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**National Safe Boating Week**  
**21-27 May**

**Local Vessel Safety Check**  
**21 May**



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## Calendar of Events

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Lake's Brandt & Townsend
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in Lieu of Monthly Meeting
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Picking & Cruise

## May Birthdays

1	Cathy	Yokley		23	Eric C.	Eakes
3	Paul D.	Shelor		24	Suzanne	Chabon
11	Rebecca L.	Howe			Paula	Elliott
14	Benjamin F.	Broadway Jr.		26	W. Hardy	Spence
16	Chris	Tilton		28	Stephen W.	Stroud
17	Philip C.	Deaton		30	Kevin D.	Andrew
19	Jerry B.	Chance		31	Penny	Brown
	Wayne	Southern				

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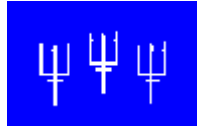
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On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron, we thank the following sponsors:

**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**  
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This month is the third installment of a continuing discussion of the objects of Greensboro Power Squadron as defined in the Bylaws Section 2.1.4: *To encourage its members to abide by recognized yachting traditions, customs and etiquette.* This statement probably has as many interpretations as readers – meaning that I am not really sure what it means - except that if we substitute ‘boating’ for ‘yachting’ then it might become clearer. We are all part of a large ‘boating community’ and we meet and interact with other boats while on the water all the time. If it were not for *traditions, customs and etiquette* then we would be having many more accidents than we do now.

Here I am interpreting these words to mean the Rules of the Road and common courtesy. Many boats have a rule of ‘No Shouting’ when docking and undocking – and maybe this is a part of *yachting etiquette*. The yachting customs of helping those in need of help is certainly one that we encourage. And even just the custom of waving while passing – or being passed – is one which most of us observe – especially if the other boat is flying the USPS Ensign or a squadron burgee. Some part of this objective may be found in all of our courses.

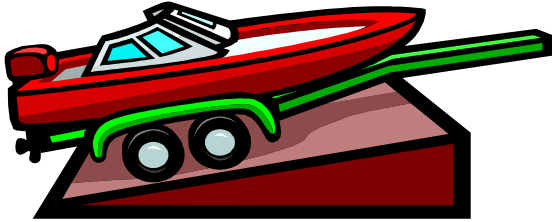
Section 2.1.5: *To render, and encourage its members to render, such altruistic, patriotic, or other civil service as it may from time to time determine or elect.* Now, this one is easier and a listing of our services will suffice: Co-Op Charting, Geodetic Marker Recovery, Kid’s Day at the Lake, Blood Drive, Big Sweep, Christmas Gifts for Kids, Vessel Safety Checks, and the public Boating Course. If any of these are unknown to you, please let us know and we will be happy to have you become a part of any or all of them. They are all still in the future for this year and we need your help! Remember, *Be Courteous* and *Be Safe* on the water.

Just one of the benefits of belonging to an organization like USPS is having the opportunity to join together with members from other squadrons for fellowship and entertainment. Not only do these meetings provide valuable information about the current happenings in the USPS but also the hospitality rooms offer a venue for sharing ideas and enjoying the sea stories that are always interesting. We all can use some enjoyment and relaxation so make plans to join the membership this summer and participate in some of the festivities.

First on the agenda is the Governing Board in Charlotte, June 1–5. I still don’t have much information about this event, but I will pass along anything I receive. Next is the Spring Council in Fayetteville, June 17-18. The agenda and sign-up sheet is posted in this issue of the Breeze. Join us if you can, it will be an enjoyable event. Later this summer is the Rendezvous in New Bern, July 15-16-17. A rendezvous is always fun and entertaining offering up a chance to meet members from other squadrons in D27.

Finally, don’t forget Safe Boating Week, May 21—27. Mack Gordy will have the vessel safety inspectors in the area during the week so let’s set a good example and have our boats inspected.

**Welcome to our newest members!**  
John Oberholtzer, S and his wife Sally have become members of GPS by reinstatement. They were members of Oldfield Point Squadron in Long Island, NY many years ago. John is currently taking the Boating Course as a refresher, and Sally will be a family member. They have an 18 foot runabout at Belews Creek. Their business is Southern Graphic Sales which makes displays for museums. He enjoys woodworking, and she enjoys needlepoint. We look forward to getting to know them! P/C Julie Davis, AP



## 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, Shalotte 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.

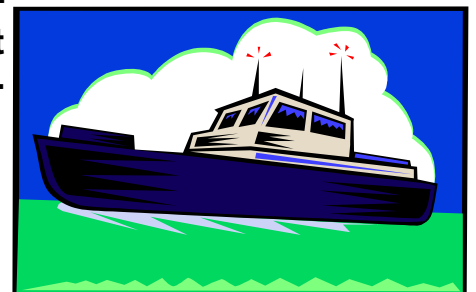
On Sunday you will be free to take your boat wherever you choose.

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 you checks payable to Greensboro Power Squadron and mail to D/Lt/C Mack Gordy, AP, 1804 Regal Lane, Greensboro, NC 27410.

**Contact Mack Gordy immediately if you would like to go!**

Checks must be in no later than the May 8 membership meeting. If you have questions please contact Mack at: [mgordyjr@triad.rr.com](mailto:mgordyjr@triad.rr.com) or phone 336-282-3870

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Our Spring Public Boating Course has been completed, with 24 out of 25 passing the first exam. A few more students are scheduled to take advantage of the makeup date. Rumor has it we have several new member applications in hand and a possibility of several more. That is truly outstanding! I feel this speaks volumes about the excellent job our instructors did this spring.

As an FYI, there were several minor glitches in the new Power Point presentation. The new charts did not agree with the latitudes and longs on a few of the slides. However, our instructors picked up on the discrepancies, made the appropriate changes to our slides and notified National. If you missed attending any of the classes, National did an overall excellent job on creating the new program and our instructors tweaked them even more. The slides make it easier to see some of the fine details than the older transparencies we used in the past.

Special thanks go to Bill Davis, Chairman, Hardy Spence, Asst. Chairman and the following instructors: Bob Armfield, Steve Chabon, Larry Freeze, Dan Kelly, Paul Long, Al Pike, Walker Stevens and Bill Young. Also, we really appreciate the assistance we got from the greeters, graders, setter-uppers, taker-downers and of course those that came out to act as mentors.

It's almost too late, but still opportunity to call Mack Gordy and sign up for the Cape Fear River Cruise May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Thirty nine squadron members have signed up to date, mostly from Greensboro but some from Winston Salem Power Squadron and Cape Fear Squadron. This is a great opportunity not only to explore the Cape Fear by boat with experienced boaters but for boat social interaction with 3 power squadrons. I am sure the margaritas prepared by Past Commander Vinnie Gordy will soften the tongues of many resulting in some interesting boating stories. This could result in some being in contention for the Fouled Up Compass Award.

**Hummer in the Summer** will be held on **Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>** and will be held at Bur Mill Park **in lieu of our regular business meeting**. Please see attached article for additional information. This has and will continue to be a feeding frenzy opportunity and chance for getting to know each other better as well as enjoying one of Greensboro's finer parks. Call Mike/Carolyn Hackett at 454-0986.

Also in July, Karl & M L Kobberling have extended their annual invitation to join them at their mountain home in what is called "**Watauga River Cruise**" No one knows why it is called this as there is no water to put in a boat and we are not cruising anywhere. If Karl tells you he lives in a gated community, be aware all that means is that he took the lock off the chains at the foot of his driveway.

This event is another social opportunity where you are asked to bring a covered dish and enjoy deep fried turkey and other fixings prepared by squadron members. The Kobberling's have an extensive blueberry farm and you can pick your own at reasonable fees. You will hear further details and sign up at our June business meeting.

We have just completed a successful public boating course with over 30 students and hope to attract some potential new members. We encourage potential new members to come and experience a business meeting to learn about what we are about. Please make them feel welcome and let them know we want them to join us.



# 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

## Kids Day at the Lake



On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Squadron will host about 25 youngsters from the Greensboro Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club to enjoy a day at the lake with us. We will gather at Lake Townsend about 9 A.M. and the young folks will arrive by bus about 9:30. After a safety lesson and some instruction, they will enjoy a boat ride, compliments of some of our members who will bring their boats and PFD's. We will serve a hot dog lunch with all the fixings and homemade desserts, and then everyone will have the opportunity to fish with rods and reels loaned to us by North Carolina Wildlife. After lunch our captains will offer another boat ride to any who are interested.

We still need help. If you can bring your boat, come out that day to help chaperone and/or serve lunch, or bake desserts for us, please let Carol Kelly, Connie Kammeyer, or Carolyn Hackett know. There will be another sign up sheet at the May meeting. Save the date and help us make this another successful event!

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE 2005

**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 Spring/Summer 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.](#)

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK –21 MAY



Are your visual distress signals up to date? Do your navigation lights operate correctly? Are there enough personal flotation devices on board your boat? Is your fire extinguisher charged and ready? Reports state these items cause more citations to be written at the start of a new boating season than anything else.

To kick off National Safe Boating Week Greensboro Power Squadron will be performing free inspections of the safety equipment on your boat at **Lake Brandt and Lake Townsend on Saturday, May 21 from 0900 till 1500**. The inspection takes ten minutes and is **free**. If your boat passes the inspection you will be awarded a 2005 Vessel Safety Check decal to display on your boat.

**Take ten minutes for safety.**

Vessel Examiners: Phil Andrew, Charles Collins, Stewart Colson, Mack Gordy, Mike Hackett, Woods McGinn, Stephen Puckett, David Schultz and Fred Schultz

## National Safe Boating Week

I was reading through materials published for National Safe Boating Week, 21-27 May, the week preceding Memorial Day weekend. Through the years we've seen so many articles containing accident statistics that the facts and numbers all run together. I wanted to give you something this year with a twist, some thought-provoking news or information that might really get your attention. That's pretty hard to do in our present-day, media saturated environment. I didn't succeed, but keep reading anyway.

The National Safe Boating Council has an interesting website. You may enjoy it. Their URL is [www.safeboatingcouncil.org](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org). That's where I found the NSBC Pledge Card. As you begin another boating season I ask you to read this pledge and take it to heart.

### The NSBC Pledge for Boating Safety

**I pledge to boat safely each and every time I go out on the water, keeping myself, my family, my friends and fellow boaters from harm's way.**

**I will always boat responsibly by:**

- a. Wearing my life jacket and ensuring that everyone on board wears their life jacket, when in a small boat, or operating in rough water or threatening weather conditions.**
- b. Remaining sober and alert – remembering that the use of alcohol contributes to accidents on the water.**
- c. Staying in control of my craft and respecting the rights of others enjoying the waterways.**
- d. Knowing and obeying navigation rules, operating at a safe speed and maintaining a proper lookout.**

Thank you, and may you have a wonderful and safe boating season.  
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