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Calendar of Events

APRIL

21-27 National Safe Boating Week

9 Membership Meeting

June

28 Belews Cruise

11 Membership Meeting

MAY

14 Kids Day at Lake Townsend

14 Membership Meeting

**22-24 D/27 Rendezvous-Cruise to
New Bern**

18-20 Coop charting-Morehead

April Birthdays

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

Patrons of the Breeze

Bob & Bev Armfield.....*September Song*
 Keith & Kendra Bulla.....*Whisper*
 Stewart & Betty Colson
 Chuck & Ann Freeman*Bluebird*
 Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....*Taterbug*
 Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....*Islander*
 Tom & Mary Hamlin
 Mike & Sharon Hicks.....*Elixir*
 Clint & Jackie Jackson.....*Blueline*
 Wayne & Zaida Newkirk.....*Invictus*

Chuck & Connie Kammeyer.....*Frayed Knot*
 John Lore.....*Sea Robin II*
 Woods & Julia McGinn.....*Blue Moon*
 Jerry Newton.....*Petey*
 Steve & Chris Puckett.....*Too-Tents*
 Tom & Jo-Anne Statham*Allegra*
 Mike & Geraldine Stokes.....*Dad's Toy III*
 Frances & Jim Ward.....*Sea Star II*
 Alec & Kathy Wrenn.....*Carolina Wrenn*

"Thank You" From *The Breeze*

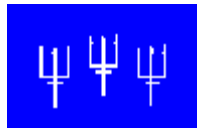
The above individuals made contributions in support of our newsletter this year.

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

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 Charles W. Freeman, AP 336-288-8180



From the Commander
Tom Hamlin, AP



One of our goals this year as a squadron is to grow our membership not only by adding new membership, but engaging and involving not only the new members, but those who have been less active in past years.

We have a wonderful class for our public boating course of almost 30 individuals. They are active and full of questions. Many have been boating for years, but as I hear their questions, I am reminded how little we bring to our boating experience without some educational classes. Our instructors are excellent and the students attentive and not afraid to ask questions. One couple said when they signed up for the course that they were taking the course so they could join our squadron. We hope many will choose to join our organization. We have a lot to offer them; and, they are our future.

We will give each student in the boating course a written invitation to attend our next business meeting on April 9th. As guests, they can hear Claiborne Young who is interesting and informative. It will give our guests a good chance to see us and mingle which may help influence them if they wish to complete application upon successful of the boating course for consideration into membership. We need to do our part to make them feel welcome.

Mary and I went to Smith Mountain Lake this past weekend. The trees were about to pop out – the forsythia was in full splendor as well as the red bud trees. The dogwoods were about to open. I cranked up the motor boat just to see if would start. It did. Boating season is here – finally. See Mike and John’s articles about upcoming boating events and getting your boat inspected.

Executive Officer
Lt/C Mike Hackett, P



Can you believe that boating weather is actually here? I trust everyone is getting their boat ready for safe trips on the water. Remember to contact Woody McGinn, who is heading up our Vessel Safety Check program. The inspection takes only a few minutes and at least you will know that your boat has met requirements if that Wildlife Officer greets you one day. We also need to remember that the safety inspection is not just to meet requirements, but one more step in keeping all of us safe while on the water.

Dan Kelly, John Lore and Paul Long have really put the **Co-op Charting** weekend, May 18th, 19th and 20th, in high gear. Last meeting we passed around a sign-up sheet, which seems to have only made it around the port side of the room, so please make sure you are registered. Look for more information about the weekend later in the Breeze. There will be a cocktail party Friday night at the Comfort Inn and early Saturday evening we have been invited to Betty Potter’s home for another cocktail party. Sometime on Saturday between cocktail parties we will do a little co-op charting. We have six boats signed up now, but would appreciate a couple more volunteers in case someone has to cancel.

Please mark your calendars for June 14th. WE will once again be providing our Kid’s Day on the Lake. Cheryl and Jim Humphries will be heading up this event. We will need boats and volunteers to help with all the kids coming from the Boys and Girls Club to participate in a day on the water. This is a great way to give back to our community and I hope you will step forward to help the Humphries. Still working on my boat to get it ready for cruising. If you would like to be more involved with the Squadron, please call or e-mail me.

Still need a Blood Drive Chairperson!!!



**District 27
Change of
Watch
Charlotte, NC
10 March 2007**

We missed you!



REGISTRATION FORM - DISTRICT 27 RENDEZVOUS
SHERATON HOTEL & MARINA - NEW BERN, NC - 22-24 JUNE 2007
 (252) 638-3585 or (800) 326-3745 - **Cutoff Date for Hotel: 23 MAY 2007**
Room Rate - \$109.00 plus tax

FRIDAY 22 JUNE:

1200 - 1700 Registration Desk Open - Sheraton Lobby
0900 - 1130 Hatteras Yachts Tour – no charge. Meet in Sheraton Lobby at 0815 to carpool.
 Wear flat shoes that cover your feet (no sandals or flip flops).
 Two and one-half hour walking tour.
1330 – 1530 Guided Trolley Tour through historic district with stops at the New Bern Academy
 Museum, Churchyard of Christ Church, and the Birthplace of Pepsi Cola.
 Cost: \$13.00 per person. Meet in the Sheraton Lobby.
1700 – 1800 New Member Reception – District Commander’s Suite
1815 – 1900 D/27 Bridge Cocktail Party at Farmer’s Market
1900 – Shrimp-a-roo at Farmer’s Market-- includes Shrimp, Chicken *and* Sausage with extras
 Cost: \$16.00 per person
 Karaoke contest to follow dinner.

SATURDAY 23 JUNE:

0930 – 1200 Registration Desk Open - Sheraton Lobby
1000 – 1100 Beanbag Nautical Baseball
1100 – 1200 Conch Blowing Contest
1230 – 1330 Lunch at the Sheraton. Outdoor Cookout, weather permitting
 Cost: \$19.00 per person
1330 - Beanbag Nautical Baseball World Series
 Boat Docking Contest
1800 - Cash Bar – Sheraton
1900 - Luau – Sheraton -- Cost: \$25.00 per person

-----**DETACH AND MAIL**-----

We are coming by: Boat (for weekend) _____ Boat (for day) _____ Car _____
 We are staying at: Sheraton _____ Sheraton Marina _____ Galley Marina _____ Other _____

We will attend the Friday morning Hatteras Yachts Tour.....No. Attending _____

We will attend the Friday afternoon Trolley Tour.....No. Attending: _____ @ \$13.00 = \$ _____

We will attend the Fri evening Cocktails & Shrimp-a-roo...No. Attending: _____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

We will attend the Saturday cookout.....No. Attending: _____ @ \$19.00 = \$ _____

We will attend the Saturday evening Luau.....No. Attending: _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL:

\$ _____

Name: _____ First Time attending Rendezvous? Yes ___ No ___
 Name: _____ First Time attending Rendezvous? Yes ___ No ___
 Phone: _____ Squadron: _____
 E-mail: _____

**Make checks payable to: D/27 Rendezvous and mail to: P/Lt/C Sara Epperson, P, 1113 Mill Run Road,
 Sneads Ferry, NC 28460 Reservations must be received by 24 May 2007.**
Contacts: P/Lt/C Dauna Gable, AP 910/327-1276 (H) or 910-358-0592 (Cell) dgable@charter.net
P/Lt/C Sara Epperson, P 910/327-2989, whepper@charter.net

D/27 Rendezvous Time

Tie a string around your finger. It will remind you to call the Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina at (252) 638-3585 or (800) 326-3745 to make your room or dockage reservation for the 22-24 June 2007 D/27 Rendezvous. Ask for the D/27 block of rooms to get the special rate. New Bern is a neat waterfront town with lots of history and hospitality.

Start off Friday morning with a Hatteras Yachts Factory Tour. Wear flat shoes that cover your feet (no sandals or flip-flops). Friday afternoon hop on the guided Trolley Tour through historic New Bern with some fun stops including one at the birthplace of Pepsi. Friday evening D/27 will be hosting a cocktail party at Farmer's Market, which is just around the corner from the Sheraton. A Shrimp-a-roo will follow (shrimp, chicken and sausage with all the extras). Then, get ready for a karaoke contest with Ken Link as emcee. There is a rumor going around that D/27 Bridge has a *special*/karaoke presentation! Bring your own music or choose from something that will be available.

Limit those sippies and get plenty of sleep so you will be at your best on Saturday for the games/competitions. There will be a boat-maneuvering contest to show off your skills!!! Get your teams ready for the beanbag nautical baseball game. It's lady friendly so hopefully there will be plenty of gals on your team. Do you need any cheerleaders? Let's give the Cape Fear Fog Horns some competition this year in the annual Conch Blowing Contest.

Saturday lunch will be at the Sheraton. Cdr Gordy has a fun luau scheduled for Saturday evening. Get out your best Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts (if you dare!) and get ready to party!

If you haven't been to a rendezvous make plans to be a "First Timer" in New Bern. If you always attend we will look forward to seeing you again. If you are driving or cruising now is the time to make your reservations for a fun weekend. Your commander has the reservation form and additional info.

If you have any questions call or email Sara Epperson at (910) 327-2989 (whepper@charter.net) or Dauna Gable at (910) 327-1276 (dgable@charter.net).

New Bern, here we come!!!

P/Lt/C Dauna Gable, AP New River Sail and Power Squadron



Educational Officer
Lt/C Bill Davis, JN



Administrative Officer
Lt/C John Oberholtzer,



We have a new graduating class of seamanship students. They are Barre Burks, Jeff Corbett, Elizabeth Crosby, Jeff Inman, Wayne Newkirk, James Wright, and Patrick Wright. Also David Schultz completed the requirements for Junior Navigator and has attained the grade of JN. Congratulations to all.

Julie and I went to the District Conference and Change of Watch the weekend of March 10 and of particular interest to me was the educational breakout session with Ray Travis. It seems that National is revising numerous courses and that puts us in a bit of flux as to when we will teach certain courses. The Public Boating course is about to be changed this year, same for junior navigation, engine maintenance, and marine electronics. Interesting enough engine maintenance and marine electronics are two of the courses I had my eye on offering this year, but I have been flagged off until the new versions show up. I am ordering On Board Weather Forecasting, Using GPS, and Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radios seminars that can be taught to the public as well as our membership. We will offer these this spring and you will be hearing more about this later.

Phil Andrews and his blood hounds have been turned loose to track down our GPS property. Just one of those things we need to do periodically. We JN types aspiring to be N's have completed our open and closed book tests and if we can get our collective act together we will turn in our sight folders this month or May at the latest. There is reason for this madness but only the insane would understand. We hear both JN and N will be revised to be more relevant to our membership. Others call it dumbing down but I'm thinking more relevant is good. After all how often do you need to overlay your horizon and equator systems to determine the visible stars?

The April meeting will feature Claiborne Young the author of the Cruising Guide to the Southeast series and of the Salty Southeast Cruiser's net (www.cruisersnet.com). Many of us are familiar with Claiborne and his interesting talks and this promises to be an outstanding program. Claiborne will have copies of his newest revised versions of his guides and his chart packages available for our purchase.

We have invited the current public boating course members to attend this meeting with the intent of demonstrating to them the many advantages of becoming members of the Greensboro Power Squadron. Please make a special effort to meet and greet these guests, we would love to have them as members. Let's show them the warm, family atmosphere of which we are so justly proud.

The Belews Cruise is coming up on Saturday, April 28th. David Schultz and his committee have planned a fascinating test of our navigation and GPS skills. We need all the boats we can muster so be sure to sign up and let David know how many people your boat can carry. There should be room for everyone so sign up and come out for a great day on the lake. The food, fellowship and fun will be top notch. Let's get the year off to a great start.

The Co-Op Charting weekend at Morehead City is coming up on May 18th through the 20th. Again we need all the boats we can get and lots of members to participate in this very worthwhile enterprise. Make your motel reservations as soon as possible since there is a lot going on in Morehead City. It's their 150th anniversary celebration and there will be a lot of interesting activities underway for everyone to enjoy.

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

June 14th Lake Townsend Shelter #10

Our annual Kids Day at the Lake for under-privileged children is well underway and as always we are looking for **BOATS, Captains and volunteers** to help with this year's event.



Last year we hosted a total of 21 children from the Salvation Army and everyone including the captains and volunteers had a great time even with the extreme heat. Sign up sheets will be available at the April meeting, but if you can help with this event feel free to fax, e-mail or call me at the following:

Name: _____ I can help with: Boat _____ Volunteer _____

Cheryl Humphries (cell) 215-6244, fax 218-0047, or e-mail sunstar@southernlawns.com

Our annual Co-Op Charting weekend will be held May 18th, 19th, and 20th, in Morehead City, North Carolina

Hotels: Comfort Inn 1-252-247-3434 \$100.00/ Night

Trailer space available

Buccaneer Hotel 1-252-726-3115 \$80.00/ Night

May not have trailer space

Hampton Inn 1-252-240-2300 Holiday Inn 1-252-247-5001

There will be a cocktail party Friday night at the Comfort Inn and Saturday night we have been invited to Betty Potter's home for a cocktail party and dinner for those who would like to order-in something from a local pizza restaurant. For those who would like a seafood dinner, John Lore have reserved a room at Mrs. Willis restaurant in Morehead City near the waterfront.

Please sign-up at the next Squadron meeting or contact Dan Kelly if you plan on attending. The sooner we have numbers, the better.

You can become a sponsor or patron of the Breeze to help off-set the cost of the newsletter. Contact Lt/C Chuck Freeman, JN for more information.

93 Bayliner Jazz 14 ft, 2-seat 90 HP, with trailer & cover. Hasn't been in regular use in 10 years. Low hours, clean. \$2500. Small enough for inexperienced boaters, strong enough to pull a skier. Great alternative to jet skis. Mark Gibson: day 383-3693, eve 510-0975, gibsonlj@triad.rr.com



We had a Ball at the D-27 Change of Watch Beach Party On Friday Night.



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