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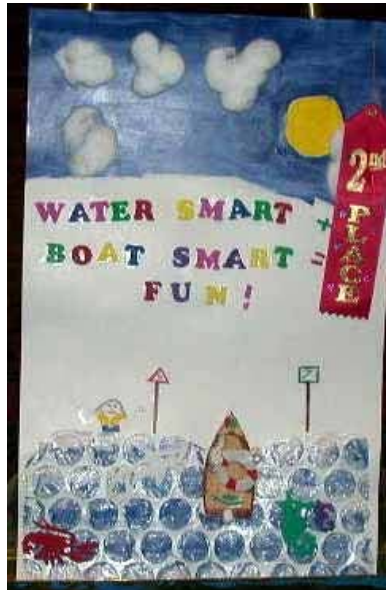
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Entry Recognized in USPS Poster Contest
At the USPS Fall Governing Board in Jacksonville, FL our own Taylor Gordy placed 2nd in the 6-8 age category

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Calendar of Events

October

- 2 Big Sweep– Belews Lake
- 11 Membership Meeting
- 18 ExCom Meeting
- 15-17 Fishing Rendezvous-Morehead
- 20 Boating Class Exam

November

- 8 Membership Meeting
- 15 ExCom Meeting

3 Ladies Luncheon –The Painted Plate

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

October Birthdays

2	J. Jones	McCall	25	Alexander	Wrenn
3	Virginia	Deich	28	Mary Grace	Hicks
4	Sam D.	Hummel	29	William C.	Barrett III
12	Fred J.	Schultz	30	Ronald Mims	Pittman
21	Dan W.	Chance	31	Beverly B.	Armfield
	Jeff B.	McCain			

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“Thank You” From *The Breeze*

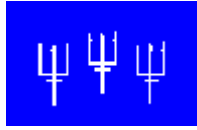
The following individuals made substantial contributions in support of our newsletter this year.

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



“When facing a difficult task, act as though it is impossible to fail. If you’re going after Moby Dick, take along the tartar sauce.” H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

It is with deep regret that we said farewell to our Administrative Officer, Lt/C Cindy Tilton, AP who has moved to California to join her husband who accepted a new position. We knew she would be leaving, but it took place in less than two weeks. There was not time for a celebration for her. She fulfilled her duties with precision, dignity and a delightful sense of humor. She will serve well any squadron she chooses to join. We are grateful for her dedication, and we wish her success and joy in the sun! Her letter to you is found later in this issue. I will publish her e-mail and snail mail addresses when she sends them.

GPS is very fortunate that Tom Hamlin, S is willing to serve as Administrative Officer for the remainder of this watch. He has served as Membership Chairman for several watches, and he is currently Assistant SEO. Lt/C Tom is the type of person who promptly and cheerfully does whatever the squadron needs. D/C Steve Puckett, AP administered the oath of office to Tom at the September membership meeting.

One of our goals this year is to have new members involved in activities promptly. If you would like to help with coming events, please call: Lt Dan Chance, P-665-9113 for Operation Big Sweep, Lt Julia McGinn-299-3604 for the Christmas Party, P/C Jim Friedrichs, AP-315-5308 for the Fishing Rendezvous, or Lt Bill Davis, AP-282-3790 for the Boating Course. It is fun to work on events together, and this offers a great opportunity to get to know others. We could use your fresh ideas. I have read that members of organizations can be described in three categories: Those who “Make it happen”, those who “Watch it happen”, and those who “Don’t know what is happening”. We can use more of the first type. If you have not found a way to offer your talents, please call me at 282-3790. Together we will identify a niche for you. We are glad that you chose to join GPS!

With the year slowly drawing to a close, the number of opportunities to support the activities of the squadron is dwindling. The Big Sweep Cleanup at Belew’s Lake on Oct 2nd is probably over and I hope you were there to help. There is one more opportunity to attend a D/27 function this year – but you will have to hurry. The D/27 Fall Council/Conference in Hickory, NC is 8-10 October. Call me or see a previous Breeze for more information. You need to see our own D/C Steve Puckett conduct the meetings!

Two opportunities to plan for in the early part of next year are the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL 5-9 January and the Greensboro Boat Show 25-27 February. Information about the USPS Annual meeting will be found in the Ensign. If you have never been to a USPS meeting, this one would make a good beginning for you. The weather in Florida at that time of year should be better than the weather in Greensboro.

The Greensboro Boat Show is our major contact with people to enroll in our Boating Course. Since this is where we obtain a large number of new members, we will be asking for your help to man the GPS booth at the Boat Show. More about this next month, but please mark these dates to contribute a two hour block of time at the show.

The 2005 Boat Calendar fundraiser has boat pictures for all 13 months (January thru January), and orders for the calendar will be taken at the squadron membership meetings beginning in October. Please bypass the hanging wall calendars you will find in the bookstores and save your money for this squadron fundraiser. The calendar will contain the schedule of Squadron, District and National events – as well as they are known – and will make excellent planning guides as well as gifts. At \$12.50 a calendar, the price compares very well with commercial calendars and goes toward a worthy cause.

ANNUAL FISHING RENDEZVOUS OCTOBER 15 AND 16, 2004 MOREHEAD CITY

Please fill in the form below and return it to P/C Jim Friedrichs at 3514 W. Wendover Ave. Greensboro NC 29407 no later than Monday, October 11th.

A block of rooms has been reserved for GPS at the Hampton Inn, 4035 Arendell St., Morehead City. Telephone 252-240-2300. Rates are \$73 and \$83 per night landside and water side, respectively. Rooms are being held until 15 September.

16 October, Saturday fishing begins at any time after sunrise. Weigh in at 1500 at John Lore's condominium dock. The docks are just West of the State Port on the Morehead City waterfront. Dock is at marker G"5" that is located at 34° 43.2' N and 76° 42.2' W. Come inside outer breakwater and dock will be on right. The catches will be judged for:

- ⇒ · Most fish: The minimum length considered will be six inches. Fish must be caught with rod and reel. (No hand grenades or other explosive devices will be allowed this year) **Also the fish must meet the North Carolina season, size and bag limits.**
- ⇒ · Largest fish.
- ⇒ · Ugliest fish
- ⇒ · A category held in reserve to be used at the discretion of the judges.

Name: _____

Cocktail Party 15 October, Friday, 1800 at Betty Potter's, 113 Pond Drive, Atlantic Beach. The squadron will provide wine, beer and soft drinks. Please bring an appetizer to share. Number attending: _____

Will bring a boat: **YES / NO**. Boat name: _____

Will be crew on a boat: **YES / NO**. Boat name: _____

Need boat assignment: **YES / NO**.

The cocktail hour is scheduled to begin at 1730 in our hospitality suite at the Hampton Inn. Dinner has been arranged for 1900 at The Spouter Inn, 218 Front St., Beaufort. We will be able to order from the menu and separate checks have been arranged. Number of persons to attend the dinner: _____

To allow us to plan for the various activities please return the form by 11 October with a check for five dollars per person made out to Greensboro Power Squadron to cover the expenses for the rendezvous.





Educational Officer
Lt/C Tom Statham, P



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Tom Hamlin, S



Well, another fall education season is off and running. We have Lt Jerry Newton, AP, instructing *Engine Maintenance* on Thursday nights. This is always an interesting course and much is learned when students share their own life experiences as it pertains to the operation of the many mechanical procedures involved in modern boating.

Also on Thursday night, we are offering *Piloting* under the expert tutelage of Lt Dan Kelly, JN. Dan will be teaching the first of the new and revamped courses focusing mainly on electronic navigation. The new course will rely primarily on mastering Global Positioning System (GPS) skills since most modern mariners use the GPS as their primary navigational instrument. Fear not, traditional charting is also taught, because we all know electronics can and do fail. Besides, any cruise should start out with a careful review and plan, using all charts that cover the proposed route. Normally we offer advanced grade courses on Tuesday's. However the consensus of the class was to meet on Thursdays.

P/C Al Pike, AP, is instructing *Seamanship* on Tuesday nights. We have a good turn out of many of our new members. I encourage any member (new or old) to take advantage of our excellent courses when they are offered next year. Seamanship is an excellent foundation for all of our courses.

Last but not least, a special thanks to Lt Bill Davis, AP, and all of his instructors, greeters, graders, and proctors for once again turning out for the *Public Boating Course*. Student turn out is a little lower than usual, but they all seem enthusiastic and eager to learn. As always, all members are encouraged and welcomed as mentors at any of our courses, but nowhere is the need greater than at the *Public Boating Course*. That's it for this month, gotta go.

You will notice a new face for the Administrative Officer. Cindy Tilton has moved to California to join her husband, Chris who had a good business opportunity and has been in California several months waiting for their Greensboro home to sell. We will miss Cindy and appreciate all the work and creativity she has provided these last 9 months to the Power Squadron.

If you were not there, you missed a gala celebration of our 30th Anniversary as a Power Squadron on September 24th at Bryan Park. Wonderful food, door prizes, and a 21-piece orchestra-playing till we dropped. Thanks to Shirley Kern, Vinnie Gordy, and their entire committee for a wonderful event.

Our fishing rendezvous will be October 15 – 17 at Morehead City. Jim Friedrichs and Jim Chandler will be coordinating this event. If you have not already signed up, contact either Jim directly, and see if there are still opportunities for sign ups. Please note the original information as to the weigh-in at John Lore's condo were not correct. His condo is west of State Port at green marker #5 with GPS co-ordinates of L34 43.2 North and Lo 76 42.2 West. It is on the ICW at the west end of Morehead City next to Port Side Marina.

The speaker on October 11 for membership is Mark Mandrano who is head of the local Sea Scout Ship. USPS has made an agreement with this organization, and we look forward to learning more about how they serve youth.



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

Notice to members: If there are any changes needed to your listing in the roster, please contact P/C Paul Long, SN. paul.long@earthlink.com

Meet our new Administrative Officer: Lt/C Tom Hamlin, S

I was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma on an air force base as dad was in the military during World War II. We moved a lot but eventually moved to Durham, NC where I finished public school and attended UNC-Ch with graduation in 1966. I spent 3 years in the military - 1 year in the US, 1 year in Germany (Dachau), and a little less than 1 year in Viet Nam. After interviews for career jobs, I was offered a position in auto claims with State Farm Insurance in Greensboro for whom I worked 35 years before my retirement in May 2004.

Mary and I have been married for 31 years and are proud parents of Sara Beth Hamlin Verm, who is presently working as a volunteer with husband Justin in Rubio, Venezuela at a Young Life Camp, and son Jonathan, who lives in Tega Cay, SC and works as a computer developer in Charlotte. We are members at First Presbyterian Church where I have been a deacon, elder, and worked on many of their Outreach Ministry Programs. I have been a Habitat volunteer for a little over 10 years and currently am on the Habitat Board of Directors and recently have begun serving on Greensboro Prison Ministry Board of Directors. My hobbies include tennis, golf, gardening, and sailing. We have a 2nd home at Smith Mountain Lake where we spend many weekends and most of our vacations. Although we will all miss Cindy Tilton, who joined husband Chris in California, I look forward to serving you as Administrative Officer as her replacement.

D/27 Fall Council/Conference **October 8 – 9, 2004**

Holiday Inn Select Exit 125 off I-40 West Hickory, NC
Ph. 828-323-1000 Room Rate \$69.00 +tax (cutoff 23 Sept)

Friday, October 8 Registration: Lobby 1500-1830
Reception: Heavy Hors d'ouvres, cash bar: Starts 1830

Saturday, October 9

Commanders Breakfast 0700 Registration: Lobby 0700-0845 Meeting: Convenes 0900

Lunch: 1200-1315 **Eddie Jones, author of *Hard Aground***

Meeting: Re-Convenes 1330

Function: **Old Fashion NC BBQ, cash bar
& TALENT CONTEST—Begins at 1830 :**

Mail checks payable to D/27 C/C

Lt/C Beth Cummins, AP
785 Laverton Ln.
Rural Hall, NC 27045

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◇ Friday Reception \$15 _____	
◇ Saturday Lunch \$15 _____	
◇ Saturday BBQ \$12 _____	

Name(s): _____

Squadron: _____

E-Mail: _____

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**

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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.**

A Farewell from our Administrative Officer

September 2, 2004

Greensboro Power Squadron
C/O Cdr. Julia Davis



Re: Resignation as Administrative Officer

Saying goodbye is never easy, but this time is especially difficult. Chris' job has taken him to California, and I'm anxious to join him and have our family together again. Unfortunately, I'm leaving behind great friends and work left undone. I am honored to have served as Administrative Officer for Cdr Julia Davis and Greensboro Power Squadron, and I'm very sorry to have to leave before my work is done. I'm very thankful that Tom Hamlin has agreed to step in to finish the work.

The USPS "triangle" is made up of three components: civic responsibility, self-education and fraternal organization. Each side of the triangle has touched my life in a different way. I believe it is our responsibility to contribute to our community, and I am proud to have been involved in some small way with the important work that the squadron does. "Education" was the reason I joined the squadron. USPS has provided the material, and GPS has the most knowledgeable and caring instructors I've ever met. I'm most especially thankful to Max Kern, Al Pike and Paul Long. They helped erase the "deer in the headlights" look, and now I understand which side of the red marker to be on, what the little numbers on the GPS mean, Aries is more than a zodiac sign, and what time it is when I call Chris in ZD+8. By far, the most meaningful side of the triangle for me is the fraternal organization. Mama always told me that "who we are" is a sum total of all of our experiences and the people we meet in our lives. I am a better person for having known all of you in Greensboro Power Squadron. I'll be sailing in another ocean for a while, but I'm taking each of you with me. Just before the sun peeks up on the horizon is "O-DAN-30" (Dan Kelly) and time to slip the dock lines. Richard Miller was wise when he said, "You're too close to a lee shore if you can see it". I'll miss you all terribly and hope to see you again soon.

Love,
Cindy

Are They Only \$5 Friends?

Sometimes I wonder if there are any original thoughts left to express; that includes the subject of boating safety, and it certainly includes me on many occasions. That said, I have to thank Jim Ellis, President of Boat U.S., for a recent thought-provoking article in "his" magazine.

The U.S. Coast Guard continues to question whether all boaters should be required to wear PFDs. Year after year, the statistics show that the majority of those who die in boating accidents drown while not wearing life jackets. How many might have survived if they'd worn a PFD? We don't know; but it could have been hundreds each year.

Pay attention as I summarize Jim's remarks - he asked if such requirements are worth the price? Benjamin Franklin once said "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." And Jim says "That's the rub. How much money, freedom or enjoyment do millions of people give up, to ensure the safety of a few? There's no answer to this question, only the likelihood that compromise will make everyone somewhat dissatisfied... So what do we choose? Do we throw up our hands and do nothing, or do we simply accept regulatory overkill that drains the joy from our recreation?"

He went on to say he will take more personal responsibility for his own safety. He will wear his life jacket more often (not out of fear of possible regulation, but because he doesn't want to become part of the statistics). And he promised:

1. Whenever I am by myself...
2. Whenever I am in a small boat...
3. If I am out with an inexperienced crew...
4. If the water is cold...
5. Or, if the weather is threatening...
6. I will wear my PFD.

In addition, he's decided to provide his guests with life jackets they can wear. That means getting rid of those \$5 Type-II horse collars he kept on board to satisfy regulations. He will spend the extra money to buy more comfortable PFDs for everyone on board - inflatable PFDs and the less expensive vest styles.

I thank you Jim, for so many good thoughts and suggestions. You got right to the point of personal safety. It goes back to a theme we've heard time and again - if we will all take more personal responsibility, we'll have fewer compromises and regulations to deal with.

So squadron members, what do you think? What should you do? What will you do? Should you change your boating practices? Should you upgrade your safety equipment? Is it worth the effort and expense, or are those folks on your boat only \$5 friends?

Lt Woods M. McGinn, Squadron Safety Officer

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