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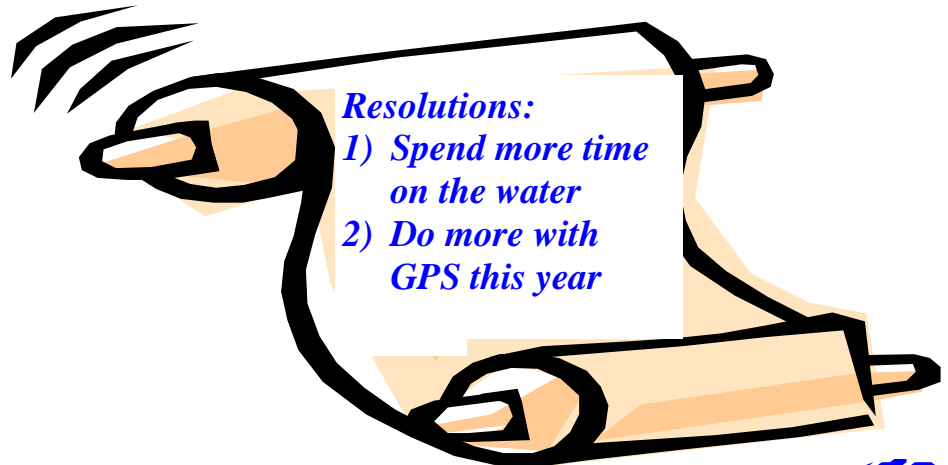
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Resolutions:

- 1) Spend more time on the water*
- 2) Do more with GPS this year*

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2008

4-5 D/27 Winter Council-Durham
 14 GPS Annual Business Meeting
 21 Ex Com Meeting
19 GPS CHANGE OF WATCH

FEBRUARY

11 Membership Meeting

MARCH

14-16 D-27 COW in GREENSBORO

January Birthdays

1	Myers Lola Maxine	10	Sawyer	Gregory W.
2	Andrew Philip W. Kelly Carol Ann	16	Sheffield	Janet
4	McGinn Woods M.	18	Barker	Gary B.
5	Barrett Elizabeth S.	19	Wright	James
		24	Colson	W. Stewart

Squadron Patrons

Bob & Bev Armfield
 Ken & Ann Fonville.....*Orion V*
 Chuck & Ann Freeman*Bluebird*
 Mike & Carolyn Hackett.....*Hattitude*
 Tom & Mary Hamlin
 Dick & Judi Howle.....*Labella*
 Chuck & Connie Kammeyer.....*Frayed Knot*
 John Lore.....*Sea Robin II*
 Woods McGinn.....*Blue Moon*
 Wayne & Zaida Newkirk.....*Invictus*

Jerry Newton.....*Petey*
 John & Sally Oberholtzer.....*Sally O*
 Al Pike
 Steve & Chris Puckett.....*Too-Tents*
 Tom & Jo-Anne Statham*Allegra*
 Jim & Frances Ward.....*Sea Star II*
 Larry Williams
 Alec & Kathy Wrenn.....*Carolina Wrenn*

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 Breeze***, contact Lt/C Charles W. Freeman, AP 336-288-8180



From the Commander
Tom Hamlin, AP



It is just before Christmas as I am writing this, which will be my last article as Commander. The spirit of the season and reflecting on this last year has me in a thankful and appreciative mood.

This year has flown by and hard to believe 2008 and change in squadron leadership is just around the corner. I am most appreciative for an outstanding bridge that has made my job not only easier but also enjoyable. Mike Hackett has been a friend for over 30 years but these last few years while we served on the bridge and enjoyed sailing adventures, has strengthened that relationship and I am so thankful for his support, friendship, comic relief and leadership this past year. His wife, Carolyn, has been our squadron secretary for 3 consecutive years and been supportive by participating in many of our squadron activities. Bill Davis is one of the junior members of our bridge as far as years involved in the squadron, but he has quickly risen to leadership roles. He has propelled our squadron into top 10 national rankings for educational courses taken and has challenged many to take the advanced courses. He also served as District Educational Officer and in his spare time has managed to take and successfully complete every course offered by our educational department. Chuck Freeman is serving in his second year as squadron treasurer and has done an outstanding job of keeping the books, maintaining accurate records, and paying bills timely. John Oberholtzer is one of the newer members to our bridge but has done an outstanding job as Administrative Officer. I call him the "I can do that" man as he always the first to volunteer for any job needed to be done and based on his engineering and graphic design background; there is not much he can't do. Christ Puckett, Everett Thomas, and David Shultz have represented the squadron well as at large members of the bridge and served in many leadership roles.

Our squadron is fortunate to have strong participation and support from our past commanders who have "been down that road before" and have given good guidance and support this past year for our bridge.

A special thank you to my Flag Lieutenant, Mack Gordy, who has worked hard to keep me out of trouble and has always been accessible to answer questions and give me support. The same goes for Vinnie for her support and encouragement all year long.

The Change of Watch this year will be at the new Proximity Hotel on January 19th. Each of you should have received your invitation by this time and I hope to see you, as we will have special music as well as recognition to squadron members for achievements this past year.

It has been a good year and I thank you for the opportunity to have served you as your commander.

Executive Officer
Lt/C Mike Hackett, P



It's really hard to believe that the year has gone by so quickly. We have had some awesome events and as usual, there are many people to thank for the great times. We started our year with the Boat Show and really didn't slow down. The good news is that each of you has been willing to pitch-in even if your name was not on the list of helpers or as chairperson. For that, I thank you.

One of the good things we do at the end of the year is thank all those folks who helped make the year a success. The tough part is being afraid that in the haste of the Holidays I might leave a name off the list or omit an important happening. Everyone who has helped this year deserves thanks and recognition. I will mention those who volunteered to chair events under my department, starting with Bill Young and Kevin Andrew for the Boat show. You really started off our year in a great way with many volunteers. Thanks to Dan Kelly, Paul Long, John Lore, Tom Hamlin, and Betty Potter (what a great cocktail party) for Co-Op Charting. Dan, in between your cruises, you did a fantastic job. Thanks too, for all who brought boats and spent time and money to support our efforts.

Thanks to Woody McGinn for vessel safety check duties and to Everett Thomas for putting together another successful Big Sweep. Thanks to Carolyn for helping with the food for the event. We all, especially Julia, thank Bill Davis for having his vehicle shampooed after the event.

Although behind the scenes, Carol Kelly has done an outstanding job of getting our name out to the community. The folks who show up for the Boating Course don't all hear about us at the Boat Show, especially for the fall course. Thanks Carol. There are many others who have been of great help to me this year, and I hope you take some pride and ownership in the year we have had together.

I would like also to give a special thanks to Tom Statham for continuing to do a great job on our Breeze. Without your efforts, we would have a tough time getting any message out there. Next year promises to be even better with the foundation built by our Commander Tom Hamlin. Tom, thank you for leading us this year and for the mountains of support you have given me personally and through the Squadron.

Please get involved next year. Many of us have already volunteered, but we need you! Please say yes when called; you will have the best time you can imagine, just being more involved. See you next year and THANKS!!

District 27 ANNUAL MEETING/COW
March 14-16, 2008
Sheraton Four Seasons – Greensboro, NC

Room Rate: \$120.00 plus taxes

Reservations: Call 336-292-9161

Ask for "United States Power Squadrons District 27" room block Cutoff date is February 14, 2008

FRIDAY 14 March:

- 1100 Childress Winery – Lunch, Tour & Wine Tasting
- 1500 – 1600 D/27 BRIDGE MEETING – D/C Suite
- 1500 – 1800 Member and Voter Registration
- 1715 – 1815 **NEW MEMBER & SQUADRON COMMANDER RECEPTION – D/C SUITE**
- 1830 Pirate Party Hospitality Rooms – See Room Sheet

SATURDAY 15 March: Uniform of the Day: Uniform G

- 0730 – 0830 Member and Voter Registration
- 0830 – 1000 Ladies Coffee Hosted by Greensboro
- 0930 – 1700 Seagrove Pottery – Lunch & Shopping
- 0830 Council Meeting Convenes
- 0850 **NASA Program by P/R/C Ed Summers, JN**
- 1130 – 1200 **Boat Operator Certification Program by Ray Fedele with D/26**
- 1210 – 1320 Members' Luncheon (advance registration required)
- 1330 – 1420 **Town Hall Meeting with Chief Commander**
- 1430 – 1520 **Special Program by P/R/C Glenn Daughtridge, AP**
- 1800 – 1900 Cash Bar
- 1900 District 27 Change of Watch Banquet - **Uniform A or Suitable attire**

SUNDAY 16 MARCH:

- 0900 – 1000 Cooperative Charting

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District 27 Annual Meeting/COW - Registration Form

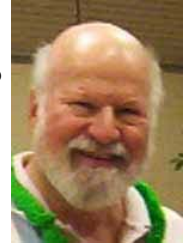
	<u>Friday</u> Childress Vineyards Lunch & Tour \$34.00	<u>Saturday</u> Ladies Coffee	<u>Saturday</u> Seagrove Pottery Lunch & Shopping	<u>Sat</u> Member Lunch	<u>Saturday</u> COW Banquet		
	Wine Tasting <u>Pay On Site</u>	No <u>Charge</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	Beef	Chicken	
Squadron Name					<u>\$37.00</u>	<u>\$37.00</u>	Total
Email							
Rank, Name & Grade							
Total							

Please make checks payable to: D-27 C.O.W. Mail Check with completed form to:
 Pat Byrne, AP, 15 Brookglenn Lane, Greensboro, NC 27410 Phone: 336-852-7839

Reservations Must Be Received by Wednesday, February 28, 2008. Any reservations received after that time will be honored if there is cancellation space available. Thank you for being prompt!



Educational Officer
Lt/C Bill Davis, N



Administrative Officer
Lt/C John Oberholtzer, AP



The squadron year is about to wind down, and it looks like I am about to replace myself as SEO. Whatever we didn't offer in 2007 we will offer in 2008, maybe. The new Education Department is in place, and we will hit it running after the holidays.

I want to thank our instructors this year that participated in the public boating classes. We have some of the best. Special praise for Hardy Spence and Carol Kelly who ran the courses. They did yeoman's/yeowoman's work considering the relocation of the classes to the Irving Park United Methodist Church. Also thanks to the instructors of the advanced and elective courses. Karl Koebberling instructed the Seamanship class, and Al Pike started the Piloting Class but had to turn it over the Dan Kelly. He had help from John Oberholtzer and Sharon Hicks.

All four of the new USPS Seminars were offered even though we didn't actually hold the "How to Use a Chart" because all the participants had already had the material in the Public Boating Class. Karl Koebberling was going to field that one. Paul Long instructed us in "Using GPS", Clint Jackson lead us through "Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio", and Ken Karb did his usual fine job of teaching "On Board Weather Forecasting". Ken even pointed out the errors in the USPS presentation.

Jerry Newton did a thorough job teaching Engine Maintenance this fall. We had good participation in that class. I couldn't have found a better instructor for Cruise Planning than Walker Stevens. He made a fairly dry topic interesting with his nuggets of wisdom and sea stories. Karl Koebberling knows his Sail stuff in teaching us land lubbers the art. The other students in the class ask all the intelligent questions. I contributed with the dumb ones being the old tractor driver that I am. When I give them that RCA dog look, I point out I've only seen one sail boat in my life.

Extra thanks to Neal Sheffield, Wayne Newkirk, and Woods McGinn for administering exams this year. They did their jobs perfectly. Phil Andrews was a big help chasing down squadron property, educational and otherwise. And special thanks to my unofficial assistant Julie Davis who fielded phone calls, delivered materials, and offered sage advise, some of which I listened to.

GET READY! GET SET! Go Cruising in 2008 with the sailors of the Greensboro Power Squadron. Now is the time to make your plans for 2008. Winter may be upon us but in just three short months the Greensboro Navy will launch its varied vessels in scenic Belews Lake for our annual GPS exercise. In May we will go cruising on the salty waters of Pamlico Sound. Friday, May 16th, we will meet in Oriental to launch, plan and party. Saturday, May 17th, we will perform our Co-Op Charting duties as we survey the beautiful waters of the Neuse. We have rooms and boat slips at the Oriental Marina & Inn but space is limited so we need everyone to start making their reservations as soon as possible. Call the Inn at 252-249-1818 or go on line at www.orientalmarina.com and get your spaces reserved. Be sure to tell them that you are with the Greensboro Power Squadron as we have blocked out 10 rooms (that's all that was available in December so space is at a premium). We should have additional site information next month as many of the places are closed for the winter and not available. We had a wonderful time at Morehead City last year with great attendance; let's do even better this year.

On Sunday May 18th a hearty band of adventurous mariners will cruise to Ocracoke for three days of sun, fun and fellowship. Ocracoke was voted the best beach in the country last year; let's get there before it's overrun with Yankee tourists. The cruise coincides with National Safe Boating Week; what could be more appropriate for the Power Squadron? The Inn is closed for the winter but let us know your intentions so when March arrives we can quickly get rooms and slips blocked out for our group.

The Central Carolina Boat Show will be at the Greensboro Coliseum starting on Leap Year Day, Friday, February 29th and running through March 1st and 2nd. We need volunteers to man the booth so please see Kevin Andrews, the chairman, and offer your time. The Public Boating Course opens March 11th so we don't have much time to contact prospective students so we need all the help we can get. Say hello to someone you don't recognize at the membership meeting. Help pass along the well deserved reputation for friendliness and fellowship that we have earned through the years. Let's make 2008 a banner year.

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



2007 GPS CHRISTMAS PARTY



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A special thanks to our flute player, Everett Thomas, for his planning of this year's Christmas Party



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