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Feb 2015 BRIDGE Meeting



Commander

Cdr. Eddie Shinlever, P



OK for those not at the Change Of Watch, all I can is, YOU MISSED A DAN GOOD GET TOGETHER OF THE SQUADRON. I was a little out of because of having a reaction to a drug I was taking for a urinary infection. I had some trouble focusing a few time and a little unstable at least one time. Had to hold onto the podium to keep from falling one time. But made it ok. Our meal cost to the member was \$35.00, actual cost was just over \$ 55.00 per member, the Squadron covered the difference. People told me the steaks were really Great, my Salmon was equally as good. An adult beverage and GREAT music by Sammy O'Banion from Charlotte NC, helped to make a Great evening.

The member of the year award went to P/C Lt/C Joe Grogan. Joe did a lot more for the Squadron than most of you know. He has been a listening post for me all year long. Helped me with advice and understanding. He has donated door prizes, He did all of the Jonnie Mosser Picnic own in time labor and provided the food. David Jackson did the cooking. Joe also provided the door prizes and contest prize. He's done much much more. P/C Don Breault, AP always out front doing thing. The most important this year I think was the Indian Beach ABC Class. Don always has his act together when he dose something. I very much enjoyed being there. I chose Don for the Conley Smith Award for his involvement in promoting education. Don also received the Educator of The Year Award chosen by Lt/C Ken Cartrette P.

This year we had 29 people to Get Merit Marks. I also gave out 31 Certificate of Appreciation to people that have made this Squadron what it is. Our Newsletter Won 2 Awards this year - the District Communication Awards for our website and newsletter, making Linda Brigadier's work on the Crossed Anchors one of the best in the Nation. Call & Thank her for a very hard job.

My hat is off to All of you that have opened your homes for the Bridge meetings. It's a lot of work I know it and appreciate it. And the same is true for John Tatum and Lt/C Kathie Vestal for the BBQ at John's farm. You have missed a great day relaxing enjoying fresh air and being around nice people if you have not been there.

I have had a Great Year This Year simply because I had the opportunity to work with some great people.

For those of you that do not come to the monthly meetings or bridge meetings YOU are missing out on having so fun and camaraderie. Everyone in the squadron is invited to the Bridge meetings. Your ideas just may be the one we need to make our, "SQUADRON GREATER". I try to be the rudder, ALL of You are the SHIP that I hope to help point in the right direction. The meal charge for the Bridge meeting is \$10.00 each and I don't think you will be disappointed.

Thank you for allowing me to be the Commander this year,
Cdr Eddie Shinlever P

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe Grogan, P



This year's WSSPS Change of Watch was another successful event. I would like to thank all that participated in making this evening possible. Let us continue to support Commander Shinlever as we move forward in 2015.

Boating season is rapidly approaching and we are planning events for the upcoming year. This will include coastal and inland cruises and raft-ups. We hope that you attend some of these WSSPS events and share in the camaraderie among our members.

Do not miss our monthly membership meeting at Bleu Restaurant in Winston Salem on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 1800 hours. It will be "Boating Bingo Night," so be sure to attend and be a prize winner! We look forward to seeing you there.

Joe Grogan Lt/C



Executive Officer

Lt/C Bill Davis, SN

Well I thought the Change of Watch for 2015 was inspirational! Great setting, good company, good food (except the asparagus), and lively music. We don't often have occasions to dude up. Thanks to George, Joe, Shelia, Eddie, and others for this fine event.

One thing I have already noticed so far this year is the longer daylight in the afternoon. Not too concerned about the morning daylight as I am not usually up to greet the nautical nor civil twilight. I was also impressed with what I thought was a pretty good 2014 for our squadron. Joe and Eddie came up with a string of good events and I beat up on enough people without myself having to lift my finger very high to get my goals accomplished.

By the way I was nosing around to see if USPS uniforms and other paraphernalia are still available from sources in the United States. I suspected I could find some sewing shop in China that would make up our dress ware but somehow that didn't seem to be just right. Anyway I found this link http://www.commodoreuniform.com/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=2_3 and then I talked to the guy in Massachusetts about what he could do. He seemed to be a fairly small enterprise that specialized in tailored clothing. He was on his way to the USPS national convention in Florida at the time of our conversation but he told me he would first make me a coat and trousers to first try on for fitting and then I would send it back for final adjustment and addition of any insignia needed. His pricing seemed rather reasonable, particularly compared to what I paid Angelos for the suit I had tailored for my daughter's wedding in 2013. His name was Rick at rick@commodore.com for anyone curious.

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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.

Educational Officer *Lt. Kin Cartrette*



On Monday, January 26th, 2015, seven students attended the "Using the VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio" seminar at New Hope United Methodist Church. The class consisted primarily of Sea Scouts with three adults in attendance. The questions and comments were good and lead to great discussion. This is a great hands-on seminar with simulated communication using dead microphones or walkie-talkies.

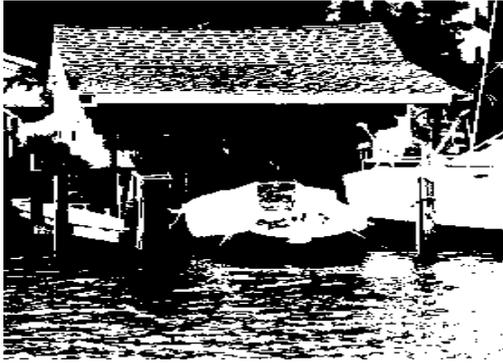
The "How To Use a Chart" seminar will be offered at New Hope United Methodist on Monday, February 23rd, 2015, from 7:00 until 9:00 PM. This is also a two hour course covering the basics of reading chart symbols and some very basic piloting. Cost for this seminar is \$30 to cover a chart and training materials.

On Thursdays, February 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and March 5th, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. the "Instructor Development" course will be offered at New Hope United Methodist Church. There is no charge for this course. This course is for those who want to try their hand at presenting before a small group, teaching, NASBLA instructor certification and re-certification. The actual number of sessions will depend upon how many sign up for the course. Please consider coming out and trying your hand at teaching and presenting in a "trainer friendly" environment! NASBLA certification needs to be update at least every four years.

The Americas Boating Course 63 will be offered on Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. The cost for the course is \$50 and includes a 6 month membership in the USPS/WSSPS. 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.

If you are planning to attend one of these courses, please let me know well ahead of time so that materials can be ordered 6 it usually takes about two weeks for materials to come in. 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. The USPS courses and seminars are excellent opportunities for increasing our knowledge and skills as boaters. We would love to fill our winter classes!!

See you on the water!
Kin



Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP

More Tales of Tarheel Tidewater

Felix discovers Water Skiing

With the winter taking its toll on everyone's heating bill and outside temperatures never reaching above 40 or more degrees, Felix heads south to find warmth in the sun on a Florida Lake to visit his long lost friend Bubba. Now Bubba has a shack on the big O that could resemble the fish house with out plumbing. But this shack has a class A dock with a go fast runabout type of jet boat. This boat has many drink holders for libations and beverages along with a built in cooler below deck so ballast is always available. But the best part is, Bubba has a wide collection of water ski and wake board equipment in this boat.

Now Felix has never been water skiing before. He asked Bubba if he would teach him and Bubba agreed for a small fee. You see Bubba has never been deep sea fishing before so the two drinking buddies made a deal that if Bubba taught Felix to water ski, then Felix would take Bubba deep sea fishing in Morehead City, NC.

That afternoon the two of them climbed into Bubba's jet boat. As Bubba entered the boat, his extreme weight listed the boat to one side and Felix being an average build of a young man looked like a toothpick compared to his enormous drinking buddy. The two of them keeping fashion with the local town in Florida where Bubba lived, had to wear Speedo's. Now that must be a sight to see with Bubba and his 350 lbs in a Speedo. Felix did not own a Speedo so he had to borrow one of Bubba's older ones that had some signs of wear and tear and may not have been washed before because there was a slight pungent odor coming from the garment. Plus it was a little loose on Felix but he did not mind at all.

So two middle aged men in Speedo's cruising on a Florida lake on a Saturday afternoon must have been a sight to see and remember for a long time to come. Bubba instructs Felix how to wear and adjust the water ski and how to hold the tow rope. Bubba gave Felix a quick lesson on various hand signals and off they went to the ski jump course. Bubba stops the jet boat and Felix gets into the water. Once Felix was all geared up and the tow line stretched out, he gives Bubba the thumbs up and away the jet boat flew. Now Bubba went a little slow such as 20 mph at first and he noticed that his drinking buddy was getting the hang of it pretty fast so he kicked it up a little. Now with Felix going 30 mph on 2 skis across a flat water lake, he thought this was some fun.

Then all of a sudden, Felix sees the inevitable course obstruction called a ski jump and Bubba was heading right for it. Felix hollers to his friend you "Bast\$@#&." Bubba thought he heard Felix yell "Go Faster". So Bubba went even faster. He throttled up to 35 mph and Felix was heading right for the ski jump. With little or no warning at all Felix found himself dead on and up, up, and away he went on the jump and into the air he flew. Both skis were crossed and flopping in the wind as Felix splashed into the water. Felix came into the lake with a magnificent display of what not to do when landing from an expert water ski jump. Felix bounced on top of the water for about 30 or more yards and finally he submerged with one ski still attached to his right foot.

Bubba looked back and saw that Felix was still up after that magnificent display of airborne acrobatics. And to his amazement, Felix was on one ski looking like a professional so off to the expert slalom course. One other observation Bubba made was that Felix no longer was wearing that too large not quite fitted Speedo. Yes, Felix was naked skiing on one ski and Bubba thought this would be a good Kodak moment. Bubba was heading for the slalom course and his jet boat was ramped up to 35 mph. Bubba reached for his camera and took several zoomed in shots of his best drinking buddy on one ski naked as a J bird. Now these photos would make for some very good discussions in the Fish House back home in Morehead City he thought.

Meanwhile off in the not to far distance were a couple of female wildlife officers watching this crazy man display his amateur and or maybe expert water skiing ability. But they also noticed there was only one person in the tow boat so the blue lights came on and in high speed pursuit, they made after Bubba in his Jet boat. The wildlife officers went past Felix in order to get bubba stopped and one of them noticed something very funny about Felix as they went by. Comments made were related to: "something

is flapping in the wind," or "is he fishing with worms" or "is his bathing suit just a little skimpy for this time of year." With some more smart remarks and a lot of comical smiles, the wildlife officers managed to get Bubba's attention and he complied and stopped his boat. Meanwhile, Felix went down like a stone into the water. It was at that moment he realized he had no swim trunks on at all.

Picture this. Two female Marine Patrol Officers are writing a 350lb man in a Speedo a ticket and there is another middle aged man in the water naked. All of a sudden Felix begins to frantically swim toward the boat as he spotted a snapping turtle trying to devour his private parts for lunch. To a turtle, a worm or small snake is dinner. He doesn't really care much if it is attached to something else. It looked good to eat so he was determined to get it. Felix was still frantically swimming back to the boat when he spotted one of Florida's famous wildlife reptiles who also thought little Felix was his lunch. You guessed it, a full grown 200lb Alligator. Felix cries for help and one of the Marine Patrol Officers backs her boat toward Felix. Poor Felix. He sees the two lady officers and he knows he is naked. Decisions have to be made as they are the ones who may save his life. Down went the swim ladder and up out of the water came Felix stock naked. One Wildlife Officer commented that things look a little breezy around here and the other said, that the water appears to be very cold and that a telescope might come in handy about now.

With no further introductions, Felix quickly walked from the Marine Patrol Boat to Bubba's jet boat and quickly donned a towel. It was at that moment the two officers were trying to decide to get a picture of these two middle aged men or to continue to write another ticket for indecent exposure. They settled for neither because the story the two drinking buddies told them was too funny to be true so they let them off with a warning and they ordered them to refrain from any more water skiing for the day or until they got another person to be an observer for the skier. Off the officers went and they both burst into loud laughter as they sped off into the broad part of the lake. Now Felix looked at Bubba and said that he did not like water skiing and he wanted to go back to Bubba's fish house and get a beer and something to wear. Off into the sunset the two buddies went. More memories on the water and not just for Felix and Bubba. I bet those two Marine Patrol Officers were telling everyone back at the station, "You ain't gonna believe what we saw today"

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



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.

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Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron Calendar of Events for 2015

DATE	EVENT
	2015
18-Feb-15	Membership meeting Bleu Restaurant & Bar. Social 6p. Meeting 7p "BOATING BINGO NIGHT"
23-Feb-15	"How To Use a Chart" seminar. 7-9p, New Hope Methodist Church, 5125 Shattalon Dr. W/S. Covers the basics of reading chart symbols and some very basic piloting. Cost for this seminar is \$30 to cover a chart and training materials. Email Kin Cartrette at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-6490.
2-Mar-15	Bridge Meeting - TBA
March 3, 10, 17, 31	The Americas Boating Course – 7-9p at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. The cost for the course is \$50 and includes a 6 month membership in the USPS/WSSPS. Please pass the words to boating friends! Email Kin Cartrette at education@wssps.org or call me at (336) 413-
1-Mar-15	Membership meeting TBA
March 20-22 2015	D/27 2015 Spring Council, Conference and Change of Watch is the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC. The telephone number is 919-872-2323. Ask for the District 27, United States Power Squadrons block to get the \$97 room rate.
6-Apr-15	Bridge Meeting - George Ellis
1-Apr-15	Membership meeting TBA
May 2015 TBA	John Tatum's Annual BBQ and Auction. BRIDGE Mtg prior to BBQ
1-Jun-15	Bridge Meeting - Bill Davis
1-Jun-15	Membership meeting TBA
June 12-14, 2015	D27 & D26 Rendezvous, Little River
6-Jul-15	TBA
3-Aug-15	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill" - 1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
August 25-30, 2015	2015 Fall Governing Board - San Diego CA - 25 - 30 August 2015 – Manchester Grand Hyatt
Sept 14, 2015 TBA	Bridge Meeting - Tom/Cathy Loveless
5-Oct-15	Bridge Meeting - George Ellis
2-Nov-15	Bridge Meeting - "Breault's Boston Bar & Grill" - 1200 Arboretum Dr., Lewisville (336 712 0661)
Dec 2015 TBA	Bridge Meeting - Rocky Johnson tentatively