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We hope you and your family have a **HAPPY and SAFE** 4th of JULY. Enjoy your time with Family and Friends...



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NOTICE TO GPS MARINERS

I want to wish everyone a very Happy and Safe 4th of July weekend. Please remember how the day got started and that we all need to thank our Military for the Freedoms we enjoy every day. This is a time for family and friends to gather and enjoy time together in fun and celebration.

I ask you to please remember your pets and the pets of others as you celebrate. Make your pets a part of your day so they may also enjoy the time of gathering.

If you happen to see one please;

HUG A VETERAN and tell them THANK YOU

July Birthdays

10	Lt Jerry L. Newton III, SN	18	Barre C. Burks, P
11	P/C John P. Oberholtzer, AP	26	Lt/C William Louis Davis, SN
15	Ashley M. Dorrell	26	P/C J. Richard Miller, AP
15	Beverly Wright	30	Lt David Luther Schultz, SN

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Mack & Vinnie Gordy.....
Optional Necessity
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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,

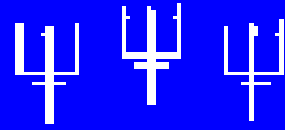
a special thanks to **Carolina Marina at Belews Lake** for their continued support.

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



Despite two earlier attempts, we will schedule another "Safety Day" during a weekday when the threat of late afternoon thunderclouds is not so common. All of us should be constantly anticipating the unexpected whenever we are on the water. Safety precautions and what to do in case of emergency be instilled in each of us. Even with all the precautions the unexpected can occur.

Let me tell you what happened to me on Thursday, May 31, 2012.

I went to Urbana, VA to go fishing with three other retirees of Lincoln Financial. We were on 27-foot center console boat in the Rappahannock River fishing for croakers. It was a beautiful day (gentle breeze, calm water, low humidity) and the fish were biting well. You could not ask for a better day than what we were having.

Around 4:00 PM, we decided we had enough fish and let's pull the anchor and head back to the boat slip. I crawled out on the bow to retrieve the anchor line and anchor. I was instructing the captain to put the boat in forward and when to put it in neutral. The line was coming up fine and all of a sudden I heard a large bang and the boat shook! I thought we must have run over the anchor line.

What actually happened was Harold (one of my fishing buddies) slipped and fell backwards. He hit the back of his head solidly on the side of the boat and landed flat on the deck. There was some blood on the deck beneath the back of his head and he was complaining about tingling in his fingertips and hands. I indicated to him not to move and had the captain call 911 and to have them meet us at the dock. My fishing buddy is 76 years old and all of us were greatly concerned regarding his hard hit to his head and fall on the boat.

Our trip back to the dock took about 20 minutes (we did not slow down in no wake zones) and the paramedics were waiting for us to tie up. They immediately assessed the situation, put him in a gurney, installed a neck brace and instructed me to ride in the EMS truck to the local hospital. He was thoroughly checked over and had a series of x-rays taken of his skull. Luckily he was fine and he was discharged within 2 hours.

When we returned to the dock the last of the fish had just been cleaned. Everyone started teasing Harold and accused him of slipping on purpose to keep from cleaning all those fish! The morale of this story is to always expect the unexpected and be prepared to take immediate action when it happens.

The Sun and the Water

Spring has officially sprung and those of us in the cooler climes are anxious to get on the water. While it's been a mostly mild winter, nothing beats what Nat King Cole called, "those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer." However, we need to be aware of the fact that while summer certainly will feel great again, the heat of the sun that we yearn for can have an unwanted impact on us.

A sunny and warm weekend brings out more boat traffic. If you've taken United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) or United States Coast Guard Auxiliary classes, you may think that you're a pretty safe boater. But, what about the other guy – does he know the "Rules of the Road?"

As the day goes on, even white boating "defensively," we may not be as sharp: tired and maybe dehydrated. The crew may not be much help, because they too may not be any more observant than are you.

So what can we do about it? We're not going to avoid going out on the water so here are a few simple things to help you:

If you have a bimini on the boat, put it up over your crew and yourself. Run the boat from under the shade it gives you. You will be cooler and the shade will make it easier to see your surroundings. Tanning will still occur, because UV rays will reflect off the water and your boat's surface.

If you don't have a Bimini, wear a hat. The brim will shade your eyes and you'll actually feel cooler.

Wear good polarizing sunglasses. These will block much of the sun's UV rays and you'll see much better. When we are outside, the sun's long-term effects on the eyes can cause problems.

Drink, drink, drink –not beer or other alcohol, which actually accelerate dehydration. Water is best, and juices and other fluids that are good. On a hot day in the sun, if you and your crew aren't perspiring or don't use the head, chances are you're dehydrating. In the extreme, this can cause heat stroke. At minimum, you'll feel more tired.

If you're feeling tired, anchor up or pull in someplace until the sun goes down some more. The rest will also help refresh you.

Remember, there's no substitute for common sense. When you're on the water in an unstructured environment, you need to be sharp. Reinforce your boating skills by taking a boating course. Check for your local Power Squadron's education schedule or contact it through our national website, www.USPS.org.

**As members of the United States Power Squadrons remind us:
*Boating is fun . . . we'll show you how.***

P/D/C Pete TenBrink
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Marketing/Public relations Committee
United States Power Squadrons®

Hummer in the Summer

WHEN: July 9, 2012 1800 (6 PM) or meet at the Driving Range Shop at 4 PM for golf first.

WHERE: Bur-Mill Park, Shelter #1.

WHAT: Ham, beer, wine, tea and delightful foods brought by our members to share

CONTACT: Mike or Carolyn Hackett with your reservation and contribution by July 6th, The cost is \$4 per adult. You may pay at the door, but we need to know in advance that you are coming so that we can plan on our amounts. Contact us at:

Mike . . . carmikeh@aol.com or Carolyn . . . carolyn322@gmail.com

Checks can be made to GPS and mailed to the Hacketts at PO Box 10873,

Greensboro, NC 27404



Special Alert!!!

Please remember that the Silent Auction at Hummer is our major FUNDRAISER. Donations of non-nautical items are totally acceptable. If you cannot donate items and/or buy other's items, please consider making a cash donation to help our squadron. Rather than making a donation, you could "chair" a Brunswick Stew Fundraiser!

Saturday Evening, August 18th

The Greensboro Power Squadron will hold a "Progressive Dinner" and we need your reservations so that we can plan for the number of hosts who will have the dinner at their homes. Please e-mail your reservations to either Carol Kelly at kellycarol40@triad.rr.com or John Oberholtzer at joberholtzer@triad.rr.com.

The evening will start with a cocktail party at one couple's home. Hors d'oeuvres and set ups will be provided and it's BYOB. We will then break up into groups of eight and go from the cocktail party to the host homes for dinner. The host couple will provide the entree and the starch course, one couple salad, one couple a vegetable, and one couple the wine. It will be up to the host couple and the three guest couples to determine who provides what. After the dinner we will all proceed to another couple's home where desert and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

The evening will start at 1730 (5:30 PM), dinners will start at 1900 (7:00) and desert at 2100 (9:00). This should give us all sufficient time to move from one site to the next and to enjoy wonderful socializing at each different stage of the evening.

There will be a minimum charge which we will determine when we see how many attendees we will have. Please feel free to volunteer as a host couple. There is a lot of coordination required and we need to get all of the locations and the dinner pairings resolved in early July. The committee and the host will mutually select the guest pairings.

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.

June Membership Gathering at
Darrell's Wood Fired Grill



**Greensboro Power Squadron
2012 Schedule of Events**

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

**REMEMBER THE
BLUEBERRY
SOCIAL AUGUST 13th.**



Hello to all,

As editor to YOUR Breeze I am trying to make changes to layout and presentation to make this more informative and fun to read.

If any of you have a "local" company that has a good product or service please let me know and we will give 'Plugs To Locals". If they have a web site I will place that in the plug. If any of our Membership has a business to be plugged you need to tell me. So with that being stated I give you a great business with great product and surprising prices...

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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"

Hummer in the Summer

Monday,
July 9, 2012
1800 (6 PM)

Mark your calendar for July 9th when we will have our traditional covered-dish picnic in the park. As in previous years, we will gather at Bur-Mill Park, Shelter #1 for dinner and a silent auction. Please let Carolyn or Mike Hackett know whether you will attend (\$4.00) per adult and let them know what you will bring to the silent auction for our fund-raiser and what covered dish you plan to bring! Ham, beer, wine, tea will be provided. Meet at the driving range shop at 4 PM if you wish to join in a round of golf first. If you plan to play golf, please let Mike know so that he can pair up folks.

You must make a reservation or you will go through the serving line last and hope there is food left!

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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!

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