



# THE BREEZE

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Don't miss our  
**Blueberry Social**  
at this months' GPS  
meeting on  
**11 August**

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## Calendar of Events

### August

- 2 Watauga River Blueberry Picking Cruise
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The Chabon's sailing trip

### September

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*A Tour Down The Amazon*

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3-5 Myrtle Beach Cruise

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## August Birthdays

1	Leif A.	DuVall	14	Garrick L.	Martin
4	Sally	Oberholtzer	16	Cheryl R.	Humphries
	Paul D.	Long	17	James E.	Nitka
7	H. Max	Kern	21	Jacqueline	Jackson
9	Kendra E.	Bulla	28	Jo-Anne	Statham
12	John R.	Lore	29	Larry E.	Freeze
13	Roger A.	Tatum	30	Charles W.	Freeman

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Chuck & Ann Freeman .....*Bluebird*  
 Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....*Optional Necessity*  
 Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....*Hattitude*  
 John Lore.....*Sea Robin II*  
 Wayne & Zaida Newkirk.....*Invictus*  
 Jerry Newton.....*Petey*

John & Sally Oberholtzer.....*Sally O*  
 Ron & Anna Pittman.....*Anna Bee*  
 Betty Potter  
 Jim & Frances Ward.....*Sea Star II*  
 Larry & Madge Williams.....*C'est La Vie*  
 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,

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



**From the Commander**  
**Mike Hackett, P**



I hope everyone has been having a good summer. The Squadron has had a great summer with the Hummer in July where we had a summer beach party with shrimp and all the "fixins." A special thanks to Shirley and Max Kern and all the folks who helped to make the event a success. In addition to great food, we held a silent auction and raised over \$675 for our general fund to help with the expenses of our new computer and sound system. I offer thanks to all who participated by either donating or buying items for the cause.

We returned last night from the Watauga River Blueberry Picking. The weather could not have been better, and it sure was a nice change from the heat of the "flatlands." Karl and ML Koebberling were our hosts, and, as always, they provided that wonderful "Mountain Hospitality." We were treated to a Blueberry Pancake breakfast for those able to get up the mountain early, and the blueberry picking was the best I can ever remember. Some of the berries were the size of a nickel. Alec and Kathy Wrenn had everything planned just right for lunch and although Kathy was called away to babysit, Alec followed her directions perfectly. Thanks also to Dan Chance for grilling the chicken just right. One of the special events of the weekend was seeing the arrival of two of our friends who have recently rejoined, Sandy and John Lanford. We hope this will be the first of many more events for the two of them.

Remember, our August meeting will be a combined short business meeting, the Chabons program of sailing adventure in slides continued and the Blueberry Social. Please bring your favorite blueberry desert to share with other members.

In September, we will have a program on a cruise down the Amazon. You don't want to miss that one either. Did you know that the Amazon sometimes flows at over 14 knots?

**As Commander, I feel it is my duty to help all members find the boat of their dreams. With this in mind, last night I overheard that one of our members is searching for a SunRay-SeaDancer. If anyone has information on this particular boat manufacturer, please contact P/C Steve Puckett as soon as possible!  
Phone: BR-549-BOAT**



**Executive Officer**  
**Lt/C John Oberholtzer, AP**



USPS is introducing a complete new series of boating instruction, Boat Operator Certification. The Coast Guard has asked congress to establish boat operator proficiency standards for recreational boaters. With the BOC program USPS will certify members at various levels of boating proficiency. These programs will also meet the requirements of United Nations Resolution 40, the International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft. Holders of the USPS Certificate can obtain an international certificate, which is similar to an international driver's license. There will be four levels of Certification:

1. Inland Navigator (IN): Boats up to 26.2', Fair weather, daylight, winds to 18 mph, waves to 3'. Requires Seamanship, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics 101, and the following seminars: How to Use a Chart, Onboard Weather, and GPS & Marine Radio.
2. Coastal Navigator (CN): Within 5 miles of shore, boats to 39.4', fair weather, daylight, winds to 24 mph, waves to 6'. Requires Piloting, Marine Electronics 102, Cruise Planning. Seminars: Compass, Radar, Marine Maintenance 1 & 2, plus two selected by student.
3. Advanced Coastal Navigator (ACN): Boats to 65.6', all weather, night, winds to 31 mph, waves to 10'. Requires AP, Weather, ME 103. Seminars: Emergencies Onboard, Marine Mechanical Systems 1 thru 4, First Aid, CPR & AED (American Red Cross). This level meets UN 40 requirements.
4. Offshore Navigator (ON): Boats to 65.6', any weather, any wind, any waves. Requires: JN & N, Offshore Seminars 1 thru 4 plus any two selected courses.

There are additional endorsements for Canada & Mexico available at the Coastal Navigator level.

All of the certifications will require an on the water test of boating skills administered by a USPS certified examiner. This may be waived based on experience.

Upon completion of each course & seminar you will receive a passport kit showing your progress and at the end of the level, a certificate and wallet card. These will be widely accepted as proof of proficiency in both domestic and foreign waters.

There are a lot of advantages to holding these certifications but it is going to take a lot of work on the squadron's and the membership's part. The first level is planned to be available late this summer. It's a lot to look forward to. I believe that the State of North Carolina will require mandatory boater's education in the very near future. Since the Coast Guard does not currently have any plans to offer these courses we will have a unique opportunity as the pre-eminent boating educators. We'll keep you posted as these programs develop.





**2 August-Watauga Blueberry Picking**  
Great friends, old & new. Perfect weather. Awesome food. Did we have an incredible time or what? See what you missed!







## Educational Officer Lt/C Bill Davis, N



We are in the summer doldrums and we can relax just a little. We still get inquiries from people who want to take a boating course, but didn't find us in time for the spring public boating classes.

John Oberholtzer gave a talk at the District 27 Rendezvous at Lake Wylie in June on the Boat Operator Certification (BOC) program that is gathering steam. The plan is to make this available to USPS members, and perhaps, one day, to others. For now it is oriented to USPS members only. Below is a small excerpt from the USPS website explaining the overview of the program. For more information, I encourage you to visit the website.

"With the Boat Operator's Certification Program, USPS will certify USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. We expect that these certifications will be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally. In the United States, The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has asked congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. We intend to have USPS certification accepted as the above proof and be accepted as the national certificate for the USA.

Regarding international recognition, we plan to have *certain* USPS certifications meet or exceed the requirements of UN Resolution 40, *International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft*. Under this resolution, boaters holding national certificates will be able to obtain international certification, much like licensed drivers can obtain international drivers licenses."

USPS currently plans four levels of Boat Operator Certification:

1. · Inland Navigator ·
2. Coastal Navigator
3. · Advanced Coastal Navigator
4. · Offshore Navigator

Advanced Piloting classes are now over. Karl has obliged the students request by speeding up the coverage as they are really adsorbing this material. Marine Electronics will continue through the summer. I am taking this course and am impressed with the useful information in the course. Being an engineer, I eat this stuff up anyway. Lee Duvall is doing a great job instructing this course..

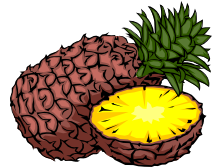
We will be working on the fall curriculum in July, so stay tuned.

## TOM STATHAM'S FAMOUS (ALMOST) *Allegra* PINEAPPLE CASSEROLE

This is really quick and easy with a minimum of clean up. I like that fact a lot!

- You will need a 1 pyrex baking dish about 8"x13"
- 1 Measuring cup
- 1 Mixing bowl
- 1 container to catch the juice, if you want to save it.
- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese (they sell this amount already in bags)
- 2 cans pineapple chunks (I prefer in **heavy syrup**-hard to find-try Wally-World) **drained**  
Chunks are preferred, but tidbits work well too.

- Spread drained pineapple in bottom of 8"x13" "pammed" casserole dish
- Mix together
  - 1 cup sugar
  - ¾ cup all purpose flour
  - 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
  - Spread over pineapple
- Then take 1 sleeve Ritz crackers & crush them. (If you are careful, you can do this in their sleeve to save clean up.) Spread this over casserole.
- Melt 1 stick of butter or margarine & spread over top
- Cook 350 degrees for at least 30-45 minutes until golden brown.



Serve hot (or cold) as a side dish ( or dessert)

### Easy Marinated Grilled Chicken Breasts

If you would like to attempt the grilled chicken we had at the **blueberry picking** then save the pineapple juice you just drained from the above recipe.



- You need about at about a cup.
- Then add an equal amount of soy sauce to the juice.
- Then place 4-6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts in a container or zip-lock bag along with the 2 liquids.
- Marinade for at least 3-4 hours, refrigerated (turn or shake the chicken twice and pierce numerous times with a fork)
- Cook over a medium grill, basting with remaining marinade once after you turn it. Discard remaining marinate.
- Continue cooking until done.

Together these make a really easy, minimum mess and clean, up meal. Add a salad and you are set for a tasty dinner or lunch. By using the pineapple juice for the chicken, there's no waste. Since both can be prepared the day before, it makes a really nice meal to take along and serve on the boat.

# 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



## Predicted Log

September 13, 2008.

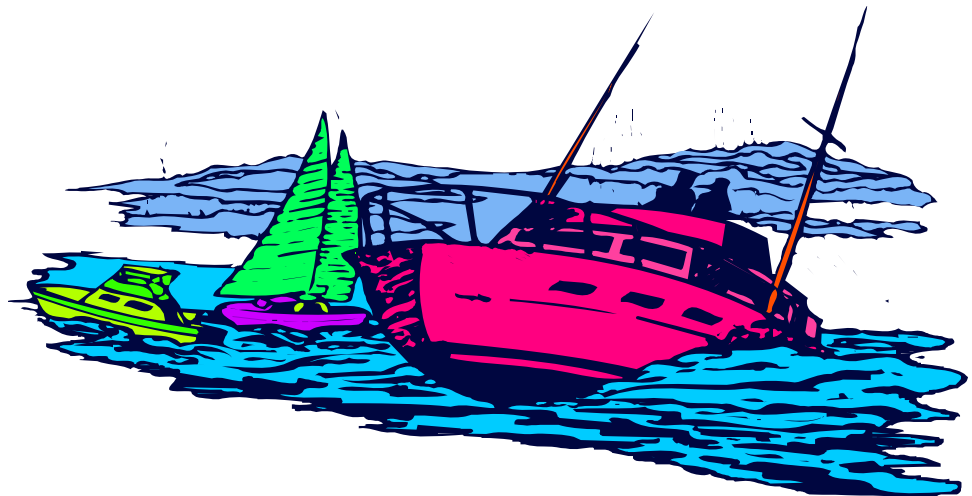
Mark your calendars for another great weekend at Predicted Log.

Dick and Pat Byrne have invited squadron members to come to their home on Smith Mountain Lake again for this year's contest. A boat is not required to participate in this fun filled event and new members are encouraged to attend. Dick and Pat along with Chris Puckett will be preparing the lunch and dinner meal this year. The cost is \$18.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child. The event starts at 0900 on Saturday and will test your piloting skills along with your ability to run a compass course while using a tachometer to maintain speed. The winners will be announced prior to dinner on Saturday evening and trophies will be presented at the October meeting.

A Captain's packet containing a chart, this year's course and rules will be given to each Captain two weeks prior to the event. All charting work should be completed prior to arrival on Saturday morning. The captains will select their own Navigator. The committee will assign an Observer to each boat at the event. Saturday morning Captains will make a speed run, return to the dock, finish their computations and then run the course. After running the course the rest of the day is free to boat ride, swim or just kick back prior to dinner.

Make checks payable to:  
Greensboro Power Squadron  
and mail to:  
P/C Chuck Kammeyer, 4  
Chesapeake Court,  
Greensboro, NC 27410

Reservation cut off date is:  
September 5, 2008.



## "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.**

**2003 Grady White 282 Sailfish**, 28' with cabin. Twin Yamaha 225 Four Stroke Engines with only 200 hours. Lots of extras. \$82,000. Call Pat Wright 336-317-0219 or e-mail wrightpbjs@aol.com

**Myrtle Beach Cruise**  
**October 3-5, 2008**  
Barefoot Resort and Marina

Mark your calendars for our return trip to Myrtle Beach in October.

- Departures from Carolina Beach, South Port and Oak Island on Friday morning Oct. 3
- Raft-up for lunch at Little River
- Arrive at resort mid-afternoon
- Friday evening cocktails/heavy hors d'oeuvres/dinner at resort
- Saturday shopping/boating/relaxing
- Saturday evening activities yet to be determined
- 3 bedroom/3 bathroom condos available for \$532.80 for 2 night stay (**that's only \$178.00 per room if you share**)
- Slips available at marina \$1.50 per foot for Boat US members  
\$2.00 for non members
- GPS members will make their own reservations for condos and slips and several have been blocked out under GPS name



So put together your 3 couple sets and call to make your condo reservations. If you are bringing a boat, call the marina to make slip reservations.

Condo Reservations: Barefoot Resort 877-237-3767 ask for Wendy Poole

First night deposit needed at time of reservation \$266.40 balance due at check-in

Slip Reservations: Barefoot Resort Marina 843-390-7928

**Attention Greensboro Members: A registration form and agenda to the following meeting will be sent out as an e-mail. If you require a hard copy, let me know and I'll get you one in the mail.**

## **District 27 Fall Council Meeting**

**October 31- November 2**

The Fort Macon Squadron has planned a very much fun filled social weekend. Your D/27 Bridge has planned an interesting meeting agenda for you. Our National Representative is none other than our own P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN. He will be holding a Town Hall Meeting in the afternoon. Have your questions ready for him!!! We have two programs planned for you during the morning. The DB2000 breakout is not just another breakout we have P/R/C Dan Bartell one of the originators of this program presenting.

When the meeting is finished we will have a chance to go play on the beach and see if we can build a sandcastle that is outstanding as well as play some games!

This is going to be a fun meeting - make your hotel reservation by 1 October and return the event registration no later than 14 October and come on down and let's enjoy a weekend at the beach!

**D/C Ann T. Bailey, AP District 27**

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