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Sunset on Easter Island

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April Meeting Program

From sea to shinning sea, Sunbrella® is on it. Join your fellow members on **April 9th at 1930 and welcome Steve Ellington**, an Executive of Glen Raven Mills the manufacturer of that wonderful marine fabric we have on our boats.

Learn which product is right for your specific application, be it interior or exterior. What factors should we consider in selecting the right material and that is only the beginning. Now that we have it, we need to know how to maintain it, how to clean it, what thread should be used, and how to replenish the water repellency. Maybe most importantly, what we should not do.

We are very fortunate to have Steve join us considering his international responsibilities, so bring your thoughts and questions and a big GPS welcome for Steve.

NOTE: a peak ahead, our May 14th program will be a hands-on training exercise at Oak Hallow Marina (sailboat side) in High Point. Watch for the next **NOTICE TO GPS MARINERS**

Kendra & Keith
2012 Program Co-Chairs

April Birthdays

4	Christie Elliott	10	Sue Schultz, S
4	James M. Green Jr., S	13	Karen W. Nussman, P
7	John Lanford, P	18	Lt Mary B. Hamlin, S
7	Kathy Wrenn, AP	23	Elizabeth A. Dorrell
9	James W. (Jim) DeHaven	23	Meghan L. Dorrell
9	Neal Sheffield, AP	27	Justin C. Conrad

Squadron Patrons

Mack & Vinnie Gordy..... <i>Optional Necessity</i>	Wayne & Karen Nussman..... <i>Impulse</i>
Woods McGinn..... <i>Blue Moon</i>	John & Sally Oberholtzer..... <i>Sally O</i>
Jerry Newton..... <i>Petey</i>	Ron & Anna Pittman..... <i>Anna Bee</i>
James & Brenda Norris	Chris and Stephen Puckett..... <i>Simply Mahvelous</i>
Mike & Caroline Hackett <i>Hattitude</i>	

“Thank You”

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

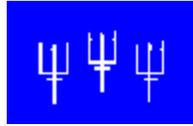
On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

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 Cdr Ron Pittman, P



I believe we had a truly outstanding March general membership meeting based on the discussion topic and the large number of guests in attendance. Two of the goals I set as Commander were to have interesting programs and emphasis of the recruitment of new members using the method of "Members Get Members."

The discussion topic presented by Buck and Vickie Dawkins about their cruising experiences aboard their 40-foot sailboat was received by the membership with much envy and delight. The photographs of beautiful anchorages, sunsets, open waters, and almost transparent water were unbelievable. Many thanks go to Keith and Kendra Bulla for arranging the Dawkins' to present their adventures to us!

I was awed by the large number of guests that were in attendance at the March meeting and estimate we had over 16 guests. The large number of guests along with the larger number of average membership almost filled up our meeting place. Alec Wrenn and others were continually scavenging around the church rooms for additional chairs.

Those members who had guests should now follow up with them regarding interest in joining the Greensboro Power Squadron. I've been informed that we have several who have indicated their interest in joining our organization. Thanks go to everyone who made the additional effort in our ongoing goal of "Members Get Members." Included in this issue of the Breeze is the standard application for membership. For your information, current dues are \$98.75 for Single Membership and \$148.15 for Family Membership. The Greensboro Power Squadron gets a portion of the dues back from United States Power Squadron for our annual operating expenses. We certainly would like to have them come back and attend our upcoming April meeting as well.

This month we will have a program from Glen Raven Mills regarding their well-known "Sunbrella" fabric. Despite the decline of the domestic textile products, Glen Raven has proven themselves as successful with this fantastic product line. Like most boat owners, I have Sunbrella on my upper helm station and look forward to hearing more about what I should or should not be doing to maintain the color and the strength of the fabric.

Let's continue to do all that we can to accomplish Members Get Members in the coming months. Think about someone to contact and bring to our next meeting. As always, thank you in advance for your continued assistance and support of the 2012 Bridge.

Executive Officer Report Lt/C David Schultz, SN



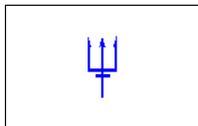
Well here I am, just returned to the room after the D-27 COW. Sue and I met L/t Kathy and Lt/C Alec Wrenn and Cdr Ron Pittman here in New Bern for the weekend. The weather has been warm with on and off showers and the evenings have been beautiful. Yesterday, Sue and I arrived in town around 15:00, we found our room and as we stood on the balcony looking at the boats in the harbor, we decided to walk the docks. it was wonderful! we talked to many people, and one couple we met were here on vacation from West Virginia. They aren't boaters, but do enjoy the water and had just returned from a chartered sailboat ride. They kept saying how impressed they were with the knowledge of the skipper. And it started me thinking about how much I have learned about boating and boat safety over the years that I have been a member of the Greensboro power squadron and how that is something I really can be proud of. sometimes we take for granted the things in our lives that just seem to happen around us without even trying or sometimes without us even realizing. I actually find it kind of neat to think that I could do a function like predicted log where you sit down and calculate your speed, time and distance for a plotted course. Then to think we actually run the course without the use of speed odometer, clock or GPS. This is done to see how accurate our predictions are. Another such skill would be able to navigate by the stars, even though I probably won't, it is exciting to know that we have the knowledge to do so.

I have decided that I am going to go back and take the seamanship class, just as a refresher. I would encourage others to go back and retake some classes. I understand that some of you may have taken all the classes that you are interested in or have reached the grade level that you desire, but I think it would be a great idea just to refresh your knowledge, plus it is a great way to get to know the newer members a little bit better. Who knows, since the classes have changed over the years, there may be new information to learn. So please consider taking some of the classes this year. Let the education department what classes you are interested in taking. Maybe encourage others to take the class with you. On a different subject, after having experienced my first district change of watch, I would strongly encourage others to participate in more of the district meetings. I found it to be very helpful, rewarding and interesting to see how many people are working behind the scenes at the district level, solely to promote the squadron level. These meetings have made me realize that it is not just the Greensboro power squadron, but it truly is a much larger organization. The people at the district level do take a very serious and personal interest in what happens with each squadron. I feel that with the current D/Cdr Harold O'Brient, we are in very good hands. The plans that he has for the upcoming year sound very promising. I feel that he is wanting to move the organization in a very positive direction.

Well our plan is to take the boat to the coast this weekend and if the weather is nice get out on the water, so we'll "see ya on the pond"



Ed. Officer's
Lt. Karen Nussman, P



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN



Don't Forget to Check the Trailer

Are you ready for the boating season? While everyone thinks about checking the boat, have you considered checking the trailer before you hit the road. Because many of us use a ramp to launch and retrieve the boat, constant dunking of the tires, wheels and wheel bearings can be hard on these components, not to mention the lights, wiring and the general condition of the trailer's frame. Here is a brief checklist of checks that may help make sure your trailer is "boat and road ready".

Check the condition of the wheels and tires. Rusted wheels can be a sign of a wheel that is becoming a problem. Wheel lugs that have rusted to the wheel may be difficult if not impossible to remove in the event of a flat tire. Remove, clean and paint the wheels. Replace rusted or missing lug nuts or bolts with new ones. Apply a coat of anti-seizing compound to the lugs and tighten them securely. Don't forget to check them regularly to make certain they are tight. Check the tires for proper inflation and inspect the sidewalls and tread area for cracks and bubbles. These can be signs of a tire that is ready to fail. Grinding or squealing wheels indicate that there is a bearing problem. Generally, it is a good idea to repack the wheel bearings with new grease annually. A good time to do this is before you put the boat into storage for the winter. But since you probably didn't last fall; don't forget to do it this spring. Double check the lights each time you hook up. If your lights don't work properly, other drivers won't be able to see your trailer at night or know if you're stopping or turning. This can lead to a potentially dangerous situation. Most lighting problems result from a bad ground, corroded or broken connections or the lights themselves that have been damaged. Inspect the plug for damage or wear. Be certain that the white ground wire is securely fastened to the trailer frame and replace damaged or missing lights. When replacing the lights, consider replacing them with the LED type. Many trailer manufacturers are installing this type of light as original equipment because they are more highly visible, require less power to operate and the bulbs virtually never need to be replaced. Inspect the wiring to make certain all connections are good and that the wires are secured to the trailer frame. I generally solder and tape all connections because they hold together better and have less tendency to become corroded.

Inspect the trailer for its general condition. Look at the nuts, bolts and welds to make sure they are all secure. A fresh coat of paint might be in order to protect the steel from rust. Take a moment to look over the winch and bow line, bunks and cradles, and the tie down strap or bar and mast carrier. Repair or replace worn or broken items as necessary. You can find all of the parts you need along with new lights, replacement wheels and tires at most auto parts and farm supply stores.

Safe boating this season.

Excerpts of this came from *the US Sailing Blog*, March 7, 2012

First, let me remind you to read the "Notice to GPS Mariners" about our next meeting programs, published in each "The Breeze".

As you know or might surmise, squadron membership and membership benefits fall under the Administrative Department. So, let me reintroduce you to some of these.

Since we are often overloaded with the marketing ads for "member benefits" in different organizations, it is easy to grow numb to such ads. But, perhaps we should take an additional look.

USPS has a Vacation Center which has discounts on trips and vacation packages. Avis and Budget car rentals allow a savings of 25 %, I plan to use this on my trip to San Diego in May.

Highway Mariners for any RV'ers provides for discounts at campgrounds when attending a national Governing Board meeting. Kathy and I took advantage of this last January when we attended the meetings in Jacksonville, FL. My favorite is Weems and Plath with a 25% discount. We have shopped for ourselves and for quality items to give as gifts.

We also receive the ENSIGN, the official magazine of USPS. This magazine gives us insights into cruises, the national organization itself, squadron accomplishments and on navigation and safety. There is more ! Take a look on the USPS website for more details.

So much for the listed membership benefits. Now let's recognize the more tangible member benefits:

Here, right here are sequential boating education courses, right here in our squadron. The instructors are experienced and seasoned sailors and power boaters. They have learned from USPS courses, from hands on boat handling, from planning and from cruising, and yes from mistakes, be they inattention to detail while boating or coping with those surprises that cannot be perceived in advance.

So where are you now in taking advantage of these very modestly priced courses ? When is the last time you took a course and have stepped up to the next course ? When is the last time you studied the weather or small engine maintenance. Have you taken marine electronics since the higher tech equipment has come out ?

Listen up for announcements on the benefits provided through USPS and to our upcoming boating courses. The benefits are here for the taking !

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. Call Mack if you have questions.

**Greensboro Power Squadron
2012 Schedule of Events**

January

- 1/7 D/27 Winter Officer Training
NC State University Club, Raleigh
- 1/9 Annual Business Meeting
- 1/16 EX COM
- 1/21 GSO Change of Watch
- 1/25-1/29 USPS National Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL

February

- 2/13 Membership Meeting
- 2/17 Multi Museum Tour-Lunch-AMTRAK
Raleigh, NC
- 2/20 EX COM

March

- 3/12 Membership Meeting
- 3/19 EX COM
- 3/23 – 3/25 D/27 Annual Meeting & COW, New Bern, NC**

April

- 4/9 Membership Meeting -
- 4/16 EX Com

May

- 5/4 – 5/5 D/27 Rendezvous - Little River, SC & GPS Co-Op Charting**
- 5/14 Membership Meeting
- 5/19 – 5/25 National Safe Boating Week
- 5/18 – 5/20 Predicted Log South Harbour Village**
- 5/21 EX COM

June

- 6/2 – 6/3 Tour of Albemarle Boat Factory
Edenton, NC
- 6/11 Membership Meeting
- 6/18 EX COM

July

- 7/9 Hummer In the Summer (No Mtg)
Bur-Mil Park, Greensboro
- 7/16 EX COM
- 7/21 Blue Berry Picking Foscoe, NC

August

- 8/13 Blue Berry Social (No Mtg)
- 8/18 Progressive Dinner– Date Change**
- 8/20 EX COM

September

- 9/2 – 9/9 USPS Governing Board Detroit, MI
- 9/10 Membership Meeting
- 9/17 EX COM
- 9/29 Smith Mountain Outing

October

- 10/06 Operation Big Sweep
Belews Lake
- 10/08 PC Happening & Meeting
- 10/12 – 10/14 D/27 Fall Council/Conference
- 10/15 EX COM

November

- 11/10 Museum of Airborne & Special Ops
Fayetteville, NC
- 11/12 Membership Meeting
- 11/19 EX COM

December

- 12/10 Christmas Party
- 12/17 EX COM
- January, 2013**
- 1/14 Annual Meeting
- 1/26 Greensboro Change of Watch**
- 1/21 EX COM

Make your Hotel / Slip Reservations now



D/27 Rendezvous

4-5 May 2012

Holiday Inn Express

Little River, SC

Reservations may be made by:

calling 843-281-9400

Ask for "USPS District 27" rate. April 1, deadline

Boat Slips can be reserved at the Myrtle Beach Yacht Club and Coquina Yacht Club which are adjacent to each other.

Telephone numbers:

Myrtle Beach Yacht Club is 843-249-5376.

Coquina Yacht Club is 843-249-9333.

Be sure and ask for D/27 USPS rate.

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

The District 27 Rendezvous is a month away. This gives your squadron plenty of time to recruit members to participate in the Annual Conch Blowing Contest. We would like to have a participant from every squadron in attendance, even if they only participate in the Longest Blow or Most Melodic category.

The categories for this year will be as follows

1. Longest Blow
2. Most Melodic
3. Group Blow

Nostalgic Blow

Winners will be announced on Saturday, May 5. Awards will be presented at the D/27 Fall C/C meeting on October 13, 2012.

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| 1. Longest Blow | 4. Best New Group | 7. Nostalgic Blow * |
| 2. Most Melodic * | 5. Best Bribe * | |
| 3. Group Blow | 6. Most Enthusiastic * | |

* The Most Melodic, Best Bribe, Most Enthusiastic and Nostalgic Blow trophies may be awarded to a single performer or a group.

Keeping with tradition, the Judges make up the rules as the contest moves along and they may adjust the rules as necessary to adapt to whatever situation arises during the contest. Judges may omit a category or add a new one based on the participation of the members. **THE JUDGES WILL ACCEPT BRIBES.**

Remember this is a Conch Blowing Contest. Recorded musical accompaniment or additional musical instruments will not be allowed in the contest. All conchs are subject to inspection prior to performance by the judges. Conchs with metal mouthpieces may not be used.

We look forward to your squadron participating in this musical extravaganza.

P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP

P/C Vinnie Gordy, P

Co-Chairmen

Nautical Trivia for April

Blazers: Uniforms were not common place amongst the lower deck but most captains like to show off their crews for ceremonies and since the captain paid the bills they were able to choose the outfits for their men. The snappy blue jackets worn by the crew of the H.M.S. Blazer were the most memorable and in no

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

“Cooks Night Off”

Please join us at the Carolina Cafe at Friendly Shopping Center (next to Gate City Pharmacy) 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!! See you there!

United States Power Squadrons



D27 Rendezvous

May 4 & 5th, 2012
Little River, SC
(N. Myrtle Beach)



Holiday Inn Express, 722 Hwy, 17 North,
Little River, SC 29566, 1-843-281-9400
Myrtle Beach Yacht Club, 714 Hwy. 17, Little River, SC,
1-843-249-5376 ICW MM #346
Coquina Yacht Club, 714 Hwy 17, Little River, SC,
ICW MM #346, 1-843-249-9333

It's a Jimmy Buffet Weekend!!!

Break out your tropical shirts and straw hats!!!

FRIDAY-Check in from Noon to 4:30 PM under the Tent

Noon- Silent Auction opens for early bidding.
5:00 PM-Myrtle Beach Yacht Club- Poolside Cocktails and
Hors d'oeuvres
6-7:30 PM Buffet Dinner at The Officers Club-right by the Myrtle
Beach Yacht Club pool

SATURDAY-Fun in the Sun & under the Big Top

9:00 -11:00 AM "Partners in Command" Class. held in the Hotel
classroom.(continued in afternoon from 1:30-3:30 PM) (No charge)
9:30-11:00 AM-Bean Bag Baseball Tournament
11:00-11:30 AM-Conch Lessons & Instruction
11:30- AM-12:15 PM-Conch Blowing Contest & Competition
12:30-1:15 PM-Lunch under the Tent
1:30 PM-Bean Bag Baseball resumes, "The Play-offs"
1:30-3:30 PM Partners in Command class resumes
4:00 PM-Silent Auction closes
4:30-5:30-Cocktails in the Holiday Inn Dining Room overlooking the
Marinas.
5:00 PM-Announcement of the winners for the Silent Auction items, the
Grande Framed Artwork, the 50/50, the Conch Competition & the Bean
Bag Baseball Tournament
5:45 PM-Winners of Silent Auction can pick up their item(s).

The rest of the evening is all yours. Have fun!!

United States Power Squadrons



D27 Rendezvous

May 4 & 5th, 2012
Little River, SC
(N. Myrtle Beach)



It's a Jimmy Buffet Weekend!!!

FRIDAY EVENING

6-7:30 PM Buffet Dinner at The Officers Club on Friday.~Baked Ziti,
Roast Beef, Shrimp, Veg. Medley, Salad, Pie, Coffee-Tea

How many will be joining us?— \$25.00 Per person x # _____ = \$ _____

SATURDAY

9:00 -11:00 AM, 1:00-3:00 PM Partners in Command Class n/c # _____

Please sign your name(s) _____ / _____

9:30-11:00 AM-Bean Bag Baseball Tournament (a team consist of 5)

Is your squadron going to have a team? Circle one___ YES NO

11:30-AM-12:15 PM-Conch Blowing Contest & Competition

How many of you would like to compete? — # _____

12:30-Lunch under the Tent~Turkey or Ham Sandwich, Chips, Cookie & Drink

How many will be joining us? \$10.00 per person x # _____ = \$ _____

Activities fee \$5.00 per person _____ x # _____ = \$ _____

(to help offset the cost of the tent and chairs)

I am enclosing a check in the amount of _____ \$ _____

Your Rank _____ Last Name _____, First Name _____

Grade _____, Certificate # _____, Your Squadron _____

Your Rank _____ Last Name _____, First Name _____

Grade _____, Certificate # _____ Your Squadron _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Deadline for dining -April 19th, Deadline for hotel reservations- April 1st.

Please make your check out to: "D27 Myrtle Beach Rendezvous" and send it with
this filled out form to: Lt/C Edward Poucher, 8936 Shipwatch Dr., Wilmington, NC 28412

Holiday Inn Express, for a discounted rate for USPS- until April 1,

Ask for "In House Reservations for the USPS " call 1-843-281-9400

Myrtle Beach Yacht Club, slip reservations for USPS 1-843-249-5376

Coquina Yacht Club, slip reservations for USPS 1-843-249-9333

Please share this with anyone you may know that has not taken the class. We are compelled to teach and SAFETY through EDUCATION is the purpose of the United States Power Squadron...



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**To operate a boat you must pass a
Safe Boating Course**

**Greensboro Power Squadron offers NASBLA approved
boating courses.**

One Day Course

April 14th

**Courses held at the Irving Park United Methodist Church
1510 W. Cone Blvd.**

Space is limited, pre-registration is required.

www.greensboropowersquadron.org

Call 336-292-9986

A certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the exam. This will qualify you to operate sail, power or PWC's under North Carolina Bill 43 which mandates compulsory boater education.

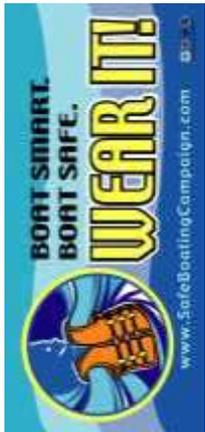


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