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Calendar of Events

April

14 Membership Meeting

14 Marine Electronics course begins @ 1930

26 Belews Cruise

16-20 Oriental-Ocracoke Cruise

May

6 Advanced Piloting course begins @ 1900

June

20 D-27 Rendezvous-Lake Wylie

26 Kids Day at the Lake

April Birthdays

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|----|-----------|----------|----|---------------|------------|
| 4 | Green Jr. | James M. | 16 | Honeycutt Jr. | Joe R. |
| | Elliott | Christie | 18 | Honeycutt | Susan L. |
| 7 | Wrenn | Kathy | | Hamlin | Mary B. |
| 9 | DeHaven | James W. | 19 | Thomas | L. Everett |
| 9 | Sheffield | Neal | 27 | Conrad | Justin C. |
| 10 | Schultz | Sue | | | |

Squadron Patrons

| | |
|---|---|
| Bob & Bev Armfield | Jerry Newton..... <i>Petey</i> |
| Ken & Ann Fonville..... <i>Orion V</i> | John & Sally Oberholtzer..... <i>Sally O</i> |
| Chuck & Ann Freeman <i>Bluebird</i> | Al Pike |
| Mike & Carolyn Hackett..... <i>Hattitude</i> | Steve & Chris Puckett..... <i>Too-Tents</i> |
| Tom & Mary Hamlin | Tom & Jo-Anne Statham <i>Allegra</i> |
| Dick & Judi Howle..... <i>Labella</i> | Jim & Frances Ward..... <i>Sea Star II</i> |
| Chuck & Connie Kammeyer..... <i>Frayed Knot</i> | Larry Williams |
| John Lore..... <i>Sea Robin II</i> | Alec & Kathy Wrenn..... <i>Carolina Wrenn</i> |
| Woods McGinn..... <i>Blue Moon</i> | |
| Wayne & Zaida Newkirk..... <i>Invictus</i> | Special thanks to Betty Potter for her generous support |

“Thank You” From *The Breeze*

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

On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

a special thanks to **Carolina Marina at Belews Lake** for their continued support.

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 Squadron, contact Lt/C Charles W. Freeman, SN 336-288-8180

Dear members,

It is with sadness that I inform the membership that one the Power Squadron's long-term and very active members has passed away.

P/C Al Pike, AP died this morning (Sunday) after a short hospital stay. As many of you know, Al has fought illness for some time, and through it all he remained a dedicated member. Al was to teach at the Squadron boating course last Tuesday night, but felt too ill and actually entered the hospital a day later.

Please keep Al's wife and two daughters in your thoughts and prayers. You may send cards to the address below. The family has asked us to limit visits to the house due to Alexandra's' illness. At this time, they do not feel any need for food. Arrangements are tentative at this time, but Forbis and Dick will be in charge of a memorial service.

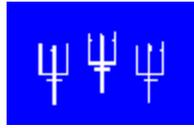


We will let you know when we have more information.
Cdr Mike Hackett, P

To the Family of Al Pike
526 Woodvale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27410



From the Commander
Mike Hackett, P



Executive Officer
Lt/C John Oberholtzer, AP



I hope you were able to attend our March meeting. Tom and Jo-Anne Statham gave a great program on their recent trip to the Abacos, Bahamas and the Florida Keys.

Our April program promises to be just as interesting and informative. Once again we will have a presentation by members. Steve and Suzanne Chabon will share their adventure as they sailed for an extended cruise on their boat, **Shepherd Moon**.- (see back cover). Please read Lt/C Woody McGinn's' article about their program.

As many of you are aware, over the weekend of March 14-16, the District 27 Change of Watch was held here in Greensboro. Hosted by our own Squadron, the event could not have been better attended nor more warmly received by our guests from across District 27. I believe we had 19 of 20 Squadrons represented. This was not only a warm tribute to Past District Commander Mack Gordy and his wife Vinnie, it was also a tribute to the members of the Greensboro Squadron. We had many compliments about the outstanding job done by our squadron to welcome the visitors and make the weekend special for everyone. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of the Greensboro folks who worked so hard and paid attention to every detail so that the event appeared effortless even though it certainly was not. Even in working, our squadron members know how to have fun together and the Greensboro tradition of being excellent hosts remains firm.

Here's an interesting little tidbit.

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. The French drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausage and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans. Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. **Speaking English is apparently what kills you.**

On Friday May 16th the fleet of the Greensboro Power Squadron will descend on the quaint village of Oriental for our annual Co-Op Charting exercise. This will be a weekend of fun both on and off the water. We will also be aiding NOAA with our surveying the waters of the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound, thus helping to keep the charts current. Since we are assisting NOAA, Co-Op Charting is a tax deductible event.

The headquarters will be the **Oriental Marina & Inn – 252-249-1818** – They are holding a block of rooms and slips but they are limited. Please get your reservations in early. **Tell them you are with the Greensboro Power Squadron.**

The following are motels in Oriental: (**area code 252**) Oriental Harbor Marina – 249-3770, River Neuse Suites – 249-1404 The Cartwright House – 249-1337 The Inn at Oriental – 249-7174, The Captain's Quarters B&B – 249-0002

On Sunday we plan to set sail (and power) to what has been voted "The most beautiful beach in the United States", Ocracoke Island. We will stay until Wednesday May 21st. Here we will be headquartered at the lovely Anchorage Inn & Marina –for rooms - 252-928-1101, for boat slips – 252-928-6661. The Inn has 12 rooms and 8 boat slips blocked out for our use. Please call them directly to make your reservations; space is always at a premium on the island.

The committees are planning lots of fun activities. Please volunteer to help out. Dan Kelly and Burton Kennedy are co-chairs for Co-Op Charting and have a number of fun filled events planned. Friday evening cocktails and snacks at the motel; dinner is either on your own or with a group. A captain's and crew breakfast Saturday morning complete with instructions. Saturday evening there will be a cocktail party at Burton & Jane Kennedy's home with heavy hors-de-oeuvres similar to last year's event. Last year we had over 70 members at Co-Op Charting and had a wonderful time. Don Elliot and Wayne Newkirk are the Ocracoke Cruise co-chairs and they will appreciate your assistance as well. – **Boating is fun – We'll show you how!**



**DISTRICT 27 COW
GREENSBORO
14-15 MARCH**





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The Public Boating course is in high gear now with 20 plus students. We need the membership to come out and mingle with them. It does impress these students to see that we care about our squadron and their education. I also want to thank (again and as always) our instructors who do such a fine job of teaching. I even listen and learn from their experiences.

Instructor Development classes are going on, and nearly all our instructors will officially be certified soon. Plus there are a number of students that are taking the course for their own advancement of knowledge.

It's also congratulation time. We have 5 members who just recently passed Basic and Advanced Sail examinations. They are Craig Cooper, Bill Davis, Zachary Eakes, Alec Wrenn, and Kathy Wrenn. There are a couple of more that could complete the course soon. In addition, three of us now have completed enough courses to achieve the Educational Proficiency Award. That would be David Schultz, Bill Young, and Bill Davis. Bill Young has also passed Sail and Weather via self study.

By the way, I picked up a flyer at the District 27 COW that announced Claiborne Young has a website www.cruisersnet.net that gives the latest on cruising tips on the Atlantic seaboard. I don't know if I am the first or last to get the word, but I checked it out and there is all sorts of information on it.

In the works for those of you planning your next educational opportunity, Marine Electronics and Advanced Piloting are coming up soon. Stay tuned. In the Educational Training Session on March 15th at the district Change of Watch we learned that National is continuing to issue public seminar topics. I counted 26 existing and to be issued seminars, plus 2 mini-courses. In addition the new Beta N course is coming soon, new Weather, Marine Electronics, Instructor Development, and Sail are in the works. This doesn't even include the structure being worked on for Boat Operator Certification which I have mentioned before. Legislation on BOC is coming quickly. Makes your head want to spin.

Sell out, ship out and sail away?
 Haven't we all dreamed of leaving the material world behind and living a cruising lifestyle? Wouldn't it be wonderful to head toward the blue waters, feel the warm breezes, smell the salt airs, and leave the city's woes behind.

Just a dream? Come to the **membership meeting on 14 April** and find out.

Steve and Suzanne Chabon are going to tell us how they made their "dream" come true. They left Greensboro in May 2001 and returned in June 2002. During that time they lived aboard their 28' Pied Piper, **Shepherd Moon**, and "traveled the east coast up to Delaware, and down to the Keys, then over to the Abacos, and then back to Florida and up to NC."

Their "dream" took a lot of preparation. They both joined the Greensboro Power Squadron in 1984 and worked their way through the advanced grades of Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting. They also took some useful elective courses: Cruise Planning, Sail and Weather.

"Dreams" don't just happen. Steve said "we sold our house, cars and most all of our possessions when we left. We've returned to work and are saving up to do an RV trailer trip through the US and Canada, and then hope to get another boat to travel more of the US and the southern Bahamas."

"We plan to give a brief outline of the boat, our equipment and planning, then show slides from the trip, and leave plenty of time for questions."

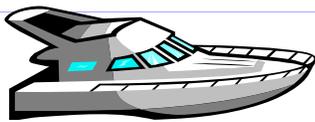
We've invited Steve and Suzanne to share their experiences with us. Now I invite you join us. Bring your questions and bring your guests. Let's take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to see the beautiful pictures, hear their stories and ask a lot of questions. This is going to be a most enjoyable program.

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

Boaters within 100 feet of a patrol boat with a flashing blue light must slow to a NO WAKE SPEED. In a narrow channel its 50 feet. Its the law throughout North Carolina since January 1, 2007.



Belews Cruise Saturday April 26th

Don't snooze or you'll lose out on the Belews Cruise.
Boats and crews- sign up now for the first event of the year.

The fun starts with the meeting
of captain and crew at **0900 sharp !**

Then the contest begins.

Test you GPS skills on a challenging course laid out
by Lt. David (Hide the buoy) Schultz and his aides.

After the on water challenge enjoy lunch and
fellowship at the picnic grounds.

Call or e-mail David at
288-7743 or Schultz@traid.rr.com



"Cooks Night Off"

Please join us at the K & W at Friendly shopping Center each Monday between 6:00 – 6:30 P.M. for dinner and conversation before the Monthly Squadron Meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Look for familiar faces in the eastern front corner of the dining area. This is a terrific way to get to know your fellow Squadron members on a more up-close and personal level. Lots of laughs, great conversation, and no one has to cook!! See you there!

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

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE AT THE D-27 COW

The only people that didn't have a
good time were
those that didn't attend
(and possibly the clean-up crew)



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