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2012 CHANGE OF WATCH

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Calendar of Events

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- 2/13 Membership Meeting
- 2/17 Carolina Boat Show
NC Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
- 2/20 EX COM

March

- 3/10 Progressive Dinner
- 3/12 Membership Meeting
- 3/19 EX COM
- 3/23 – 3/25 D/27 Annual Meeting &
COW Hilton, New Bern, NC

February Birthdays

4	Lt Grant W. Dawson, AP	11	P/C Charles A. (Chuck) Kammeyer, AP
5	P/C Robert M. (Bob) Armfield, AP Wayne L. Nussman, P	14	P/C Julia C. (Julie) Davis, AP
7	Bobby L. Barrier, AP	19	Lt Daniel A. (Dan) Kelly, JN
8	Becky DeHaven P/C Vinnie Gordy, P	20	Marshall L. Conrad, S
10	Virginia Karb	27	Connie Kammeyer, S S. Burton Kennedy Edward M. (Ed) Miller, JN

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



During the 38th Change of Watch, I was installed as the Commander of the Greensboro Power Squadron. This was indeed an honor with a great deal of responsibility to ensure the continued progress of our squadron. Maintaining such a rich squadron history is to be my challenge and with all the members' assistance we will continue to prosper and grow. During my "Over the Bow" remarks, I emphasized several major items: Membership, Education, Events, Finances & Fund Raising, and Meetings & Topics.

I would like to take a few moments and remind the membership that everyone of those goals is achievable with the commitment and support of all of us. If we are going to continue to exist membership is a key item. I put a challenge to all members to bring at least one guest to a meeting or event during 2012. In addition, all of us should make it a high priority to introduce ourselves and make the individual feel welcomed,

We have a wonderful tradition of providing excellent courses through the many educational opportunities offered through USPS. Every member should have at least taken the course in Seamanship. As an incentive for education, Steve and Chris Puckett are offering a cruise aboard "Simply Mahvelous" to anyone who passes Advanced Piloting or Senior Navigator during 2012. In addition, Anna and I are offering a cruise aboard the "Anna Bee" for anyone who passes Piloting during 2012.

Part of the success of any organization is dependent upon activities and events that will attract most of our members. We will be having activities and events that will be held locally, in the mountains, lakes, and along the North Carolina Coast. This variety of activities should interest the majority of our membership.

Being involved with many other non-profit organizations in the past has always included lengthy meetings about finances and fund raising. We have already reduced the contribution made to First Lutheran Church almost in half. This contribution in the past was almost 20% of our expenditures. We still need other avenues to increase our operating income. During this year's "Hummer In the Summer" let's all look around our homes for any nautical or non-nautical items to donate to the silent auction.

Finally, our monthly General Membership Meetings should have topics and speakers that will be interesting and informative to the larger number of our members. We must ensure that such meetings fill a unique need and the needs of the majority of our membership. Our programs should be fresh and provide great opportunities to bring guests.

What I have mentioned may appear to be wishful thinking, but when you stop and think more about these goals you will agree with me, that they are indeed attainable with the new Bridge and your commitment to the cause. I look forward with great anticipation working with each of you during my command.

Executive Officer Report Lt/C David Schultz, SN



Well here it is Sunday night; I almost forgot the newsletter was due. Last night we had a wonderful dinner at the change of watch, where I had the honor of being sworn in as your executive officer for the year of 2012. It was nice seeing everyone there and I missed the ones who were unable to attend. As usual they gave several awards out to very deserving people. It was a great evening and the weather held out for us, the rain stopped and the temperature was milder than in years past.

As the executive officer I am excited about the up and coming events planned for this year, and I hope that everyone will try to make it to at least one more of the events than they did last year. We have an event scheduled in February, in place of the boat show, (The boat show has been moved to this summer, so more on that later). We plan to take a train trip to Raleigh to the museum on the 18th. The last train trip was enjoyed by all those whom attended, so hopefully we can have an even larger group to go this year. Other events in the near future that are listed on the Greensboro Power Squadron calendar for 2012 is a progressive dinner in March. Also in March is the district 27 change of watch. April will be the Smith mountain lake outing. More information will be coming as the year progresses about the other events.

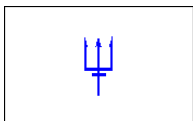
If you have not bought a calendar yet, it is not to late to buy one. Having a squadron calendar not only helps support our organization, but is a great way to keep up with all the events for the year. Last night the newly sworn in Commander, Cdr. Ron Pittman, made a challenge to the membership, "we all need to bring at least one guest to a meeting or an event to introduce them to our organization." I stand with him full heartily and believe we need to do all we can to get our name and goals out into the community.

So in closing, I would just like to say thanks again for letting me serve as your executive officer this year. And as I have said in the past, please let us know of any changes, program ideas or events that you as a member would like to see. The only bad idea is the one that is never shared. Until next month if I don't see you in Jacksonville, I will "see ya on the pond".





Asst. Education Officer Lt. Karen Nussman, P



Administrative Officer Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN



As most of you know, Wayne and I are fairly new to the boating world. We bought our boat – *Impulse* in October 2007 and had never truly sailed before buying the boat. With the purchase came a ½ day sailing lesson. We both realized that without further training we could be in a lot of trouble on the water.

After taking a 4 day sailing course, we felt much better, but also knew there was much more to learn about sailing and boating in general. In April 2009, Wayne took the ABC course offered by the Greensboro Power Squadron at Belews Lake. Here begins our wonderful relationship with so many of you in the Squadron.

Our reason for joining the Power Squadron, as we have heard many of you state, was for the educational opportunities offered by USPS. The side benefit of making many friends in the Squadron has been a wonderful experience. While having fun at the meetings and various events, we don't want to forget our original reasons we joined GPS. The Squadron's main mission is Education and we should all strive to continue learning. I have always been a believer that you can never know everything and each day is better when you learn or experience something new.

Since beginning our educational efforts, Wayne and I have taken several courses, Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting. I must tell you that the people who have stepped up to teach our courses are wonderful. Several of us recently completed the Advanced Piloting course taught by Bill Young. Bill's knowledge, skills in teaching and most of all his patience with a group of several who had difficulties grasping some of the concepts is tremendous. Not only is Bill well prepared, he goes beyond the "teacher's manual" and looks at what we, the students are doing each week as we struggle to learn. Bill truly deserved the recognition he was just award of Teacher of the Year.

Thank you Bill for a job well done!

I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of the courses the Power Squadron offers. Hardy Spence, our Education Officer, recently talked with me and 2012 will be a great year to continue your quest for more boating knowledge. There are some great courses planned and, of course, great teachers to lead us all in our quest.

Call either Hardy or me and let us know of your interest and we will be happy to work with you in getting in a course. I am looking forward to working with Hardy as his new "Assistant Education Officer" and all the members of the Power Squadron as we all strive to be better boaters, and of course sailors.

Lt. Karen Nussman, P,

Asst. Educational Officer

Nautical Trivia for February- Down the hatch: A drinking expression that seems to have its origins in sea freight, where cargoes are lowered into the hatch. First used by seamen, it has only been traced back to the turn of the century.

Kathy and I are sitting in a sort of a tree house outdoor dining room as I write this article. Our outdoor dining room is on the water and overlooking a marina. We are in St. Augustine, Florida and Ron and Anna Pittman will join us for dinner in an hour or two. The sun is out and there is a medium breeze and a long sleeve shirt seems just right. By the way, while we are waiting and while I am writing this article and Kathy is reading a book, we are enjoying a "rum punch", it is happy hour! After Ron and Anna arrive, we will have dinner here at the Conch House.

I have just completed 2 solid days of USPS workshops in Jacksonville, Florida. We arrived on Tuesday afternoon, January 24th, and my all day leadership workshops began a little after 8 AM, on Wednesday and Thursday. These two days of workshops lasted until 4 PM, and we worked right through lunch, as they had sandwiches brought in as we continued to work. David Schultz was also in attendance on one of those two days, as he continued his leadership development. He had taken a class at the Governing Board meetings that were held in Greensboro last September. David and Sue are leaving today to return to Greensboro.

It was helpful to arrive early to our workshops and get to know folks from around the country. Wednesday, I was sitting with Marianne, the Executive Officer from the Annapolis Squadron and Jo, from the Tybee Light Squadron. The exchange of experiences as squadron members and now bridge officers, and the exchange of hopes and plans for our respective squadrons was really an unexpected benefit.

The workshops are designed to help squadron and district bridge members develop additional skills that hopefully will assist in the performance of their duties and also to help orient these bridge members in a more detailed review of those duties.

While I was in my workshops, Kathy attended a full day (and it was a long day) in a CPR and first aid course. The first half of the day was basic first aid and the 2nd half was CPR and AED (automatic defibrillator device) training.

More will be coming in later articles about some boater specific first aid/emergency pointers and also in future articles; I will be emphasizing upcoming events for our new squadron year.

Let me close as the waiter has returned for our 2nd drink order. Here is to a great upcoming squadron year!



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

THIS IS THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR OUR UPCOMING YEAR

Greensboro Power Squadron
2012 Proposed Schedule of Events
Revision #2

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

2/18 Multiple 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 - Bowling Outing

4/16 EX Com

4/28 Smith Mountain Outing

May

5/4 – 5/5 D/27 Rendezvous - Little River, SC

5/14 Membership Meeting

5/19 – 5/25 National Safe Boating Week

5/19 – 5/20 Predicted Log South Harbour Village Marina

5/21 EX COM

June

6/2 – 6/3 Tour of Albemarle Boat Factory Edenton, NC

6/11 Membership Meeting

6/18 EX COM

6/23 – 6/24 Co-Op Charting Oriental, NC

July

7/9 Hummer In the Summer (No Mtg) Bur-Mil Park,
Greensboro

7/16 EX COM

7/21 Blue Berry Picking Foscoe, NC

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August

8/13 Blue Berry Social (No Mtg)

8/18 Progressive Dinner-date change

8/20 EX COM

8/25 High Rock Cruise & Barbeque High Rock Lake

September

9/2 – 9/9 USPS Governing Board Detroit, MI

9/10 Membership Meeting

9/17 EX COM

October

10/06 Operation Big Sweep Belews Lake

10/08 PC Happening & Meeting

10/12 – 10/14 D/27 Fall Council/Conference TBD

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

1/19 Greensboro Change of Watch

1/21 EX COM

Make your Hotel Reservations now

**D/27 Annual Meeting & Change of
Watch**

23-25 March 2012

Hilton New Bern/Riverfront Hotel

252-638-3585

**Room rate: \$119.00 plus tax
Ask for “USPS District 27” room
block**

**Reservation cutoff date:
23 February 2012**

BREEZE ADVISORIES



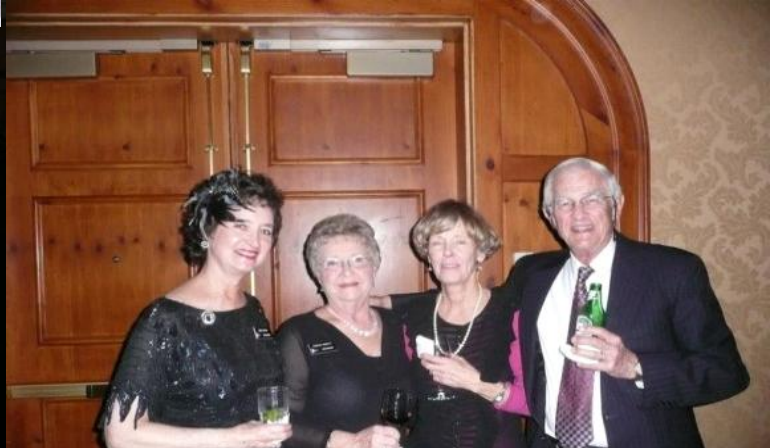
This section is to provide information to GPS members. POST UPCOMING EVENTS HERE. If you have a boating related item for sale, list it here. If you are looking for a partner to charter a boat, post it here. If you run across a new marina or restaurant on the coast that you think others might enjoy, let us know. Contact Michael 643-1289 or if possible michaelgunter@triad.rr.com

2012 Greensboro Power Squadron Annual Awards

Commanders Award:	Vinnie & Mack Gordy	Rookie of the Year:	Jed Norris
Milli Link Award:	Patricia Freeze	ABCD Awards:	
Ed Lundy:	Alec Wrenn	1.	Cathy Wrenn
Edward McMillian:	Mike Hackett	2.	Dawn Long
Co-op Charting:	Paul Long	3.	ML Koebberling
Education Award:	Bill Young	4.	Judy Dawson
Teacher of the Year:	Mack Gordy	Senior Member:	Pat Freeze
Paddle Award:	Paul Long	Fouled Up Compass Award:	Steve Puckett

2012 GSO COW





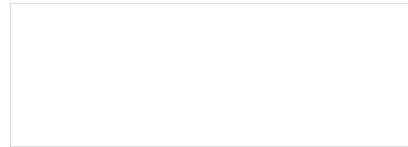
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