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Belews Cruise 22 April *Be There!*



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Calendar of Events

APRIL

10 GPS Membership Meeting

17 Ex-com meeting

22 Belews Cruise

MAY

8 GPS Membership Meeting

15 Ex-com meeting

19-22 Myrtle Beach Cruise/CoOp Chart

JUNE

12 GPS Membership Meeting

15-18 Chesapeake Cruise

19 Ex-com meeting

22 Kid's Day @ Lake Townsend

April Birthdays

4	Christie	Elliott	13	John C.	Kiem
4	James M.	Green Jr.	16	Joe R.	Honeycutt Jr.
7	Kathy	Wrenn	18	Mary B.	Hamlin
9	James W.	DeHaven	18	Susan L.	Honeycutt
	Neal	Sheffield	19	L. Everett	Thomas
10	Sue	Schultz			

Patrons of the Breeze

Bob & Bev Armfield.....*September Song*
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 Woods & Julia McGinn.....*Blue Moon*
 Jerry Newton.....*Petey*
 Al & Alexandra Pike
 Betty Potter.....*Sand Fiddler*
 Steve & Chris Puckett.....*Too-Tents*
 Fred & Donna Schultz.....*Titantic Too*
 Tom & Jo-Anne Statham*Allegra*
 Mike & Geraldine Stokes.....*Dad's Toy III*
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From the Commander
Chuck Kammeyer, P



Executive Officer
Lt/C Tom Hamlin, P



It's time to get those boats ready for some fun on the water. But before you go out and try to "crank it up" you need to check the boat out to see if it's sea worthy. To avoid possible problems on the water you need to go from bow to stern and make sure everything is in good working order. Don't assume that just because it worked last year when it was winterized it will work this boating season.....Check it out and be sure.

One of the easiest things to over look is your navigation lights. We expect them to work when we need them but if they don't it can put you in a very hazardous position. Also if you are a trailer boater, be sure you check out your trailer thoroughly. Make sure bearings are repacked, tires are in good condition and properly inflated, brakes are in good working order and your lights are all functioning properly. You don't want a weekend spoiled because of a trailer malfunction.

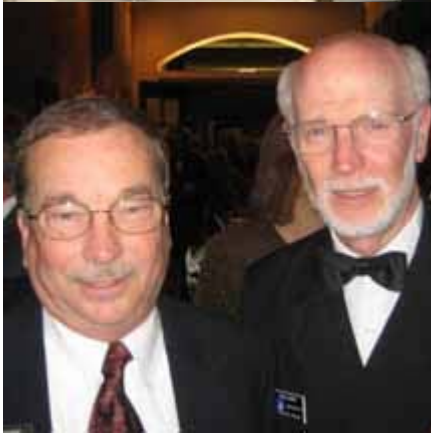
Once you are comfortable with the condition of your boat and equipment make it a point to have your boat inspected by one of our certified vessel safety inspectors. To set an example to the boating community, every squadron member who owns a boat should have a current vessel safety inspection sticker on the windshield. We have many fun activities planned for the upcoming boating season; therefore, we need to make sure we follow our own motto and practice safe boating. Let's all have fun this year and we will see you on the water.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM YOUR SQUADRON?? I am always interested why people join Greensboro Power Squadron. Some join expressly to enroll in the advanced education courses to learn more about boating and to enrich their boating experience. Some join to be around other boaters, to learn from their experiences and to get helpful hints on where to boat, what kinds of boats to buy, etc. Some get involved in the social aspect of the organization and make life long friends through camaraderie of serving on committees together and participating in service projects. Some come to learn at our business meetings where we try to have speakers/events that will enhance or enrich your boating experience. For whatever reason you joined the Greensboro Power squadron, we want you to know we value you as a member and want to do whatever we can to make this relationship a mutual benefit to you and to the Greensboro Squadron.

Our squadron, like most squadrons across the United States, has experienced a decline in membership these last few years. We want to stop that trend and increase our membership. We strive to provide excellent teachers for our boating classes, entertaining and educational business meetings, and meaningful service projects to the boating community, and on the water boating experiences such as Myrtle Beach Cruise, District Rendezvous, Belews Creek Cruise, Chesapeake Bay Cruise, and Predicted Log. If you have any suggestions or recommendations on how our squadron can improve the benefits and opportunities to you, any member of the bridge would look forward to your input.

July is a long way off, but it is not too early to make your reservations for the District Rendezvous in Washington, NC July 14-16. Our headquarters will be at the Hampton Inn in Washington and you are encouraged to make reservations early before the motel is booked. You can call the Hampton direct at 252-940-4556 and ask for the USPS block. Room rate is \$72.00 a night. For boat slips, contact Teresa Hamilton at 252-975-9367, ext 221 and ask for the USPS group rate, which is \$0.75 foot/day. Slips without water or power, are free but available on a first come, first basis. See the article later in the Breeze for more detailed information.

Highlights of the GPS trip to the D-27 COW in Greenville, NC





Educational Officer
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Well it's Spring again and our *Public Boating Course* is off to a flying start. We have fifty-five names on the sign up sheet and a very diverse class. Some have been boating for years and finally decided to sign up. On the other extreme, there are some that are thinking about buying a boat and wanted to be proactive by taking the course before the purchase. Thinking back on some of my early boating mistakes, I wish I had had the presence of mind to do the same.

If you haven't seen the new power point presentation, I encourage you to attend a class or two. As usual we have first class instructors, doing an excellent instruction. It's hard to put into words how much our squadron owes these members. When we offer a quality program to the boating class, we are giving them reasons to consider joining our squadron. As our XO, Tom Hamlin, mentions in his article, we need new members. And as always we need mentors to help out on the charting and marlinspike sections. It's really impressive when we have more members than students at our classes.

So get up and get out. Stop by Al Pike's *Piloting* class on Tuesday's or get by the *Boating Course* before it's over. You'll have a good time and get a chance to meet some future members.!



Spring 2006 Class

Many thanks to Alec and Kathy Wrenn for a great program at our March meeting. We have heard many favorable comments about the program and the many things our members are doing for Hurricane Katrina victims and others in our community. We are all pleased to be in a group with so many great people.

Our cruising season is now upon us and our first event will be Saturday, April 22. We will have a fun day at Belews Lake so make your plans now, because you won't have long after our April meeting. Carol Kelly and David Shultz have planned a fun filled day of treasure hunting on the water. Be sure to read all about details in this issue of the Breeze.

The Myrtle Beach Cruise is happening in May. Again cruise captains Del Foster and Alec and Kathy Wrenn have spent hours and miles putting together a great weekend May 19, 20 & 21st. We will be staying at the new Barefoot Landing Resort and Marina. We will also have the opportunity to see a show at the Alabama Theater on Saturday night. We have 10 Boats already signed up and right now rooms are full, but if you can stay on your vessel there is still time to reserve your boat slip. If you have interest in this trip please call the Wrenns or you can contact me and we will try to help you with suggestions for hotel space if you need it. Details later in this issue.

The Chesapeake Cruise is detailed in this Breeze as well. Six boats and crew have signed up and their slips have been reserved starting Wednesday June 14. Walker Stevens has laid out a great trip ending on June 18 and if you can get there, the Chesapeake is one of the great cruising places on the planet.

The planning for all of our events needs to be in advance and the more folks who sign up early, the easier the planning. If you can take a boat for any of these events, please let the cruise lead-

Remember the words to the song "**The River.**" *Too many times we stand aside and let the waters slip away 'Til what we put off 'til tomorrow has now become today. So don't you sit upon the shoreline and say you're satisfied. Choose to chance the rapids and dare to dance the tide* Now let's get on the water!!!

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

FIRST CRUISE OF THE SEASON IS THE BELEWS CRUISE: We are set for a day on the lake. It is going to be a treasure hunt ON THE WATER from 10-12am, Saturday, April 22. This event will be fun for all participants. After our cruise we will have barbecued chicken and lots of side dishes along with soft drinks and beer. Bring your power or sail boats and be ready to go by 10. We will have someone to help you launch between 9 and 10. If you are boat less, give me a call and we will put you on a boat. The cost is \$4. and a side dish to feed 8. You can call Carol Kelly (288-9552) or David Schultz (288-7743) for more info.



MYRTLE BEACH: Boat Captains: (cc: others on the cruise) Make your boat slip reservation now !!! We have 9 and possibly 10 boats going, 2 of us have each made our own boat slip reservations as of this afternoon, each of us gave the Dock Master our credit card number for our individual expenses. Bill Rathbun, Dock Master is ready for each boat captain to call and make their own arrangements for a boat slip at Barefoot Resort. Each captain will take care of his own boat slip expense. He will ask for boat type, length, & name. He will want a credit card number. You can call Bill at (843) 385-1829 or email at rwickkey@barefootresortclub.com. If you email, you will want to look for a confirmation reply.

CHESAPEAKE: Here's the preliminary outline of our Chesapeake cruise. I have reserved slips for our six boats in Solomons, Oxford, and Crisfield, since these are among the most popular destinations on the Chesapeake Bay and they are filling up fast. I have given the captains' name and boat descriptions for each of our boats, and have reserved slips for my boat with a credit card. Cancellation requires 48 hours notice. **Each captain will need to call the respective marinas NOW and give his credit card number and address to hold the reservations.** Free anchorage is available each night if some do not want a slip, and I have provided some motel and B&B phone numbers for those who wish to sleep ashore. I will update this list as time goes along, and there is plenty of information available online also. I will be checking further on restaurants so these may change.

Please let me know if your crew list and boat information are not correct or if you have further questions or suggestions for improvement. Other boats are, of course, welcome if they would like to join us.

District 27 Rendezvous 14-16 July 2006 Washington (NC) Waterfront

Host Squadrons: Tar River, Pamlico & Raleigh

Arriving by Boat ? Please contact us early so we can plan for your arrival ! Boat slips will be available at the Washington Waterfront and Pamlico Plantation. Boats on trailers can be launched in several locations nearby.

Boat Slips – Washington Waterfront: Call 252-975-9367 Ext. 221 – Teresa Hamilton – Ask for USPS Group Rental 75 cents/foot/day. Limited number of slips with power & water – must be reserved Slips without power & water: FREE – (no reservations) – 48 hour max. Those coming for Saturday only by boat can anchor out. Water taxis will be provided.

Additional Boat Slips – Pamlico Plantation

Pamlico Plantation has some boat slips that are available. Transportation will be provided to/from the Washington Waterfront from Pamlico Plantation Marina. **Contact Ben Reed at 252-875-8110 or by e-mail at benreed@vol.com to reserve your slip.**

ATTENTION: CLASS CHANGE! DUE TO CONFLICTS WITH THE BOATING CLASS, THE WEATHER CLASS HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN POSTPONED. HOPEFULLY IT WILL START EARLY MAY. Tom S.

25' sloop, '74 Helms, main & 3 headsails, Suzuki 9.9 hp electric start. Long HD dual-axle trailer. Boat needs painting. Good fixer-upper. Now is the time to start. Dry storage area at Carolina Marina, Belews Lake. 336-586-0450 Bob Armfield \$1800.

2002 Maxum 1800SR, 190 Mercruiser, 90 hours, lots of extras, like new, always stored in dry stack, Belews Lake. \$14,900.00 Call John Oberholtzer 336-931-1204

Ninth USPS Youth Poster Contest "Boat Safely – Keep Our Waters Safe and Secure"

In this issue of the Breeze you will find an insert with information regarding the 2005-2006 Youth Poster Contest. We would love to see our squadron children and/or grandchildren, age eligible, to participate. This is a great beginning for our youth's awareness of boating safety as well as their involvement in squadron activities. Please read the enclosed information sheet and let me know if your little ones will be participating.

All entries from Greensboro Power Squadron MUST be completed and brought to the June Membership Meeting (**Monday, June 12th**) for judging. **All** entries will receive certificates of appreciation for their participation. In addition to being taken to the District Rendezvous in Washington for district competition, first, second and third place winners in each age category will be awarded cash prizes donated by GPS.

In order to be eligible, entries must be a certain size and must be positioned vertically on the page. There are other specific limitations around the medium used in presentation, **so please read the instructions.**

In addition, if you have interest in presenting this to your school or scout troop, please let me know. I will be happy to furnish you the information necessary for their participation. Winners from these groups should be judged first at their school or troop location, brought to the squadron meeting, and judged along with our squadron's entries.

Looking forward to seeing lots of GREAT talent, artistic ability and personality!

P/C Vinnie Gordy, P

Ninth USPS® Youth Poster Contest

The ninth USPS® Youth Poster Contest Theme is "Boat Safely - Keep Our Waters Safe and Secure. The contest starts fall 2005.

Who Can Enter?

The contest is open to all children ages 6 to 14 years old. There will be three (3) age divisions: 6 - 8, 9 - 11, and 12 - 14.

Contest Rules

- The entry must be vertical, not horizontal, in orientation.
- The entry must be on 15-by-20 or 14-by-22-inch poster paper.
- Participants may sketch the design lightly with pencil, but the end result must be a color poster.
- There is no limit to the type of media used, except professional illustrations, photos or copyrighted material may not be used, and computer generated art may not be submitted.
- Do not fold the poster.
- The poster will be judged for the idea presented more than artistic ability.
- The contest entry form must be completed and pasted on back of the poster

- One entry per person, please.
- All entries become the property of United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission and modify any poster for future reproduction.

Squadron & School Contests

School posters will be judged first at the school then with squadron entries at the squadron level. Posters must be judged at the squadron level prior to judging at the district level (spring conference or summer rendezvous). Posters should be submitted to the individual designated by the squadron commander. Squadron & school winners will be announced after judging is concluded. First-, second- and third-place winners in each age category at the squadron level can be entered at the district level.

District Contests

At the district level, posters should be submitted to the individual designated by the district commander. District winners will be announced after judging is concluded. First-place winners in each age category can be entered into judging at the national level.

The National Contest

National level submissions may be made through Thursday, 17 August 2006 at the fall Governing Board Meeting in New York, NY. The entries will be numbered with age indicated. Attendees may view the posters at a prominent display area.

The grand prizewinner and two runners-up in each division will be presented with a monetary award and announced at the Governing Board Meeting.

After judging at the national level is completed, non-winning entries will be returned to the respective districts. All participants at the national level will receive certificates of appreciation signed by the Chief Commander.

Deadline for Entries

- Squadron level - prior to judging at District level.
- District level - District spring conference or summer rendezvous.
- National level – 17 August 2006 at the USPS fall Governing Board Meeting in New York, NY
Please mark the entry Attn: P/R/C Priscilla B. Clarke, AP, Lt/C Louise Manke, P or Claudette C. Gallop.

Ninth USPS® Youth Poster Contest Entry Form - 2005-2006
Theme: Boat Safely - Keep Our Waters Safe and Secure

Instructions: Complete this form and paste on back of poster. Send entry to your squadron's designated chairman. All entries become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use submission.

Deadline for squadron-level entries: Prior to District deadline (Spring Conference or Summer Rendezvous).

Please Print:

Artist Name: _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone: A/C _____ No. _____

Please check if this is a school entry. School name: _____

School Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Teacher Name _____

Squadron _____ District _____

Squadron Member's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone: A/C _____ No. _____

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