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COOP Charting



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Calendar of Events

June

8 Membership Meeting

24-25 D-27 Rendezvous –
Cape Charles, MD

25 Kids Day at the Lake

25 Watauga River Cruise/Blueberry
Picking Outing -Boone, NC

July

13 Hummer in the Summer
In lieu of Membership Meeting

August

10 Blueberry Social

May Birthdays

16 Mary L. Koebberling

June Birthdays

5	Mack L. Gordy Jr.	Michael Hicks
	Richard T. Byrne	18 Sandy Lanford
6	Kenneth S. Karb	Tom Statham
12	Donald Elliott	20 Ralph Gorrell
14	Sidney C. Mitchell	21 James M. Robertson
16	Richard F. Howle Jr.	23 Betty Colson
17	James W. Myers	

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 Jerry Newton.....*Petey*

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 Betty Potter
 Jim & Frances Ward.....*Sea Star II*
 Larry & Madge Williams.....*C'est La Vie*
 Alec & Kathy Wrenn.....*Carolina Wrenn*

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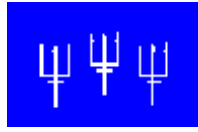
On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

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 Ken Fonville, JN 336-540-0610



From the Commander
John Oberholtzer, AP



Executive Officer
Lt/C Woods McGinn, AP



Go on out, the water's great. Our on the water events have started out with a bang. The Belews Cruise was a great success. Gene Elzinga and David Schultz did on great job and had some very interesting surprises on the way. The two guys in the fishing boat with the buoy was a real twist; it certainly confused Charlie Boswell and me, but we finally got it much to Larry Freeze's amusement. Lunch was good, the weather held out and the crowd had a good time. We had a very successful day.

Co-Op Charting weekend at Oriental also turned out wonderfully. The weather god's toyed with us; every morning it poured until around 0930. Then it turned into beautiful days (until Sunday when we all had very wet trips homeward). Seeing Berry Good Too, Darling, Hattitude and their much smaller sister, Sally O II moored in slips right outside the motels doors was a treat. Bill & Julia Davis's and David Schultz's boat were also there and we all accomplished a lot of valuable charting.

The highlight of the weekend was the dinner party at Jane & Burton Kennedy's beautiful waterside home. The food was outstanding; Burton cooks a fabulous hamburger and the dishes from the rest of the crew were delicious as well. It was a wonderful evening. One of the things that made it so outstanding was the attendance on a number of our alumni who are fortunate to live in Oriental and the surrounding area. It's a tribute to the squadron that past members still add so much to our out of town events. It was also good to have new members participating in this and the Belews Cruise.

June brings Kids Day at the Lake, Tom Hamlin is the chairman, and he has planned well to take the kids from the Spears YMCA out on Belews Lake. We can use all the help we can get so call Tom and offer to lend a hand (or a boat).

In July the Hummer-in –the Summer will be at Bur-Mill Park in our usual pavilion. Let Debbie Stevenson know what you can contribute to the auction; this is our only fund raising event for the year so let's all chip in to make it a big success. Also let Debbie know what side dishes you are bringing.

We close out July with the blueberry picking at Koebberling's on the Watauga River. Dan Chance is the chair; let Dan know how you can help. It's a great day in the mountains. Get up and leave home early so you can be there enjoy Karl's exquisite

The participation in our events has been wonderful and successful; let's keep up the good work. After all, boating is fun and we'll show you how (how much fun it is with our wonderful squadron membership).

The information on the USPS.org website amazes me. I suppose most members have at least seen the website. Perhaps like me, you've checked a few web pages, read the information, and left. Well you should do more. You should do a little cyber-gunk holing. Poke around the USPS site and see what you can find.

Start with the bold topics at the top of the USPS Home page. The "Locate Things" button to the Information Center is a good place to begin your wanderings. One topic I appreciated was the explanation of the new PIN security procedures being implemented. That might not be glamorous stuff but you have to appreciate their concerns for our privacy. Read about it, or click on some of their other topics, or use the "Search" box. You can type in a keyword and let Google search USPS for you.

Go back to the Home page and look at the "News & Events" button. You might skip the Chief Commander's Christmas greeting but don't miss the "USPS News" link. It has news articles from sources beyond USPS. I like the Coast Guard news headlines where I can catch their breaking news, press releases and "most popular pages".

One USPS news item reminded me (and you) that many boaters are entitled to a refund of the state highway fuel taxes they pay on recreational boat fuel. The American Boating Association provided details on refund programs in both North Carolina and Virginia. Start saving your boat fuel receipts now (gas & diesel) and find out how you can apply for 18 cents/gallon refunds in NC and similar amounts in VA.

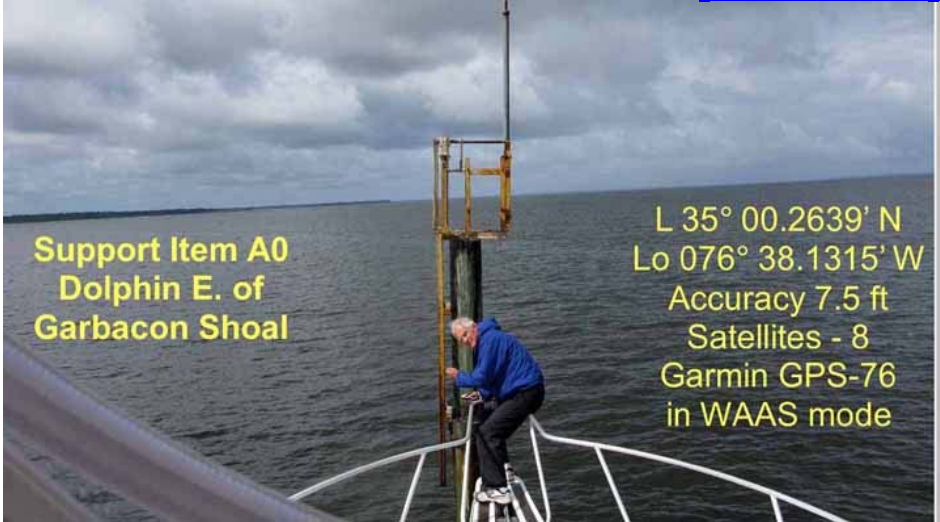
It's June so I'll mention the "Storm" button on the USPS Home page. This takes you to Storm Center, a digest of the latest postings by the National Hurricane Center and the Storm Center BLOG. I discovered the BLOG last year when Hurricane Ike pounded Texas and Louisiana. Local squadron members gave information and a perspective you cannot get from public news services.

And speaking of the summer, let's think about our very own July Hummer-in-the-Summer. What delicious foods or desserts will you bring? Do you have any squadron-appropriate donations for the silent auction? Last year I saw boating gear, books, USPS paraphernalia, weekend getaways and more. Use your imagination. And don't forget your checkbook... I'm serious; this is a fund raiser for our squadron.

Another strenuous day with the GPS!

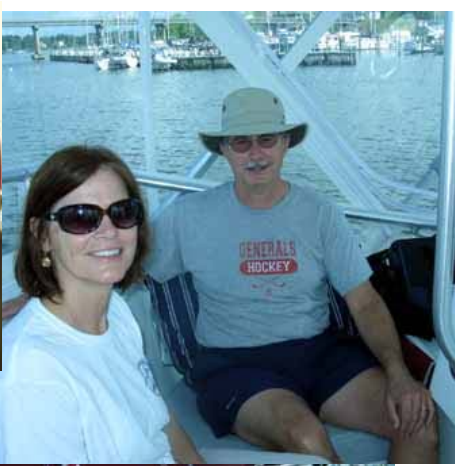


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Educational Officer P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP



Administrative Officer Lt/C Mike Hicks, P



A THREE POINT ALIGNMENT ? DEGREES OF DISTRACTION

I cannot imagine anyone having a boating incident like the one we experienced, so the purpose of sharing this story is to address how easy it is in boating for a most unlikely event to occur. My hope is that by presenting a short and concise message, it better serves the reader.

Recently, Kathy and I left Carolina Beach in the morning headed to Beaufort for the night. The weather forecast was for mostly cloudy skies, some rain, a high of 70 degrees, easterly winds 18, gusting to 25. Our clear plastic curtains were in place, with the exception of the center panel at the helm and center panel at the stern.

On one stretch of the ICW, Kathy and I switched helm responsibilities. The velocity of the wind was increasing. The "apparent wind" speed was probably in excess of 40 mph. There was little boat traffic, the weather conditions were not ideal, but acceptable and so we continued to maintain our speed as we would soon be making a turn which would reduce the wind on our bow.

As naturally as I put on my sunglasses when bright sunshine replaces cloud cover, I had, without being aware, moved to a slightly right-of-center standing position at the helm to reduce the strong winds that had been directly on me. I remained in this position and therefore my view and perspective from the helm remained this way until the impact. Had I unwittingly achieved a "perfect – three – point" alignment ? The "green day mark" navigation aid, I believe was masked by the 2-inch wide vertical canvas border of my clear plastic curtain at the helm. For some distance I may have successfully maintained my boat's heading (109 degrees magnetic) directly into the wind and with this blind spot, maintained my heading into the day mark. I say this because I do not remember seeing this day mark until the very instant of impact. The point of impact on the boat (a square bow of a catamaran) was between the center bow cleat and the starboard bow cleat.

Since this event, I have reflected on countless "ifs." If the true wind had not been on the bow, if I had had the center curtain down, I would have been standing differently, if we had been going slower, etc.

There is more to the story, but for now I will tell you that immediately upon impact (and to my astonishment) I was not paralyzed in panic, but I immediately pulled the 2 throttles back to neutral. I checked on Kathy and we checked on each other. After confirming that the boat was sea worthy, I called the Coast Guard and made a report. We then continued on to Beaufort. This learning experience will not be lost on Kathy and me.

Alec Wrenn

2 May 2009. I'm sorry if you missed this event, because you missed a good time. There were lots of boats, lots of participants and quite a few guests. Of course I'm talking about the Belews Cruise event held at Belews Lake hosted by Gene Elzinga and David Shultz.

Boats were in the water by 0900 and shortly after we were underway. There were fourteen jugs anchored in various places throughout the lake with latitude and longitude clues to get you from one to the next. This was an event to primarily test how well you can use a GPS.

For me this was a challenge at first, since I don't use a GPS on a regular basis. After one of two waypoints it all came back to me, although my one man crew, Jerry Newton, the smart one on the boat, had things well under control the entire time. It was also interesting watching the other boats crisscross the water tracking their GPS computed bearings to their next waypoints. I think everyone had fun on the water, I know I did.

After all the boats made it back to the docks, we had some great food and fellowship in the grassy area at South Cove. Everyone stayed the whole afternoon and talked about their event experience and then some. Thanks to all the participants, boat captains and guests for making this event fun and successful.

A special thanks to Vicky Farley, Andrea Farley and Paul Hill, guests of Gene Elzinga's, and Sue Shultz, for the lunch set up, and Larry Freeze, Michael Gunter and Woods McGinn for all the surprises out on the water.

After the waypoints were tallied, the Sarah Charlotte, captained by yours truly came in first place. Surprise! Second place was given to The Judith M manned by Grant Dawson and crew and third place found its way to the Sally O, captained by our fearless leader John Oberholtzer and his crew.

Upcoming **13 July** is our next event, **Hummer in the Summer**, hosted by Debbie Stephenson. This will be held at Bur-Mill and in lieu of the monthly membership meeting. There will be a silent auction, food, fun and fellowship. Please contact Debbie if you have items to donate for the auction or if you can help with the food or set up. I am sure we will see a sign up sheet at the June monthly meeting.

25 July will be the **Blueberry Picking/Cruise** in Boone, NC at the Koebberling's. Dan Chance will be the event chair and will be floating a sign up sheet around at the next meeting. I have heard many times how delicious Karl's pancakes are but I have not experienced this taste bud bonanza first hand. This year I plan to attend and I encourage everyone else to attend also. See you on the water.

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

As you may know, the United States Power Squadrons membership consists of boating families who wish to contribute to their communities by learning and promoting safe boating through education and fellowship. We do this through on and off water activities such as cruises, navigation contests, classes, parties, dinners, picnics, field trips, and other programs. The Greensboro Power Squadron is always interested in increasing its membership. By means of encouragement, we would like to offer a modest incentive to existing members to become actively involved in recruitment. Any member who brings in the most new members by 30 November 2009 will be presented with a \$75.00 gift certificate to Bistro Sophia, which is a great little restaurant with super food and intimate atmosphere located in Guilford College. "New members" are defined as one accepted application with dues per family.

Educational Department Update

The September 19th One-Day ABC Class date has been changed to September 26th because District 27 has moved the Fall Council/Conference date to September 18 - 20, 2009 in New Bern. Please update your calendars.



The June Program will be Gary Lowell of Lowell Boats, located in Greensboro.
- Topic: *Wooden Boats and Marine Surveys* -
<http://www.lowell.to/boat/info.htm>

"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!!

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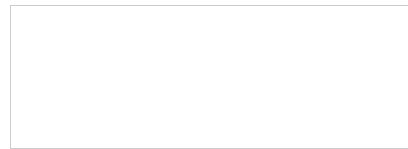


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