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We hope your summer is a wonderful and amazing as the Beauty of Nature



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NOTICE TO GPS MARINERS
Monday, August 13th
Blueberry Social & Travelogue

OK...did you know, if you want to go outside, near water on the 2nd Monday of the month, planning to have fun there will be strong (very strong) thunderstorms and heavy rains?

Well, we have accepted that and are trying to make amends. Come and join your squadron friends for delicious Blueberry treats of all kinds. Plus enjoy an evening of entertainment while partaking of the goodies.

A young couple, from Raleigh, will share with us a travelogue of their experiences and sights abroad during 2012 while conducting research: Exploring water governance issues in S. Africa and private enterprise in Cuba for NC State University and East Carolina University.

Mark you calendars and join us at the August meeting for beautiful photos, interesting facts and stories as we enjoy the refreshments. If you have never attended a Blueberry social, try this one. It will be like a night at the movies and we can eat at our seats.

Kendra & Keith
 2012 Program Co-Chairs

August Birthdays

4 P/Stf/C Paul D. Long, SN	17 James E. (Jim) Nitka
4 Sally Oberholtzer	28 Jo-Anne Statham
7 P/C H. Max Kern, SN	29 Larry E. Freeze, AP
12 P/C John R. Lore, JN	

Squadron Patrons

Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....
Optional Necessity
 Woods McGinn.....*Blue Moon*
 Jerry Newton.....*Petey*
 Mike & Caroline Hackett *Hattitude*
 James & Brenda Norris

Chris and Stephen Puckett.....
Simply Mahvelous
 Ron & Anna Pittman.....*Anna Bee*
 John & Sally Oberholtzer.....*Sally O*
 Wayne & Karen Nussman.....*Impulse*

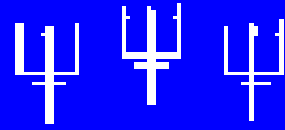
“Thank You”

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



This summer has been a real scorcher but has yet to slow down the activities of The Greensboro Power Squadron.

We had a great "Hummer in the Summer" on July 9th despite the heat and threats of rain. Fun, Fellowship, Great Food and Laughter were all parts of the activity. Our silent auction brought in an additional \$400.00+ for our operating expenses too. Accolades go to Mike and Carolyn Hackett for all their efforts to make this a great success. We also had the premier of our new Greensboro Power Squadron Banner that pleased everyone. Thanks and praise go to Keith and Kendra Bulla for taking the lead with this item!

I must mention the awards for the "Predicted Log" winners were announced during the Hummer. We had Larry and Pat Freeze competing against my boat on a course in the Cape Fear River on May 19th. Despite Larry's computer calculations, celestial navigation, current analysis, speed over the ground and water, he finished last in the competition. My boat actually finished First and I do not even have a speedometer! Larry's response to my winning was that I actually finished "second to last" and he finished in 2nd place!

Our annual "Blue Berry Picking" went over without any hitches! The weather in Foscoe could not have been better. Cool temperature, somewhat overcast and plenty of blue berries for everyone. The fellowship and food was wonderful too! When several of the members went into the berry patch they were greeted by several wild turkeys' that were also feasting on the blue berries! Most of us have seen a wild turkey once or twice but to see 5 or 6 in a group was quite a memorable moment! Much thanks goes to Dan Chance, Wayne Nussman and Woods McGinn for coordinating all the activities. As always, the Squadron appreciated ML and Karl Koebberling opening up their mountain home for us to use too! Pictures of the outing are on our website right now!

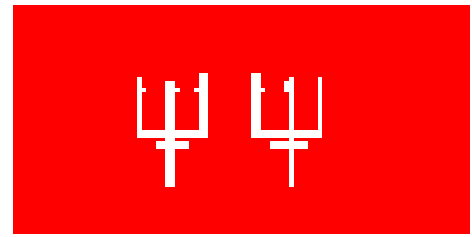
On a serious note we all heard about the 34-foot Silverton powerboat that sank with over 30 people on board and the drowning death of 3 small children. Even though the final report has not been published it is obvious the number of people on the boat was beyond its capabilities and was seriously overloaded. The overloading was disastrous and to compound the potential for this tragedy there were not enough life preservers. The Power Squadron is committed to Safe Boating and we should always think of Safety as our number one priority.

By the way during our July Ex-Com Meeting, Mack Gordy presented the newly re-engraved Squadron Bell to me. Not only did the bell look great it was presented in a wooden box with brass hardware too! Our master ship's carpenter (John Oberholtzer) did a wonderful job designing and crafting the wooden case!

I hope everyone continues to have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing all of you again during our August 13th Membership Meeting.



Executive Officer
Lt/C David Schultz, SN



Well it's that time again to write for the breeze, we are now on our way to the Poconos, So as I ride I can write this. There is not a lot happening in the XO department, so if all of you would please check your calendars and plan to help with clean sweep in October, Jerry Newton is the chair for that event and I am sure Jerry could use all the help that he can get. Even if you think that picking up trash is not for you, I am sure there is something you can do, so please call!
Also as a note to all that operate a boat at the coast I found some info that I thought might be useful so check this out.

Automated Marine VHF-FM Radio Checks Available Locally

Some boaters who want to check their marine radio may send out a broadcast "Any station, any station, this is 'So and So,' radio check, over," on Channel 16. The Distress, Safety and Calling frequency uses Channel 16, and all non emergency calls must be moved to a "working" channel once contact is made. Boaters should not request a "general" radio check on channel 16 - proper procedure requires that a specific vessel or base station be hailed, and then both parties move to a working channel.

The United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) are teaming up with Sea Tow® to help promote a boating safety service. Sea Tow has an automated marine VHF-FM radio check service in over 100 selected areas. Locally here along the Crystal Coast, you can tune your radio to Channel 27, key the microphone, speak words such as "Automated Radio Check, this is Rust Bucket, over." Sea Tow transmits back an acknowledgement that you have contacted the Automated Radio Check service, so you know that you have transmitted something. Then it transmits back to you whatever words you spoke. This verifies that your radio is receiving, and you can evaluate your signal strength and clarity by listening to what you said.

Automated Radio Check service is provided over VHF Channels 24 through 28. To find the right channel in a particular boating area, all a boater has to do is visit

"<http://www.seatow.com/boating-safety/automated-radio-checks>"

and enter the city, state or zip code. An interactive map will open, showing you the Automated Radio Check stations in that region.

I received this in an Email and thought it was good information to have.
So next time you are at the coast give it a try and let me know how well it works
Well it looks like its about time for me to drive again so I'll say
See ya on the Pond.



1950, "6" Channel Marine Radio

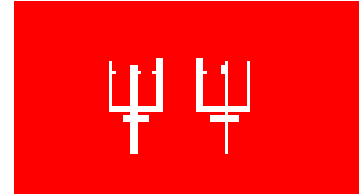


2012 Marine Radio with Video Player



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN



Progressive Dinner

On Saturday evening **August 18th** we will host our first progressive dinner and we promise a very pleasant evening for all in attendance. We do not plan to have any charge for the evening as everyone who attends is expected to provide some part of the menus.

The evening will start at 5:30 with a cocktail party at Vinnie & Mack Gordy's home. They are generously providing free adult beverages of your choice. At 6:45 we will break into groups of 8 and depart to the homes of the couples who are hosting the dinners. The host couple will provide the main course, one couple will provide the salad, another the vegetable, and another the wine. The committee will assign the couples to the hosts homes two weeks ahead of the evening so that the host and the 3 guest couples can coordinate their individual menus; you are free to have anything you wish. At 9:00 we will depart from the dinner hosts and go the Kammeyer's home for coffee and dessert.

Please make your reservations ASAP. The absolute cutoff date is July 31st as we need the two weeks to assign all of the various tasks to the attendees. Please feel free to volunteer an hors d' oeuvre or a dessert. Everyone is sharing and that is part of the fun. This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow members and enjoy not only some great food, but a lot of wonderful camaraderie. What better way to get to know each other.

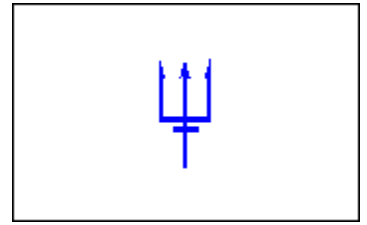
Please contact either Carol Kelly (kellycarol40@triad.rr.com) or John Oberholtzer (joberholtzer@triad.rr.com) to make your reservations and volunteer a service.





Assistant Education Officer

Lt. Karen Nussman, P



We would like to congratulate the following people for successfully completing the Seamanship class:
Burton Kennedy, Leif Johansson, Analei Johansson, David Craft
Michael Gunter, Phillip Thompson, David Shultz (who took the class as a refresher)

In addition, we congratulate Craig Cooper for completing the Engine maintenance Course.
Our next course planned is Junior Navigator. The class will be taught by Bill Young and Jerry?
JN is the 3rd course in the USPS sequence on navigation. It is the first of a 2 part course program in the study of off-shore navigation. It is designed as a practical “how to” course. The subject matter includes:

Precise time determination

Use of the Nautical Almanac

Taking Sextant sights of the sun

Reducing sights to establish lines of position

Special charts and plotting sheets for offshore navigation

Offshore Navigational routines for recreational craft

The course will begin in late August/early September, so if you are interested, please contact Hardy Spence or me to sign up.

Nautical Tidbit for August

Navigation is the art of conducting a vessel from place to place in safety. Originally a navigator was one who “drove” a ship. In the eighteenth century, the laborers engaged in the construction of canals were known as “navigators”. Hence the corrupted form navy is used for any laborer working on roads, railways or the like.



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

- 6/11 Membership Meeting at Oak Hollow
Fire and flare Training
- 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





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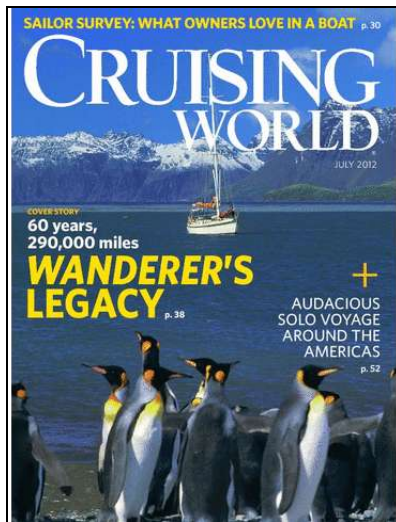
This section is to provide information to GPS members. **POST UPCOMING EVENTS HERE.** If you have a boating related item for sale, list it here. If you are looking for a partner to charter a boat, post it here. If you run across a new marina or restaurant on the coast that you think others might enjoy, let us know. Contact Michael 336-382-2390 or if possible "michaelgunter014@gmail.com"

Dear fellow members of the Power Squadron,

My two sons keep on wanting to borrow my boat to take their kids fishing at the Greensboro City Lakes. Last week it was brought back covered with Chicken livers that they had used to catch Catfish. I am looking to buy a used outboard motor of about ten H.P. that I can let them use on city owned boats. I need something fairly reliable at a reasonable price. I meant to place an ad in our last newsletter but forgot. Please keep your eyes and ears open and please let me know if you have any leads.

Jed Norris
336-674-5347
Pleasant Garden

"Many back issues of Cruising World, Good Old Boat, and Practical Sailor magazines. Free. Contact Bill Young at woyoung@triad.rr.com."



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!

Pictures from the Blueberry Picking
And Worlds Famous Breakfast in the Mountains



No Turkeys were injured in the gathering of hungry GPS members

Though many Blueberries were totally devastated

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