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## Calendar of Events

### June

9 Membership Meeting

20 D-27 Rendezvous-Lake Wylie

26 Kids Day at the Lake

### July

**14 Hummer in the Summer-**  
In lieu of July monthly  
meeting

### August

2 Watauga River Blueberry  
Picking Cruise

11 Blueberry Social/meeting

## June Birthdays

1	Catherine	Inman	16	Richard F.	Howle Jr.
3	Harold	Mohorn	17	James W.	Myers
4	Hazel S.	Branch		Michael W.	Hicks
5	Mack L.	Gordy Jr.	18	Tom	Statham
	Richard T.	Byrne	20	Ralph Wilson	Gorrell
6	Kenneth S.	Karb	21	James M.	Robertson
12	Donald	Elliott	23	Betty	Colson
14	Sidney C.	Mitchell	26	John E.	Peterson III

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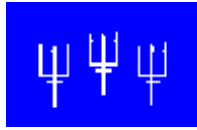
On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

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**



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



Carolyn and I would like to thank everyone for the warm reception given to Serena and David and their presentation of War Bonds. They were very appreciative and had a great time with our group. Thanks also for the kind comments to Carolyn and me.

Our Co-op charting weekend in Oriental went great. Thanks to Dan and Carol Kelly for making all the arrangements and setting up the charting. We all feel we compiled some useful information for NOAA. A special thanks to Burton and June Kennedy for hosting our group at their beautiful home in Oriental for a Saturday night cookout. We enjoyed a relaxing evening with them talking about boating, enjoying great food, and watching a beautiful sunset over the water. They almost had to cut the lights out to get rid of us. Our numbers were smaller than past years, but we couldn't have had a better time, better company, or better weather.

The program for our June Meeting will be provided by Rosemary Lynch, Executive Director of The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA). For those who enjoy the Intracoastal Waterway, this program promises to be enlightening. We will hear about the history and development, the economic impact, the many users and the maintenance or lack of maintenance and how that will effect local communities. She will also answer questions, so have them ready.

Hope you all have your calendars marked for Kid's Day at the Lake on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Belews Lake, Carolina Marina. Check out John's article to get the details, or get in touch with Mack Gordy, chairman.

Please remember that at this year's Hummer in the Summer, we are trying to replenish our funds expended for new sound system, computer, projector, and monitor, so please contact Shirley Kern to let her know what you can contribute to our silent auction. See an article later in the Breeze for details.

Please welcome the new members at each meeting and ask them to get involved.

The boating season is officially open now that Memorial Day has passed. It's time for us to put all the courses we took last winter and spring to good use. I'm afraid that the current price of gas and diesel fuel will put a damper on some of our cruising. I think a lot of us will be going a bit slower but that will just give us more time to enjoy our surroundings.

I'd like to thank Dan & Carol Kelly and Burton & June Kennedy for the great job they did in planning and running the Co Op Charting weekend at Oriental. As usual the teams gathered a great deal of useful information to turn in to NOAA and the socials were outstanding. Particular thanks to the members who brought their boats and to all how helped out with the food and the fun.

On Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> we will sponsor Kids Day at the Lake in partnership with the Spears YMCA on Horsepen Creek Road. Please come out and give the committee a hand. Let Mack Gordy, the chairman, know you'll be there to assist in one of the squadron's community outreach activities. This year the event will be at Carolina Marina on Belews Creek Lake. The YMCA is providing bus transportation for a group of kids in both the morning and the afternoon. Unlike previous years we will not be providing lunch for the kids as they normally bring lunches to the Y. We need boats and crew to help take the boys and girls cruising and fishing. Come out, have fun, and give a hand to a wonderful event.

At this years Hummer in the Summer, Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be having another fund raiser similar to last years event. Please give some thought to what you can donate and be prepared to bid on some terrific items.

Say hello to someone you don't know. Share the famous Greensboro Power Squadron's hospitality.

PS Don't forget the availability of Lands End Business clothing with the GSPS logo #0826057W





**Co-op  
Charting  
Oriental, NC  
May 16 & 17**

**You should  
have been  
there!**





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



**Administrative Officer**  
**Lt/C Woods McGinn, AP**



I am pleased to report that on our boat's first outing in May of this year, the engine started, I remembered to put the drain plug in, and nobody fell overboard. We even passed our vessel safety check. My boating education is paying off. Speaking of education, we are throttled back to two classes going on in June. Karl Koebberling is teaching the Advanced Piloting course on Tuesdays and Lee Duvall is teaching Marine Electronics on Wednesdays. The Beta N class decided to start their work this fall. They have their books now, and are girding themselves for that one. The Spring Boating class finished up last month and we had 17 of the 18 students pass the exam.

Apologies about last month's SEO article. You probably thought I had been in the juice, but what got printed was a draft I had started instead of my finished article. If you didn't notice, forget you read this paragraph.

At the District Rendezvous at Lake Wylie the weekend of June 21, John Oberholtzer will give a talk on the Boat Operator Certification program that USPS is developing. I have mentioned this before, but it is too much to explain in one article. Basically we will all have to have some level of training and certification to operate a boat in North Carolina, just like having a license to drive a car, fly a plane, or operate a locomotive. Most people I talk to about the program have the following comment: "Well, there are enough people on the water that need some training". Some states already have some certification program, so this is not a new thing. The idea is to work to a uniform program, and USPS is taking a leading role in this effort.

We have ambitious plans for the fall, but I want a little suspense here. You will just have to stay tuned.

For June, Julie and I have some sailing adventures planned with friends, and I plan to take my Sailing book with me and see how all those diagrams work. As everyone knows it's one thing to have book learning and another to practice the art. Might even take the sextant and shoot a few sights. Lots of good book stuff to try out.

May and Memorial Day have come and gone. The Carolina boating season has begun. We've conducted another successful Squadron Boating Course. I've made several trips to the lakes and enjoyed every moment. The "Belews Cruise" and the Vessel Safety Checks conducted during National Safe Boating Week were two meaningful squadron events. But what else can we do to help?

In broad daylight on May 2, a 71 year old North Carolina fisherman fell from a fishing boat into the Pagan River, just north of the NC-VA border. Onlookers from a marina dock 75 feet away watched him drown. Alcohol was not a factor but the man was not wearing a life preserver and there was no throwable PFD on his boat. What could anyone have done to help?

A week or so later I hear a radio report about turkey hunters on the Dan River. Their plan to canoe down river in search of wild birds was disastrously interrupted by the rain swollen waters. One hunter's canoe soon capsized. He was swept away. His buddy turned toward shore and phoned for help. The victim was eventually found, nine miles downstream. He survived. I wonder if he was wearing a PFD. What training and preparation might have been of help?

A 19 foot center console left Lake Townsend Marina on a recent Saturday afternoon. In no time at all it made a quick return, running with a high bow and a stern squatted suspiciously low in the water. The boater tied up to the dock and ran to the parking lot. I saw at least a foot of water in the cockpit. I helped him load his trailer. When he pulled out of the water I saw the source of his "leak". (Yes, you are right, but don't get ahead of me, there's more to his story.) As I explained the leak he surprised me by asking "What drain plug?" .

In brief, the guy had just bought his used boat, it still had all the required safety equipment, and so it passed the VSC. I spent a long time answering his questions and he did appreciate my help. Still, I wonder, what else can we do to help?



# 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

## HUMMER IN THE SUMMER

Ever wonder where the title for this gathering got its name? I have and maybe one of our "older" members can fill us in. This year, let's give it a new meaning and plan on coming to our "summer picnic" ready to hum along with some beach music. After all, wouldn't we rather be at the beach? Plan on wearing your favorite beach attire (flip flops, barefoot, sarong, cut-offs, Hawaiian shirt--you get the idea\*) and we will pretend we are on our boats at the beach. You will need to bring a large side dish or dessert to share and the squadron will provide the entrees, soft drinks, brews and wine (what could be better?) Let's bring our favorite summer dish/dessert that reminds us of being on the beach!!



Just to make things a little more interesting, we will again have our silent auction offering various and sundry things from our generous members. It will be a great time to come and look for a bargain or something just for fun. So plan on bringing your checkbook. we will have more information available on this soon.

We will be meeting at our regular meeting date of July 14, 2008 at the Bur-Mil Club, Shelter #1, at 6:00 pm. The charge per person will be \$ 5.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. You may send your check to Shirley Kern at 6815 Brookbank Road, Summerfield, NC 27358.



**\*(No thongs PLEASE!)**

## "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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**D/27 Rendezvous  
Lake Wylie, North Carolina  
June 20 – 21, 2008**

The D/27 Rendezvous at Lake Wylie is fast approaching with an opportunity for trailer boaters to participate along with members who either don't have a boat or cannot transport them inland.

You all remember last year's rendezvous and what a fantastic event it was. We certainly want the 2008 event to be equally as much fun. Friday night will be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with cash bar at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Charlotte. Saturday will be a great day with morning and afternoon Poker Runs, Beanbag Baseball and two-man canoe races on Lake Wylie at the Red Fez Shrine Club. There also will be a Boater Operator's Certification program put on by the district educational department. The Conch Blowing Contest will be a premier event and each year the competition gets a little tougher – as well as more "imaginative" to say the least!!! Who could forget our own rendition and outstanding costuming of last year? They say there is no fool like an old fool! Did we ever prove them right on that one!!! Since we're all getting a little older - let's do it again – with even greater gusto!!!

The theme for Saturday night is "**Margaritaville**". This will be again at the Ramada with casual dress - flip-flops, clam diggers – whatever is appropriate for a typical Key West gathering! Details and **registration forms are included in an e-mail that will be sent**, as well as on the D/27 website.



Am not exactly sure how it happened but for some unknown reason, I "volunteered" to publicize this in our own Squadron. I will need your help with suggestions for a number to perform, ideas and help with costuming for our "could be best ever grandiose production," but most of all BOD-IES to participate. It's great fun and wonderful camaraderie with our own members as well other squadrons throughout the District.

We can do this! Please let me know if we can count on you!

P/C Vinnie Gordy, P



**Children write about the sea-(edited version)**

Can't you just see the teacher's eyes as she reads these entries?!!!

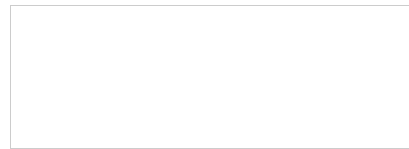
- 1) This is a picture of an octopus.. It has eight testicles. (Kelly age 6)
  - 3) If you are surrounded by sea you are an island. If you don't have sea all round you, you are incontinent.. (Wayne age 7)
  - 4) Sharks are ugly and mean, and have big teeth, just like Emily Richardson She's not my friend no more. (Kylie age 6)
  - 6) My uncle goes out in his boat with pots, and comes back with crabs. (Millie age 6)
  - 7) When ships had sails, they used to use the trade winds to cross the ocean. Sometimes, when the wind didn't blow, the sailors would whistle to make the wind come. My brother said they would have been better off eating beans. (William age 7)
  - 8) I like mermaids. They are beautiful, and I like their shiny tails. And how on earth do mermaids get pregnant? Like, really? (Helen age 6)
  - 10) Some fish are dangerous. Jellyfish can sting. Electric eels can give you a shock. They have to live in caves under the sea where I think they have to plug themselves into chargers. (Christopher age 7)
  - 12) Divers have to be safe when they go under the water. Two divers can't go down alone, so they have to go down on each other. (Becky age 8)
- Start each day with a smile.... then pass it on!!!! When life hands you lemons, ask for tequila and salt, then call me over ! ??

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