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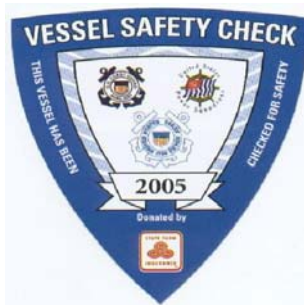
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## Calendar of Events

### MAY

14 Membership Meeting

18-20 Coop charting-Morehead

21-27 National Safe Boating Week

### JUNE

11 Membership Meeting

14 Kids Day at Lake Townsend

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

### JULY

9 HUMMER IN THE SUMMER

28 Watauga River Cruise/  
Blueberry Picking

## May Birthdays

2	Jeff C.	Inman	19	Wayne	Southern
3	Paul D.	Shelor	21	B. Wayne	Newkirk
4	Gaither C.	Frye Jr.	23	Eric C.	Eakes
	John J.	Mathews	24	Suzanne	Chabon
11	Rebecca L.	Howe		Paula	Elliott
15	Jim A.	Humphries	26	W. Hardy	Spence
17	Philip C.	Deaton	30	Kevin D.	Andrew
19	Jerry B.	Chance			

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 Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....*Islander*  
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 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*

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### "Thank You" From *The Breeze*

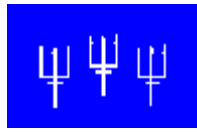
The above individuals made contributions in support of our newsletter this year.

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**



**Executive Officer**  
**Lt/C Mike Hackett, P**



Our **Public Boating Course** is now complete and we hope a good number of those students will become members and help us grow. The teaching has been excellent, the course well organized, and the students active and involved. Congratulations to Bill Davis, Hardy Spence, and Carol Kelly for a job well done. All of us need to go out of our way to welcome these new members and help them find their way so they can become active members of our squadron.

By the time this article reaches you, the **Belews Cruise** will be complete. David Shultz has done another wonderful job in organizing and setting up the treasure hunt where we hunt for clues in the water using our GPS to ultimately find the treasure. It is another sign spring is here and time for our boats to be in the water.

Please be sure to read Mike Hackett's article about **Co-op Charting coming up May 18-20 at Morehead City**. We have about 50 people who have signed up to participate. This is an excellent turn out for our first service project of the year and our 2<sup>nd</sup> water event. Remember, mileage and reasonable expenses for those participating in Co-op Charting is tax deductible.

I am still looking for volunteers to join our group for the Karaoke competition at our **District Rendezvous in New Bern June 22-23**. Eight brave people have volunteered, all claiming no signing talent, to give it a try. We hope to give you a sample of our talents at the May or June business meeting. Many will want to join us because we are so good or some will hopefully join us because we are so bad – either way, we are going to have fun. Our practices have included wine and cheese that has helped develop our vocal cords.

I trust you have made your reservations and let the event chairs know of your plans to attend the **Co-Op Charting event on May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in Morehead City**. Remember to bring plenty of your favorite hor'deuvres, beverages and boating stories for each of the cocktail parties. There will be a cocktail party Friday night at the Comfort Inn. Tom Hamlin, Carolyn and Mike Hackett will host this party around the pool. We will provide mixers, cups, ice and some light snacks on Friday at the Comfort Inn. We will even have an opener for your beer and bottle of wine. Dinner Friday night will be on your own. I'm sure we can get a group together and take our chances in Morehead City. Early Saturday evening we have been invited to Betty Potter's home for another cocktail party with mixers, cups and ice provided. We would ask that each of you bring heavy hor'deuvres to share and an ample supply of your favorite beverage. We will also have the option of ordering pizza at Betty's home and making it an evening of relaxation. You might also want to bring a folding chair. For those of you who would like to eat out, you are on your own unless you have already made your reservation with me.

Between the cocktail party on Friday night and the cocktail party on Saturday night we will do our co-op charting. Dan Kelly has contacted the Captains with information on the charting activities and has laid out our charting area. If you are planning to take your boat, please stay in touch with Dan for more information so that we can do a good job on Saturday. **Co-op Charting** is one of the most important projects of the Power Squadron. It is another example of where we give back to the boating community to make their and our time on the water a little safer.

**National Safe Boating Week begins May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Check out Woody McGinn's article in the *Breeze* and get your boat inspected!! I'm sure inspectors will be available at the New Bern weekend and if you have not had the opportunity earlier, that would be a great time to make sure everything is up to date.

Cheryl and Jim had a good sign up for the **Kids Day at the Lake on June 14<sup>th</sup>** at our last meeting. I would encourage each of our members to get involved with this important community event. If you have not had the pleasure of seeing the faces of these kids as they experience boating for the first time, you will be in for a treat.

Please contact Cheryl or Jim and get your name on the list. This is a great way to give back to our community, and I hope you will step forward to help the Humphries.

Anyone interested in a nice boat with a blown-up engine? I guess I will need to hitch a ride on my friends' boats for a while, but I can't think of a better way to spend time on the water.

**2007 BELEWS CRUISE-  
ON THE WATER, SUNNY & 75°  
SEE WHAT YOU MISSED!**



**THE QUEST!**



**THE SOPRANOS?**





**Educational Officer**  
**Lt/C Bill Davis, JN**



**Administrative Officer**  
**Lt/C John Oberholtzer,**



In case anyone hadn't noticed, I am a farmer at heart, an engineer by trade, and a boater by marriage. And this boating is cutting into my dirt time. The good news is the **Navigation Class** has completed it's testing, turned in the sight folders, and is awaiting their final grades. This down and taxes done, awaiting the audit, I have been able to spend more time on SEO duties. Looks like a fairly large **Piloting class starting up May 3**, with Al Pike at the helm. Also the word came down from on high that the updated **Engine Maintenance** course has been released, so I plan to get that going this summer. It's a bit of a balancing act because the same folks that want to take Piloting also want to take Engine Maintenance and so on.

The other fun planned for May is the start of the seminars that the USPS University has issued. These are open to the public and will be put on the USPS website for that purpose. Also we have alerted the Spring Boating Class, and I suspect we will have some from that group interested. Of course I expect some interest from our own GPS membership, particularly since there is new course material. That said, I have no idea how this is going to turn out. I have ordered 15 books for each of the seminars, and if more than 15 show up, people get to share until more books can be ordered. This isn't as bad as it appears as these seminars are one night each, 2 hours per night. There are four of them: "**How to Use a Chart**", "**On Board Weather Forecasting**", "**Using GPS**", and "**Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio**". There is no test. You can take one or more of the seminars of your choice. **The first class will begin on May 15**, with the remaining on the following Tuesdays. Cost will be \$30 to \$35 depending on the seminar. The exact order and details will be forthcoming. That means you will be getting an e-mail. I hope to offer these courses again in the fall. So if you miss out this round, hang loose. I'm told that the USPS University is coming out with even more seminars so I will keep you posted on that. So let the fun begin.

The speaker at this month's membership meeting will be Margaret Hoffman, the author of **Blackbeard**, a novel of villainy and murder in colonial America. Margaret is quite an authority on Blackbeard and a wonderful speaker. This will be a program you won't want to miss. In May we will be traveling to Morehead City for co-op charting, covering some of the exact waters this dread pirate navigated in the Queen Anne's Revenge. While the recovery of the wreck of this fearful ship is well underway, perhaps our careful survey of the sea bed will uncover yet another clue, to another treasure. You don't want to miss out on either of these exciting events.

The Belews Cruise will have been completed prior to this issue of the *Breeze* but we do want to pass on the information that Carolina Marina has generously offered to waive the launching fees for any squadron member who is towing their boat and launching at any of our events on Belews Lake. David Shultz, the chairman of this event, and I have discussed having informal raft ups at Belews Lake during the summer months. We will be posting an e-mail with a date, time and GPS position for any who would like to participate. It is our intent to also offer the invitation to the Winston/Salem squadron. It will be strictly informal with food and beverages the responsibility of the individuals. I'm sure we can find room for those who find them selves boat-less. We'll keep you posted as the year progresses.

We look forward to **Kid's Day at the Lake on June 14<sup>th</sup>**; we need all the boats and bodies we can get. On **July 9th we will be meeting at Bur-Mill Park for the Hummer-in-the-Summer** so be sure to mark that date on your calendar. **I'm sorry to announce that the New Bern Cruise that was on the calendar will not be.** We planned to join the cruise that another squadron was sponsoring but that has come to naught. It was too late for us to make our own reservations at motels and marinas when we finally found out what had (not) occurred. Next year we will make sure we have plans in place on an independent basis.

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sunstar@southernlawns.com)

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

Hotels: Comfort Inn 1-252-247-3434

Buccaneer Hotel 1-252-726-3115

Hampton Inn 1-252-240-2300

\$100.00/ Night Trailer space available

\$80.00/ Night May not have trailer space

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.**

**OOOP'S!! Last months back cover listed the member's boat as *Blue Bird* and it should have been *Carolina Wren*.**

**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](mailto:gibsonlj@triad.rr.com)

## Vessel Safety Check Coupons - 10 Percent Off!

Did I get your attention? You thought the *Vessel Safety Check* (VSC) was a free service. Now we are offering a discount, which makes “free” even better! Can we do that? What’s the gimmick? There is no gimmick. We’ve offered the discount for years. I just don’t believe everyone in the squadron remembers the offer. Read on.

We set a goal this year for our squadron. We want to improve membership involvement in the VSC program. First, I want to invite anyone interested in becoming a certified Vessel Examiner (VE) to step forward. If you think you are interested, talk to some of our local examiners. Take a look at the VSC information on the internet at <http://safetyseal.net/> and the USPS website at [www.usps.org/national/vsc/](http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/) - anyone can take a look. These are most informative websites. You can even download the VSC Manual from USPS. Study that and you can take the VE exam online!

If you have a boat in the Greensboro area, we want you to experience a Vessel Safety Check first-hand, and get your boat inspected this year! If you keep a boat on one of the area lakes, we can schedule a trip to the lake. If you trailer your boat, we can schedule a trip to your home or storage site. If you’d like to trailer your boat to a membership meeting, we can arrange that too. We also expect to have a squadron examiner available at every squadron outing this year, including those at the coast and at Smith Mountain Lake. Please give us a call.

Are you sure your PFDs are in good shape? Do you have the required fire extinguishers on board? Do your navigation lights still work? Do you have the proper signaling devices? Have your flares expired? Are you required to display the 5” x 8” Oil Discharge placard? What about a Waste Management Plan or the 4” x 9” MARPOL Trash placard? Do you need to know the “Rules of the Road”? Do you have to carry a current copy of the Inland Navigation Rules on board?

What about the discount, you ask? I didn’t forget the discount. When your boat is inspected, you will receive a West Marine VSC Discount Coupon. The coupon is offered to encourage all boaters to get a VSC, even if they believe their boat is not in compliance. The coupon is good for 10% off the purchase of any “Safety” item, including “PFDs, tethers for PFDs, personal safety lights, life rings, horseshoe buoys, flares, bells & whistles, horns, first aid kits, fire extinguishers and gas/propane/co detectors”.

You’ll probably be buying some safety equipment this year anyway, so get your VSC and take advantage of the 10% discount. And if your boat happens to be “non-compliant”, you might use that coupon to purchase what you need. Again, give us a call.

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