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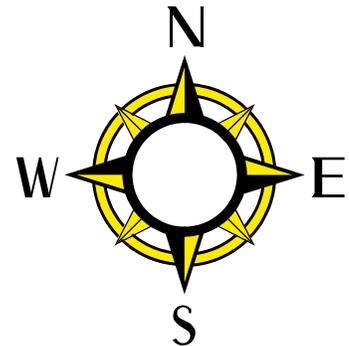
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## Calendar of Events

### April

11 Membership meeting  
18 Ex-com Meeting

### May

9 Membership Meeting  
14 NE Cape Fear River Cruise

16 Ex-Com Meeting  
21-27 National Safe Boating Week

### June

13 Membership meeting  
17-18 D/27 Spring Council-Fayetteville  
23 Kids Day at Lake Townsend

## April Birthdays

4	Christie Elliott	10	Sue Schultz
	James M. Green Jr.	16	Joe R. Honeycutt Jr.
	Bernard Wall	18	Mary B. Hamlin
7	John C. Lanford		Susan L. Honeycutt
	Kathy Wrenn	19	L. Everett Thomas
9	James W. DeHaven	27	Randall Lewis Maynard
	Neal Sheffield		

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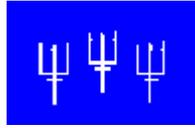
The following individuals made substantial contributions in support of our newsletter this year.

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

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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 Dan Chance, P @665-9113 .



**From the Commander**  
**Stewart Colson, JN**



**Executive Officer**  
**Lt/C Chuck Kammeyer, P**



The big weekend is over (D/27 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch) for which Greensboro Power Squadron was the host squadron, and it was a very successful event. In the view of the now Ex-District-Commander Steve Puckett, it would have been a success as long as the election of new officers was held. However, every one associated with the event: the chairman of the many areas, the committee members who helped and others who brought food for the hospitality room, and finally those who attended are to be congratulated for a job well done. Lt/C Tom Hamlin was the overall Event Chairperson and deserves a well-earned 'Thank You'. Tom, we wish it could be more, but this is a volunteer organization!

In my *Breeze* article for February, I discussed the first two objectives of Greensboro Power Squadron. I would like to discuss here the third objective: Section 2.1.3 of the Bylaws: *To encourage and promote a high amateur standard of skill in the handling and navigation of yachts, power and sail; to encourage and promote the study of the science and art of navigation, seamanship and small boat handling; to develop and promote instructional programs for the benefit of members; and to stimulate members to increase their knowledge of and skill in yachting through instruction, self-education, and participation in marine sports activities and competitions.*

For all but the newest members, you can recognize that we fulfill this objective very well: our Advanced Grade courses, Seamanship through Navigation, and the Elective courses, are in place for all members to benefit from. The cruises will give each captain and crew the chance to 'show off' their knowledge and skill. The Predicted Log contest coming up at the end of August definitely requires the knowledge of the essentials of Piloting and Advanced Piloting – while incorporating this into a fun competition.

The part that you play in all of this is that you must participate! Take advantage of the courses offered: the new Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses are different and exciting, incorporating electronic navigation as its guide; participate in the cruises, and other opportunities to be on the water with the squadron – Kid's Day at the Lake, Big Sweep, and Co-Op charting; and participate in the Predicted Log contest at Smith Mountain Lake this August. It's your opportunity to learn and to share your knowledge, please do it!

Summer is right around the corner and we have many events coming up. May 21 through 27 is National Safe Boating week and we will be "kicking" the event off with vessel safety inspections at the local lakes around Greensboro. D/Lt/C Mack Gordy will have the vessel inspection teams out working at all the local lakes in an effort to get as many boats inspected as possible. We will not be located at Higgins Lake. We are working to get local TV coverage for this event. Remember members we need to inspect your boats too.

June 1 through 5 the National Governing Board will be in Charlotte for their annual meeting. There are a number of interesting events planned for this meeting:

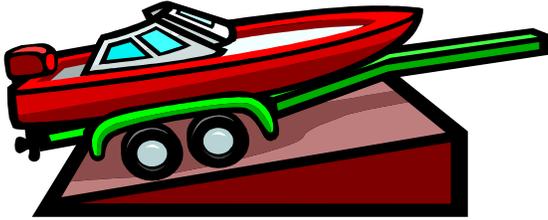
- Going to Discovery Place – a hands on science museum
- Attending an I-MAX movie
- Taking a Checkered Flag Tour of the Charlotte Speedway
- Visiting historical homes and gardens

These events are in addition to the hospitality rooms, the luncheon and banquet. More information can be found in the latest edition of the Ensign. Our squadron has volunteered to help with the banquet and decorations. As I get more information on the event, I will pass the information on.

June 17-18 the D27 Spring Council will be held in Fayetteville. I don't have much information on this event as yet, but we have been advised to make hotel reservations soon because of the U.S. Open golf tournament that is being held the same weekend and the rooms will be at a premium.

June 23 is Kid's Day at the Lake. This popular event is being organized now and we are expecting a large group of youngsters for that day at Lake Townsend. This is an important community project that means a great deal to the kids that attend, but also to the members who participate. We need adult volunteers for boating, fishing, cooking and supervising. Sometimes it's a difficult decision for the kids to make between riding in a boat or fishing. Everyone is welcome and needed.

July 15-16-17 the 2005 Rendezvous will be held in New Bern. I have information on this event for those interested and will have a full article on the Rendezvous and the scheduled activities next month.



## Northeast Cape Fear River Cruise May 13 – 15, 2005

The NE Cape Fear River Cruise starts at 0900 on Saturday morning, May 14. We will meet at Waterfronte Villas and Yacht Club at Snow's Cut and proceed up the Cape Fear River to the NE Cape Fear River fork. There is an NC Wildlife boat ramp just north of Waterfronte Yacht Club. The plan is to leisurely travel up the NECFR and raft up for lunch. Lunch is to be provided by boat captains and their passengers. After the raft-up we will make a leisurely return trip. We have extended an invitation to Cape Fear, Shallotte River and Southport squadrons to join us for this event.

If the Cape Fear should be too rough for the small boats on Saturday morning they can be trailed to the NC Wildlife boat ramp under the Hwy 421 drawbridge in Wilmington. After the trailer boats are launched they will rendezvous with the larger boats at 1000 just north of the bridge.

Dinner will be on your own for Friday evening. Saturday evening at 1800 there will be a beer & wine cocktail party followed by a cookout at the Waterfronte Villas and Yacht Club clubhouse located at 100 Spencer Farlow Road in Carolina Beach. Cost is \$15.00 per person. After a little arm-twisting, Vinnie said she would make margaritas again this year at the cocktail party.

On Sunday you will be free to take your boat wherever you choose.

Need a place to stay? There will be two brand new, second row duplexes available for this event in Carolina Beach. Each unit has 6 bedrooms and 4-baths. Per unit per night rate for Greensboro Power Squadron is \$395.50 including tax. That is six-couples at \$65.92 per night per couple. You must furnish linens. The realtor will only hold these two units until April 15, 2005. Please make your reservations early. Room checks should be made payable to Walker Realty and mailed with your separate event registration check.

Waterfronte Yacht Club has 12 slips available for boats up to 30' in length at no charge to Greensboro Power Squadron members only. Please let us know if you need a slip. Slip, cruise and cocktail/cookout reservation deadline is April 29, 2005. Make your checks payable to Greensboro Power Squadron and mail to D/Lt/C Mack Gordy, AP, 1804 Regal Lane, Greensboro, NC 27410.

Sign up sheets will be available at the April membership meeting. If you have questions please contact Mack at: [mlgordy@aol.com](mailto:mlgordy@aol.com), or phone 336-282-1988.

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Well it's been an interesting Spring in the Education Department. We are half the way through the latest version of the new Public Boating Course. It's not been totally uneventful. While the course has been partially updated, the proofreaders apparently didn't check all the new information. We have had several data inconsistencies, specifically longitudes not agreeing with the revised Bowditch chart on a class exercise. However, the new power point presentations are the best yet and our instructors have done an excellent job of presenting the information. Class size is a little smaller than normal in our usual Spring class, but they are eager to learn never the less. We have over thirty students and several may be excellent candidates for membership. Come out and meet them and let them see a great cross section of our Squadron. Just a reminder, we can always use volunteers to help promote our squadron, to help monitor the class and mentor the students. Try and attend at least one session. Who knows, you may learn something new. I usually do.

The new Advanced Piloting is a little like an offshore cruise. There's something new to learn everyday, yet you still are building on and utilizing your past knowledge. And just like an offshore cruise, you sometimes hit some rough weather. Dan Kelly has been doing an incredible job of finding mistakes, correcting them and sending the corrections into national. The Beta (trial version) was given last fall. The Winston-Salem group tested it, but obviously all the mistakes didn't get corrected. The new course is being presented on Power Point and is quite impressive. Gotta go, take care.

I am still glowing and proud of our squadron for hosting District 27 COW March 18-20. This was a proud event for our squadron as our own District Commander Steve Puckett gave up the reins after a very successful year of serving the District as its Commander. Many hands were instrumental in making this a success. Pat Byrne did a wonderful job of soliciting great gifts for gift bags for registered guests (almost 175 people registered from across the state). Betty Potter, the hostess with the mostess, hosted the spouse's coffee on Saturday morning and this was well attended with great food and prizes. Betty and Stewart Colson co-coordinated food and beverages for our hospitality suite and Mary Hamlin, with able help from Carolyn Hackett, Connie Kammeyer, Jim Chandler, and Kathy Wrenn planned and developed the hospitality suite with a Sex-Tant theme. Mary Hamlin was trip co-coordinator for the Seagrove pottery tour Saturday morning with 14 visiting the pottery center returning with beautiful gifts. Julia McGinn planned shopping in old Greensboro and had many shoppers. Alex Wrenn and committee efficiently checked in all registered members and greeted them with a hearty welcome. Chris Puckett was responsible for decorating the banquet room tables and head table Saturday night. Excuse me for bragging, but we did ourselves proud and received many compliments.

The next scheduled event for the Admin Dept is the Cape Fear River Cruise in May. Please see the attached flyer and sign up sheet with this edition of the Breeze and get your application in early to Mack Gordy. Please note the wonderful opportunity for reasonable housing and take advantage while rooms last.

This is a 1 day cruise and is a great opportunity to explore the Cape Fear with experienced boaters. We have invited 4 other squadrons at the coast to join us for this adventure and social time. Especially for you new members, this is a great chance for on the water experience with boaters who know the area. Isn't this one of the reasons you joined the squadron. You do not need to have a boat. You will be assigned to a boat.

At our District 27 COW banquet, our new Commander challenged us not only to grow our membership but to involve and retain new members. As I look at our squadron over the past few years, we add 15 – 20 new years and lose about the same numbers. Many of these non renewals are members that joined the previous year. Our squadron needs to do a better job of indoctrinating and involving new members. Mike Hicks, Membership Chair, and Vinie Gordy, New Member Involvement Chair, and I will be working on a mentoring program to assign each new member to an experienced member to help them along the way. This has been tried before with limited success but I think we can make it work. The growth and success of our squadron depends on it. Please say YES when you are asked to help.

# 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



**A special thanks to our own, outgoing D27 District Commander, for representing the Greensboro Power Squadron with dignity and honor during 2004.**

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE 2005

**PUBLIC BOATING COURSE: ENDS 27 APRIL WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS WORK. PLEASE ATTEND AS MANY MEETINGS AS POSSIBLE.**

**UNDERWAY: *New GPS and Electronic Chart Plotter Course Advanced Piloting***

Al Pike, Dan Kelly and Walker Stevens will teach on Thursdays.

**2005 Seamanship** will be offered after the Fall 2005 Public Boating Course. **2005 Piloting** will start immediately after Seamanship. If you wish to take exams or re-exams for old JN, N or Advanced Piloting you must act immediately or you will have to take the new courses. Old Piloting exams are no longer available

**2005 JN** (We hope to offer JN in September 2005) Expect N in 2006 after JN is over.

**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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*"I've Commander, no more  
rum for the crew!"*

**"You talkin' to me?"**

A good time was had by all that attended the D-27 COW



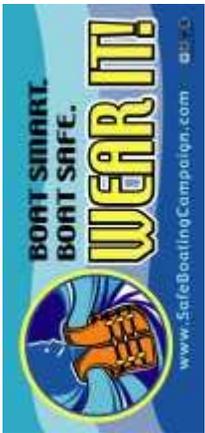
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