalf of the WSSPS.

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

EDUCATION PLUS……..

The year is nearly over and we have finished another Public Boating Course. I wish to thank P/C Kenneth (KB) Jennings, JN and Kin Cartrette, S for their teaching and assistance in the boating course. Want to thank Commander Debbie Mayfield, S and P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN and Lt Rebecca (Becky) Creekmore, AP for coming and helping out greeting our two students. Would like to congratulate our two students who finished, David Jackson and Scott Hall. We are looking forward to their joining our group.

Next year I want the squadron out front in advertising our presence. We will try to keep ads and posters out mentioning the boating course. When we have seminars, such as Knot tying and GPS, let;s get the word out strongly and invite others to join us. You are an important advertising part of our group. Let me know you are willing to put out posters. Email me at dawnatg@aol.com and let me know how I can get posters to you when they are made.

Till later, have a great but safe holiday.

Administrative Officer

Lt.C Bill Davis, SN

Did you know in 1542 when the Vikings were making numerous trips to Iceland for trading with the locals the magnetic variation was zero! I didn't think so. It was called the agonic line because the alignment of true north and magnetic north were the same. In 1900 it was -1.266° changing -0.0338°/year. That is the magnetic north was west of true north. It has continued to drift such that now it is -8.2192° changing -0.0517°/year. Can you imagine what it will be a few hundred years from now! Class dismissed. On to the playgrounds.

Thanks to the Creekmore's for hosting the Commander's Picnic in September. I was confused about that one because I thought the commander's were supposed to be hosting the event. Silly me. Cathy straightened me out in that we were supposed to be treating the commanders. We managed to bring the rain as well as the hot dogs and hamburgers to High Rock Lake but their home had plenty of cover and indoor space for us to take shelter while we got one more rain this season. It has been a good year for rain and the corn, soybeans, and peanuts are looking good. If it will just dry up enough the farmers will be able to harvest the crops and make some money this year for a change. With corn at $8.00/ bushel and soybeans at $12 to 14.00/ bushel that will be great. Wait I am suppose to be talking about boating. Sorry about that.

One of my observations is that many if not most of the folks in our squadron and probably in USPS are in this organization because they or their parents were water people and have been involved with water in one form or another most of their lives. What is interesting to me is that only a small fraction of people with boats or living near the water are in the USPS. Maybe we need a bigger megaphone because we haven't reached them yet. Maybe we should go door to door and boat to boat with flyers stuck to their doors and boat cleats. I am here because of my previous life when I had a boat. Being a professional mechanical engineer I liked the mechanical side of getting it right. Even after I plowed some underwater soil I would eventually paint the lower unit back gray so it would look like I never hit bottom. Of course anyone who has ever operated a boat very long in North Carolina will hit bottom sooner or later. I just enjoyed being a little vain about it.

Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

Who Stole Felix's Boat?

Remember last month when Felix discovered his boat was taken off of the lift from Franks Marina? Remember when the next morning Felix returned to the marina to find that his precious cruiser was gone. Clean steal. Boat was gone off the boat lift without a trace or a clue. No prints and no idea who, what, or when. Now this is the time where Felix needs to have an investigation as to who could have performed such a dastardly act by stealing his precious cruiser.

By gosh, even Tom would have been crying over this action done by a cowardly criminal even if his insurance was more than the boat was worth, and even Joel would have organized an old fashion Georgia posy to look for this stolen mariners precious toy and summer home. But the problem with an old fashioned posy is they like land and not water. So Joel's idea of search and rescue is out.

Mister Reid London has come forward to suggest that we try and find out why this person who alleged stole Felix's new old boat would have done such a thing. Surely he said, that this person could not be all that bad seeing that maybe he needed this new old boat to buy a new pair of shoes for his children. Somewhat like the crab pot fisherman who stakes out his crab pots in the back of Liberty so she can never leave her slip without running them over and having to purchase a new transmission if she does so.

Then we find Miss Sheila looking for that 45 pistol Don has stashed in the state room and saying: "that no one, but no one will ever steal "Liberty" with out first getting a taste of the business end of that 45." So much for being such a pacifist wife, and remind me to never ever look at another attractive woman again!! For I may wake up with a little less of me one morning!!!

Now all is going well at the Marina as Frank has asked all those he thought, that would have been present during the scene of the crime. First he asked sailboat Lucy. She denied any involvement as she was fast asleep with her husband on the "Friendship". But perhaps That "Husband" was not a Husband at all. Don't ask don't tell. Then Frank asked Laura if she had seen anything or heard any funny noises outside of her house next to the Marina. Laura denied anything as she and her fellow teachers were on a night club mission that evening and they never made it back to the house for sleeping time. They may have still been on that mission. Now Frank hesitantly asked Ricky if he could offer anything about the case of the missing "Felix" boat, and 4 hours later, Frank had the same information he had before he asked Ricky. But at least Frank had a new scientific definition of the difference of ablative bottom paint and non ablative bottom paint.

Frank the master investigator worked his way down the docks until he got to "My Girl". By this time Frank was wore out and would easily fall into any soft sided story as to why someone would steal Felix's boat. So he took up residence on the back of "Liberty" into one of those new soft sided deck chairs that Don is so proud of and he began to interrogate Tisha, Reid and Faye.

Now Tisha could never tell a lie as she is so honest and loving for anyone that would speak with her, Frank quickly discounted her out of the suspicion list. Frank took a libation from Sheila and he asked the crew of the "Liberty" if they knew anything, and they said they were too involved with Dons new recipe for a cruising potion to remember. Believing that statement, Frank turned his interrogation on to Reid and Faye. Alas, the truth comes out.

It was discovered that Reid felt something go bump into the night on the back of "My Girl". He just thought it was an after moment of that wild experience he recently had earlier that evening watching Faye and Sheila consume libations. But to some strange reason that bump was more than a wild experience as he arose to see what the matter was. Soon he discovered that there was more than a clatter to support the matter and that "My Girl" was being invaded by another attacking ship!!

“Battle stations” was the cry from Captain Reid and all hands arose to the deck fore and aft. Every crew member from “My Girl and “Liberty” responded with arms and tools to fight off this invading and raiding party. They were heavily armed with empty libation bottles and empty plastic ware that once held massive quantities of libations.

To the dismay of the “fighting Crew” of both sister ships, they found no attackers or anyone aboard the attacking ship. It was a deserted ship that had no crew or even a ghost crew. They thought for a moment, then Captain Reid asked for a boat hook. Thinking this was a new weapon developed in the mind of a NC State Engineer , Don quickly gave Captain Reid a boat hook. To Don’s dismay, this boat hook performed like no other boat hook anyone has ever seen. Captain Reid quickly hooked this now drifting boat that was originally thought as an attacking boat.

Now with this drifting boat on the hook, Don quickly jumped in to the drifting boat declaring salvage and that all is his seeing that there was no one aboard to claim responsibility for the drifting boat. There were some moments of the heart between Reid and Don and Don quickly gave up his salvage rights in lieu of another libation along with the discovery of a valid North Carolina registration that belonged to : You guessed it, Felix.

Now Don and Reid neatly tied up Felix’s new old boat to an empty slip that Ricky missed earlier in the weekend. And there she stood all pretty and properly tied to a foreign slip, Felix’s new old boat that had no name. Several hours later, the rightful owner came along to claim his boat. He thanked Don and Reid for taking care of this new old boat. So he passed on some more libations to Don to share with Reid but they never made it off the deck of “Liberty”. Then the worst case happened. Faye came out of the cabin claiming not so fast there Mr. Felix.

With a little here say knowledge about maritime law as a weapon of knowledge, Faye quickly laid claim to the remainder of the boat owned by Felix that her husband assisted in tying up. The argument that took place at his time was centered on possession and common law interest. So the matter of fact is that Felix may not have the opportunity to regain possession of the boat. A challenge was made by Faye and a hearing was to determine if indeed there were proper salvage rights to a drifting boat that had bumped into another docked boat.

Master Leon was summoned to make a legal judgment based on the merits of the law and the rules of Pelitier Creek Yacht basin. If a boat that is unmanned and adrift in a body of water is discovered by another mariner who claims salvage, is the boat presumed to be abandoned? If so, then is the person who first boards her entitled to lay claim to the salvage rights? If not, then is any other stake holder in the laws of salvage entitled to lay claim to such salvage? Such as the person who first discovered the drifting abandoned boat. Then is a person who makes a claim of salvage entitled to a recovery fee if they choose not to salvage the abandoned vessel? And, should Felix be entitled to get his boat back?

Please answer these questions and forward your answers to: P/C Don Breault. (donaldbreault@aol.com) The compilation of reader’s answers will be displayed in the next issue of the Crossed Anchors. A legal determination will be made by proper maritime legal counsel about these questions, and those who answered correctly will receive a free gift.

Another lesson learned by Felix. Always keep any boat on a lift properly secured in case tidewater exceeds the height of the lift. Remember that DEWDA can be reversed to read ADWED. Or commonly known as Allowing Depth With Eventual Diligence. (keep the boat lift high and dry and tie off the boat just in case!)

See you on the water.

Don Breault
“Liberty

WSSPS Nominating Committee Report

Nominees for year 2013 Ex-comm Positions

Executive Officers

Commander	Wayne Creekmore
Executive Officer	TBA
Educational Officer	Kin Cartrette
Administrative Officer	Bill Davis
Secretary/Treasurer	Kathi Vestal
Flag Lieutenant	Tisha London

Elected Members of the Executive Committee

Member at Large	Margie Lamb
Member at Large	George Lamb
Member at Large	Dawn Gaskill
Member at Large	Becky Creekmore
Member at Large	Jim Frazier
Immediate Past Commander	Debbie Mayfield

Education

Assistant Ed. Officer	KB Jennings
Chairperson Advanced Grades	
Chairperson Elective Courses	
Chairperson Boating Courses	

Above open positions in Education remain open so the general membership will assume the responsibility of filling them in as needed.

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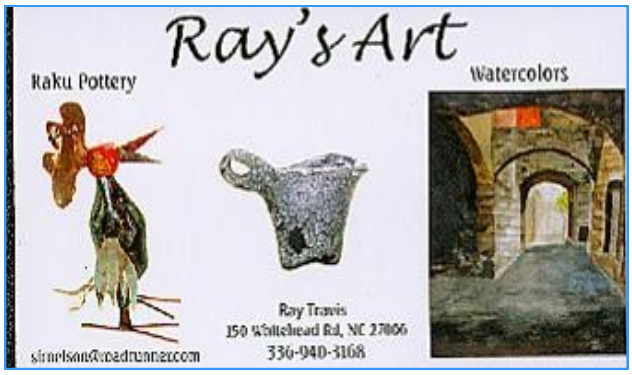

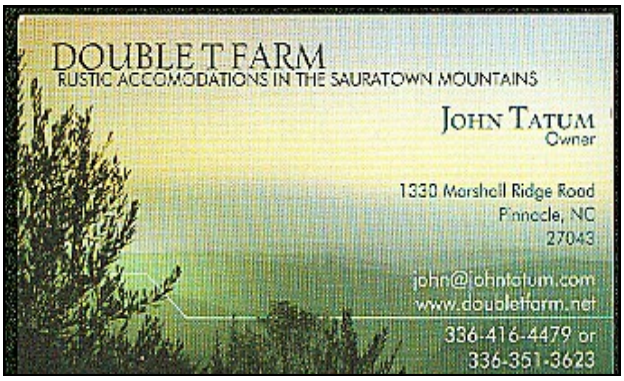

Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron
Calendar of Events for 2012

Date	Event Date:11/5/2012
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 House"
December 15, 2012	Annual Christmas Party "District Restaurant" Trade St., Winston-Salem
January 5, 2013	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State University Club, Raleigh, NC
February 2, 2013	Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron Annual C.O.W. Pinebrook C.C., Winston-Salem

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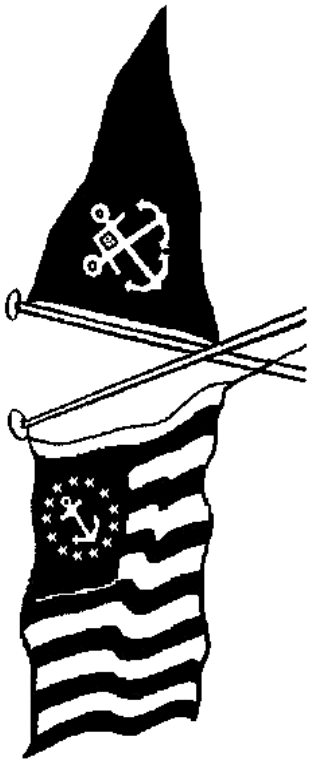

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Important Upcoming Events

14 Nov.	Membership Mtg at Big Shotz, Clemmons 6pm Social, 7pm Meeting
3 Dec.	Executive Committee Meeting London home
15 Dec.	Annual Christmas Party at The District on Trade St. 6pm Social, 7pm Dinner, RSVP, $15/person

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DISTINCTIVE COMMUNICATOR 2010

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