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**WE HOPE YOUR
NEW YEAR IS A
GREAT ONE**

**MAY YOUR LIFE
HOLD A CLEAR
SKY AND
STEADY WINDS
AT YOUR BACK**



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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

February

7	D/27 Winter Officer Training NC State University Club, Raleigh	2/13	Membership Meeting
9	Annual Business Meeting	2/17	Carolina Boat Show NC Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
16	EX COM		
21	GSO Change of Watch	2/20	EX COM
25-29 USPS National Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL			

January Birthdays

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

Squadron Patrons

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



Commander Change here! Coming to you from the poop deck of the *Incredible!* And much the same as mentioned in Ronnie's article I'm watching a glorious sunset, getting ready for 2012 to roll in. Having had the advantage of having already read the other articles for this month's issue, there is not a lot to add about what a great year we had. And if nothing else, we had some changes!

I tried to have a dinner meeting for our January meeting, but that got snowed out. Change! Ron set up the Amtrak trip, and with his lead we set up the Greensboro Historical Society tour and adult beverage tasting. Change! We co-hosted a weekend with Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron in Southport and managed to get in a round of par 3 golf and several great meals. Our squadron really outdid themselves on hors d'oeuvres! More Change. As mentioned by my fellow Bridge officers, I also started "Dirty Harry Night." That was a Blast, to say the least. .44 Magnums have that effect. Change!

The "New Member Rush" at Belews, kind of petered out due to weather and perhaps a general lack of interest of slip holders. But we tried for a little Change! The Grass Hopper's outing was a tremendous amount of fun for a little Change! For a Change, our *The Breeze* editor, Michael Gunter, tried to have an event at High Rock Lake this year, but it too was weathered out. I take the blame for not having Co-op Charting this year. When the calendar was getting a little crowded, I opted to Change the date from May to later in the year. Unfortunately we weren't able to reschedule. We have had a host of impressive and fun events this year. The few that really stood out were:

The Greensboro Historical Society Tour thanks Ron. The special meeting at CCL, hosting the entire National Bridge as well as an inspiring talk by Admiral Ryan, thanks Vinnie.

And of course a perennial favorite, the Watauga River Cruise and Blueberry Picking, special thanks to ML & Karl Koebberling.

Finally, as always, The Annual Christmas party, thanks to the Hackett's, the Hamlin's, the Wrenn's, Santa Claus and all the others that helped put on a great event.

It's hard to put into words how grateful I am to the GPS members that make all of our events possible. Without you help and encouragement we would not be the great Squadron that we are. I wish I had more space, but I don't.

You know what comes next-for my last time- I hear a glass of iced Kettle One calling me. It's 5 o'clock HERE! As they say in America-Later Dude-Gotta Go! See you next year!

Executive Officer Report Lt/C Ron Pittman, S



It's hard to believe it is now 2012! I do not know where the year went. One way that I kept up with family, meetings, events, boating, etc. was with my Greensboro Power Squadron Calendar. At our Christmas Celebration we had our new 2012 Greensboro Power Squadron Calendars for sale (\$12.50). The sale of our calendars pays for the printing and leaves some extra money for us to use. Much of the credit for coordinating the information and printing goes to Mack and Vinnie Gordy for all their efforts. Thanks also to Judy and Grant Dawson for obtaining support from GPS Members to sponsor a month too!

I am on my boat right now and watching the sun slowly set to the west. It's a good time to reflect on the past year. I initiated a few new events-first being an Amtrak trip to Raleigh for the boat show. It was really cold, but a good time was had by all. Then with a lot of help from my friends we were able to have our first ever Greensboro Historical Museum tour and beverage tasting. For those of you that missed this event, you really should tour the museum; it is really a great facility.

Under Tom Statham's leadership, GPS had an interesting time during a "Dirty Harry Night", handling firearms safely at a shooting gallery. We had a joint rendezvous with the Cape Fear Power Squadron at South Harbour Village Marina. During that activity we had a chance to tour the Oak Island Coast Guard Station and see their vessels, safety equipment, etc.

We had a great Hummer in the Summer with no rain this year. We were the host squadron for the USPS Fall Governing Board Conference in Greensboro. We coordinated the registration and the Boat Owners Certification course of instruction. Blue Berry Picking, Big Sweep and the Smith Mountain Outing all went off without a hitch. Our monthly membership meetings were all well attended. It was a great 2011 and I look forward with great expectation 2012!

I look forward to seeing all of you soon at our Annual Change of Watch!





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



Administrative Officer
Lt/C David Schultz, SN



Several courses were offered to the boating public and to Greensboro Power Squadron members in 2011. Twenty-five students took the basic boating course in the spring. Many thanks to P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP for coordinating this course and to P/C John Oberholtzer, AP for assisting. This course not only makes water boating activities safer and more enjoyable, but also qualifies young boaters under the age of 25 to handle a boat. The Piloting course, led by Bill Young, SN, had five students and a very efficient instructor as indicated by the passing grades of all five. Bill also taught Advanced Piloting to five students, with test results pending.

I have enjoyed all the support you have offered the education efforts this past year and look forward to 2012 when Karen Nussman will be assisting with the coordination of courses. We would like to hear any requests for specific course offerings.

It's been a good year for the admin dept. In February we took the train to the boat show in Raleigh and thanks to Ron Pittman and his staff we all had great fun. Also thanks to Ron and company in March, we did the wine / beer tasting at the Historical Museum in downtown Greensboro we all had a great time there. Then in May we tried a new event suggested by the Commander himself. It was hoped, by sending out invitations to slip holders at Belew's Lake we might entice some new members to join us. However the weatherman didn't cooperate and the turn out of both old and potentially new members was a bit light.

In June, we went to a Greensboro Grasshopper's baseball game, an event chaired by my wife Sue. We had a good crowd and it to was enjoyed by all. In July things really got hot with two old time favorites the "Hummer in the Summer" chaired by Jerry and Dan Chance and the "Watauga River Cruise" chaired by Kathy and Alec Wrenn and hosted by ML & Karl Koebberling. After seeing that we had nothing scheduled for Smith Mountain Lake, Marry Hamlin volunteered to chair a "greet, meet, & eat" event in September, and on very short notice she and her team put on a fantastic event that for some of us turned in to a whole weekend of fun. Then in October the Squadron returned to New Bern for their annual "Ghost Walk". The event chaired by Larry Freeze and crew was once again lots of fun. Finally we had another great Christmas Party hosted by chairman Mike Hackett and committee.

However two events unfortunately did not happen. The "The High Rock Outing" was called off at the last minute due to a hurricane. Thanks to Lt. Michael Gunter and his staff for all the hard work put into making it ready to happen The other event that did not happen for the admin dept. this year was the "Predicted Log" chaired by P/C Chuck Kammeyer. We just ran out of time to get it in.

And if all this wasn't enough we had Carol Kelly with her team supplying us with monthly meetings that went above and beyond. With speakers like: Mike Maul from the GPD scuba team, Carolyn Spence teaching recycling, and of course the away trips like the Historical Museum, "Dirty Harry Night" at Calibers Gun Range, and the special evening with the National Bridge at the Center for Creative Leadership to hear speaker Vice Admiral John Ryan USN (ret). So you can see it was a very full year in the administrative department, and I felt very blessed to be a small part of it all, and thanks again to all who helped. May everyone have a very Happy and Healthy New Year.



GREENSBORO POWER SQUADRON

Nominees for Elected Offices 2012 Nomination Recommendations

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Commander	Ron Pittman, AP	Assistant Secretary	Anna Pittman
Executive Officer	David Shultz, SN	Assistant Treasurer	Judy Dawson, AP
Squadron Education Officer	Hardy Spence, AP	Immediate Past Commander	Tom Statham, AP
Administrative Officer	Alec Wrenn, SN	Elected Members	Grant Dawson, AP Todd Ring, AP Michael Gunter
Secretary	Patricia Freeze, JN	Rules Committee:	P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP
Treasurer	Leif Duvall, SN	Nominating Committee:	Cdr. Tom Statham, AP
Assistant Education Officer	Karen Nussman, AP	Auditing Committee:	P/C Max Kern, SN

Submitted By the Nominating Committee
P/C Mike Hackett, P – Chairman
P/C John Oberholtzer, AP
P/C Woods McGinn, AP

Excerpted from the GPS By Laws:

Candidates for office to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election. The secretary shall provide a list of all nominees by petition as provided by 11.1 herein and shall give notice thereof to all active members in such manner that it will reach them at least seven days prior to the date of the election.

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.

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
2/17 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

April

4/9 Membership Meeting - Bowling Outing
4/16 EX Com
4/28 Smith Mountain Outing

May

5/4 – 5/5 D/27 Rendezvous Holiday Inn Express-
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)
8/20 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

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 Change of Watch

21 January 2012

*O'Henry Hotel
622 Green Valley Road
Beginning Sharply at 1812*

*Be sure and join us for a fun evening as Tom gets chopped,
sanded, gouged and buffed!*

Formal invitations will be mailed soon.

Any questions, contact Cdr Tom Statham, AP

“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

2011 Greensboro Power Squadron Christmas Party



Fun was had by all!
Yes Virginia,
There is a
Santa Claus!

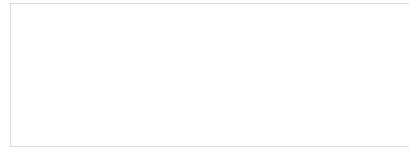


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