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Basic Weather and Forecasting Seminar

January 7, 2014 @ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
New Hope Methodist Church,
5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston Salem, NC

Basic Description: a practical seminar on how to recognize weather and forecasting while at sea. Has no test or evaluation on your knowledge of weather systems.

This course will cover six topics:

- Air Masses & Fronts
- Winds
- Storms
- Clouds & Thunderstorms
- Fog
- Forecasting



Picture taken by Lt. Linda Brigadier @ Ocracoke, NC

Each student will have a seminar guide, and a Captains waterproof Quick Guide To On-board Weather Forecasting.

The cost for this one time valuable course is \$25. Both WSSPS members, family members, friends, and guests are invited to this seminar. Membership is not mandatory to take this seminar.

Those interested in this event must contact: P/C Don Breault at: saltyboats@aol.com or call: 336-712-0661 to reserve your seat at this seminar.

This will be a one time event and class. So register early to reserve your place in this class.



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Feel free to contact any of the above if you have questions.

Our meetings are always open to the public.

Please visit with us anytime.

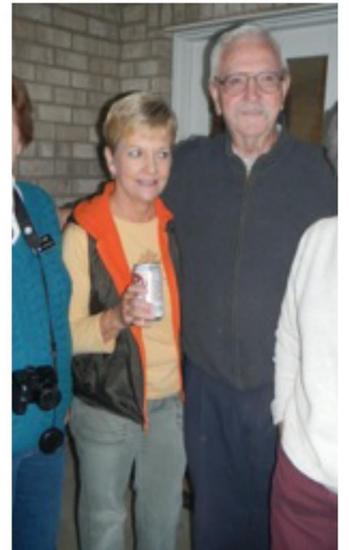
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2013 Commanders Picnic





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

From the Helm
Cdr. Wayne Creekmore, JN

On Jan 26-Feb 4, 2014, the USPS will hold its annual meeting at Jacksonville, Florida. This is a great opportunity to go to a National meeting within driving distance of home. There will be special programs of our 100th year anniversary. You will learn more about USPS that will enhance your knowledge and pride of being a member of the USPS. Please join Rebecca and me there to participate in the festivities. Even if you only come for a couple of days I really recommend it. Go to usps.org. for more information.

Coming up in March is the D-27 Change of Watch. Again it is a great time to be had. More on this next month.

Our own Change of Watch has not yet been finalized due to difficulties finding a suitable place for it. Hope to resolve this ASAP

The annual D-27 training program will be held at the NC State Wolf Club facility Our Squadron has voted to supplement 1/2 the cost of the luncheon for those who attend. All WSSPS members are invited.

Education Officer
Lt. Kin Cartrette



The Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron will offer the Basic Weather and Forecasting seminar on Tuesday, January 7th, 2014 at 6:30 PM at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive Winston-Salem, 27106. We have two seminars on the horizon: Knots, Bends, and Hitches will be the next seminar offered, date and location pending. These are short courses that cover topics that every mariner needs to know. Watch for updates in your email, the Crossed Anchors, and the WSSPS web page at www.wssps.org.

Anyone interested in taking these course can email me at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 414-6490. These are great educational opportunities for the avid boater to increase their knowledge and skills. We will be sending out another Survey Monkey survey soon to determine squadron interests in education courses to offer in 2014, so, watch your email and Crossed Anchor for details!



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Are your Christmas cards written and mailed? Have you ordered everything on line or shopped until you dropped to get your purchases done? Have you sent Bill Davis your menu request for the WSSPS Christmas party? Have you forward all the cute and/or serious Christmas e-mails to everyone? Are all your relatives coordinated as to when and where they are supposed to be for the children's Christmas pageant? Have you sent Bill Davis your menu request for the WSSPS Christmas party? If so you can relax and enjoy the rest of the month. There is a reason for the season you know.

The Christmas party at the Community Arts Café on December 14th is going to be unique. A first for our squadron so it's going to be interesting. Don't forget your \$10 exchange gift. Also I believe Groucho will be making another appearance to test your Christmas trivial knowledge. Probably a few other surprises in there somewhere. You can park most anywhere downtown on a Saturday evening. When you come in the corner front door go down the stairs and circle back to where the comedy club event is usually held. Worse come to worst follow the Christmas music.

At the moment the Change of Watch location may change. The Pine Brook Country Club is undergoing a renovation and won't be complete until the end of February. Therefore we may be switching to another location in February in lieu of waiting to hold the event in March at the Pine Brook Country Club. Standby on that one.

I like to go to the D-27 Winter Training Meeting in Raleigh the first Saturday in January. I get to see old friends so I recommend it for anyone wanting to escape the house in January. Let someone on the bridge know if you too want to escape.

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

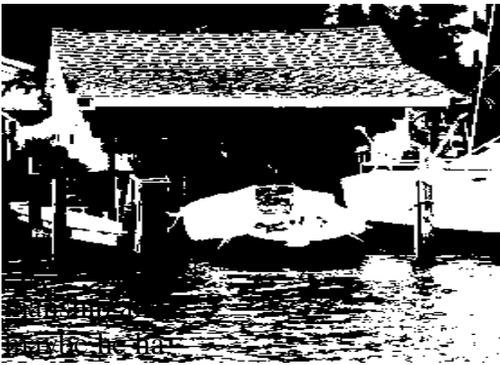
\$25 each

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.



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

Now that our fellow mariner Felix has finally mastered the art of sea-piloting or would like to impress upon you that it appears he has or yet got caught by those who are in search of the next recipient of that coveted Dewda award. Needless to say, Felix has been reading öField

& Streamö and öThe American Anglerö while he was waiting his turn to get his old boat fixed at the shop one afternoon. A couple of articles caught his eye as he looked at this picture of a man sitting in a fighting chair attempting to land a large Sailfish. Then it dawned on Felix that he remembered reading a recent copy of the öCrossed Anchorsö and behold he saw what kind of fishing Tom was doing. So at that moment, Felix decided that he to, can become the öGreat White Fishermanö of Winston-Salem. (Not to be confused with the legend of the öGreat White Hunterö of Pelitier Creek)

Felix gets his boat out of the shop, and he takes it back to his slip in Pelitier Creek and neatly ties it up. Now he begins to re-design his once trusty cruising boat to a replica of a Spartan type of fishing machine he saw in popular mechanics, that someone built in New England for fishing for those big off shore trophies. Felix fills the cabin with the discarded remains of some old fishing tackle someone placed in the trash at Frankø, and he also removed the new porta potty he got for his girlfriend (or soon to be ex-girlfriend), and he now can use that space for keeping fishing rods and tackle. Felix drills holes in the gunnels and creates rod holders. He super glues a 12 volt water pump to the inside of his cooler and creates a fish well. Then he buys this huge TV type of device called a öFish Finderö that he saw at West Marine. (It has a 16 inch screen) Felix drives over to Wal-Mart and buys a Zebco rod and reel, a bait bucket, a folding pocket type of fillet knife, some of that fishy smelling fake bait, and a landing net with a 6 foot handle. Now Felix is thinking he has not left anything out so off he goes back to his boat.

Felix takes down his entire canvas rig so that very little obstruction will be present in case he has to fight a big one. While Felix was doing this, Ricky came by and began to talk about the difference between non ablative and ablative bottom paint and how one brand works worse than his brand and why that is so important to know for a fishing boat. Ricky also sells Felix an electric trolling motor he found at the bottom of the creek one day trying to anchor his skiff in Reidø slip while Reid was out on a sea trial trying to fix his new engines that recently broke. So Felix pays Ricky for this old rusty looking trolling motor and he epoxies it to the bow of his boat using a gallon of that new öGorillaö glue. With the new glue trying to set up, Felix pulls out of his slip and begins to head out toward the Beaufort Inlet to a secret spot using the waypoint that his brother Hector sold him. After all, there may be some real big fish left waiting just for a lucky angler named öFelixö.

After a non eventful 3 hour cruise, Felix arrives at the way point that Hector sold him and Felix begins to fish for the first time in his life. He opens up a can of sardines he had in the galley and neatly places a sardine on to a number 40 hook that was tied with a granny knot to the end of his new Snoopy rod and reel combo. Felix cast his line overboard and he waits, and waits, and waits, for the fish to bite. After about 2 hours of being nothing but bored, Felix reels in his line. No bait left. No wonder he thought so he baited another sardine on to the hook, and again he cast his line. Now this went on all afternoon, and after 20 cans of sardines a slick of olive oil appeared on top of the water. Felix becomes disenchanted and he was about give up, when to his dismay, here comes Hector in his fishing boat. Felix shouts over the noise of his outboard motor and asks Hector if this is the right place? Hector responds yes it is and Hector was a little surprised that Felix did not catch anything at all. After all, Hector sold Felix all of the sardines, and Hector was hoping to make a deal with Felix on getting a share of his catch as a reward for getting him started on the sport of angling.

So Hector and Felix cruised together in a small formation back to Morehead City. Felix was empty handed and he got öskunkedö for his first time fishing. They got to the turning basin and Hector pulled alongside of Felix and said: öyou can not go in empty handed like this. You need to pull into the fish market here in Morehead City and go buy some fresh fish and tell everyone you caught them using my sardines, and be sure to also tell them you caught the fish at the place on the chart I sold to you as my lucky fishing spot. But make sure no one knows. öNobody knowsö. If you do this, and you talk it up at the Pelitier Creek Fish House, then I will give you another fishing tip free of charge because I just figured out what you did wrong.

And so Felix stops at the fish market on the way back to his marina, and he buys \$200 worth of fresh fish locally caught by some other lucky fisherman. Felix returns to Pelitier Creek and just as he docked and tied up, he pulls out of his make shift fish box, his catch of the day and brags to all the guys on the fish house porch about how many fish he caught and how many he had to throw back. This slightly inebriated group cheered for Felix. They even commented on how professional Felix prepared his catch with all the filletø neatly packed in a food grade type of wrapping paper. Felix explained to the crowd that he prepared all of his catch while at sea, and he threw over the heads and entrails of the fish so he wouldnø stink up the fish house while cleaning fish. Although we all know that the smell of fish in a fish house is something we kind of expect. Plus the smell of fish in a fish house smells better than the 2nd hand cigarette smoke that sometimes prevails with this crowd. Felix even passed out some samples of his fresh fish that he told everyone he caught off of Shell Island near Cape Lookout.

Everyone cheered and toasted to Felix as the new øGreat White Fisherman of Pelitier Creekø. The beer was flowing and the fish stories began. Felix felt right at home telling story after story about how many fish there was and how big they were. He even hinted that he may have to get a bigger boat one day to land those big ones he spoke about because his boat would not be able to handle the size of those fish. Everyone listened with intensity and with the exception of that occasional beer can tab releasing the internal pressure of a fresh brew being opened, there was a hint of silence while Felix spoke, because everyone likes a fish story.

Stay tuned for more adventures of Felix and his older brother Hector øGo Fishingø. The best “Fish Tales” are yet to come.



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



DATE	EVENT	Dec 2013
2013		
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	
14-Dec-13	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party. Community Arts Café 411 W 4th St, Winston-Salem, NC 6p	
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	
3-Feb-14	Bridge Committee Meeting @ Jim & Ginny Frazier	
"TBA"	WSSPS Annual C.O.W. "TBA"	
1-Mar-14	Bridge Committee Meeting Tom & Cathy Loveless	

