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**A HAPPY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL!**

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Calendar of Events

December

13 Christmas Party—In Lieu of Membership Meeting. Covered Dish— Deep Fried Turkey and all the trimmings. Centenary United Methodist Church 2300 West Friendly

20 ExCom Meeting

January

5-9 USPS Annual meeting— Orlando

10 GPS Annual Meeting

17 Ex-Com Meeting

December Birthdays

2	William O.	Young	16	James O.	Lee
4	Frances A.	Ward	17	Robert B.	Broadway
5	Betty S.	Burney	20	Jacqueline	Poer
7	Donna	Schultz	22	Robert M.	Kriegsman
8	Delbert E.	Foster	30	Patricia K.	Byrne
13	Linda P.	Turlington			
16	Ann M.	Fonville			

Patrons of the Breeze

Bob & Bev Armfield.....	<i>September Song</i>	Betty & Jeff McCain.....	<i>Adventure</i>
Keith & Kendra Bulla.....	<i>Whisper</i>	Woods & Julia McGinn.....	<i>Blue Moon</i>
Charles Collins.....	<i>Southern Life</i>	Jerry Newton	
Don & Paula Elliott.....	<i>Plastic Toy IV</i>	Bob & Betty Potter.....	<i>Sand Fiddler</i>
Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....	<i>Taterbug</i>	Steve & Chris Puckett.....	<i>Too-Tents</i>
Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....	<i>Islander</i>	Fred & Donna Schultz.....	<i>Titantic Too</i>
Richard & Judi Howle.....	<i>La Bella</i>	Tom & Jo-Anne Statham	<i>Allegra</i>
Clint & Jackie Jackson.....	<i>Blueline</i>	Mike & Geraldine Stokes.....	<i>Dad's Toy III</i>
John Lore.....	<i>Sea Robin</i>	Frances & Jim Ward.....	<i>Sea Star II</i>

“Thank You” From *The Breeze*

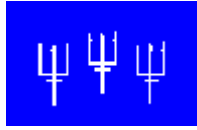
The following individuals made substantial contributions in support of our newsletter this year.

On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron, we thank the following sponsors:

David Carpenter, AP Sidney C. Mitchell, JN Delbert E. Foster, AP P/C Richard F. Howle, Jr., JN
 Thanks to your support and that of our many Patrons of *The Breeze*, we have had an outstanding publication this year, and we encourage your continued support. If you would like to become a sponsor or Patron of *The Breeze*, contact Lt/C Bill Cloninger @ 323-7553.



From the Commander
Julia C. Davis, AP



Executive Officer
Lt/C Stewart Colson, JN



“All good things come to he who waits-and hustles while he waits.” Thomas A. Edison

The Christmas gifts which remain after a gift has been given to each of the children attending our Christmas party on December 13 will be taken to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church to be distributed to the twenty children between ages eighteen months and 12 years who are supported by the Christian Social Ministries Council. The children are from two refugee families (Montagnard and Afghan) and several families moving from welfare to independence. If any gifts remain, the clergy will take them to Pathways House. Each year the Commander chooses the charity to receive our gifts. It is a joy to brighten the holiday for little ones who may have few toys or books. Please see the notice for the party elsewhere in this issue.

Our Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2004. Please refer to the notice later in this issue for details. This is the annual dinner at which the current bridge officers are relieved of duty, and the new officers are installed. The ceremony is an exciting event, and I hope all of our new members will join us to take part in this special evening. Following the formal procedure, the Past Commanders like to “roast” the outgoing Commander. This consists of recalling with great glee any blooper the Cdr committed during his/her watch. Some years they make the Cdr don a swimsuit or other odd attire. This is also the time for awards for members who have contributed their talents in an exceptionally generous manner to the squadron during the watch. Invitations will be mailed to the membership in late December.

Two recent graduates of the Boating Class have become members. C. Everett Thomas is an Episcopal priest in Asheboro. He is an artist in his spare time. His wife Phyllis likes to knit, crochet, and read. They have a 30’ sailboat. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.

Notice: The 2005 Greensboro Power Squadron Calendar will be available for distribution and for sale at the Christmas Party.

As the year winds down, there is not much left to do except plan for next year – to do the things you did not get done this year – especially more boating activities, perhaps to participate in several more squadron events. And the best way to keep track of those events is to buy two or more **2005 Greensboro Power Squadron Calendars**. The calendar is dedicated to P/C Bob Potter, P and features his boat, Sand Fiddler, on the cover. 13 more pictures of squadron member’s boats on the inside – along with a surprise photo! The calendars cost \$12.50 (our 2005 fundraiser) and include Squadron, District and National events. You may pre-order my emailing me, or buy one/several at the Christmas Party.

The first opportunity of the new year to participate in a USPS activity occurs 5-8 January, 2005 in Orlando, FL at the USPS Annual Meeting. Reservation forms and more information may be found in the Ensign.

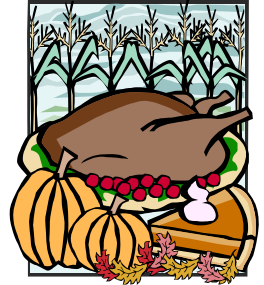
Paul M. (Steve) Stephens, III is a civil engineer with Landmark Builders. His hobbies are fishing and running. His wife Elizabeth enjoys traveling and the kids’ sports. Their sons Paul (age 14) and John (age 13) are also recent graduates of the Boating Class. Their 12-year-old daughter Claire and John play soccer. Paul plays basketball. They have a 26’ power-boat.

The D/27 Cooperative Charting Chairman, P/C Paul Long, SN asked that when members are using Map Tech on line charts, they should be certain to click on the nautical chart option. The city topo maps are not usable by NOAA. All scanned charts must be nautical charts.

My husband Bill and I wish all of you a joyous, safe and meaningful holiday season.



Don't Miss Our Family Christmas Party Covered Dish Dinner



Monday, December 13, 2004, 6:30 PM
Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 West Friendly Avenue

1 mile East of First Lutheran Church at corner of West Friendly and North Elam. Enter the church through the covered entrance.

Cost: \$ 6.00/person – children under 12 free

Bring: Your Children or Grandchildren
9 x 13 Covered Dish of your favorite Vegetable, Vegetable Casserole, Salad or Dessert
\$5 - \$8 Child's gift-wrapped and labeled with appropriate age and sex.
(Gifts not distributed will be donated Children's Home Society)

Menu: Your covered dishes, salads, desserts. (See above)
Turkey, rolls, ice tea and coffee will be provided.

Reservations Are Required -- Deadline Friday, December 3, 2004

Make checks payable to Greensboro Power Squadron and Mail to:
Julia McGinn
3910 Kalloramo Dr.
Greensboro, NC 27407

If you have not signed the covered dish sign-up sheet,
please call: **Julia McGinn 299-3604**



Educational Officer
Lt/C Tom Statham, P



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Tom Hamlin, P



Well, another year is winding down and there has been a lot of activity in our squadron as well as our Educational Department. I would like to extend a special thanks to the following members that have served our squadron as leaders in the Education Department. The Chairman Local Boards, Advanced Grades, Lt. Neal Sheffield, AP was very busy enlisting the help of the following members to be instructors in our advanced courses: Dan Kelly, JN-Seamanship (spring) Piloting (fall), P/C Al Pike, AP-Advanced Piloting (spring) Seamanship, (fall) and JN was tutored by P/C Karl Koebberling, JN and P/C Paul Long, SN.

The Chairman Local Boards, Elective Courses, P/C Karl Koebberling, JN, recruited Walker Stevens, SN to instruct Marine Electronics, and Lt Jerry Newton, III, AP, Engine Maintenance. Lt Bill Davis, AP, had his hands full heading up both the spring and fall Boating Courses.

It goes without saying that these are some of the most demanding positions in the Squadron and some times the least thanked. When you see any of these members this winter, be sure and thank them for their many contributions. Even better, the next time you see ANY of your past instructors, be sure and thank them too. There have been no pay raises for instructors in the past few years, so a pat on the back would be well received.

Now is the time to ponder many things as the New Year is about ready to unfold before us. One thing the Education Department needs you to consider is what courses you would like to take next spring. I would also like to hear from you, if you have an interest in instructing any of our courses. Let me know your thoughts. If my bride, Jo-Anne, should ask any of you if there is anything nautical I might like for Christmas, be sure and tell her about the 38' Carver aft-cabin for sale in New Bern

A Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night! Gotta go.

This is the last article for 2004. It has been a pleasure serving you as Administrative Officer for the last few months of the year filling in for Cindy due to her relocation to California. I have learned a lot, and I thank you for your support and your encouragement. Cindy is an easy person to inherit responsibilities from as she was dedicated, organized, and efficient.

Don't forget our last meeting of the year is our Christmas Dinner at Centenary United Methodist Church on Monday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$6.00 a person. Bring a 9X13 vegetable or casserole, salad or dessert. In addition, bring a child's gift wrapped and labeled with appropriate age and sex. We hope to see Santa sometime that night with gifts to distribute.

All members are welcome to join us for a pre-business meeting dinner at the K & W Cafeteria at Friendly Shopping Center (every 2nd Monday except December). We reserve tables at the left rear (as you exit) of the cafeteria. Come about 6:15pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.



BREEZE ADVISORIES



This section is to provide information to GPS members. **POST UPCOMING EVENTS HERE.** If you have a boating related item for sale, list it here. If you are looking for a partner to charter a boat, post it here. If you run across a new marina or restaurant on the coast that you think others might enjoy, let us know. Contact Tom 852-8411 or if possible TSTAT@AOL.COM

Greensboro Power Squadron's 31st Annual

Change of Watch Ceremony

Saturday, February 5, 2004

Cardinal Golf and Country Club
5700 Cardinal Way Greensboro, NC

Price per Person - \$35.00
(Salad, Choice from Prime Rib or Seafood Newberg
Vegetable, Starch, Rolls, Tea/Coffee, Dessert)



Cash Bar

Invitations to be mailed

Uniform A or Suitable Civilian Attire

USPS ANNUAL MEETING

The USPS Annual Meeting will be on January 5 to 8, 2005 at the Rosen Hotel in Orlando, FL. Room reservations may be made at the Rosen by calling (800) 204-7234 or the hotel direct at (407) 996-9840. Rooms are available at the USPS rate of double \$88.00. They are going fast.

1984 MIRAGE 5.5 SAILBOAT 20' Club racer/Cruiser, trailer-GC. Lg. Cab-sleeps 4. 2 sets of sails, 2 gel batts, 3 hp Johnson OB, 1200 lb swing keel, \$2,900 [Lee Ann Earles@ 297-0353](#) or [260-1714](#)

1985 Grady White 19' open bow Tournament, 150 hp Evinrude, Long galvanized trailer. VHF, Fish & Depth finders. Guaranteed to catch fish. GC offers, [Contact Bernie Wall @299-9384](#)

SAIL BOAT PARTNERSHIP AVAILABLE- The Orion V, a like new (2000) 38' Catalina is docked at Whitaker Creek in Oriental, NC. [Contact Dan Kelly, JN @ 288-9552.](#)

C'est La Vie by Larry and Madge Williams

Last May we boarded our 36 ft Monk Trawler and headed north – destination Canada! We went up through the Chesapeake Bay, C & D Canal, Delaware Bay and River to Cape May, NJ. From there it was outside to Sandy Hook, through the exciting New York Harbor and up the beautiful Hudson River to Troy, NY. It was at Troy that we were to experience our first deep lock (approx. 35 ft. lift). We had read “Skipper Bob” in which he gave the depth of each lock and listed whether the lock had cable, pipe or rope for tie up. Pipe and cable meant you would tie up amidships by grabbing hold with a boat hook and tying your own line around it. Rope meant that you would grab the ropes hanging down the sides both at the bow and stern. Three large fenders were required because you never knew on which side of the lock you would be asked to tie up. We were very apprehensive as we approached with our thick gloves on and a boat hook placed both bow and stern for hooking the heavy ropes. Fortunately, all went well and we were on our way to Waterford where we tied up for 2 days on the expansive free dock at their Visitors' Center. It was a good opportunity to rest up, provision and just enjoy the town.

From Waterford we entered a series of 5 locks going from 15 ft to 184 ft above sea level, taking over 2 hrs to complete the locking and enter into the Erie Canal. It was an interesting and fun trip going through the canal and it's 18 more locks ranging from 8 to forty feet in height. Just beyond Rome we reached the highest point of the eastern section of the canal and from there on we were locking down. We stopped and moored on the walls of several small towns along the way – this being the most enjoyable part of the trip – and on to Canal Junction where we turned north and entered the Oswego Canal with it's 8 locks. We spent 2 days at the friendly little town of Phoenix for laundry, hair cuts and visiting with local people. We then spent 3 days at Oswego provisioning, fueling and waiting for good weather to cross Lake Ontario into Kingston with a side stop into Sackets Harbor, NY.

After a 5 day visit in Kingston it was time to approach the Rideau Canal which runs north and parallel to the St Lawrence Seaway. The Rideau is a very beautiful, sometimes shallow (5 ft) and narrow with a rocky bottom and sides. It has 49 locks – now charted as ecluses - usually 8 ft to 10 ft lifts which are sometimes combined as “stair steps” or “step” locks. Manual devices called “crabs” are hand operated by park personnel. They also will hand or throw you lines so that you do not have to grab for them with your boat hook. In Canada the approach to the locks are docks with blue lines painted on them. When waiting for the opening you tie up next to the blue line. If there is no blue line you are welcome to stay for the night.

Each Lockmaster is responsible for the grounds around their lock and most are well kept with flowers blooming all around. Some have bathroom facilities and museums to make an overnight stop very pleasant. Speed limits of 6 to 10 MPH are not unusual.

The Rideau takes you by many small towns and on to Ottawa where you can tie up to the wall in the middle of town right in the shadow of the Canadian Parliament building before approaching the 8 lock “staircase”. This takes you down into the Ottawa River on into the St Lawrence and to Montreal. One lock on the way is at Carillon which has a 65 ft drop. When you enter into this lock you tie onto a floating dock which takes you up or down. Two large locks on the St. Lawrence are for large commercial ships so pleasure boaters have to wait for an opening – our wait was 4 ½ hours between the 2 locks. Going on into Montreal we had to buck 5 ½ knot current for nearly 3 miles to get into the harbor.

After spending a week in Montreal we went on down the St Lawrence to Sorrel. This is the beginning of the Richelieu Canal and the northernmost point of the trip. The Richelieu is manually operated and much like the canals of France. It takes you from 12 ft above sea level at the St Lawrence to 96 ft at Lake Champlain via 10 locks. Spring lines were required in these locks because of the force of the water coming in. The Lockmaster would sometimes hold you up to allow on-coming boats to clear very narrow points in the canal where passing was dangerous or nearly impossible.

The Richelieu led us back to the US Border and into the beautiful Lake Champlain – into the Champlain Canal with it's 12 locks and back into the Hudson River for the return trip with only the 2 locks in the Dismal Swamp Canal left. After 3 months, 19 days and a total of 2500 statute miles we were home again. It was a great trip – we highly recommend it to all.

Larry and Madge Williams “C'est La Vie”



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