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Fun to shoot  
Not good to Eat  
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## Calendar of Events

### September

**11-12 Predicted Log-Wilmington, NC**

**14 Membership Meeting**

**23 AP Course begins w/Bill Young  
(This is a change in date  
& instructor)**

**25-27 Fall Conference- New Bern**

### October

**2-3 Smith Mtn. Lake Tour of Homes**

**10 Operation Big Sweep**

**20 & 22 Two Nights for 2 weeks  
Boating Course**

**23-24 Ghost Walk- New Bern**

**27 & 29 Two Nights for 2 weeks  
Boating Course Continues**

## September Birthdays

9	Kenneth B.	Fonville		24	Betty R.	Canter
	Dawn	Long		26	Charlene R.	Green
10	Christine	Puckett		27	Karl O.	Koebberling
11	E. Walker	Stevens		29	Eugene R.	Elzinga
17	Marshall Scott	Eakes			Patrick E.	Wright
22	Anna	Pittman				

## 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.

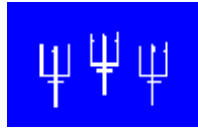
On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

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



The fall season is almost here and for the next few months it promises to be a busy time for the Greensboro Power Squadron. On September 11-13 we have the Predicted Log at Carolina Beach. Cathy and Alec Wrenn have planned a weekend full of fun activities. There are rumors that they have planned a memorial pilgrimage to daymark 67. The Predicted Log on the Cape Fear River with its tidal currents should be a true test of one's ability to predict their times from waypoint to waypoint. With the added variable of the boat traffic on the Cape Fear I'm betting that the scores won't be as close as they were on placid waters of Smith Mountain Lake.

When we all arrive back in Greensboro on Monday evening the 14<sup>th</sup>, we have the **35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Stonefield Cellars Winery in Stokesdale**. Starting at 1930 we'll gather to enjoy great fellowship, good cheeses, fruit and the Cellar's wonderful wines. It should be a fun event; send in your checks, \$10.00 per person, to Kendra Bulla and join in the merriment.

The following weekend, September 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> is the **D-27 Fall Conference in New Bern**. There are still rooms available. Come on down and join your fellow boaters from across District 27. New Bern is always a wonderful location with a wonderful marina right at the hotel, terrific restaurants, and interesting attractions.

The following Saturday starting at 0730 sharp kicks off our **fall boating course**. We'll be at Irving Park Methodist Church on West Cone Blvd. imparting boating wisdom to the public. Now that the legislature has passed Senate Bill #43 mandating compulsory education, we're looking for larger classed that we have had for the past few years. Mack Gordy and I have been interviewed on News Channel 14 and are hoping for additional exposure in the local media. Help spread the word and come out greet the students and give the instructors a hand.

October holds the Smith Mountain Tours of Homes on the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then on the 10<sup>th</sup> we have our annual Big Sweep clean up at Belews Lake. Call Craig Cooper and volunteer your boat and your help. As a regular boater on Belews Lake I can assure you that there is enough trash to pick up.

On **October 17<sup>th</sup> the Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron** is holding their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at **Pine Brook Country Club starting at 1800**. We were formed out of the Winston-Salem squadron and this should be an outstanding evening of fun. Let's have a good show of support for our founders and neighbors.

There are a lot of varied activities to participate in and enjoy in the next 10 weeks. I hope to see you often.

## Executive Officer Lt/C Woods McGinn, AP



The heat of summer is slipping behind and the first glorious days of autumn are approaching. As you read this month's issue of The Breeze I hope you're checking your calendar. Put a special circle around the September membership meeting because its sure to be a special night... an evening under the stars. You may want to invite a few friends and neighbors along this month. Check the newsletter for details.

I hope you've also made plans to attend the our annual **Predicted Log Contest**. The Wrenn's have done another one of their outstanding jobs in putting this event together. If you haven't made your plans by now, its probably too late. On the other hand, you might call Alec or Kathy and see if they can fit you in to the events down at Carolina Beach on 12 September.

it is NOT too late to sign up for **OPERATION BIG SWEEP on 10 October**. Every fall, when the temperature and the leaves begin to fall, the squadron heads out to Belews Lake, for beautiful morning on the water. We'll meet at Carolina Marina at 9 AM, get our boat assignments and trash bags, and head out on the lake for a beautiful day of communing with nature. This is really a lot of fun. I hope you believe me when I say that. We'll beach the boat and walk the shore picking up all the trash we can find. So what's involved?

We need some members to bring their boats. We need more members, and family & friends, all dressed in sturdy shoes and clothing suitable for shoreline trash duty. Some folks bring their own work gloves and those "grabber, picker-upper" gadgets made for grasping soda cans and chicken liver bait containers. Those are really handy. Mike Hicks has offered to patrol our areas in his C-Hawk and pickup the bulky and/or nasty trash so it doesn't have to go in the other boats.

After a morning of fun on the water, stumbling over the root-tangled shoreline and the rocky dam, after we've surveyed the local fishing holes for trash, we'll meet back at the marina for a midday gathering of lunch and fellowship. I am serious, if you haven't tried this - you should. This a mighty nice way to have fun helping clean up our environment.

Craig Cooper is our chairman again this year. He can't be at our September meeting but we will have a sign-up sheet available. We need a good estimate of the number of boats and volunteers so provisions can be ordered. Watch for the sign-up at the winery, or give Craig a phone call at 498-9004. We need your help, and I promise you will have a great time!





**Hummer Auction Winners  
Enjoy a Saturday Morning  
at Shane's Sporting Clays.  
Good times were had by all.  
A special thanks to  
P/D/C Steve Puckett, N,  
for his generous contribution  
that made this all possible.  
Who says you have to have  
water to have a great time  
with the GPS!**





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



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



### **Cape Fear Cruisin'**

Past Commanders Mack and Vinnie Gordy planned a terrific cruise 6/18-21/09. Chuck and Connie Kammeyer and their boat **Frayed Knot** left Carolina Beach with Mack and Vinnie on **Optional Necessity** Thursday morning. Shirley and Max Kern, Carolyn and Mike Hackett left Oak Island on **Hattitude** (yes, she is finally in the water!!) and met the other two boats near Snow's Cut on the Cape Fear River. We paraded into Wilmington and docked in front of the Hilton. We enjoyed the Wilmington waterfront in the afternoon and dined outside at Elijah's that evening. After dinner we all gathered on the bow of **Hattitude** and enjoyed the atmosphere.

Friday morning after breakfast, we all traveled down the Cape Fear River to South Harbor Village near Southport. Connie and Carolyn used the Hackett's car which had been strategically left in the marina parking lot to tour about and pick up a few supplies (ice and beer). In the afternoon, our group met up with Anna and Ron Pittman who were expecting guests for dinner and cruising on the **Anna Bee** and Pat and Larry Freeze who were getting ready to cruise to Cape Lookout and Ocracoke for the week on **Pelecanus**. After visiting, we enjoyed "docktails" and then ate splendidly at Joseph's.

On Saturday morning our three vessels cruised back up towards Southport and then over to Bald Head Island where we had slips near each other. We rented a golf cart and had fun touring the island and visiting some shops. That evening we all shared food and had a delicious grilled chicken dinner together. On Sunday we used the golf cart to tour again and after lunch to visit the beach for swimming. Later in the afternoon, Andy and Connie Stead, friends of Mack and Vinnie from their condo, joined us. We had a great cocktail party at a covered patio near our slips, and then we cooked hamburgers with lots of trimmings for dinner. During our trips around the island we enjoyed the maritime forest, and lots of native wildlife including a turtle, an opossum, two foxes and a deer.

On Monday morning we all headed back to reality. All of us are grateful to Mack and Vinnie for a well planned cruise!  
By P/C Mike Hackett

The Hummer in the Summer. This event was held 13 July 2009 at Bur-Mil, and chaired by Debbie Stephenson. This was truly a grand event and the turnout was incredible. I estimate 65-70 people attended. It was reported that we raised around \$1,600. The food was excellent. We had Stamey's BBQ and various side dishes. We had all the ingredients for a fun time: food, fellowship, more food and children. Thanks to all who helped with the event and those who bought items from the silent auction.

25 July, most of you were probably at the Koebberling's enjoying blueberry pancakes or picking blueberries at the Blueberry Picking event. I regret that I could not attend but I had the unexpected opportunity to spend a week ocean front at Oak Island with my family. I am sure that Dan Chance, event chairman, and the Koebberlings have made this a memorable social. Thanks to all.

On 8 August Past District Commander Steve "Two Barrels" Puckett hosted a sporting clays outing at Shame's Sporting Clays. This was the most fun that I think I have had in a long time. Steve covered all the safety issues with us, split the beginners into small groups with an experienced marksman and we went to the course to try to shoot the clays. I think there were about twelve of us, most brought their own gun but like myself, had not fired it in several years. We made a whole lot of noise and from what I witnessed I would say that the majority of the clays survived and some shoulders didn't! Thanks Steve for a wonderful Saturday.

On deck for 11-13 September will be our Predicted Log. In the past, this event has been held at Smith Mountain Lake. This year the Predicted Log will be held A Carolina Beach and hosted by Alec and Kathy Wrenn. I'm sure there is still time for any last minute participants or spectators to sign up for this event.

This Smith Mountain Home Tour is just around the corner. The date for this is 2-4 October and will be hosted by Pat Byrne and Chris Puckett. Please mark this on your calendar.



# 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

## District Council Meeting: September 18-19, 2009

Hosted by Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron

Located at the Hilton New Bern Riverfront, 100 Middle Street,  
New Bern NC 28560

Room Rates \$119, ask for "D27 USPS BLOCK" cut off dates September 5 -  
So reserve now at 252.638.3585

Don't miss the Friday Attendees reception for only \$12 per person.

Registration Form on line @ D-27

### PREDICTED LOG SEPTEMBER 11-13 WILMINGTON/CAROLINA BEACH

Predicted Log will have a new look this year. We have moved from Smith Mountain Lake to the coast. Sounds like lots of fun!!

Our base will be the Recreation/Events facility at Waterfront Town homes in Carolina Beach. Events will begin Friday evening, Sept 11, with potluck heavy hors 'oeuvres. Saturday morning we will hold the Captain's Meeting at Waterfront and boats will head out for the day's work. Captains and crews will plan to eat lunch on the boat. A raft up for lunch is a good possibility, or there are several on-the-water restaurants in the area. Saturday evening we are planning a pig pickin' at Waterfront, and will compare notes from the day on the water.

We are anxious to know who will be coming so that we can look into dockage and housing for those participating. Please plan to join us for what promises to be a terrific weekend. **Call Kathy Wrenn 327-3706 or email carolinawrenn@hotmail.com.**

### 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

**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

## Educational Department September 2009 Breeze Notice

Congratulations to squadron members that passed the following courses this year.

### **Advanced Piloting** – Instructor: Karl Koebberling, N

Craig Cooper, AP

### **Weather** – Instructor: Ken Karb, JN

Barre Burks, P

Leif DuVall, SN

Ken Fonville, JN

Pat Freeze, AP

John Oberholtzer, AP

### **Seamanship** – Instructor: Karl Koebberling, N

Judy Dawson, S

Gene Elzinga, S

Mary Hamlin, S

Connie Kammeyer, S

Sue Schultz, S

Warren Stan, S

Todd Ring, S

### **Navigator** – Instructor: Jerry Newton, SN

David Schultz, N

### **Marine Electronics** – Instructor: Leif DuVall, SN

Grant Dawson, AP

Ken Fonville, JN

Hardy Spence, AP

### **Newest Senior Navigator**

Leif DuVall

We currently are awaiting results from the Piloting and Cruise Planning classes.

### **Attention All Members That Have Passed Piloting**

**Advanced Piloting** begins Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 1930 at the Lutheran Church and will be taught by Bill Young, SN. We currently have five members signed up for the class. It's not too late to join this class. After the weekend at the Predicted Log Contest we may have a few more members decide they need to take this class. \$55.00 with Weekend Navigator - \$40.00 w/o Weekend Navigator.

**Engine Maintenance** will start Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 1930 at the Lutheran Church. P/D/C Stephen Puckett, JN will be teaching this class. \$45.00

**Sail** is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 1930. Walker Stevens, SN will instruct this class. \$45.00.

**Instructor Development** begins on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 and will be taught by P/D/Lt/C Richard Howle, JN. There is no charge for this class.

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