

CROSSED ANCHORS

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Bridge Members Needed for 2015

It is time for the nominating committee to present the list of members who will serve the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron for 2015. Are you willing to serve our squadron as an officer or member at large for 2015? Members of the Bridge attend the monthly bridge meetings where the business of our group is done. It is a great opportunity to participate in the decisions for the activities and meetings for our squadron.

I currently have members who are willing to serve as Administrative Officer, Treasurer, Education Officer, and 2 Members at Large. I am currently communicating with 2 members concerning the positions of Commander and Executive Officer. We are in need of a Secretary and 4 Members at Large Members. If you are willing to serve in one of these positions or would like additional information on these positions, please contact P/C Debbie Mayfield, S, acting chair of the nominating committee at 407-3927 or email djmayfield@earthlink.net. Serving in these positions gives members an upfront view of what is going on in our squadron and to help us plan for the future.

I need to have the nominating committee report out for the October meeting and newsletter so the elections can be held at our November membership meeting.

**PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING.
I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.**

Thanks,
P/C Debbie Mayfield, S



Commander

Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P

Thought I would start with some information about Wayne Creekmore, spoke with him 9-10-14 and he said he was having good and bad days. He is getting ready for another treatment. Says he stays tired and sleeps a lot. He's just following Doctors orders.

I'm sure all us send our prayers out to Wayne and Becky, we know if one is sick it effects both.

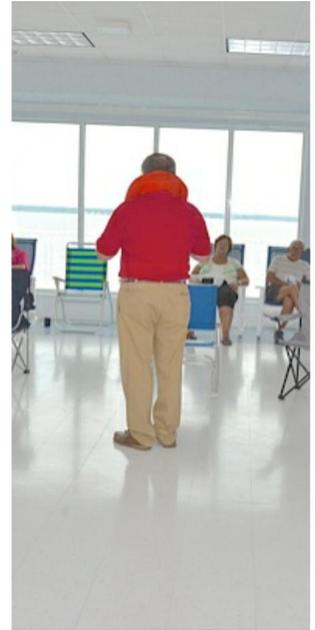
I want to take a some time to let everyone know what a great Bridge Team I have pushing me this year and the fantastic job they are doing. Also the people hosting our Bridge Meeting. We do what we can to help our Squadron grow, plan, create interest and keep all our member involved. The Bridge Meetings is not just for Bridge, it is for everyone. All our members are welcome to come. I invite everyone to come. We need öYOU.ö Your ideas, thoughts, strategies can be of great value and help in the way the squadron stays healthy. This not Eddie Squadron, it is YOUR SQUADRON and you are the life blood of YOUR SQUADRON that's called WINSTON SALEM SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON.

Please come out for the Commanders Cruise on Lake Norman and start getting things ready for the Auction and BBQ in October at John Tatum's farm.

Wishing all blue skies and smooth sailing,
Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P

ABC Class

ABC-3 Boating class at Indian Beach NC taught by P/C Don Breault with very little help from Cmdr. Eddie Shinlever. Every one passed with some special help from Don. There were 21 signed up but only 11 took the class. 4 did not show because of death in the family. It was a long day but Don felt it was well worth the effort and, man, did his Condo complex have a great place for a class. Don's planning for the class was superb. THANKS, Don. Great Job.



**Commander's Picnic
On The Catawba Queen on the Beautiful Lake Norman**



Y'all come out for a 2 hour cruise, cruising on the Catawba Queen on Lake Norman @ Queen's Landing, September 27, 2014, starting at 10:15am, with loading of passengers to begin @ 10:30.

If you need more info, call Cdr. Eddie Shinlever @ 336-725-6334 or email commander@wssps.org. Take a look on internet at Queens Landing on Lake Norman for directions and more info.

The cruise is \$19 per person and \$17.00 for seniors. There will be box lunches available for \$9.00. Sandwich choices will be Chicken Salad, Ham, Ham & Cheese, and Turkey, comes with tea or water. There will be a full bar on the lower deck.

You need to call by Sept 23rd the Queens Landing @ 704-663-2628, give them the confirmation #43143, tell them you are with WSSPS and tell them what you want for lunch. You can go on the cruise and not buy lunch. You will need to pay with a credit card when you talk with them.

See you there! Cdr. Eddie Shinlever



Executive Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Here we are 75% thru the year. I.E. 9 (September)/12 months in a year = .75 for the math nerds. In review of co-op charting work we have 202 points out of the required 123 points needed to make the honor roll so we are good in that area. When a pile of us are in Oriental, NC, later this month, we will collect some more credits if for no other reason than we will be looking for things to do on the water.

Next I took a copy and paste from the USPS website to see how we are doing with vessel safety checks and we are looking pretty good in that arena as well.

DIST# 27 SQUAD: Winston Salem Sail & Power Squadron

NAME	TOT.CHECKS	# PASSED	LAST CHECK DATE
Alexander Cooper	5	5	6/28/2014
N. Wayne Creekmore	7	5	6/24/2014
Joseph C. Grogan	0	0	
Gary Clyde Lewis	10	7	6/24/2014
John H. Richardson	16	10	6/24/2014
Barbara E. Richardson	3	3	7/25/2014
TOTALS WSSPS (6)	41	30	
DIST 27 TOTALS (121)	1631	1429	

Not that it has been that hot a summer until recently but I know most of the boaters in the squadron are going to take advantage of the usually great fall weather to get in the best of the boating season. Rumor has it on good authority a large number of our boat people (not the ones from Cuba) are doing this. I also plan to join my Greensboro Power Squadron friends on a cruise to Myrtle Beach the last of September. As most of you know I am a transfer from the Greensboro squadron and am still an associate of that group.

Last but not least wear life vests on the water and don't text while drive. That last point is what the AT&T customer representative that was no help at all said when we hung up the phone today.

How to Fly Flags, Nautical Flag Display

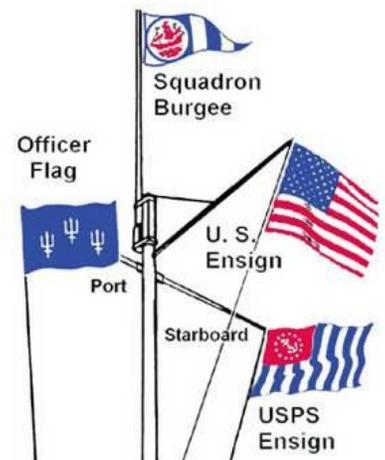
While *How to Fly Flags, Nautical Flag Display* booklet is probably the best resource on nautical flag display available to the recreational boater, some areas needing clarification were discovered after the booklet was first published. The purpose of this errata information page is to provide updated information to the reader.

The point of honor on your boat is always reserved for the national ensign of the vessel's registry or any other flag authorized to be worn in its stead (e.g., the U.S. yacht ensign or the USPS ensign.)

The national ensign is only flown from the peak of the gaff while underway. When not underway, it should be flown from the flagstaff at the boat's stern.

Flying the national ensign from the peak of the aftermost gaff is an *alternative* to using a stern staff. Also as an *alternative* to the stern staff, Marconi-rigged vessels may display the ensign high on the back stay, no higher than two-thirds the distance up its length. Although rarely seen today, traditionalists may continue the practice of attaching the ensign to the leach of the aftermost sail.

On Memorial Day, the national ensign is properly flown at half-staff until 1200 and then raised to the truck. The U.S. ensign should be depicted as shown in picture.



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Pig-Pickings & Auction At The Double T Farm



You are invited to a pig-picking and auction at the Double T Farm on October 25 starting at 3:30pm. The directions are as follows:

Highway 52 North. Exit Pinnacle and turn right.

Cross the railroad tracks and turn left on old Hwy. 52 and go to highway 288 at Shell station and turn right.

Go until you come to Cross Roads Store on left. Stay straight and pass Double Creek Fire Dept. on right.

The next hard top road to the right is Rock House Road. Turn right. The 2nd road to the left is Marshall Ridge Rd. Turn left and go to the end and you are there. 1330 Marshall Ridge Rd. Pinnacle, NC 2043

The charge will be \$15 per person for all the BBQ and sides you can eat. Please bring your beverage of choice, chairs and a side dish to share. Any BBQ left will be sold for \$8 per pound to support the WSSPS.

We will also need to coordinate the bread, plates, and plastic-ware, cups, napkins, condiments, etc. Please let me know if you are able to bring any of these items.

Don't forget to bring items for the auction. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year

Thanks! Kathi Vestal (kbvestal@triad.rr.com).





Educational Officer

Lt. Kin Cartrette



The Americas Boating Course ó 3 is scheduled for Tuesdays, October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and November 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. Please pass the words to boating friends! This is a great opportunity to educate the public on boating safety and spread the word about the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron! The cost for the course is \$50 and includes a 6 month trial membership in the United States Power Squadrons/Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron.

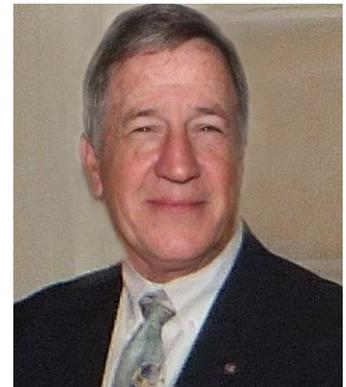
P/C Don Breault AP taught the ABC-3 boating safety course at Indian Beach, NC, to a large class two weeks ago. Earlier in the summer some members of the class had witnessed an improperly tied boat at one of the local piers take on water. Don used that mishap as a teachable moment to educate the boating public.

We are hoping to offer the Advanced Piloting Course this fall. This is the follow-up course to Piloting and goes into much more depths on near-shore navigation. If you are willing to help teach this course, please let me know. We have one instructor who has volunteered, but, cannot be available every week. If you are interested in taking or teaching a squadron course please email me at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490. We need your continued feedback for education courses this year! Please go online to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BLGW7DN> and take the 2014 Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron education survey. Your input is important in planning and scheduling courses for 2014. The USPS courses and seminars are excellent opportunities for increasing our knowledge and skills as boaters.

See you on the water!
Kin

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe Grogan, P



Although Labor Day is behind us and summer activities are winding down, we still have several events planned.

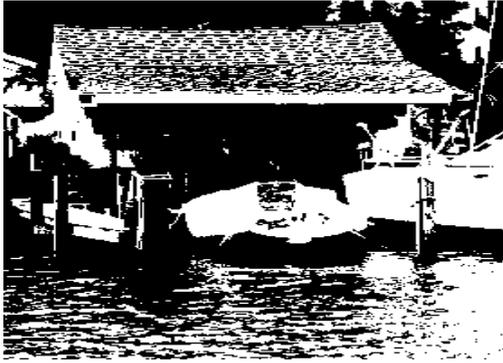
Our Commander's Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Lake Norman on the Catawba Queen. Don't forget to make your reservation by September 23rd, by calling 704-663-2628. Please use confirmation #43143. This is a great opportunity to spend time on the water with friends.

In October, our membership meeting will be a Pig Picking/Fundraiser/Auction at John Tatum's Double T Farm in Pinnacle, NC. More information will be forthcoming.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th at the Community Arts Cafe in downtown Winston Salem. Menu selections will be available soon along with additional information.

Come out and join your friends with the Winston Salem Sail and Power Squadron for the exciting upcoming events. As always, guests are welcome. Remember to always practice safe boating....and have FUN!

P/C Joe Grogan



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

“Lake Norman First Annual Pontoon Boat Drag Race” “A story about Men in Drag”

Now that the scene has been set for the Lake Norman 1st annual Pontoon Power Boat Drag Race, word got out from Statesville to Charlotte and people from all over various counties came to witness this knock down drag boat competition that will go on for a one day event only. The place on the lake was marked off by the Lake Norman Sail & Power Squadron, and with a little help from the local Coast Guard Auxiliary, they were able to keep the race way clear of other boat traffic.

The first heat would pair the fastest timed boat against the slowest timed boat in the qualifiers from the previous weekend. The 2nd heat would do the same with the next two qualified boats in line. We had 5 heats and 10 competitors with fancy pontoon boats. Some pontoon boats had up to 3 outboard engines and one pontoon boat had twin inboard engines and no one knew what he had under his decks, but that boat was fast!!

The crowds grew to thousands that were standing on some private property along the shore line, and there were hundreds of boats rafted along the edge of the course. There were thousands of people lined shoulder to shoulder along the Route 150 Bridge. These were all the spectators. They estimated there was over 15,000 people all looking to see this race. Every restaurant was filled. Every gin joint was standing room only. There was media coverage on TV and there were news helicopters flying overhead. The state police had to call in extra troopers to control traffic. It was reported that I-77 was at a stand still by the Lake. This was turning into the biggest event that Lake Norman has ever seen.

Celebrities from NASCAR came around to stir up the crowd. Race shops opened up their souvenir trailers and began selling memorabilia of the number 9 car and the 24 car. Soon the crowds were lined up to get a turn at face painting for their favorite pontoon boat driver. One woman had the name “Dwight” painted on her left breast and another woman had “I love Jimmy” painted on her, ?????!! well we just won’t go there. This is a family story you know.

This event did not stop the entrepreneurial spirit of Tom and Felix who organized a small flotilla of Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron people who would do on-the-water entertaining for the spectators that day. Here is what he put together with the help of Commander Eddy:

Hector & Emil opened up a bait shop on the deck of an old beat up pontoon. Buy one worm and get one free. Buy 3 and get a shot from the mystery jug.

Sheila has a water side bakery where she sells cup cakes shaped like little pontoon boats.

John Tatum has a floating band on a pontoon boat that will play for money or libations in front of your lake house.

Don has a pontoon boat that he sells clam chowda from. Sometimes he may substitute Lake Norman Muscles for clams to give it that “tangy” flavor of the Catawba River.

John Richardson has a floating barge, restaurant, hotel, and a drive through boat repair shop. His water craft was over 50 feet long and you should have seen the trailer he uses to launch this monster from.

Denny has his famous rum wheel of fortune on a floating bar with small boat slips to tie up to. This way he can go from county to county and never pay taxes on his liquor sales.

Tom has a floating investment office on a small pontoon boat selling futures in aluminum pontoons. He has a custom paint job on this boat that makes it disappear when needed.

Travis has a floating barge where he is selling his paintings and other craft items. His latest creations are glazed pottery items in the shape of miniature tree frogs and turtles in awkward positions. He has “Bö” driving the barge so they don’t go aground.

Reid has an inflatable pontoon boat selling Hanes T-shirts with a stenciling operation in the back where Tisha and Faye are making up shirts for the occasion. Some of the shirts have very colorful scenes of the drag race. The number one selling T-shirt reads: Been there- done that- and got this T-shirt.

What an event this has turned out to be. The race time was set for 2 PM with the 1st three heats over and done with in 10 minutes. The 4th and 5th heat took a little longer as these were the slower boats in this event. Then it came down to a 3 way tie between Dwight, Jimmy and a new comer on the lake, Toby Green. Now Toby has that sleek looking powerized pontoon boat that looks a little like a Fountain drag boat and a little like a mini pirate ship. Some say he has real cannons long the starboard and port beams just in case someone tries to pass him.

Now Toby won his heat with some questionable activity between him and Alex. He somehow sunk Alex's new boat during the heat and Toby would not even stop to rescue Alex. So Alex had to swim to shore. Some say that Alex did not have insurance and if he did, it would be void because marine policies do not cover racing. So the 3-way tie was on for one final knocked down drag race between Toby, Jimmy, and Dwight.

The Catawba Queen had the race committee on deck so they let Bill Davis fire the starting shot to begin the last and final race of the day. His shot was somewhat aimed at Toby because he did not know him very well but the shot unfortunately missed. And with the sound of a small caliber pistol shot, all 3 boats buried their throttles forward. There were splashes and squirts of water reaching 70 feet or more in the air as these 3 powerful family fun boats dug into the water making revolutions with massive wheels churning up water, weeds, and mud.

With in seconds, there were three distinct boats all in a single line with bows almost touching sterns. It was hard to see who was in front, but after another second passed, the leader was for sure not Jimmy or Dwight. It was Toby. Now Toby was notorious for cheating sometimes and he had a customized nitrous oxide injection system installed on his 2 high output drag engines. And when he saw he was in front, he hit that Nitrous Oxide and away he flew right out of the water hovering about 4 feet above the waters surface doing over 200 MPH. This race was over before it started. A new king of the Lake was crowned with the fastest boat on Lake Norman. Toby Green, also known for questionable deeds and unscrupulous actions if things did not go his way. So no one questioned his performance to see if it was on the level.

But when all 3 boats returned to Denny's floating bar, they tied up and, behold, the Wildlife Officers were waiting to talk to Toby. These officers had just finished their complimentary wheel of rum drinks so they were primed to look at Toby's new drag race pontoon boat. Now Toby already had an arrangement with Felix so when the wildlife officers came over, Toby gave them both a complimentary bottle of the world's famous hand made Catawba River moonshine flavored with the essence of the rare Iredell County Tree Frog Juice. Just as the Wildlife Officers were going to take the gift bottle, Jimmy and Dwight stepped up to the plate once again and advised them to not take a drink from that bottle. Dwight told the first Wildlife officer that if you drink that, you will be croaking for days. Then Jimmy stepped in and said that we need to discuss how the rules of the race were not followed by Toby, and that he also violated the basic safety rule of leaving poor Alex in the water to swim to shore.

So the Wildlife Officers, being conscious mariners, told Toby that he was disqualified from winning the race. With those words said, the news media in a floating pontoon boat nearby, began to take rapid pictures and they transmitted to their stations that "Toby is disqualified. With this embarrassment, Toby quickly got into his race boat and tried to untie his fast craft from the dock. Being impatient, he threw it in reverse and ripped the cleat out of Denny's homemade boat slip. Toby raising his fist in anger as he pulled away, said that "I will avenge this unjust decision" "You just wait". Now Leon was standing nearby and said to everyone, that man is an angry man and he sure needs a lesson on marlin spike. And he also commented: I wonder if he needs a lawyer !!

See you on the water.
P/C Don Breault
"Liberty"





Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron Calendar of Events for 2014/15



DATE	EVENT
2014	
CANCELLED September 13, 2014	Membership Meeting - Commander's Picnic At the home of Wayne & Becky Creekmore ,
September 27, 2014	Membership Meeting - Queens Landing on Lake Norman. See Page 3 of newsletter for more information.
October 6, 2014	Bridge Meeting - George Ellis-381 Hollybrook Dr., Advance, NC 27006 (336 941 9050)
October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and November 4	Americas Boating Course at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. Cost-\$50 and includes a 6 month trial membership in the United States Power Squadrons/Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron. For more info or to register
October 25, 2014	Membership Meeting-Pig-Pickings, Fundraiser & Auction at the Double T Farm (John Tatum's home). See page 6 of newsletter for more info.
October 17-19, 2014	D/27 Fall Council/Conference Mooresville, NC
November 3, 2014	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"-1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
November 19, 2014	Monthly Meeting. River Ridge Taphouse, Clemmons. "TBA"
December 1, 2014	Bridge Meeting "POT LUCK DINNER" Jim & Genny Frazier-154 Broadmoor Dr., Advance, NC (336 998 6998)
December 13, 2014	WSSPS Annual Christmas Party Art's Community Center (off 411 W 4th St, Winston-Salem, NC.\$25 for most meals. Steaks/prime rib are more Watch newsletter for more info.
2014	
January 10, 2015	D/27 Training-NC State University Club
January 31, 2015	WSSPS Change of Watch (COW) Bermuda Run Country Club
February 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill"-1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
March 2, 2015	Bridge Meeting - TBA
March 20-22 2015	D/27 Spring 2015 Council/Conference-Releigh, NC
April 6, 2015	Bridge Meeting - TBA





2014 BRIDGE



2014 Bridge Officers

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Membership P/C Dawn Gaskill – mail to: Membership@wssps.org (336) 785-0996

Asst. Educational Officers P/C Wayne Creekmore, JN

Members at Large: Lt. Jim Frazier S, David Jackson S, and P/C Becky Creekmore AP

Nominating Committee: Chairman P/C Wayne Creekmore JN, P/C Debbie Mayfield S, P/C Reid London N

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.

Ship's Store

WSSPS logo polo shirts (white)

Men's: Medium-X/Large

Ladies: Medium-Large

\$15 each

WSSPS license Plate

\$5 each

WSSPS coffee cups & can "huggies"

\$3 each or 2 for \$5

WSSPS 50th Anniversary burgees

\$25 each

WSSPS Sweatshirt Medium

\$10 each

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