



# THE BREEZE

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**Jo-Anne & Tom's  
Great UK &  
Mediterranean  
Adventure**

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## Calendar of Events

### November

**4 Sail Class-1930**  
Walker Steven's home  
4 Round Hill Ct.

**9 Membership Meeting**  
Captain Bill's Seafood  
& Steak Restaurant  
6108 West Market Street

### December

**2 Instructor Development Class**

**14 Christmas Party**  
in lieu of Membership Meeting

### January

**11 Membership Meeting**  
Annual Business Meeting  
No guests please

**23 Change of Watch**  
Watch John get toasted,  
roasted & wasted!

## November Birthdays

1	Kay	Deaton	16	L. Stephen	Puckett
	John L.	Lomax	17	Kenneth R.	Keller
7	Annie Laurie K.	Holland		Richard C.	Young
9	Shirley H.	Kern	18	Elizabeth H.	Crosby
10	Stephen J.	Chabon		James M.	Ward Jr.
15	W. Clinton	Jackson III	19	David R.	Carpenter
15	Laura Stroupe	Barrier	21	Berry T.	Stout
16	William K.	Bates	30	Ralph D.	Stout Jr.
	Zachary S.	Eakes			

## Squadron Patrons

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.

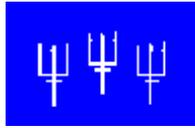
On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

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 Ken Fonville, JN 336-540-0610



**From the Commander**  
**John Oberholtzer, AP**



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



Fall is all around us, the leaves are rapidly falling, the time fell back, and as we approach the cold of winter, it's time to put the boats away for the season. But it's also time to go to **Captain Bill's Seafood & Steak Restaurant** for our **November membership meeting**.

Captain Bill's is located at 6108 West Market Street, about 6 blocks west of Guilford College Rd. and it's on the north side of Market St. (on your right going toward the airport). **Dinner starts after 1800** (6:00 PM for landlubbers) and **the meeting starts at 1930** (7:30). We will be eating off of the open menu and Captain Bill's prices are quite reasonable; the selection is very good as is the quality. Captain Bill's is hard to beat and the value is excellent. You do not have to eat dinner to attend the meeting but I'd advise you to come a little early so you don't miss any of the fun. We are going to have an excellent speaker and storyteller. **Good food and good people; it's a don't miss combination.**

On Thursday evening Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> we wrapped up our final ABC Course. We ended the year with 75 students, a nice improvement over a few prior years. We had good results with the classes where we were able to attain a mailing list of prospects but the numbers trailed off when we only used posters and more traditional (read free) means of advertising. We're looking forward to next year and believe that with the passage of the mandatory boater education law we we'll have increasingly large classes. One outstanding statistic: everyone of the 75 who took the course, regardless of age or gender, passed the exam, a 100% pass rate. That's a real tribute to the instructors who gave so freely of their time. Thanks to Mack Gordy and to all of the members who helped out in the Education Department, it was an excellent effort.

**Bring guests and prospective members to dinner at Captain Bill's. It promises to be a fun**

**And speaking of calendars** – we want to publish a GPS calendar again next year. Will you sponsor a page? Sponsors of the 2009 calendar have first option to purchase the same month on our 2010 calendar. Start looking through your digital collection now for the photo you want to submit. Have any calendar suggestions?

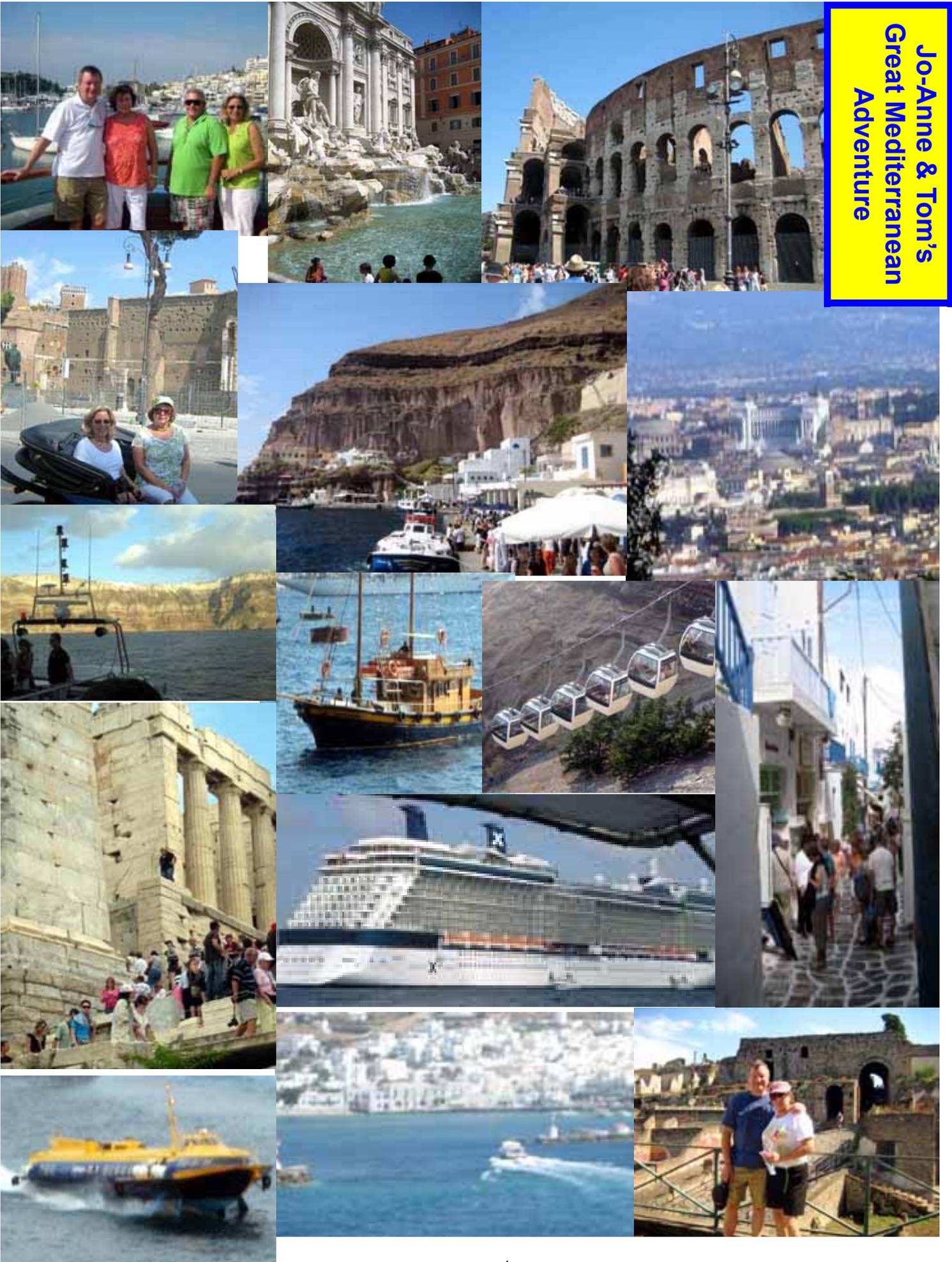
**So, here's the deal...** You can sponsor a page on the calendar for \$50. You provide the photo and in return you get two copies of the calendar. Its that simple! You'll get to provide the digital photo of your choice. Just think – wouldn't you like to see your own boat hanging up on the wall for the month?

What would you like see – a sunrise or an action shot? Perhaps a photograph full of family and friends out for an afternoon cruise? Fishing with the grand kids? What about a rail-down, sails-stretched, reach into a darkening bank of clouds? Maybe a sepia toned, leave-filled, old boat anchored in a hidden cove on a wintry fall evening? Will anyone dare to submit an action filled fouled-up-compass award-worthy photograph? Remember, it doesn't have to be a photo of *your* boat!

As I said. Your contribution includes two copies of the calendar featuring your own personal photography. In the past several years our members have provided us with some enjoyable pictures and some mighty fine memories. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if you'll want to buy extra copies for Christmas, to give away to your kids and to everyone you included in your photograph. I can't think a better way to indulge yourself and simultaneously contribute to the good of the squadron.

**And speaking of Christmas...** with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, as we give thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us, as we make our holiday and family plans, let us also remember those less fortunate. Set aside some food for the needy, bring some nice toys for the squadron Christmas party and for the children's home, give a few GPS calendars to your friends.

**Jo-Anne & Tom's  
Great Mediterranean  
Adventure**





**Educational Officer**  
**P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP**



**Administrative Officer**  
**Lt/C Mike Hicks, P**



To say Jo-Anne and I have really enjoyed retirement is an under-statement. We have been out of GSO as much as we have been in town the past few months. Our greatest trip we have ever undertaken involved a lot of planning and juggling to make the airline frequent flyer miles work out. We left GSO Thursday, 3 September and arrived at Gatwick airport, UK, @ 0700 Friday. This allowed us an afternoon of touring Windsor Castle and the surrounding town. We saw several of the residential canal boats on the Thames River. These boats can be rented from several locations in the UK. We saw both varieties of craft: the narrow canal boats as well as the more contemporary fiberglass versions.

Next we flew into Rome and met up with my high school buddy and his wife, Gene and Terry Cranford. We spent two nights at the Waldorf Cavalieri, up in the hills overlooking Rome. Quite an experience. Rome was wonderful; a lot of walking, however there was too much to see in a day and a half. We rented a horse drawn carriage for a quick, but scenic overview.

Monday, we boarded the Celebrity *Solstice*, a huge ship that was launched last November. Length: 1,033 ft., guests 2,850, crew approx 1400. She was sold out! Wednesday we arrived on the island of Santorini, Greece. From a distance we thought it was strange that islands in the Mediterranean would have snow covered peaks, especially in September. As we closed in on the island, we discovered that it wasn't snow we were seeing along the ridges, but the white buildings and homes of the town itself! There was very little habitable land at the shore and we had to take the cable car up to the top to tour the town. The only other way up was to either walk or take a mule up a very winding path.

Our next port of call was the island of Mykonos. This was a quaint little seaside village. Terry and Jo-Anne found a jewelry store there and instantly raised the town's GDP! Gene and I found a bar and decided that we should control the credit cards.

And our next stop was Istanbul. We were there for a 2 days. There was quite a contrast comparing the historic old town and it's history with the newer metropolitan side. Sunday we arrived in Ephesus, Turkey. The girls went shopping; Gene and I found a nice seaside bar with Wifi. I found that an iPod Touch is a great way to stay connected with the real world and get caught up on e-mails. As we entered the port through a narrow passage it reminded me that the rest of the world's nautical markers have red on the left on return from sea.

After a day at sea we arrived in Athens. Here Jo-Anne and I climbed up the steps to the Acropolis with what must have been a thousand other tourists. After that we hit the Agora, Panathinion Stadium, Hadrian's Arch as well as the Parliament Building to see the changing of the guards.

Thursday we docked in Naples and drove down the coast to Pompeii, Mt Vesuvius and then on to Sorrento. Incredible views! We spent our final night in the seaside town of Civitavecchia, Italy (Rome's port) before flying back home on Saturday. It was an incredible 2 ½ weeks. We leave this weekend to see the Cranford's again and spend a week in the Bahamas at their beach house in the Abacos and at the Atlantis Resort. See you next month!

Tom Statham

Ahoy mates! I hope everyone has been enjoying the last bit of nice weather and spending some time on the water. Things are kind of quiet in the Admin Dept for November, so I will just remind everyone of the Christmas party to be held 14 December and hosted by the Hackett's. I thought this month I would give you a little something to soothe the mind so I picked a small passage from a book called "The Greatest Sailing Stories Ever Told, and one poem every sailor should know:

Going up the mast on any boat for the first time can be both frightening and exhilarating, but it is almost a rite of passage when climbing the lofty spars of the famed 225-foot square-rigger Flying Cloud. (Comments by editor Christopher Caswell, *The Greatest Sailing Stories Ever Told*).

Excerpt from *Aloft on the flying Cloud from Men at Sea* by Morely Roberts.

There is something inexplicably spiritual in a ship, from whatever standpoint she be viewed, whether from the main-deck or from the taffrail under which the divided waters join and bubble joyfully, or from the end of the jib boom, which is nearest to her purpose, as one may say. She is a magnificent creature, a thing complete, visibly complete and austere adequate (the austerity lying in the nothing beyond her purpose, her splendid economy of means), and her spirituality comes from her completeness; her finite and declared divisions; her lofty silences; her community with the winds and the sea and sky. It comes-ah! Who shall say how it comes!-but it is up aloft among the fine tracery of her rigging and her gear that her soul is most manifest. Where indeed, could it be more manifest than from the high places where one sees her gracious dependence on her winds, while her naked body is in the priest like font of the sea? Oh, most blessed of created things, of the works of man working divinely! Every step of hers in the great waters is a baptism."

***Sea-Fever*** By John Masefield

I must down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,  
 And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,  
 And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sails shaking,

And a gray mist on the sea's face and a gray dawn breaking.  
 I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide  
 Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;  
 And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,  
 And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,  
 To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;  
 And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,  
 And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

# 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

## November Membership Dinner Meeting Captain Bill's Seafood & Steak Restaurant

6108 West Market Street  
9 November

Dinner starts @ 1800  
Meeting Starts @ 1930



You do not have to eat dinner to attend the meeting

**It's finally happened!  
Chris & Steve now have a  
boat at the shore. Steve's  
been threatening for 15  
years that he was going  
to get one. And now has  
he ever!**

**It's *Simply Mahvelous!***



### Information for Veterans

In 1942, during WWII, guidelines were established that civilians should use the breast salute, and those in uniform should use the hand salute, during the playing of the National Anthem or Pledge of Allegiance. **This has changed.** From the *Greensboro News and Record*:

"A bill (S.1877) , was passed by unanimous consent in 2007, amending those guidelines so that all serving in the military, along with all veterans, should render a military salute to the flag, whether indoors or out, in uniform or not, to differentiate them from those who have never served." All Greensboro Power Squadron veterans are encouraged to use the hand salute during the Pledge of Allegiance at Squadron or District meetings. P/C Bob Armfield, AP

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# GPS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please mark your calendar for  
**MONDAY, December 14, 2009!**



We will gather at 6:30 PM at Centenary United Methodist Church, 2300 W. Friendly Avenue. You should plan to bring:

- ◆ your children, grandchildren, spouse and/or guest,
- ◆ 9x13 covered dish of your favorite vegetable, casserole or dessert,
- ◆ \$5-8 child's gift wrapped and labeled with appropriate age and sex.

Those gifts not distributed during the evening will be donated to the Children's Home Society. We will get into the holiday spirit with chicken pie, your covered dishes, salads, desserts, coffee, tea and rolls. We hope Santa will visit the children present! Checks should be made payable to Greensboro Power Squadron and sent to:

Ken Fonville, 2601 Turner Grove Road, Greensboro, NC 27455.

The cost is \$8.00 per person, but children under 12 are free.

Reservations are required by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

Please call Carolyn or Mike Hackett if you have any questions (454-0986).

Mike Hackett passed along a reminder of why to check you charts and local notices to mariners before going through Lockwood Folly

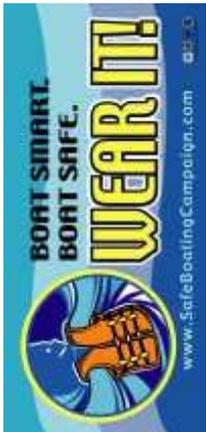


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