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You're invited to hear:

Austin Caviness,
Chief Meteorologist, WXII TV-12

"Boating in Heavy Weather"

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons
Social: 6pm, Meeting: 7pm
Guests Welcome

Fun times at the wine tastings & Commander's Picnic

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 Oct.	Membership Meeting at Big Shotz Tavern
12-14 Oct.	D27 Fall Conference, Wrightsville Beach
5 Nov.	Executive Committee Mtg., Loveless Home
14 Nov.	Membership Meeting at Big Shotz Tavern Year in Review
3 Dec	Exec. Cmt. Mtg., London Home
15 Dec.	Christmas Party at The District

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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

It has been a busy fall for WSSPS. In September Wayne and Becky Creekmore hosted our Commander's Picnic at their lovely home on High Rock Lake. Several members took advantage of the opportunity to get in a swim as the summer season was coming to an end. It was a great picnic with hamburgers and hotdogs and the fixings along with a great day of fellowship. Also, in September, a group of members went on a Wine Tour planned and hosted by Cathy and Tom Loveless. It included visiting 3 local wineries and some great luncheon snacks and dinner. Definitely an event we should do again.

It is getting to Merit Mark time and I will need to be submitting the needed information for all our members for their Merit Marks this year. Please email me at djmayfield@earthlink.net with your activities this year so I can submit the information for Merit Marks.

In addition, I am beginning to work on my Year in Review presentation for the November meeting. If you have pictures, I would like to get them from you so that I can have a good selection for the presentation.

There is a final cruise scheduled at the coast the week of October 14. It is scheduled to go to Ocracoke NC with stops in New Bern and Oriental. Please contact Don Breault for additional details if you are interested in attending.

If there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me. My contact information is in this newsletter.

Education Officer

P/C Dawn Gaskill, AP

Recently we had a course offering for Instructor Development. Unfortunately, no one wanted to show up to become certified. We have some great speakers who would make great course instructors. Please consider for next year letting your education team know you wish to take the course. There is no "final" test, and is a great way to get to know your fellow members better.

We did have an Instructor Recertification course. Congratulations and thank you to P/C Leon Corbett, SN, P/C Mary Lou Corbett, AP, Ken Cartrette, P, and Bill Davis, SN.

Currently we are having a Public Boating Course with 5 students. Come and meet them Thursday nights, at 1830 at the Shattalon Road Public Recreation Center.

Our Public Boating Course and other courses are a great way to try to draw potential members. Invite your friends to look at some of our offerings, even the small, non test courses or seminars such as listed below, and let us know if they are interested.

If we are giving a course, remember to advertise for us; put up posters, tell people, and make it known we exist.
Here are some of the seminars available:

- ***Advanced Powerboat Handling*** ***Anchoring***
- ***Basic Coastal Navigation*** ***Basic Weather and Forecasting***
- ***Boat Handling under Power***
- ***Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes*** ***Emergencies on Board***
- ***Fuel and Boating*** ***How to Use a Chart***
- ***Hurricanes and Boats*** ***Knots, Bends and Hitches***
- ***Man Overboard***
- ***Marine RADAR*** ***Mariner's Compass***
- ***Mastering the Rules of the Road*** ***Paddle Smart***
- ***Partner in Command*** ***Practical On The Water Training***
- ***Sail Trim and Rig Tuning***
- ***Tides and Currents*** ***Trailering Your Boat***
- ***Using GPS*** ***Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio***

We are working on a questionnaire on courses. If you receive a questionnaire from the Education Department, please answer and email it back.
Thanks!

Administrative Officer

Lt.C Bill Davis, SN

-On vacation-

Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

How Felix Lost His Boat

Now everyone by now remembers that Felix took the plunge to purchase a nice boat to cruise Lake Norman some months ago. As you may have guessed, he became somewhat bored with cruising the same old places over and over again so Felix got the notion that he could find more exciting places to see and more exotic destinations to visit by transporting his new old boat to the Carolina Coast!!

One day Felix asked someone who can recommend where on the Carolina Coast he could bring his boat too. An old sea salt by the name of Travis stepped up (and we all know this man as the infamous Captain Bligh) and recommended that Felix take his boat to Morehead City. Because of all the years of dreaming about boating in the Morehead City area, Travis was the authority to go to on where to boat. So Felix had someone take his small pocket cruiser to Morehead City.

After some discussions and some negotiations with a man named Frank (the infamous pirate of Pelletier Creek) Felix had agreed to put his boat in a slip that had a power lift so his precious boat would not become so corroded by sitting in a bath of acid called sea water. Now Felix knows this to be true because there was a man named Ricky who is an expert on everything, and he can tell you for hours and hours how much he really knows about boats and lifts and the proper way of tying up boats. Ricky is also the go to person who can tell you if there are any empty slips in his marina because he will sublet them out to his friends free of charge which is a good thing, because Ricky does not own the marina.

Now Felix has to learn the new method of navigating and be watchful of the several shoaled areas that suddenly appear between red and green markers. So Felix gets his boat launched and he begins his travels trying to remember the first experience he had in Wrightsville Beach some years ago. When Felix left the boat launch area on Bogue Sound, he turned left instead of right and found himself going into the no wake zone in what is called the "Turning Basin" in the middle of Morehead City. Now Felix can not take all the blame for this mistake in direction because he had consulted Tom who was at the boat launch dreaming of what it would be like to own a boat again. Now Tom had some solid advice for Felix about how not to run aground and that the back sound behind Shackleford Banks was a great place to practice the effects of shallow water. So now Felix was armed with this new advice and the knowledge of an old fresh water salt named Tom, Felix went in search of the Back Sound.

After Felix figured how to manipulate his GPS chart plotter, he set a course for this exotic destination that was famous for being shallow and unpredictable. But Tom was very sure and confident he knew the way in and out. Now Felix was positive that Tom said watch out for Green B#1 because you needed to go south of that marker. But who needs a compass today with all that fancy electronic equipment. Felix went the wrong way again. And you guessed it, he was aground. Very hard aground. So hard, his boat listed to port when it stopped.

Lucky for Felix, a small but sturdy walk around cuddy came by with a very nice and well dressed couple. They had their yachting uniforms on and they all matched in colors and insignia. They even had proper flags flying from their boat to represent several things of importance. But most of all, this couple witnessed Felix going aground. Now the couple introduced themselves as Leon and Mary Lou. Leon told Felix he was aground and it looked pretty bad. Mary Lou advised Felix he was not flying the proper flag on his boat and that may have contributed to some of the reason he went aground. Needless to say, Leon offered some salvage legal advice free of charge to Felix. As the tide began to come in, it was obvious that the hard aground would eventually become softer and then Felix could somehow get himself off of this uncharted island of sand and rocks that was hidden by all of this seawater. Soon Leon and Mary Lou saw there was no salvage opportunity here, so they left. Felix managed to get his little cruiser off the land that birds were walking around on and back into the channel. At least Felix did not bend his bow rails like Tom once did in the same area. So with a little pride injured Felix abandoned Tom's idea of sight seeing in shallow water and he plotted a course for Pelitier Creek.

As the sun began to set across Bogue Sound, Felix found the entrance to Pelitier Creek. Plowing sand and silt through the entrance channel, he found his way into the creek amid hundreds of crab pots. Felix had to find his way around each of them being careful not get any fouled around his props. Now that Felix was somewhat safe in the protected waters of Pelitier Creek, he forgot where and which direction the Pelitier Creek Country Club and Yacht Basin was located. It is getting dark now so visibility is fading fast for poor Felix.

It was amazing to find a swinging lantern of a light to his starboard side, Felix turned his wheel toward that light to find it was some members of the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron lined up to greet him as he arrived. What a welcoming party he had. To his amazement they even helped him dock his boat into the slip that had the power lift. Felix with the aid of Reid and Don managed to get his boat on to the lift and out of the water the boat was raised. Good thing it was low tide for Felix because he would have never found this creek as it was marked on his chart with small spit of land that comes and goes twice a day called the "BLI".

With many libations and several sea stories later, Felix was escorted to a condo Tom rented to him for the night. And a restful sleep Felix had as he too dreamed of the many adventure he would like to have cruising the Carolina Coast. The remainder of the evening was uneventful and Felix fell fast asleep in the "No Tell Motel".

The next morning Felix returned to the marina to find that his precious cruiser was gone. Clean steal, gone off the boat lift without a trace or a clue.

Stay Tuned for Part 2. "Who Stole Felix's Boat"

See you on the Water

P/C Don Breault
"Liberty"

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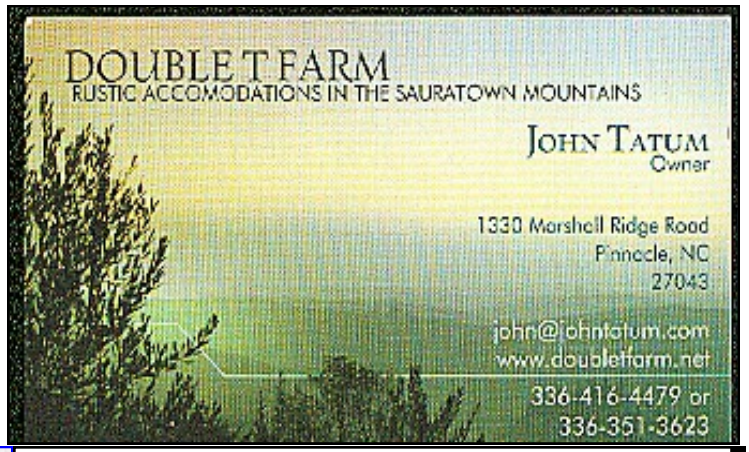

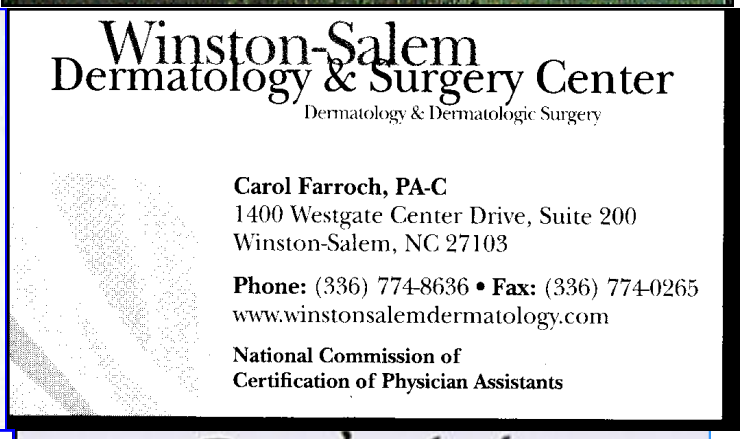

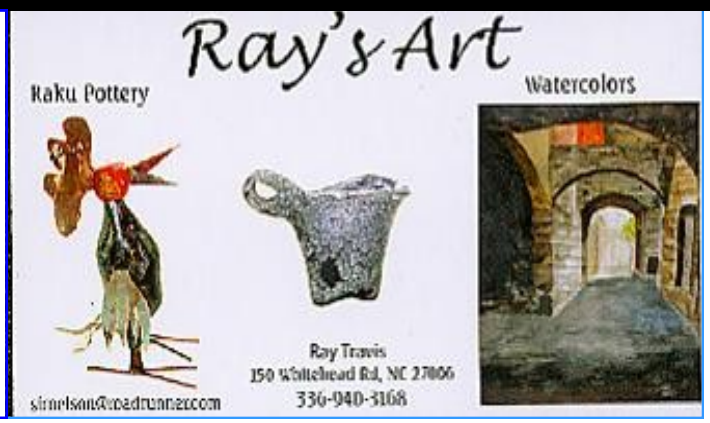

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Calendar of Events 2012

Date	Event Date:6/2/2012
June 2, 2012	Rendezvous': Mike & Marylyn Shuping "Coastal Retreat On The Neuse"
June 4, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "George Ellis House"
June 21, 2012	Monthly Meeting. (Thursday) Big Shotz Tavern, Clemmons. "Skin Cancer Protection by Carol Farroch"
July 20 - 22	Cape Lookout Raft - Up & 1st Annual Dinghy Race
July 28, 2012	Lake Norman Lunch Cruise on the Catawba Queen
August 6, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting "George & Margie Lamb House"
August 15, 2012	Monthly Meeting. Big Shotz 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 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. "Boating In Heavy Weather byAustin Caviness"
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 "District Restaurant" Trade St., Winston-Salem

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