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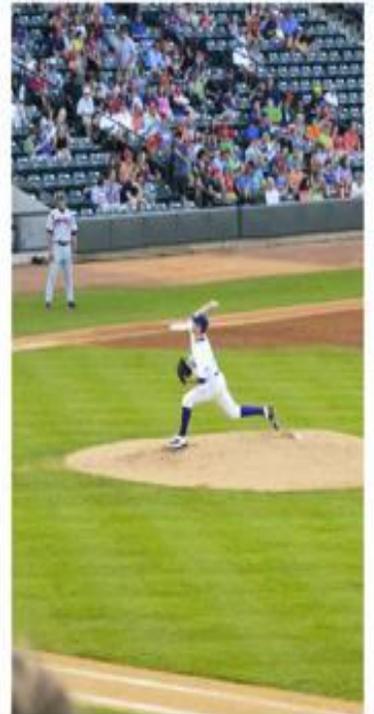
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Our meetings are always open
to the public. Please visit with
us anytime.

WSSPS Monthly Membership Meeting September 17, 2013 **Tuesday**

Lt/C Bill Davis

“Vacation Travel Options for Nautical People”

**River Ridge Taphouse
Clemmons, NC**

For menu: Go to <http://riverridgetaphouse.com>

**Social: 6:00p
Meeting 7:00p**

**Guests are always
welcome.**



Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron Calendar of Events for 2013



DATE	EVENT	Sept/Oct 2013
	2013	
17-Sept-13 TUESDAY	WSSPS General Membership Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse, Clemmons. Speaker - Lt/C Bill Davis "Vacation Travel Options for Nautical People"	
27-28-Sept-13	D-27 Meeting Greenville Hotel, 207 Greenville Blvd., Greenville, NC	
October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2013	ABC-3 Course. Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The cost for the public is \$50.	
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5, and 12, 2013	USPS Piloting from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem NC. The cost for the course will be \$70 (incl. Student Manual, RosePoint Coastal Explorer DVD, Plotting and Labeling Guide, Weekend Navigator, USPS Course Plotter (4" x 15"), and Ultra-Light Dividers. This course teaches near shore navigations and covers bearings, relative bearings, dead reckoning, plotting, charts, sounding, GPS, and other skills needed to safely navigate in coastal waters.	
7-Oct-13	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting "George Ellis House"	
26-Oct-13	Commander's Picnic, Wayne/Becky Creekmore's House, High Rock Lake, NC	
2-Nov-13	Childress Winery Tour Lunch @ 12n and Tour @ 3p. Directions and other details to be forth coming. k Lake, NC	
4-Nov-13	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"	
20-Nov-13	WSSPS General Membership Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. Commander's Year End Review	
2-Dec-13	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting "LTL"	
14-Dec-13	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party. Community Arts Café	
	2014	
4-Jan-14	D-27 Winter Training Meeting. NC State Univ. Club, Raleigh, NC	
JAN 26-Feb 2 2014	USPS 2014 Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL	
15-Jan-14	WSSPS General Membership Meeting. RiverRidge Taphouse Clemmons. "TBA"	



*" Ask what you can do for your Squadron
and
Ask what your Squadron can do for you"*

From the Helm

Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

It will soon be time to start thinking about Merit Marks. Please begin writing a synopsis of your good deeds for the USPS in general and the WSSPS in particular. Many of you are doing so very much for our Squadron that I may or may not be aware of or might forget. Don't be bashful, let me know/remind me of your service to USPS/WSSPS. I would like to submit Merit Marks for all of our members. There is still time for you to earn this honor. If you haven't done so already, DO SOMETHING and let me know.

Looking forward to seeing all members, guests and especially our newest members that have not attended recently at either or both our Bridge meeting and our regular meeting.

Our D-27 meeting will be held at Greenville, NC Sept 27 & 28. Please join me on Friday night at the Greenville Hotel, 207 Greenville Blvd.

Commander's Picnic

October 26, 2013

Wayne/Becky Creekmore

High Rock Lake @ 3pm

Hot Dog and Hamburger Cookout

We need a count of who's going so we can buy the right amount of food. Please call Becky or Wayne to let them know you are attending 336-859-3773 or send an email to commander@wssps.org.

Please bring a side dish or a dessert
and BYOB/chair.

\$5/person

Education Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



Well, Labor Day has come and gone, the outdoor pools are closing, and summer vacation has ended as the students return to school. However, the boating continues as cruisers stretch the summer a bit more and the anglers prepare to get in some fall fishing.

As we enter into fall the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will be offering two courses for members and the public.

The ABC-3 course will be taught at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. The time and dates for the course are 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Tuesdays, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. The cost for the public is \$50 which includes course materials and a 6 month trial membership in the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. This is a great opportunity for interested family and friends to learn about boating safety and be introduced to the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron.

The USPS Piloting course will be taught on Thursdays, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, November 7th, 14th, 21st, December 5th, and 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem NC. The cost for the course will be \$70, which includes the Student Manual, RosePoint Coastal Explorer DVD, Plotting and Labeling Guide, Weekend Navigator, USPS Course Plotter (4" x 15"), and Ultra-Light Dividers. This course teaches near shore navigations and covers bearings, relative bearings, dead reckoning, plotting, charts, sounding, GPS, and other skills needed to safely navigate in coastal waters.

Anyone interested in taking these course can email me at scoutingplus@aol.com or call me at (336) 414-6490. These are great educational opportunities for the avid boater to increase their knowledge and skills.

We have two seminars on the horizon: Knots, Bends, and Hitches and Basic Weather and Forecasting. These are short courses that cover topics that every mariner needs to know. We will be scheduling these seminars in the near future, so, watch for updates in the Crossed Anchors and the WSSPS web page at www.wssps.org.

If anyone is on High Rock Lake on Saturday, September 14th, please drop by the Scout bases on Abbotts Creek and Yachtsman's Cove near Southmont, NC. That is the weekend that Sea Scouts and Venturers will be gathering for the annual Davy Jones Rendezvous. The events are as much fun for spectators as they are for participants. Last year we had almost 180 show up for the fun and fellowship. If you've never seen a canoe tug-o-war, tire tube joust, or man overboard competition, this is a great opportunity!

See you on the water!

Kin



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

September, and the beginning of what would be peak season for the boaters in the squadron. Perfect weather, guilt from not having used the boat as much this year as you intended, fear of the boating season slipping away too quickly. Stress abounds. Now for us boatless people who now live with our inexpensive memories of how we enjoyed our boats when we had one we offer support for you and our sympathies.

We know how hard it is for you carry one with your love affair of your boat.

Which, by the way, since you will be burning much gas or diesel in the next few months why don't you download a chart of wherever you are going, check out some buoys, landmarks, marinas, channel markers, etc. and turn in a coop charting report? Or at least turn in the information to Wayne who will be glad to prepare the report for you, right Wayne? Of course. Also file a cruise plan with someone so we will know where you are going and when to expect you back. We like you so when X number of you leave the port we want to see the same number return. It's also hurricane season so keep in touch with your weather band. I know, I am preaching to the choir. Unfortunately I have to worry about hurricane damage to my family farm which is only 80 miles from Nags Head. And since my family is estrogen heavy (too many females, not enough able bodied men) I get to make the repairs by myself.

By the way did you know USPS is associated with the American Canoe Association? Didn't even know there was an American Canoe Association! Never know what you will find on the USPS website. For light entertainment and exercise of your brain for you seniors you should try cruising the website. Brain exercise and continuing your learning in life is good for warding off mental decline I am told.

In regard to the Administrative Department which is why you read this section of the Crossed Anchors I think for the September General Meeting I will offer a presentation on the numerous waterways I have been on, some of which you may not be familiar with. I know you think all I do is work all the time but ever so often they let me out of my cubicle to have some fun. So, if you are not on the water September 17th come to River Ridge Tap House to socialize and see my presentation.

Ship's Store

WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

Men's: Medium-X/Large

Ladies: Medium-Large

\$15 each

WSSPS 50th Anniversary burgees

\$25 each

WSSPS coffee cups & can "huggies"

\$3 each or 2 for \$5

WSSPS 50th Anniversary burgees

\$25 each

WSSPS Sweatshirt Medium

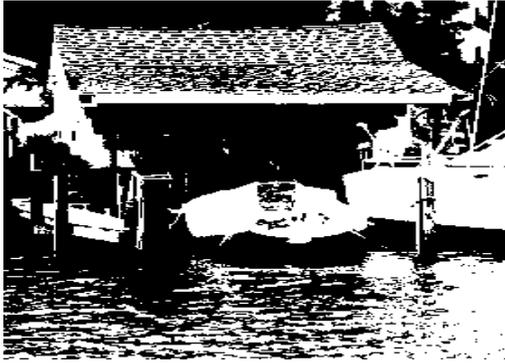
\$10 each

WSSPS license Plate

\$5 each

You can purchase at our Membership meeting or call Lt. Jim Frazier at (336) 998-6998.

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Fish House Chronicles

P/C, Don Breault
øLibertyö

“Boat Naming”

Naming a boat or renaming a boat can bring on a multitude of bad luck if not done properly. It can make your future boating experience something that you may regret and will want to forget if not carried out in a special ceremony. Renaming a boat especially is an event not to be taken lightly.

Since the beginning of time, sailors have sworn that there are unlucky vessels, and the unluckiest of vessels of all are those who have defied the øMythicalö Gods of the øSeven Seasö. Defying these ømythical ögods must never be done by changing a boats name without a proper ceremony to pay homage to these gods.

Research reveals that all accounts lead to a ceremony that involves lots of libations and offerings to the gods of wind and water. Some very elaborate ceremonies have involved backing the stern of the boat over the equator, or involving øvestal virginsö. A proper ceremony will involve the gods of the four winds: Boreas (North), Notus (South), Zephyrus (West), and Euros (East). It also involves the Mythical gods of water called Neptune (Roman) and Poseidon (Greek).

Legend has it that every vessel is recorded by name in the ledger of the deep and is personally known by Poseidon or Neptune. It is logical therefore that to change a name of a boat, one must purge itø old name first from the øledger of the Deepö and remove it from Poseidonø memory.

In order to do this, you have to find a øGrand Wizardö who is qualified and has been certified by Poseidon and Neptune to perform such a ceremony. If this is ever done by an amateur pretending to be a øWizardö then the purging of the old name will never take place and bad luck shall overcome the new boat.

Every boat has a spirit and those spirits must be awakened by a group of scaly wags and denizens of the deep to help with the name purge. A øWitch Doctorö and various assistants who pay homage to the old and ancient pirates of the Caribbean will assist the grand wizard in preparation of the actual ceremony. (they have also been known to be the keeper of the rum at the øFish Houseö)

The ceremony invokes Poseidon and Neptune to release the old name and introduce the new name by paying homage to the mighty rulers of the seas and oceans to whom all ships travel and venture upon. In appreciation of the dispensation in honor the greatness of these rulers of the seas and oceans, libations are offered to the majesty and court of the rulers of the deep. Then proper homage is paid to the rulers of the four winds. The four winds are brothers who will make weather something you will never forget if you attempt to leave them out.

Failure to do this ceremony properly by using the special and secret words only Wizards know how to use, can and will result in bad luck. This will also lead to many regrettable experiences one may have with a new boat.

Warning: anyone attempting to do this on their own can be swept away with a swift current or strong wind as these acts of ceremonial replications by uncertified and unapproved øWizardsö are never taken lightly by Poseidon or Neptune. Always remember to consult with the Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron for advice on who to use for help on these matters. Only they know the correct Wizards and Witch Doctors to use.

