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**SEPTEMBER 12-17  
2011**

**National Fall  
Governing Board  
Sheraton 4 Seasons  
-Greensboro, NC**

**District 27 Fall Council &  
Conference Meeting  
30 September – 2  
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Marriott Winston-Salem  
425 North Cherry Street**

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Marriott/ Winston-Salem, NC

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**28-30 Historic Ghost Walk,  
New Bern, NC**

### August Birthdays

1	Lt/C Kenneth B. (Ken) Fonville, SN	22	Lt Anna Busby Pittman
4	Lt Michael A. Gunter	24	Betty R. Canter, P
9	Lt Dawn Long, AP	26	Charlene R. Green, S
10	Christine (Chris) Puckett, P	27	P/C Karl O. Koeberling, SN
11	E. Walker Stevens, SN	29	Lt Eugene R. Elzinga, S
17	Marshall Scott Eakes, P	29	Patrick E. Wright, S

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..... <i>Necessity</i>	John & Sally Oberholtzer..... <i>Sally O</i>
Woods McGinn..... <i>Blue Moon</i>	Ron & Anna Pittman..... <i>Anna Bee</i>
Jerry Newton..... <i>Petey</i>	Chris and Stephen Puckett..... <i>Simply</i>
James & Brenda Norris	<i>Mahvelous</i>

#### “Thank You”

The above individuals made contributions in support of our squadron this year.

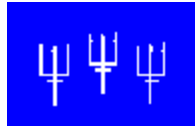
On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

a special thanks to **Carolina Marina at Belews Lake** for their continued support.

Thanks to your contributions and that of our many members, we have had an outstanding 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



## Commander's Log Tom Statham, AP



**Good Night Irene!** That seems to be a popular theme this month. I believe most, if not all of us, were very lucky this time. Let's hope the hurricane season is winding down, though it's not officially over until November. This being an el Nino year or what ever, who knows.

We have a lot to be thankful for. We live in the greatest country in the world, in one of the most beautiful states, in a wonderful city and are all members of an awesome squadron. By the time you read this, we will approach the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the most infamous attack ever inflicted on our land. The fight to keep our shores safe from those who wish us harm continues. Be sure and thank any service man or woman, (past or present) or any government agent you know that has placed their life on the line to protect ours. As our Pledge says, we are ***“one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”***

September will be a VERY busy month for us. Beginning on the Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at our monthly membership meeting, Vice Admiral John R. Ryan, USN (Ret.), President of the Center for Creative Leadership, will be our guest speaker. He is a highly regarded international speaker and we are very fortunate to have him as our program that evening. We will also have the honor of having in attendance our National Bridge; Chief Commander Frank Dvorak, SN, and his wife Vivian, 6 Vice Commanders, and Past Chief Commander Creighton Maynard, SN, as well as District 27 Commander, Mike McCulley, JN. And for the first time ever, we will be holding our meeting at the Center for Creative Leadership on Highway 220 North, just before the city lakes. On arrival, follow the directional signs to the “Main Entrance and Visitor Parking.”

Needless to say, this will be a very special meeting and I sincerely hope each of you will make an extra effort to attend. Your guests are also invited. As a slight change, I am requesting that we show up a little earlier-1915 (7:15 PM). Since we will be meeting at a new venue, this will give us some extra time to get settled in before our presentation begins and to greet our guests. FYI-the business portion of our meeting will commence after the talk. This will allow our out of town guests, if they so choose, to get back to their hotel a little earlier. I also feel it would be appropriate if Bridge members (past and present) as well as any member so inclined, to wear their Navy Blazers (no ties) on this night.

Also please don't forget that the D-27 **Fall Council/Conference will be held in Winston at the Marriott on 30 September to 2 October. (Registration on p.7)**

This will also be an excellent opportunity to attend a District function without having to drive far. On Friday, there will be a New Members, 1<sup>st</sup> Timers, & Squadron Commanders Reception @ 1600. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, call me. I think I hear an afternoon toddy calling my name. Gotta go! As they say in Hungary-Bucsu!

## Executive Officer Report Lt/C Ron Pittman, S



It's hard to believe September will be here in just a few more days. This summer has been unusually hot and I am looking forward to a mild autumn without any hurricanes! The next couple of months will have several events that you should make plans to attend if your calendar permits:

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> **Smith Mountain Lake Day of Fun and Food**

Hosts are Mary and Tom Hamlin and Connie and Chuck Kammeyer – Specific details are located in the Breeze. I understand that they now have electricity and running water so we do not need to bring a generator or bottled water to their cabin this time!

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> **Fall Governing Board Conference** 4 Seasons/Greensboro. On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> the Greensboro Power Squadron will be assisting with the Boat Owners Certification (“BOC”) at Oak Hollow Marina in High Point. There will be many workshops and discussions that are at no charge. Specific details regarding the program and events are located at usps.org. Check out the details and plan to attend any of the many workshops listed.

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> **District 27 Fall Council & Conference** Marriott/Winston Salem - Specific details are located at usps.org.

Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> **Operation Big Sweep at Belews Lake** is being coordinated by Tom Hamlin. We need some boats and volunteers to assist with this event. Check out the details outlined in the Breeze. We understand that Tom Statham's boat has been renamed by the marina as the “garbage barge” and needs to be cleaned up right away!

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> **Past Commanders Happening** is scheduled at Kern's Estate and Global Conference Center. This is a well attended event. Make plans to attend. Specific information is contained in the Breeze.

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> is the **Ghost Walk – New Bern, NC.** Larry Freeze is coordinating this event and additional information is contained in the Breeze. We expect Charles Chapman will be joining us during the Ghost Walk.

As far as I know we survived IRENE with no damage to any boats. Preparation is always the key to preventing problems. Mike Hackett had his boat pulled out of the water at a boatyard, Mike and Kathy Wrenn moved their boat to Southport Marina is a better protected area and Larry and Pat Freeze moved their boat to another slip which was better protected. I did not move my boat since whenever I leave I secure the boat in such a way that it would not be damaged by a hurricane.



**Ed. Officer's**  
**Lt/C Hardy Spence, AP**



**Administrative Officer**  
**Lt/C David Schultz, SN**



Congratulations to David Eberle, Burton Kennedy, and Ron Pittman for completing the Piloting course. Currently there are seven Squadron members taking Advanced Piloting under the instruction of Bill Young.

If you are interested in any elective courses (see list below) please contact Hardy Spence (336-292-9986 or [hspencesr@aol.com](mailto:hspencesr@aol.com)).

- **Engine Maintenance** covers the operating principles and basic care and maintenance of outboard and inboard engines, including diesels.
- **Marine Electronics** covers installation and maintenance of both boat electrical systems (AC and DC) and marine electronics (VHF radio, radar, GPS, etc).
- **Cruise Planning** covers topics of interest for someone planning a cruise – whether for just a weekend or for a year – including preparation and planning, anchoring, security, chartering, and cruising outside the US.
- **Weather** covers weather systems, patterns and forecasting.
- **Sail** covers everything from the basic elements of how a sailboat works to sail trim, rig tuning, and sailboat racing.
- **Instructor Development** teaches effective communication skills for not only USPS instructors but everyone, covering various methods of presenting information to others, effective use of audiovisual aids (including PowerPoint), etc.



Here we are back in Supply for the weekend. The weather has been great so far. As we start to get ready to head home, I think about our trip home last time with the boat in tow. It took us 11 hours to get home. We had not 1, but 2 flat tires on our boat trailer 1 & 1/2 hours apart. The first one was on a little two lane road in South Carolina and then again on I-74. After calling AAA and waiting for OVER 3 hours, we finally got the dispatcher to start making some calls for a tow truck. The first one called and said he was in Raleigh (over 90 miles away) after another 2 hours; a driver finally contacted us and told us he was in Lumberton but didn't know if his rollback could haul our boat. Around midnight, we finally had the boat and trailer on the rollback with just inches to spare and we were on our way to Lumberton where the tow company was located. After setting the GPS so I could find my way back, we set off for home arriving at 2 am.

I then had to take the next day off to get a new tire, and then Dad and I drove back to Lumberton to pick up the boat, we had to install the tire ourselves and bring it back home. The tow company never even offered to do any of the labor. After all the work was done, I went in to the office for what I thought would be to sign some papers for AAA, but instead the man said that AAA did not cover it. So I called them and they said that since the year 2000, we have had the top level coverage that included all trailers. (Fine print "except boats") The moral of this story is, even though your tires look OK, they need to be thoroughly checked. I have since looked up some trailer tire facts:

According to trailer tire web sites, you should check your tire pressure when the tire is cold and always inflate tires to the max pressure or even higher but never less. Running tires on a trailer with low pressure can cause tires to heat up and wear out faster. You should visually inspect tires before each use and for that reason most websites say don't use products like Armor All to make them shine, that could mask UV corrosion. Just remember trailer tires are not designed to have the tread worn out. So if your tires are four to five years old, they may be nearing the end. So check your tires and remember those hubs too, and when you get it all ready to go "I'll see ya on the pond"



## 2011 Schedule of Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting –</b>	<b>Greensboro</b>
June 17-19	D/27 Rendezvous-River Dunes	Grace Harbor/Oriental, NC
June	Kid's Day at the Lake	Postponed
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Hummer-in-the-Summer/Par 3 Tourney (in lieu of membership meeting)</b>	<b>Bur-Mil Park</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Watauga River Cruise/ Blueberry Picking</b>	<b>The Koebberling's – Foscoe, NC</b>
<b>August 8</b>	<b>Blueberry Social – (in lieu of membership meeting)</b>	
<b>August 27</b>	<b>High Rock Lake/BBQ Outing</b>	<b>High Rock Lake, Gunter's Cabin</b>
<b>September 12</b>	Meeting-Vice Adm. John Ryan USN (Ret)	<b>Center for Creative Leadership</b>
September 12-17	Fall Governing Board	4 Seasons/Greensboro, NC
<b>September 30-</b>	<b>D/27 Fall Council/Conference</b>	<b>Marriott/Winston-Salem, NC</b>
<b>October 7-9</b>	<b>Riverfest &amp; Pirates Flotilla/with CFS&amp;PS</b>	<b>Wilmington/Hilton Docks</b>
October 8	Operations Big Sweep	Belews Lake
<b>October 10</b>	<b>P/C Happening</b>	<b>Kern's Estate</b>
<b>October 28-30</b>	<b>Historic Ghost Walk</b>	<b>New Bern, NC</b>
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Bridge &amp; Friends Happening</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>December 12</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Centenary Methodist Church</b>
January 9, 2012	GPS Annual Business Meeting	

Membership Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
Time: 1930

First Lutheran Church  
3600 West Friendly Ave.



# 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 Michael 643-1289 or if possible michaelgunter@triad.rr.com



Greensboro Power Squadron invites you to attend its regular monthly meeting  
**Monday, September 12 7:30 p.m.**

**Center for Creative Leadership 1 Leadership Place Greensboro, NC**

We are extremely pleased to have as our guest speaker for the evening

**Vice Admiral John R. Ryan, USN (Ret.)**

President & CEO Center for Creative Leadership

A former Navy aviator, Admiral Ryan commanded squadrons, wings and forces in Asia, Europe and the Middle East during a 35-year career in the military and also served as Superintendent of the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Before joining CCL, he served as Chancellor of SUNY (the State University of New York), the State University of NY Maritime College and the University of Albany.

A gentleman well versed on many subjects, we know you will enjoy his presentation. Admiral Ryan will speak on "Leadership Trends Worth Knowing: Insights From CCL" as well as personal stories from his own career. We hope you will join us for this outstanding program!

## Directions to CCL

**Take Battleground Avenue/Highway 220 North**

**After Crossing New Garden Rd.- Go about 2.6 miles (6 traffic lights)**

**Just past the 6<sup>th</sup> traffic light (which is Owls Roost Road )**

**Take the second left on to Leadership Place. CCL is down on the right.**

**If you cross over the City Lakes, you have gone too far!**

## "Cooks Night Off"

Please join us at the Carolina Cafe at Friendly Shopping Center (next to Gate City Pharmacy) 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,

**For sale:** 20% share of Orion V. 38ft Catalina 380 – model year 2000. If you ever thought about a big sailboat, but it seemed unaffordable, check with Paul Long. 855-0519

**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

**Power Squadron Friends –**

Tom and Mary Hamlin and Chuck and Connie Kammeyer want to cordially invite you to beautiful Smith Mt. Lake for a day of fun and food.

WHEN? Saturday, September 10

WHERE? 381 Highland Lake Rd., Union Hall, VA, (Hamlin’s Home)

TIME? 10:00 am,

WHAT to BRING? A Covered dish – Salad, Vegetable, Appetizer, Bread, or Dessert



We have Squadron beer and wine left from the July Hummer. **We will have grilled chicken, tea, lemonade and water, paper products, coolers and plenty of ice.**

We have room for a few boats to tie up at our dock and at the neighbor’s right beside us.

We have lots of chairs and floats, but bring your bathing suit and your smile!

We will take up a small \$ donation to help pay for chicken, paper products, and ice.

**Please RSVP to Mary Hamlin- [mkbhamlin@bellsouth.net](mailto:mkbhamlin@bellsouth.net) OR 336-668-4836**

**District 27 Fall Council & Conference Meeting**

30 September 2011 – 2 October 2011

Marriott 425 North Cherry Street Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Room Rates: \$109.00 plus tax

Reservations: 800-320-0934

(Ask for US Power Squadrons D/27 block– Cutoff date for special rate is 8 Sept. 2011)

REGISTRATION FORM

Rank, Name, Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or 2<sup>nd</sup> member – Rank, Name, Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Friday

Foothills Brewing – Appetizers included \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 \_\_\_\_\_  
YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN FOR DINNER

Saturday

**SPOUSES COFFEE – NO CHARGE** Number attending needed \_\_\_\_\_

**FACILITIES FEE** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERS LUNCH**

Chef Sandwich board (choice of 4 sandwiches) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18 \_\_\_\_\_

GLUTEN FREE – lettuce wraps \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18 \_\_\_\_\_

**BANQUET & CASH BAR**

Herb Crusted Salmon entrée \_\_\_\_\_ x \$34 \_\_\_\_\_

GLUTEN FREE \_\_\_\_\_ x \$34 \_\_\_\_\_

Herb Roasted Chicken Breast entrée \_\_\_\_\_ x \$34 \_\_\_\_\_

GLUTEN FREE \_\_\_\_\_ x \$34 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

New member since January 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> time District Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Winston-Salem Sail & Power Squadron** Send check and completed form by 22 September 2011 to:  
Lt/C Kathi Vestal 182 Parkview Circle Pinnacle, NC 27043

## The Past Commanders Happening Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 1800 hours

The Past Commanders invite one and all to attend our fabulous "Lasagna Dinner".

Great food, fun, and even better fellowship at Shirley and Max Kern's Estate.

The menu will be lasagna, an Italian green salad, and lots of good bread, olive oil and butter. Tea will be provided; adult beverages are **BYOB**.

**Price: \$12.50 for adults, \$6.50 for children.**

There will be a **Dessert Contest** so bring your best dessert and be prepared to win the accolades of the membership and a fantastic prize.

Please make your reservations by sending your check, made payable to Greensboro Power Squadron Past Commanders, or by calling

**336-931-1204 or e-mail**

**jobberholtzer@triad.rr.com**

P/C John Oberholtzer, 3102 Solara Trace, GSO, 27410

**Please note: It is important that you make your reservation so that we can plan for the appropriate quantity of food. If you make a reservation and do not cancel it 72 hours (3 days) in advance we will expect that you will attend and if you do not attend, you will pay for your reserved meal.**



## Ghost Walk-New Bern 28-29 October



**Mark your calendars!**

**We are doing the Historic Ghost Walk in New Bern again. If you haven't been, it's really a Hoot.**

**We will start Friday night with a welcome in cocktail party at the Comfort Suites, 218 E. Front Street. 252-636-0022. Lt. Larry Freeze has reserved a block of rooms, both on and off the water. The Ghost Walk tickets are good for two nights, so have your walking shoes ready.**

**Saturday morning will have several options:**

**Details to follow.**

**Saturday night after Happy Hour, for those interested, we will have tickets for the traditional**

## Important Notice to All Committee Chairman

Merit Mark recommendations are due within two weeks after each event. Send to P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP at [mgordyjr@triad.rr.com](mailto:mgordyjr@triad.rr.com). Call Mack if you have questions.

Boat for Sale: Immaculate, lightly used and lovingly cared for, 2007 Maycraft 23' Pilot house skiff. 225 Yamaha 4 stroke with 120 hours mounted on Armstrong bracket. Yamaha warranty through 2012. Bimini top covers aft deck area. Full set of enclosure canvas. Raymarine C-80 chart plotter and separate Raymarine DS400 depth sounder, Raymarine Ray54 VHS with DSC, stereo- CD player, remote controlled spotlight, Lenco trim tabs with position indicator and auto-retract, Porta-potti, Racor fuel filter, teak backrest and custom cushions on stern seat. Extra side mounted removable seat and three step unit for ease of boarding. Lines, fenders, plow anchor with 250' of rode & other extras. Professionally detailed and waxed, always stored indoors in Carolina Marina dry stack. Always serviced by Collins Marine and professionally winterized. Aluminum trailer with brakes, spare tire and tool box.

Boat is located at Collins Marine, Rt. 70, Smithfield, NC. Contact Jeffery Parrish 919-934-3143 or [www.collinsboating.co](http://www.collinsboating.co)



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## LT Michael Gunter Safety Officer

This was an article I found on a news site from Charlotte. A very serious reminder that sometimes all we do is not enough. Please be careful out there and do not take chances on the water. If there is something wrong or if you just have that "funny feeling" about something on your boat check it out and make sure.

### **BOAT EXPLOSION AT TEGA CAY MARINA** **by BETH SHAYNE | NewsChannel 36**

Posted on July 13, 2011 at 2:55 PM

TEGA CAY, S.C. -- An explosion and fire at the Tega Cay Marina sent a Charlotte family of five to the hospital on Wednesday.

Investigators said six people were on the boat when an explosion occurred shortly after 1:30 p.m. The family, whose names have not been released, had just finished fueling their 37-foot cruiser cabin when witnesses heard an explosion and watched all six people either fall or jump into the water as the boat caught fire.

Good Samaritans were able to pull the mother, father, and three sons from the water with serious injuries including burns and a broken leg. A young woman - the girlfriend of one of the teenage sons - was not hurt.

The father and one son were sent to the burn unit at UNC-Chapel Hill, while the mother and two other sons were sent to Carolinas Medical Center.

Eyewitness Richard Mason was one of three people who helped pull them to safety. "It makes you think about your family. You get choked up," he said.

Mason said before the accident, the father had complained of generator problems, but investigators are unsure if that had anything to do with the accident. They plan on pulling the sunken boat to the surface Friday to further their investigation.

Norm Maxwell, who witnessed the fire from his Wave Runner on Lake Wylie, said he thought the fire crews had gotten the fire out when it seemed to explode again. "Everybody drove away. It was a good three minutes, and then boom, it started again," he said.

The Tega Cay Marina is closed until further notice. The explosion also damaged six other boats. Their owners have been notified.



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