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## Calendar of Events for 2016

DATE	EVENT
	2016
July 20, 2016	Monthly Meeting Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center) at 1800 hours. Program on Gun Safety being given by Proshots.
August 1, 2016	Bridge Meeting - Don & Sheila Breault at 1800 hours
August 12-14, 2016	Come Join the fun with other members participating in this event. Beaufort Pirate Invasion, Beaufort, NC. Call Beaufort Docks to reserve a boat slip. 252-728-2503
August 17, 2016	Monthly Meeting Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center at 1800 hours. Program will be a presentation by the SeaScouts.
August 21-28, 2016	2016 Governing Board, Pittsburgh, PA
September 12, 2016	Bridge Meeting - London's LTL, @ 6:00p @ 8440 Maeve Ct Clemmons NC 27012 336 766-6643 jlondon002@triad.rr.com
September 15-18, 2016	Come join the fun with other members participating in this event. Annual Oriental Cup Regatta, Oriental, NC. Oriental Marina/Inn 252-249-1818. 103 Wall Street, Oriental, NC 28571. Call for slip or motel reservations.
September 23-25, 2016	Joint event with the Greensboro Power Squadron in Southport, NC. Wooden Boat Show that Saturday morning, perhaps some Geodetic Marker hunting in the afternoon, and then a Ghost Walk that evening.
October 3, 2016	Bridge Meeting - Don and Sheila Breault at 1800 hours
October 19, 2016	Monthly Meeting Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center at 1800 hours
November 7, 2016	Bridge Meeting - Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center at 1800 hours
November 16, 2016	Monthly Meeting Ham's Restaurant (lower level Thruway Shopping Center at 1800 hours Elections and A Year in Review by Cmd Bill Davis
December 5, 2016	Bridge Meeting - at 1800 hours Home of Jim and Jenny Frazier, potluck everybody bring something
December 10, 2016	Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron Christmas Party
	2017
January 7, 2017	D27 Training
January 28, 2017	Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron COW

**CLASSES TO BE OFFERED BY WSSPS**

**PLEASE SEE ARTICLE WRITTEN BY EDUCATIONAL OFFICER—Kin Cartrette**

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# Commander

*Lt/C Bill Davis, SN*



It crossed my mind that I have been writing these articles for someone's newsletter now or about 10 year. Perhaps they have all matured to the point that if I start recycling them from the top. No one will remember having read my earlier topics. I certainly can't!

Moving on to current events I attended the District 27 Rendezvous in Washington, NC the weekend of June 17-18. It was clear from the locals that Washington, NC was the **first** Washington. Friday I sat in a meeting with Ken Link with other squadron folks and he discussed the idea of starting a speaker's bureau for the squadron's to share ideas and names of speakers to address our monthly meetings. It seemed obviously simple and straight forward but it will be discussed again at the fall district meeting.

Then at 8:30 AM I returned to Washington from my home place in Jamesville, NC (again map check everyone) to attend some kind of ceremony at the Pamlico River waterfront. Some saluting was involved but was unco-gent as to the history and purpose of the ceremony. Nevertheless it was a beautiful Saturday morning for standing around and seeing fellow squadron members from other squadrons.

By the way the hunt continues for you know what. I have looked at a few boats in yards plus my step son is also in the hunt. I must say that if you want to sell your boat it is sort of like selling your house or car. At least CLEAN IT UP! I guess there are a million stories as to why a boat is for sale but a little street appeal would go a long way.

Now if I may be the carnival barker for a while this fall a bunch of fun stuff is coming up. Oriental is a great place to be in September and I have heard that a number of folks have already made their plans for that event. The next weekend September 23-25 we will do a joint event with the Greensboro Power Squadron in Southport, NC. There are rumors about new life for co-op charting out there but for now the plan is to attend the Wooden Boat Show that Saturday morning, perhaps some Geodetic Marker hunting in the afternoon maybe, and then a Ghost Walk that evening. Of course you can pick and choose which events you want to attend but the main thing we hope for is good weather. Hurricane season will be in full force so all we can do is wait and see. I know of at least four of us planning to attend this event.

If you want hear about my Vancouver and Victoria trip you will need to see my daily blog. Good luck finding it though.



# Administrative Officer

*P/C Debbie Mayfield*

With boating season now in full swing, I am certain that our members with boats or homes on the water are enjoying the season to it's fullest. As to the rest of us, we are doing our best to get out on the water when we can. I just finished doing a harbor tour in Charleston SC this past weekend. Our winery tour to the Swan Valley Vineries was enjoyed by all that attended. One winery is also in the process of being licensed for moonshine. Looking forward, to our July Meeting, on July 20, 2016, we are going to have a program on Gun Safety being given by Proshots. For our August meeting, the Sea Scouts will be attending and doing a program for the squadron.

If any member would like to volunteer to do a program or willing to plan an upcoming program for one of our meetings, please let me know.



# Educational Officer

*Lt. Kin Cartrette*

Suzanne, Jordan, and I just returned from a week at Ocean Isle Beach. We had to put the boat in the shop for a malfunctioning trim tab which limited us to shore for the week. There were two small craft advisories during the week, so, we would have been limited to the ICW for most of the week had the boat been working. Of course it didn't slow Jordan from fishing or Suzanne from relaxing at the beach!

Even being off the water for the week there was still much to learn while observing folks that were out and about on the water. For the most part folks were obeying the rules of the road and exercising caution with the chop and stiff winds. However there were some folks who may have benefitted from one or more of the USPS courses. The most common problems observed were not obeying the "no wake" zone signs and a few folks on the water not skilled at handling their boats in the stiff winds and choppy water. Thankfully the Shallotte Sail and Power Squadron had their posters up at the boat ramps for the ABC-3 safe boating course. I hope folks took notice!

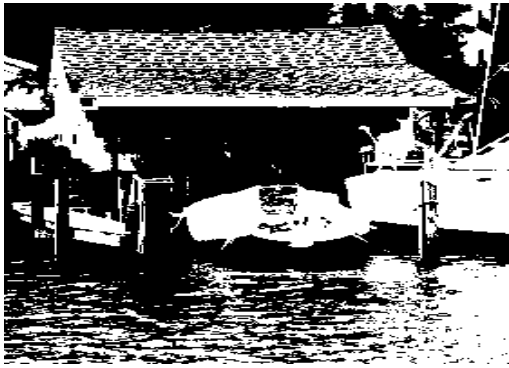
During the fall of 2016 we will offer two classes: the ABC-3 course and Advanced Piloting

Advanced Piloting will be offered on Thursdays, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at New Hope United Methodist Church at 5125 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem NC 27106. Cost for the course is \$70 to cover the cost of the Advanced Piloting Manual, Weekend Navigator, Rose Point Coastal Explorer DVD, plotter, divider, Bowditch Bay and 1210TR training charts, and shipping. The new AP course includes more training on GPS, radar, chart plotters, and autopilots. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to take this course. We would like to follow this course with Junior Navigation later in the winter.

The Americas Boating Course 6 Third Edition will be taught on Tuesday nights, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 until 9:00 PM at the Old Town Recreation Center at 4550 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. The cost for the course is \$55 which includes the course manual, DVD, and a 6 month trial membership in the USPS/WSSPS. Please encourage friends and family to attend this NASBLA approved boating course. The ABC-3 course meets the requirements for those needing a boating license in the state of North Carolina. The ABC-3 classes are also great opportunities to share information on the USPS and Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron.

If you want to register for one of these classes or help teach, please give me a call at (336) 413-6490 or email at [scoutingplus@aol.com](mailto:scoutingplus@aol.com). Course announcements will be posted in the Crossed Anchors, WSSPS website, and the Winston-Salem Sail and Power Squadron Facebook page.

See you on the water as soon as the boat is repaired!  
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# Fish House Chronicles

By P/C Don Breault, AP



## **“JOURNEY OF A DREAMER” Felix Creates His Own Retirement Act!**

If you are still saving for retirement with the hope that one day you can winter in the Florida Keys and enjoy your summers living the dream on a trawler in the Chesapeake exploring pristine harbors and beaches. You better think again as Felix has come up with the better plan. Retirement as we know it may be fading as fast as crushed ice in a warm Margarita. In just a few short years, the majority of the Baby Boomer generation will all be over 66 and at that time the intercoastal water way will have more boats than cars on I-40 at rush hour in Raleigh. Just think about 100 million people clogging the waterways with very slow boats and very short tempers and you have a good idea of where we are headed. Worse still, the government predicts that the dwindling labor force will be unable to support an already strained retirement fund called social security and just wait until that someone we all know builds that wall to our south. So many of us will be forced to work into our golden years just to make ends meet.

Retirement at 66? Ha! Said Felix. Give me my retirement now!

It is no secret that our country has swindled our God given right to laziness. Consider the subject of retirement. The word implies that we have worked, become tired, rested a little, worked some more and now we are tired again. Thus òRE-TIREDö. So with many of us òBoomersö working into our planned retirement years, the government is doing high fives thinking that this could be a win-win for them to help fix the deficit. Well said Felix, think again because he knows that the human body has a different plan. You see he has experienced that mid-life crisis of getting a fancy 2 seater sports car and now a live aboard sail boat. So the logic to this is taking time off to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Thus the continuation of his mid-life crisis is taking a temporary leave from the work force. The human body dictates that this is a well needed rest area in the road of life. Older more civilized cultures recognize the need for time away from work so they reward their working class citizens with long vacations and very early òretirementsö. We are a society that can base its civilized level on the degree of leisure it provides for its working class people. But maybe not in America. Why? Felix has some very good financial advice that we think Tom could agree with. Felix will tell you that we continue to work long hours and reward ourselves with sums of cash to place into our IRA so we can get stressed out watching it go up and down and then down some more.

Felix knows that with the shrinking labor force in a few years, his skills and talents will be worth more later than now. So why should he compete with all of the other workers for low wages now when he can easily re-enter the work force later to double his salary. To Felix, this is sound logic. His other justification for taking time off of work now is when he is older, he may be to burned out to enjoy it. Plus Felix has Mandy to provide his health care insurance and other expenses of cruising on a smaller budget. After all, his girlfriend Mandy has no plans of taking time off from work. Felix feels that doing an early exit from the workforce is a sacrifice some of us boat bums have to do. Thus he states that this is a health reason to exit the work force while he is still a young man. Therefore a doctor who is promoting a healthier life style can never disagree that this is the

right decision. So listen to the advice Felix is giving everyone. Live the dream now. Develop a journey in your calendar for visiting interesting islands and exotic ports. Invest in yourself and not your IRA. The returns are always increasing and they never lose value. And when your financial portfolio ever goes belly up, you will know that you never squandered your time and talents of living that dream. The journey of a dreamer is the best journey you can take on a boat. Because the destinations are what you make them to be. After all Captain Ralph said it many times. Get in the boat and just go. Make the memories from your dreams. A bad day of boating is better than good day at work.



See You On The Water  
P/C Don Breault  
øTemporarily Boatlessö



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