



# THE BREEZE

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America's Boating Club

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## Calendar of Events

### February

10 New AP Course  
 14 Membership meeting  
 21 Ex-Com Meeting  
 25-27 Carolina Boat Show

### March

5 Oyster roast  
 9 Boating Course Starts  
 14 Membership meeting  
 21 Ex-Com Meeting

### February Birthdays

5	Robert M.	Armfield	14	Julia C.	Davis
7	Bobby L.	Barrier		Charles W.	Freeman
8	Becky	DeHaven	17	Monty	Recoulley
	Vinnie	Gordy	19	David C.	Card
	Thomas H.	Johnson Jr.		Daniel A.	Kelly
10	Virginia	Karb	20	Connie	Kammeyer
11	Edward J.	Catalano	21	Joseph Lewis	Johnson
	Charles A.	Kammeyer	25	Barbara A.	Young
12	James E.	Compton	27	Edward M.	Miller
	Gregory W.	Sawyer Jr.			

### 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*

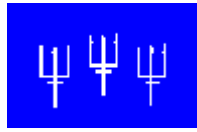
The following individuals made substantial contributions in support of our newsletter this year.

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 Dan Chance, P @665-9113 .



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



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



This is a new year with a relatively new yet experienced bridge, many new members, and a new chance for all of us to become involved in the activities of Greensboro Power Squadron. In the planning that occurred for this new year, it was agreed that since this is a boating organization, a larger emphasis should be placed on encouraging boating activities among squadron members. If you are planning a weekend cruise, for example, and would like to have more boats participating, place an announcement in the *Breeze*; or if you need crew members or fishing partners, consider asking a new member (or an old member) to join you. In doing this you will be fulfilling the first two objectives of Greensboro Power Squadron (from the Bylaws):

1. *“To selectively associate congenial persons of good character having a common love and appreciation of yachting as a nationwide fraternity of boatmen”* and
2. *“To encourage and promote yachting, power and sail, and to provide through local squadrons and otherwise a practical means to foster fraternal and social relationships among persons interested in yachting”*.

The organized activities of the squadron, both on the water and on land, will try to uphold these two objectives – but the burden of benefiting from these activities still lies with you – the individual member – by attending the meetings, socials, education classes, community service projects, and boating activities. You, the individual member, are the lifeblood of this organization and must not only think about participating in the events, but also taking part in the planning and organizing of the events. In other words: we need you to participate, we need you to help, and only in doing so will you gain the most from being a member of Greensboro Power Squadron. Enjoy the year!

I am looking forward to serving on the 2005 bridge as your Executive Officer. I think we can have a lot of fun this year and still keep the squadron “between the markers.”

The first event for the new year will be the **Boat Show held February 25, 26, and 27**. This is one of our squadron’s most important events for recruiting students for the public boating course. All times are covered for staffing the booth unless there is a cancellation, but tickets are only \$5.00 at the door. The boat show hours are Friday, February 25 from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Saturday, February 26 from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; and Sunday, February 27 from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. This is our opportunity to show the public who we are and emphasize our commitment to educating people about safe boating. Members are invited to stop by the booth and show your support for Greensboro Power Squadron.

Don’t be afraid to step forward and volunteer for upcoming squadron events. We need your participation to help make the year successful.

**DISTRICT 27 COW-HELP NEEDED**

Our Greensboro squadron is hosting District 27 Change of Watch at the Sheraton Four Seasons in Greensboro March 18-20. This will be Steve Puckett’s farewell and roast as the outgoing District Commander and we hope for a good turn out to support Steve and our squadron. We still need a lot of help in committee work for registration/reception, decorating and supplying our hospitality suite, obtaining door prizes and free local gifts for each attendee, and help baking homemade goodies for spouse’s coffee on Saturday morning.

Call **Tom Hamlin at 668-4836**, Chair of District 27 Change of Watch, to see how you can help.

# District 27 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch

## 18-20 March 2005

### Sheraton Four Seasons

Greensboro, NC.

Room Rate: \$99.00 plus taxes  
 Reservations made by calling 336-292-9161

**Be sure to ask for United States Power Squadrons District 27 block of rooms**  
**Cutoff date for rate is 16 February 2005**

**FRIDAY 18 March:**

1500 – 1800 Member Registration and Voter Registration  
 1800 – 2000 Visit Squadron Hospitality Rooms

**SATURDAY 19 March:**

**Uniform of the Day: Uniform F**

0700 - 0900 Member and Voter Registration  
 0700 - 0830 Commanders' Breakfast - D/27 Bridge & Current Squadron Commanders  
 0800 - 0930 Complimentary Ladies Coffee  
 0900 Council Meeting Convenes  
 0930 Spouses Seagrove Pottery Tour & Shopping **(Must be prepaid)**  
 1000 Spouses Four Seasons Mall or Old Greensboro Shopping  
 1200 - 1320 Members' Lunch and Awards **(Must be prepaid)**  
 1330 Meeting Reconvenes  
 1630 Meeting Recessed  
 1812 Cash Bar  
 1900 District 27 Change of Watch Banquet **(Must be prepaid)**  
**Uniform A with bow tie or Suitable Attire**

**SUNDAY 20 March:**

0900 – 1000 Cooperative Charting and Geodetics

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### District 27 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Reservation Form

Please make checks payable to: D/27 COW 2005. Mail Check with completed form to:  
 Lt/C Tom Hamlin, 6115 Muirfield Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410 Phone: 336-668-4836

Reservations Must Be Received by Wednesday, 3 March 2005. Any reservations received after that time will be honored if there is cancellation space available.

Thank you for being prompt

<b><u>Squadron:</u></b>	<b>Saturday Complimentary Ladies Coffee</b>	<b>Saturday Four Seasons Mall Shopping</b>	<b>Saturday Old Greensboro Shopping</b>	<b>Saturday Seagrove Pottery Tour &amp; Shopping @ \$20.00</b>	<b>Saturday Sheraton Member Lunch @ \$15.00</b>	<b>Saturday COW Banquet @ \$38.00</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>Rank, Name &amp; Grade</u></b>	Check if Attending	Check if Attending	Check if Attending			Circle One	
						Beef Chicken	
						Beef Chicken	
						Beef Chicken	
						Amount Enclosed	



**Educational Officer**  
**Lt/C Tom Statham, P**



**Administrative Officer**  
**Lt/C Tom Hamlin, P**



The following are some highlights from of the 2005 USPS Annual Meeting held in Orlando and borrowed from *The Inland Seafarer* (Lake Norman) newsletter.

**What's New in Education**

1. The new Piloting course is in its second printing.
2. The new Advanced Piloting course is being shipped.
3. The new Squadron Boating Course (2004) is designed to be taught in four or five sessions with an introduction to digital charts and electronics.
4. New Junior Navigation and Navigation courses are near release. Weather, Cruise Planning and the GPS Learning Guide have updates available on the USPS website.
5. The new Seamanship course is expected to be in test mode by the end of 2005. This course is expected to mesh with Piloting and Advanced Piloting without overlap of topics.
6. A short booklet that describes how to edit PowerPoint slides, add sound etc. can be downloaded from the Instructor Development section of the Educational Department area of the USPS website

As most of you have heard, we are getting ready to start the new version of **Advanced Piloting** on 10 Feb. @ 1930. We will have 3 of our very talented instructors, Dan Kelly, Al Pike and Walker Stevens, team teaching this new and exciting course. By the time you read this, Sharon Hicks should have finished (weather permitting) leading a class on the use of the GPS. While this has been an excellent primer on it's use, don't feel intimidated about taking the new AP if you didn't attend, there will be plenty of time to get caught up.

If you intend to do any coastal boating, where tides and currents factor into planning safe passage, this course is a must. Gotta go.

The Administrative Department looks forward to a good year of fun social events and educational activities to enhance our relationship with each other and advance boat safety.

Our first event will be our annual **Oyster Roast on March 5** at **The Firefighters Club on Air Harbor Road**.

Cost will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children twelve and under. See attached flyer for more information. This is always a popular social event so get your reservations in early.

May 13-15 our squadron will host **NE Cape Fear Cruise**. This will be a weekend cruise and will provide some good time on the water exploring Cape Fear River and cook outs for socializing. Mack Gordy is chairing this event.

**Hummer in the Summer** will again be held at Burr Mill Park on July 11 and will be our regular membership meeting. Mike & Carolyn Hackett are chairing this event.

Karl and M L Kobberling will again host **Watauga River Blueberry Picking** at their home near Boone on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Predicted Log will take place at Smith Mountain Lake on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Mack Gordy will chair this event.

We will return to historic New Bern **October 21 – 23 for Ghost Walk** and will also combine Co-Op Charting on Saturday. We have reserved a block of rooms at Bridge Pointe Hotel and Marina at special rate of \$65.00 + tax. Hotels/motels in New Bern fill up months in advance for this popular event so make your room reservations early. The phone number is 252-636-3637 or 877-283-7713. Alec and Kathy Wrenn are hosting Ghost Walk and Larry Freeze and Dan Kelly are co-coordinating Co Op Charting.



# 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



## **GPS ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST & SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2005**

**Firefighters Club    Air Harbor Road**



**Appetizers served at 1730**

**APPETIZERS: Clam Chowder    Steamed Oysters**  
**ENTREES: Fried White Fish, Fried Oysters, Spiced Shrimp**  
Rice, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and Fruit Cobbler  
Soft Drinks and ice tea included. Cash Bar (beer and wine)

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** \$15.00 Adults    \$7.00 children 12 and under  
Send checks payable to Greensboro Power Squadron to:  
Hardy Spence 292-9986  
115 West Brentwood Drive GSO, N C 27403

### **ADVANCED GRADES COURSE SCHEDULE 2005**

**Final class 3 Feb** *How to use the GPS*. Sharon Hicks will teach this 3 session course on Thursdays (a suggested perquisite for new AP)

**10 Feb 1930 sharp: New GPS and Electronic Chart Plotter Course Advanced Piloting**

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

Sign up at meeting or **call Neal Sheffield (373-0510)** to register your intention to take GPS and or AP. These courses will not be offered again for 12 months.

**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**

**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.**

**Notice from the Education Department:** We will attempt to offer *Instructor Development* as an elective course this Spring. There will be a sign up sheet for that at the monthly meeting. We will also check to see if there is any interest in our other elective courses this Spring.

This is one of the MANY advantages of being a USPS member. On our WEB site there are many savings available to members. This is an excellent magazine/newspaper on boating.

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**GPS 101 :** Members taking Lt Sharon Hicks, P, excellent update on the use of the GPS. There is still time to enroll in the new AP starting 10 Feb.



And you thought we had icing conditions last week!

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*Sandy Gale*