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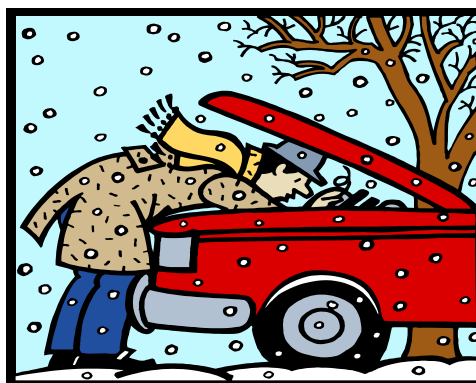
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## Calendar of Events

### January

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

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

### February

### January Birthdays

1	Lola Maxine B. (Maxine) Myers	16	Janet Sheffield, P
2	Lt Philip W. (Phil) Andrew, S Lt Carol Ann (Carol) Kelly, AP June Kennedy	18	Warren H. Stan, S
4	Cdr Woods M. (Woody) McGinn, AP	19	James Wright, S
		24	P/C W. Stewart Colson, JN

### 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**



Happy New Year to All! Let's all hope that 2010 is the start of a wonderful new decade. I know that I'm going to have a good year as I will join the exalted ranks of elder statesmen known as the Past Commanders; the only rank I ever really aspired to. Now I'll be able to pontificate without having to perform; is that not great? No more daily e-mails, no national forms to fill out and no more frustration trying to navigate the evermore complex channels of the national web site. I get to pass on lots and lots of boxes containing who knows what; but they're important (so I was told). So good-bye 2009, I'll miss you for a lot of conflicting reasons.

I do hope that you enjoyed the 2009 version of the Greensboro Power Squadron as much as I enjoyed acting as its commander. It was a privilege as well as a responsibility and I enjoyed it and will savor the memories; but what I'll truly savor are the many friendships that both Sally and I acquired over the three years I've been on the bridge. This is a genuinely unique organization of which we can all take pride. The support that the members so aptly and so often, demonstrate is outstanding. The real concern for one another is heartening and goes a long way beyond our common bond as boaters. Sally and I may have joined the Power Squadron a long time ago in what now seems like a distant planet, but we were relative newcomers to the Greensboro Squadron. The welcome we received and the friendships that were so forthcoming are unlike anything we have encountered. Thank you all, you have added a wonderful chapter to our lives.

We look forward to seeing you at the Change of Watch. I wait in wonder as to what may befall me that evening but I'm sure it will be fun to watch. I look forward to Woods year and I'm sure that you will all support him and his bridge with enthusiasm and vigor.  
Again – THANKS!

Well squadron year 2009 is behind us. I hope you have enjoyed this year as much as I have. I want to take a few moments to recognize those in the Executive Department who helped make this another successful year.

P/C Charlie Boswell headed up the first project on our calendar. He chaired the boat show at the Greensboro Coliseum, coordinating the team of volunteers who staffed the information booth. Cdr Oberholtzer provided credit card service so patrons could charge their boating course materials, P/D/C Mack Gordy updated the photo display material, and a multitude of members stood two-hour watches during the boat show.

Chairman Dan Kelly put together a most enjoyable weekend at Oriental for our Co-Op Charting weekend. I also thank Carol Kelly for all she did to organize the Friday social and Burton & June Kennedy for hosting the Saturday evening cookout. Dan will be helping us again this spring with the nautical and technical aspects of Co-Op charting. I still need volunteers to take on the Oriental social functions. Please let me know how you can help!

For the second year in a row Craig Cooper put together a very successful Big Sweep at Belews Lake. Craig & Kathy assembled a fine team of captains, boats and crew. We gleaned a record amount of trash from the lake. If you'd seen the muddy decks of Mike Hicks' C-Hawk you'd have thought he cleaned the lake itself.

P/C Tom Hamlin restructured Kid's Day at the Lake and the kids from the Spears Family YMCA declared it a rousing success. We didn't do any cooking this year and that left us with more time for boating and fishing. Thanks to all the captains who offered their boats, and to all the members who staffed the event.

Thanks also to our standing committee members: P/D/Lt Dick Howle - Liaison Officer, Kathy Wrenn – Public Relations Officer and David Schultz – Safety Officer. David also handled our Vessel Safety Checks this year and did a fine job. In fact he recruited a new member to the squadron and enlisted Michael Gunter to take on the duties as our incoming Safety Officer.

**GREENSBORO POWER SQUADRON**  
**Nominees for Elected Offices**  
**2010 Executive Committee**

**Nomination Recommendations**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
<b>Commander</b>	<b>Woods M. McGinn, AP</b>
<b>Executive Officer</b>	<b>Michael W. Hicks, P</b>
<b>Administrative Officer</b>	<b>William L. Davis, SN</b>
<b>Squadron Education Officer</b>	<b>P/D/C Mack L. Gordy, AP</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Patricia Freeze, AP</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Kenneth B. Fonville, N</b>
<b>Assistant Education Officer</b>	<b>W. Hardy Spence, AP</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	
<b>Elected Members</b>	<b>Grant W. Dawson, Eugene R. Elzinga Ronald M. Pittman, S</b>
<b>Rules Committee</b>	<b>P/C J. Michael Hackett, P</b>
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>John P. Oberholtzer, AP</b>
<b>Auditing Committee</b>	<b>Alec Wrenn, SN</b>

**Submitted by the Nominating Committee**  
**P/C Charles Kammeyer, AP Chairman**  
**P/C Tom Hamlin, AP**  
**P/C J. Michael Hackett,**



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



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



Like many other non-profit organizations, Greensboro Power Squadron has felt the results of the economic downturn during this past year. High gas prices have affected our cruises and trips to the coast and lakes. However, the Educational Department has seen an unusual increase in students attending and passing our courses. The ABC One-Day and 2 Nights for 2 Weeks classes was a test this year. We plunged in and taught five One-Day and two 2 Nights for 2 Weeks ABC classes, without knowing if the boating public would accept this format. The largest class we had was 40 students and the smallest was two. Students purchased their manuals two weeks prior to the class and read the four required chapters. 75 students took the ABC class and 75 passed. This says a lot about our instructors along with the fact that the students came to class prepared. Five students from these classes joined the squadron. Although the economy affected travel, it did not deter members from taking courses. Forty-five members took and passed four Advanced Grade and six Elective Course classes. Six members are currently taking Sail and three members are taking Instructor Development and will take their exams this month. This illustrates that our members are still interested in increasing their boating knowledge.

**New Senior Navigators**

**P/C Karl Koebberling, SN**

**Lt Leif DuVall, SN**

**New Navigators**

**Lt David Schultz, N**

**P/D/C Stephen Puckett, N**

**Lt/C Ken Fonville, N**

**A special thanks to our instructors  
–see next page**

Special Holiday Tidings to all! I do hope everyone has had a great year and, boy, what a fast one this has been! It's really hard to believe that 2009 has waxed and is waning so quickly.

As my last article as your Admin Officer, I wish to extend my most heartfelt thanks to each member, for his or her confidence in me and support of my service to this body. Because of your dedication, I was able to truly enjoy the admin position and most especially the opportunity to get to know you and your family members better.

I also want to extend many sincere thanks to those people who reached out to help, who attended, and, especially, to the following new and old salts who braved chairing the events and positions within the admin department:

To Tom Hamlin, our Membership Chairman this year - thank you Tom for all the phone calls and follow ups to get new members properly processed and welcomed into the GPS;

To Judy Dawson who was in charge of Membership Involvement this year – always bringing a smile, greeting members and guests, tracking attendance and making sure that we all knew our names, thank you Judy;

To John Lore, who once again, agreed to serve as Port Captain – thank you John;

To Grant Dawson, Programs Chairman – thanks for providing us with educational and recreational programs, we enjoyed them all;

To Mack Gordy, wearer of many hats in our Squadron, thank you Mack for your service as Operations Training Officer – and I look forward to taking your class in January;

To Dr. Paul Long, who was once again our Medical Officer - thank you Paul, and I think I can speak for everyone when I say we hope your medical expertise is never needed, we are very fortunate to have you aboard;

To Gene Elzinga and David Shultz who did an outstanding job on the Belews Cruise event together with all the members, family, friends and guests they solicited – thanks so much for your coordination and efforts;

To Larry and Pat Freeze, who chaired the AP Cruise this year - thank you so much for your fine efforts as well as all those who helped and participated in this event.

To Debbie Stephenson, who chaired the Hummer in the Summer – thank you for making this and the silent auction a huge and profitable success;

To Dan Chance, chairman of the Blueberry Picking event back in July and to the Koebberlings, our hosts – thank you for time and gracious offer of your mountain home;

To Alec and Kathy Wrenn and Mack and Vinnie Gordy, co-hosts of the Predicated Log event - many thanks for you for your time and efforts;

To Connie Kammeyer, chairwoman of the Smith Mountain Home Tour this year – thank you so much;

And, finally, to Carolyn and Mike Hackett for their hosting of the upcoming Christmas Party to be held 14 December – thank you (and to Santa – who I heard will be there)!

Again, I want to thank you all for a terrific year of fun, fellowship, and continuing education. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 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

## How can we talk about the Educational Department and not mention the instructors.

### ABC Instructors:

P/C Charlie Boswell, AP  
P/C Stewart Colson, JN  
P/C Chuck Kammeyer, AP  
P/C Paul Long, SN  
Cdr John Oberholtzer, AP  
Lt Kathy Wrenn. AP

### Advanced Grade Instructors:

Seamanship – P/C Karl Koebberling, SN  
Piloting – Lt Bill Young, SN  
Advanced Piloting – Lt Bill Young, SN  
Navigation – Lt Jerry Newton, SN

### Elective Class Instructors:

Cruise Planning – Lt Dan Kelly, JN & Lt Carol Kelly, AP  
Engine Maintenance – P/D/C Stephen Puckett, JN  
Instructor Development – P/D/Lt/C Richard Howle, JN  
Marine Electronics – Lt Lief DuVall, SN  
Sail – Lt Walker Stevens, SN & Lt/C Ken Fonville, N  
Weather – Lt Ken Karb, JN

The Educational Department and squadron members appreciate the many hours the instructors spent in preparation and teaching the classes.

**Due to computer problems there will be no Christmas dinner pictures in this issue. Please go to our web site for a wonderful recap of the festivities.  
Tom S.**

### 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

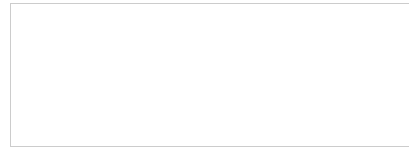
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