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SO SHE NEEDS A LITTLE WORK.
IT WILL MAKE A GREAT FAMILY WEEKEND PROJECT..

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NOTICE TO GPS MARINERS

March Meeting Program

Tired of winter? Well, we have the solution. Join us on **March 12th @ 1930** and **cruise with Buck and Vickie Dawkins**, a “young” retired professional couple as they share the story of their **ten- month cruise aboard s/v Victoria Gay, their 40’ Caliber, from the Neuse River to the Exuma’s and back**. Follow them down the ICW to Florida, across the Gulf Stream to the Bahamas and then sail on down to the Exumas, a long way from their home in Durham, NC.

Warm weather, beautiful sites and many helpful hints you need for planning this kind of boating adventure. What questions come to mind...clothes, food, communications, fuel, sunsets, cocktails, diving in clear water, and yes a hair dryer. Vickie has a log of everything they did, well maybe not everything. They are excited about meeting the Greensboro Power Squadron, so come out and give them a GPS welcome.

Kendra & Keith
2012 Program Co-Chairs

March Birthdays

3	P/C Mike Hackett, P	12	Ava B. Mitchell
4	P/C Phil Hutson, N	16	Craig A. Cooper, AP
5	P/C R. Keith Bulla, JN	22	P/Lt/C Carolyn E. Hackett, P
6	Ken Karb, JN	25	P/C Tom Hamlin Jr., AP
8	P/C Clyde T. Canter, AP	28	Lt/C Pat Freeze, AP
	R. Mike Stokes	29	Richard C. Haggerty Jr.

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



As discussed new member recruiting during our February General Membership, To accomplish this I would like to implement a program called “ **MGM**” into the Greensboro Power Squadron. **MGM** is the abbreviation for “**Members Get Members.**” I doubt many of us joined the Power Squadron on our own initiative. We probably came to a meeting as a guest of a member and were later asked to join. Several year’s ago, MCI (cell phone service provider) had as their recruiting slogan “Friends and Family” to serve as a way to get new customers. Members get Members by recruiting “Friends and Family” will work very effectively for our squadron if we all commit to this approach.

For thirty-two years, I worked in the Human Resources Division of Pilot Life Insurance Company, Jefferson-Pilot Life Insurance, and finally, Lincoln Financial Group. Part of my responsibilities included the recruiting and placement of new employees within the corporation. I always openly entertained and requested our employees to refer people who they felt would fit into the organization. Experienced employees knew the work ethics needed, the necessary skill sets, and the corporate culture required to be a successful employee. I look back at the many thousands of individuals that came into my office for a job interview and can honestly say, experienced employees or our local retirees referred the vast majority of successful employees. When I left in 2007, I was told by many of the senior staff that I hired half the employees in the Corporation and the other half had already retired. My recruitment responsibilities were made easier by referrals of candidates by our own employee and retiree groups.

We can say the same about the Greensboro Power Squadron. We know about the social skills needed, the pure love of boating required, the thirst to take advanced educational courses, and the commitment to safe boating practices required of a member of the Power Squadron. All of us know of individual (s) who would fit such requirements of membership in our Squadron. It would only take a phone call or short visit from any of us to a prospective candidate to invite them to attend a membership meeting, let them observe what goes on, and the fun that we have to convince them to join with us.

The March General Membership Meeting (March 12, 2012) our guest speakers will discuss with us their sailing trip going south on the ICW to Key West, then to the Bahamas and later back up the ICW to their home port and include narration and photos. This program will be of interest to all of us, would be a great recruiting tool for prospective members, and we need to take full advantage of the opportunity. I challenge each one of us to do all that we can do to accomplish **MGM** next month. Think about someone to contact and bring to our meeting. Thank you in advance for your continued assistance and support of the 2012 Bridge.

Executive Officer Report
Lt/C David Schultz, SN



Well I am sitting here waiting for a ride to Raleigh to catch a train back to here. Sounds weird huh? See its like this, as Sue, Addison (granddaughter) and myself were making our way to the train depot this morning for the squadron trip, my cell phone rang, it was Dad saying that he had just called 911 to take him to the hospital. So I put Sue and Addison on the train and I went to see Dad.

Dad is fine now and my brother in-law said that he would drive me to Raleigh so I could ride the train back. But it just shows how the best made plans can change without notice. Now all this has started me thinking about all the event changes we seem to be having, not just this year, but last year as well. It just seemed to me that this has not always been the case, So why now? I think in the past when the calendar was laid out in November for the up coming year, the events were things that we have done for many years and they are very well planned and established. Events like: July is the Hummer, August is the blueberry social or December is the Christmas party.

These things are great events, but for this year and last, we the bridge have tried to do some new things like the progressive dinner, train trips to Raleigh, baseball game and gun range. So I think the fact that the calendar may need to be altered just a bit from time to time may not be an all bad thing. We still want to do a lot of the time proven events, but we feel it's time to add to our repertoire. Therefore, we are always looking for ideas for new events and it is my hope that in doing, so we can invite friends to join us to let them see what we do. USPS has always pushed "Come Join Us for Boating Education" maybe it's time to change the focus on fun. I have been talking to members and finding that a lot of you really enjoyed the parties and hospitality rooms we use to do at district events I don't know how to restart that, but I do know we can't until we can get more people to come to the district meetings. So please make a note on your calendars for the district Change of Watch March 23rd - 25th in New Bern. Of course if you have your GPS calendar, its all ready on there.

Another thing that should be really great is the program scheduled for March so please find a friend to bring with you for this one this should be interesting for anyone that enjoys adventurous type of vacations, not just boaters but campers, RVer's, cruisers & people that enjoy traveling to see new people and places.

Well here's my ride so I've got to go so until next time "I'll see ya on the pond"



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



**Administrative Officer
Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN**



Collision Avoidance Mnemonics

Collision avoidance for sailing vessels can be a difficult area of the Collision Regulations to master and some ideas are presented below. If you are on a sailing vessel, imagine that there is a "Give Way" sign stuck to the starboard cockpit seat. This will help you in deciding whether to give way or stand on. It works like this:

If you spot another vessel and it is above you in the "Give Way hierarchy", (e.g. a fishing vessel or sailing whilst you are motoring, you give way whatever. If it is below you (it is powered while you are sailing, you stand on whatever. But if it has the same level, you make a decision (partially) based on this sign.

Both Motoring

If you see the vessel off your starboard side, you will also see the Give Way sign, so you give way. If you see it off to port, you will *not* be seeing the Give Way sign, so you stand on.

Both Sailing

If you are on port tack, you (the helmsman) will be sitting on the port side, with your back against the wind. If you see a vessel to starboard, the sign tells you to Give Way. Either the other vessel will be on starboard tack (so takes precedence), or port tack but to leeward so you again give way. If you are on starboard tack and a vessel appears to starboard, you cannot see the Give Way sign (since you are sitting on the starboard side and it is hidden beneath your back), so you do not give way (you stand on). If it is also on starboard tack, it is to windward so you have precedence. If it is port tack, you also have precedence. Unfortunately there is no easy rule when a vessel appears to port. The only "rule" I can come up with is:

**Other Vessel on Starb'd Tack: Give Way
Other Vessel on Port Tack: Stand On**

This could be turned into a mnemonic by imagining a "Give Way" sign on the back of the other vessel's helmsman. If you can see it, he is on starboard tack and you would give way, either because you are on port tack or you are to windward. If you can't see it, he is on port tack so you stand to, either because you are on starboard tack or he is to windward.

The only problem with these signs is if either vessel is using a wheel or self-steering, or the helmsman is inconsiderately sitting with his face to the wind. In that case, imagine the second Give Way sign on the back of the vessel's sail rather than the helmsman.

<http://s189482764.websitehome.co.uk/pt/midshipman/pages/colmnemca.html>

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I commend you to the **NEW SECTION** of the *BREEZE*, "NOTICE TO GPS MARINERS"

This will be a recurring section starting with this issue and is designed to keep our membership current on upcoming events.

As you may recall, Kathy and I recently attended our national USPS meetings in Jacksonville, Florida, and while I attended workshops, Kathy attended a full day CPR and first aid course. Below is Kathy's report: "During the FIRST AID/CPR/AED course offered at the national meetings this past January in Jacksonville, there was one concept that was emphasized more than once. Any emergency on the water is complicated by the fact that help is not immediately available. This is a good reason for someone on board or in the flotilla to have the first aid/CPR training.

We are accustomed to having a response time to our homes of perhaps 5 to 10 minutes. We know that will not be the case on the water. Depending on your location at the time, it could be 30 minutes or even much longer before help is available.

Taking that into consideration it is imperative that the Digital Select Calling (DSC) – red button- on the VHF is active and MOST IMPORTANTLY- it should be hooked into the GPS. A major part of this process is also to have MNSI (Mobile National Safety Id) number and HAVE IT REGISTERED. I am told that you can register through the Coast Guard, through USPS, but most easily through Boat US.

This three part process assures that when you hit that "red button" the Coast guard immediately knows who you are and where you are. After hitting the button, the Coast will call back, and our instructors urged us to say that you are having a medical emergency. This is important because normally, the Coast Guard team responding will not be "EMS trained" but can put the needed assets on board if they know a medical emergency is in progress.

Another important consideration about having this process in place is that other vessels in the area will hear the call and might be able to assist."

Kathy's report is an important reminder that as boaters, we will seldom receive timely refresher courses, and this is an area of study that should be undertaken more regularly.

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

MARCH 10, 2012 GPS SOCIAL GATHERING

In downtown Greensboro there is a great Greek restaurant by the name of OPA! **OPA is located at 200 South Elm Street** directly in front of the Empire Room (The old Thalhimers Department Store Building). There is free parking at night in the parking deck behind the Empire Room. On Saturday nights they provide live Greek Music for entertainment as well. Dinner prices are very reasonable with numerous menu items to choose from. Here are just two to think about:

Grilled pork tenderloin cuts marinated in Greek spices, grilled to perfection and served with rice and fresh vegetables (\$10.00)

Grilled Chicken Breast marinated in herbs and served with fresh vegetables and the starch of the day (\$14.00)

Let's gather at **1830 on Saturday, March 10th** and have a few drinks, socialize and enjoy some great Greek food and entertainment.

Seating may be limited and will be determined by the number of GPS members who wish to attend.

For more information and to confirm your attendance please contact by Tuesday, February 5, 2012:

Anna Pittman apittman3402@yahoo.com

Or

Ron Pittman rpittman4@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!

Make your Hotel Reservations now
D/27 Annual Meeting & Change of Watch
23-25 March 2012
Hilton New Bern/Riverfront Hotel
252-638-3585



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