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**9 GPS Annual Business Meeting**

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O.Henry Hotel**

### February

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**14 Advanced Grade Courses Start**

**16 Elective Grade Courses Start**

**24-26 Boat Show**

## January Birthdays

<b>1 Lola Maxine</b>	<b>Myers</b>	<b>10 Gregory W.</b>	<b>Sawyer</b>
<b>2 Philip W.</b>	<b>Andrew</b>	<b>16 Janet</b>	<b>Sheffield</b>
<b>2 Carol Ann</b>	<b>Kelly</b>	<b>18 Gary B.</b>	<b>Barker</b>
<b>3 Paul M.</b>	<b>Stephens III</b>	<b>24 Anne I.</b>	<b>Broadway</b>
<b>4 Woods M.</b>	<b>McGinn</b>	<b>24 W. Stewart</b>	<b>Colson</b>
<b>5 Elizabeth S.</b>	<b>Barrett</b>		

## Patrons of the Breeze

Bob & Bev Armfield.....*September Song*  
 Keith & Kendra Bulla.....*Whisper*  
 Stewart & Betty Colson  
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 Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....*Taterbug*  
 Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....*Islander*  
 Tom & Mary Hamlin  
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 Clint & Jackie Jackson.....*Blueline*  
 John Lore.....*Sea Robin*

Betty & Jeff McCain.....*Adventure*  
 Woods & Julia McGinn.....*Blue Moon*  
 Jerry Newton.....*Petey*  
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 Steve & Chris Puckett.....*Too-Tents*  
 Fred & Donna Schultz.....*Titantic Too*  
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 Frances & Jim Ward.....*Sea Star II*

### “Thank You” From *The Breeze*

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

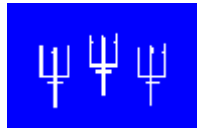
On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron, we thank the following Sponsors:

**Sidney C. Mitchell, JN   Delbert E. Foster, AP   Eddie D. Yost**

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**



At long last – a New Year! And with it, a new and exciting year of squadron activities – with more chances to learn about boating related ideas and topics – and more opportunities to participate in whatever squadron activities you might be interested in. We are fortunate that your incoming Bridge (when elected) will include only two new officers. And the newest members are actually long time squadron members. At this time, I would like to thank the outgoing officers for their dedication this year in making their sponsored events a success – thereby insuring a successful squadron year. Executive officer Chuck Kammeyer (soon to be Cdr Kammeyer); Administrative Officer Tom Hamlin (soon to be Executive Officer Hamlin); Squadron Educational Officer Tom Statham (who will remain at that position); Secretary Carolyn Hackett (who will also retain that position); and Treasurer Dan Chance (who is leaving this position after a very commendable year. Your new Administrative Officer – Mike Hackett, has been a participant in many squadron activities and committees for several years and will bring good experience to the bridge. Your new Treasurer – Chuck Freeman, is a longtime squadron member who has finally realized in the past year that it really is more fun when you participate in events. We welcome both to the leadership of Greensboro Power Squadron.

The election will occur at the Annual Business Meeting of the squadron on 9 Jan 2006. The Change of Watch is scheduled for 21 Jan, 2006 at the O.Henry Hotel. Please respond to the COW invitation by 10 January 2006.

For me it has been an exceptionally easy and fun year – as it should always be for a commander with good bridge officers! But more important than the officers are the squadron members who participate and take part in the activities and events of the squadron. To them should go our biggest Thanks and an admonition to continue having fun while supporting the squadron and maybe even become more active while working on committees and taking education courses.

Here we are once again ending one year and beginning another with many great memories and much anticipation of events to come. We think back about the various community service events the Power Squadron sponsors: **Operation Big Sweep, Co-Op Charting and geodetic marker recovery, vessel safety checks, Kid’s Day at the Lake, the blood drive, and the Public Boating Course. The Boat Show** which is where we show the public who we are and educate them on our cause for safe boating in the community.

This past year we also had occasion to host the **D-27 Annual meeting** and **Change of Watch** for our own P/D/C Steve Puckett. All of the events went well because of the coordination and organization of the volunteers who put in the many hours that are required to make these projects successful. The time involved and the effort put forth is enormous but the membership has always stepped forward to meet the challenge.

To get the full benefit from membership in the Power Squadron you need to take part in some of the upcoming events in 2006. Get involved, volunteer for an event and see how much fun you will have working with other members for a good cause. We always need new people to volunteer for the many worthwhile projects that are sponsored by the **Greensboro Power Squadron** and what better way to become acquainted and make new friends.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the bridge for this past year. Thanks also to all of my committee chairman and their committees who worked so hard to make our events successful. Without the help from so many people this job would be impossible for one person to accomplish. Serving as your Executive Officer for the 2005 year has been challenging and rewarding for me.

Here’s to good health and good boating in 2006.

**District 27 Change of Watch and Conference**  
**10-12 March 2006**  
**Hilton Hotel – Greenville, N.C.**

Room Rate: \$89.00 plus Taxes

Reservations made by calling 252-355-5000

**Ask for "United States Power Squadrons District 27" room block      Cutoff date is 8 February 2006**

**FRIDAY 10 March:**

- 1315            Spice Bouquet Plant Tour (30-minute drive from hotel) – advance registration required – no charge
- 1400            Grady White Boats Factory Tour – advance registration required – no charge
- 1500 – 1800    Member Registration (Lunch Tickets and Banquet Tickets) and Voter Registration
- 1800 – 2000    Cash Bar and Reception sponsored by Tar River Squadron

**SATURDAY 11 March: Uniform of the Day: Uniform F**

- 0700 - 0900    Member and Voter Registration
- Pick up lunch tickets. (Need to be prepaid for lunch) and Banquet Tickets
- 0700 - 0830    Commanders' Breakfast
- 0900            Council Meeting Convenes
- 1100 - 1400    Spouses' Mediterranean Cooking Demo & Luncheon – advance registration required
- 1200 - 1320    Members' Luncheon (Pre-registered and paid)
- 1330            Meeting Reconvenes
- 1600            Meeting Adjourned
- 1800            Cash Bar
- 1900            District 27 Change of Watch Banquet - *Uniform A or Suitable attire*

**SUNDAY 12 March:**

- 900-1000      Cooperative Charting and Geodetics

-----DETACH AND SEND-----

**D-27 Change of Watch & Conference**  
**Reservation Form**

Rank, Name & Grade Squadron	Spice Bouquet Tour (#)	Grady White Tour (#)	Friday Reception @ \$18.00	Saturday Cooking Demo & Luncheon \$27.00	Saturday Member Lunch @ \$15.00	Saturday Banquet Buffet @ \$35	TOTAL

**Please make checks payable to: D-27 C.O.W. Mail Check with completed form to:  
Lt/C Janet Drinnon, 2938 Portertown Road, Greenville, NC 27858 Phone:252-355-7890**

**Reservations Must Be Received by Wed., March 1, 2006. Any reservations received after that time will be honored if there is cancellation space available. Thank you for being prompt!**



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



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



It's time to gear up for next year's Educational Department Offerings. **Piloting** will be available in **February**. If you have had an S after your name forever, then it's time to upgrade it to a P. If you haven't taken *Seamanship* yet, then you may want to consider taking **Piloting now** and take *Seamanship* later.

The Bridge just finished co-instructing *Seamanship* and all exams were completed last month. With a bit of luck, all of these students will sign up and we will have a good starting group for **Piloting**.

Hopefully, we will get enough interest and Instructors to finally offer **Weather** this winter. There have been some scheduling concerns we have had to deal with from last fall.

We will have sign up sheets at this month's meeting. So, if there are any other courses you would like to have offered, please get some friends and sign up together. Late winter is the perfect time to take a new course, so you will be ready for the spring boating season.

GPS plans to host/offer several coastal cruises this year, so if you are interested in going, you may want to consider signing up for **Cruise Planning or Marine Electronics**. The **Chesapeake Bay** will be new and challenging for many of us. What better way to get ready for this cruise than by taking **Piloting** and learn how to handle a GPS and/or understand charts better. Our courses only take one night a week for a couple of months; not much time when you consider all the new information you will learn. Any of our courses can be taken as self-study, at your home. But, there is so much antidotal information and amusing stories you learn from our instructors and your fellow classmates, I strongly encourage you to sign up for our group courses.

It takes a lot of volunteers to run the Education Department. If you are qualified to teach any of our courses, let me know. The **Public Boating Course** will be starting up soon and I know 1st/L Bill Davis can use all the help he can get for those eight Wednesday's starting in March. This is our best chance to meet with many potentially new members. If you haven't signed up to help out there, then please do. If you haven't been there in several years, then come out and assist. The course has been totally revised and it could be a good refresher for you old salts. It's impressive to see as many or more members as we have students show up. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting and also at the COW this month.

Let's all work together and make 2006 the best year ever for our **Greensboro Power Squadron**. It's hard for me to say how much I appreciate all those who helped the Education Department for the past two years. I need your help, support and advice even more next year. Thanks to all of you. See you soon. Gotta go.

As the saying goes, this past year was a very good year for Greensboro Power Squadron. Following is a recap of activities in the Administrative Department and those individuals who served in leadership roles.

Our annual **Oyster Roast** was March 5 and led by Hardy Spence, Carol Kelly, and Wayne Southern. 71 people feasted on fried whiting fish, fried Greek shrimp, steamed oysters on the shell, and fried oysters. The Bridge prepared lobster bisque that was served as an appetizer.

The **Northeast River Cruise** was held May 13-15 and hosted by Mack and Vinnie Gordy and assisted by Betty and Stewart Colson. Winston-Salem and Cape Fear Squadrons also joined us for this event with a total of 10 boats and 35 people in those boats. After the cruise, Mack and Vinnie hosted cocktails and dinner for all 3 squadrons with 62 people in attendance.

**Hummer in the Summer** was held July 11 at Bryan Park in lieu of our regular business meeting. Carolyn and Mike Hackett hosted this covered dish event with 66 adults and 7 children in attendance.

**Watauga River Cruise:** Karl and M L Koeberling were gracious hosts at their mountain home on July 30<sup>th</sup> where 28 adults and 4 children met for covered dish lunch with the squadron providing hamburgers and all the fixins plus drinks. Mary and Tom Hamlin co-hosted this event. In addition to the luncheon, the Koeberling's have a blueberry farm and we were invited to pick our own at a very reasonable cost.

**Predicted Log** was at Smith Mountain Lake on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Mack and Vinnie Gordy co-coordinated this event and Mack laid out the course on the lake and each boater had opportunity to see how close they could come to their predicted time to each marker. Stewart Colson was the instructional leader for predicted log. Steve and Chris Puckett again hosted this event at their home at Smith Mountain Lake. Chris and Pat and Dick Byrne were co-coordinators for lunch and dinner. 10 boats were involved with 40 people in attendance.

Alec and Kathy Wrenn were hosts for **Ghost Walk** in New Bern on October 21-22 with 37 members and 4 guests in attendance. In addition to the home visits in Historic New Bern celebrating the 50's era, many in the squadron participated in Co-Op Charting doing depth markings as a service to the Coast Guard.

Our last event of the year was our **Christmas Party** on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Centenary United Methodist Church hosted by Pat and Dick Byrne and Mary and Tom Hamlin. Dan Chance and Max Kern fried 6 turkeys for this event that was attended by 84 adults and 12 children. Santa Claus visited us and distributed gifts to the children.

Thanks to all of you who helped serve and participate in these events. It was a very good 2005.

# 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



## Greensboro Power Squadron

### Change of Watch

January 21, 2006

O.Henry Hotel

1812 Cash Bar – Pavilion Room

1900 Dinner – Caldwell Ballroom

2000 – Presentation of Awards and  
Change of Watch Ceremony

**Dinner – Choice of Beef or Salmon**

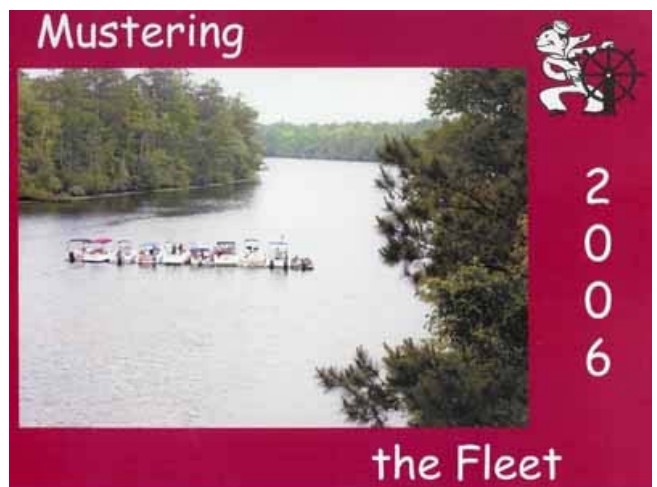
**Cost - \$35.00 pp**

**Reservations Required by January 10, 2006**

## 2006

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**GPS Christmas Party– 2005**  
**A lot of work goes into a successful event.**

**Some thoughts from your Safety Officer:**

Happy New Year's everyone. Am I the only one that can't wait until warm weather and getting back on the water? Well, I guess this time of year is a good time to look for deals on the safety gear we will need for the upcoming boating season. Do I need new life jackets? Or, is my first aid kit up to date? How old is my fire extinguisher? Is it still in date or maybe I need a second one. Did Santa leave you an emergency whistle in your stocking or should you go looking for one? It's time to replace batteries on all portable electronic devices; flash lights, handheld GPS or radios. Do you need to get a good flashlight?

Remember when you're out shopping the after Christmas sales that those flares are another year old too. Do you do any coastal boating? You may need to renew your sea tow or similar towing insurance. If you are coastal boating for the first time, be sure and let your insurance agency know. The rates and policies for lake vs. coastal boating can be quite different, so don't assume you are covered at the coast, just because you've been covered for 10 years at Belew's Lake.

Take some time this winter to think about safety and the safety equipment onboard your boat. Don't wait until the last minute or after you tell the wildlife officer thank-you for the ticket. Worse yet, could the proper equipment have helped you avoid an on water accident? Until next time be safe and happy boating.

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