



THE **BREEZE**

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**5/19 – 25
National
Safe
Boating
Week**

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NOTICE TO GPS MARINERS

Monday, May 14th

Registration at 1845

Oak Hallow Lake Sailboat Side L 36° 01.028 N Lo 080° 00.176 W

Hope this is already on your calendar and that you have notified us that you plan to attend. If not—STOP right now and send us an e-mail at rkbulleta@mindspring.com. We need the headcount in order to have sufficient equipment available.

Now for the details: Training starts at 1900 SHARPE– Rain or Shine. Please wear proper boating attire for the Four Stages of hands-on training. Registration is at Shelter 1 followed by directions and division into Teams. No, this is not a contest just hopefully organized FUN hands-on training event involving Fire Extinguishers, Flares, throwing flotation devices and making emergency radio calls.

How to get there? From Greensboro, take W. Wendover Ave to Eastchester Dr. (Hwy 68) in High Point. Cross Eastchester Dr and Wendover becomes Skeet Club Rd. Follow Skeet Club Rd. ~2.5 miles to a bridge. Turn left on Waterview Rd. immediately after crossing the bridge. The sailboat marina is at the end of Waterview Rd. If using Google or Mapquest, use ref intersection of Waterview Rd. and Timberlane Drive, High Point.

You can also take Hwy 68 S. from I-40 to the Skeet Club Rd. intersection and turn right and follow above directions.

DO NOT go to the church for the May meeting, you will miss all the fun if you do!

May Birthdays

3	Paul D. Shelor, AP	19	Jerry B. Chance, P
4	Gaither C. Frye Jr.	19	Wayne Southern, P
2	James E. (Jed) Norris Sr., P	23	Eric C. Eakes, P
16	Russell E. Dorrell	24	Suzanne Chabon, AP
16	Mary L. (ML) Koebberling, S	24	Paula Elliott
17	Philip C. (Phil) Deaton, AP	26	Lt W. Hardy Spence, AP

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.

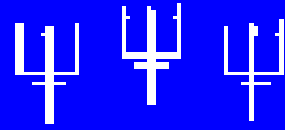
On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

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



During late March, Alec and Kathy Wrenn, David and Sue Schultz and I attended the District 27 Change of Watch in beautiful New Bern, NC. Our rooms were right on the waterfront and the large marina was filled with boats. There was a large degree of excitement expressed by all in attendance that our district has made progress in membership and boating courses offered. Of course the highlight of the meeting was the Change of Watch with the following officers being sworn in:

District Commander ,	Harold O'Briant, JN	District Executive Officer,	Bob Howd, JN
District Education Officer ,	George Malindzak, SN	District Assist. Education Officer,	Clay Helm, JN
District Administration Officer	Burt Pearson, SN	District Assist. Admin. Officer	Paula Schubert, AP
District Secretary,	David Simons, AP	District Treasurer,	David Parsons, AP
District Assistant Treasurer,	Paula Stewart, P		

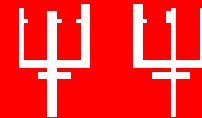
All of us had many opportunities to exchange information with our District 27 New Bridge as well as with members of other squadrons. It was a most enjoyable weekend of shared information, fellowship and fun!

I wish to commend Steve Puckett and Keith Bulla for arranging Steve Ellington of Glen Raven Mills to address our squadron during our April Membership Meeting. Steve explained fully verbally and by video the value and maintenance of Sunbrella marine fabric. In addition he provided the timeline of the exceptional growth of Glen Raven Mills (130+ years) and shared with us some of their continued product research. When you think of textiles in North Carolina so many have disappeared (Burlington Industries, Texfi, JP Stevens, West Point Pepperell, etc.) it was good to hear of Glen Raven Mills, with its variety of niche products, have continued to remain in business and actually grown their domestic operations. Greensboro Power Squadron members should look for the Sunbrella label in future purchases not only because of the quality of the product and also know that jobs are being maintained right here in North and South Carolina!

The May Membership Meeting will be educational and everyone who recreations on the water should make every effort to attend. There is more about what will be going on and where the meeting will take place....be there!



Executive Officer Lt/C David Schultz, SN



Well here I am sitting on the beach however, It's really not my thing, all that water and I'm stuck here on the sand, sounds like a bad day on the boat but it's not (no boat). Sue said she wanted to go to the beach and I couldn't think of a good enough reason not to, besides she said Dr Oz said that sitting on the beach is good for me (does anyone else think Dr Oz is full of it?). All of you that know me know that I would always prefer to be on a boat somewhere and this keeps me constantly trying to think of new things for the squadron to do.

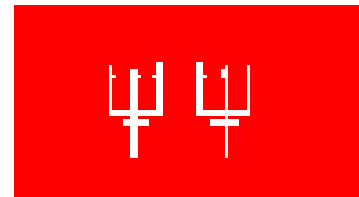
I was looking at the calendar for this year and I saw that the fourth of July is on a Wednesday and therefore more people may be staying home this year and would like something different to do. That is why Sue and I thought that the Greensboro "Fun Fourth Parade" might be fun, its free to enter, it only takes half a day and it's local. I plan to put at least my power boat in and if I can get enough help, I can enter the sail boat as well. It looks like a good chance to get our name out to the people of Greensboro and have some fun all at the same time. To do it right we need some help. We need people to ride in the boats, and to put the second boat in, I need someone with a tow vehicle that won't mind driving, also if any of you healthy people would like to get your walk in for the day (or month) you can walk beside the boats and hand out pamphlets about the USPS and the Boating Courses. The parade route is just under a mile long. If this sounds like something you would like to do please let Sue know. All the plans have not been finalized yet, so your suggestions are welcome. Maybe we can meet for lunch afterwards or breakfast before hand, I don't know, we can see what every one thinks.

Well I've been sitting here long enough looking at that "big ole pond" I think it's about time to go back to the house, get the boat, and go for a ride. So until next time I'll see ya on the pond.



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN



The program for our May 14th membership meeting as you have been told or have read is at Oak Hollow Lake (sailboat side) and we begin “promptly” at 1900 hrs (7 PM). This is a comprehensive safety course having 4 education and participation stations. The efficient movement of people is always challenging because we are all such social beings. We love to socialize, talk, and cut up when we are together. But for this night, efficient movement of our members and guests is critical to our personal and group safety during this event, and to the successful learning by each of us attending.

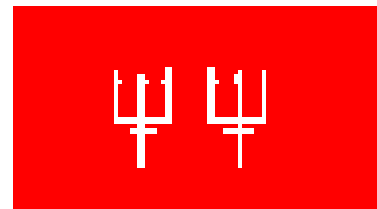
All participants will be formed into teams and each of the four teams will accomplish their tasks at one station and then “will move as a team, that is will move as a singular unit” to the next assigned station. When you as an individual have completed the tasks at one station, stay with your team until all members of the team are finished. Then move to the next station. The flare exercise requires the full attention of each individual and of the team as a whole. Distractions, inattention, have the potential of creating hazards to safety, so your cooperation is very much needed and appreciated. The activities at the other stations are not as much a safety concern, but distractions or inattention will certainly prevent a person or several persons from experiencing their own opportunity to learn.

Lastly, express your appreciation to Keith and Kendra Bulla for creating these learning activities. It has taken more hours in meetings, visits to the site, time on the telephone, and with emails than any of us will fully understand. It has required coordination with several agencies, departments or other governmental groups and Keith and Kendra have worked through this in a remarkable way.

To my knowledge, the Greensboro Power Squadron is the only squadron in District 27, currently offering this type of practical exercise. So, please attend, “listen up” and **take advantage** of this remarkable educational



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



Many thanks to John Oberholtzer, Dan Kelly, and Steve Puckett for leading the ABC course on April 14. We had seven participants pass the course.

Now test your own knowledge by pondering the following questions:

1) You have just signed a seaman off your vessel. He has a continuous discharge book. Which statement is true?

A. A certificate of discharge form should be attached to the book. B. An entry should be made in the book and a certificate of discharge form should be issued to the seaman. C. If a vessel is on coastwise articles, the record of discharge will be made on the official logbook. D. The record of entry form must be submitted to the Coast Guard.

2) The fo'csle card _____
Is posted on the crew's quarters and lists the emergency signals. B. Advises the crew of the conditions of employment. C. Is also known as a Merchant Mariner's Document. D. Designates the quarters a seaman will occupy during a voyage.

3) In reading a weather map, closely spaced pressure gradient lines would indicate _____.
A. High winds. B. High overcast clouds. C. Calm or light winds. D. Fog or steady rain.

4) INTERNATIONAL ONLY. What is the minimum fog signal required aboard a vessel between 12 meters and 20 meters in length at anchor?

A. Rapid ringing of the bell for 10 seconds every minute. B. One short, one long, one short stroke of the bell every minute. C. Three separate and distinct strokes of the bell every two minutes. D. Any efficient sound signal every two minutes.

Answers: 1. D. 2. B. 3. A. 4. D

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

**National Safe Boating Week
Life Jackets Don't Work if You Don't
Wear Them**





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



RULE #1: NEVER LEAVE YOUR BOAT UNATTENDED DURING **THE REFUELING PROCESS...**

RULE #2: REFER TO RULE NUMBER 1...

When refueling, you can avoid many costly and dangerous mistakes by following a few simple rules. Always refuel in daylight. Extinguish all flames, and don't smoke during the refueling process.

With outboard engines, remove tanks from the boat and refuel them on the dock whenever possible. With inboard engines, close all hatches and ports before refueling to prevent heavier-than-air gasoline vapors from accumulating in the bilge.

When filling your tanks, leave plenty of room for the fuel to expand as the day heats up. To do this, listen carefully during fueling, as the sound changes as the fuel level gets closer to the filler pipe. Avoid unnecessary chatter during the process.

When refueling is complete, open hatches, use your nose to check for leaks or gasoline vapors, and turn on your bilge blower for five minutes before starting the engine.

Wipe up any spillage and dispose of oily rags or towels properly. Oily rags can start fires, so dispose of them in suitable on-shore receptacles. **—Burrage Warner**

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 D/27 Annual Meeting & Change of Watch



BOATING SAFETY WEEK IS COMING.

At the USPS and Greensboro Power Squadron Boating Safety Week is EVERY WEEK.

A fire on a boat is a disaster no matter what size boat you have or where you may be. Please make sure your Fire Extinguishers are Inspected, Up to Date and EASY TO GET TO.

An ABC extinguisher is great in the home or shop but may not be the best for your boat. It is suggested you use a Type BC on the boat and the "small", "compact" or "little" may be cute and take up less space but THINK when you buy one. Your boat is A VERY BIG INVESTMENT. Please take a few minutes to assure you are protected and ready for the little gremlins that hide

Marine Flares come in 2 types. Hand Held and Aerial. Even though there are many styles of each they all operate in the same way for each. Come on out to Oak Hollow lake for our May meeting and get some advise on Flares and Fire Extinguishers for your boat.



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THEY DO NOT WORK IF YOU DO NOT WEAR THEM



National Boating Safety Week

It's *National Safe Boating Week*, and governors throughout the country are urging citizens not to take boating safety for granted. Each year, boating claims 709 lives in the United States, 54 of which are weather related.

As Memorial weekend nears, the ceremonial start of boating season begins. Before you set sail, have your boat inspected, check the weather report, get a NOAA Weather Radio make sure all your passengers wear a life jacket, and steer clear of alcohol.

Important facts about boating safety and accidents/casualties

- The majority of boating deaths occur on lakes and rivers, even though they cover less than 1 percent of the earth's surface. In 2008, a combined 559 deaths happened on lakes and rivers. On the other hand, our oceans cover roughly 72 percent of the earth's surface with only 40 deaths occurring on them in 2008.
- Don't be fooled by thinking you can avoid hypothermia in warmer waters. It only takes a few hours to exhibit hypothermic conditions such as exhaustion and/or unconsciousness in water temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Although there were 124 environmental-related boating deaths in 2008, most deaths were due to vessel operations. Of the primary contributing factors to boating deaths in 2008, a total of 298 deaths were associated with vessel operations, with 124 of those deaths caused by alcohol use.

Rough seas and high winds can certainly lead to boating accidents and deaths, but the majority of boating accidents and deaths in 2008 occurred in calm seas and light wind. In 2008, 4824 accidents and 633 deaths happened in calm seas/light wind conditions.

Boating Safety Tips

Before you set sail for a day on the water, be sure to check your local weather and marine forecast from the [National Weather Service](#).

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