



# THE **BREEZE**

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There is still a need for canned food.

**Let's continue to help our local food banks.**

The GPS Executive Committee has authorized the following: On Monday nights at our regular meetings, GPS will be collecting canned food to help fill the empty food shelves. Please bring one, two or as many cans as you would like and let's show the community that GPS can also help out in non-water matters.

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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## October Birthdays

2	J. Jones (Jones) McCall, P	21	P/Lt/C Dan W. Chance, P
3	Paul M. (Steve) Stephens III	21	Jeff B. McCain, S
4	Sam D. Hummel	21	Todd N. Ring, AP
8	P/C Larry E. Williams, JN	23	Lt Judith M. Dawson, AP
12	P/C Fred J. Schultz, SN	25	Lt Alexander (Alec) Wrenn, SN
14	Heather L. Merrit	30	Lt Ronald Mims Pittman, S
16	Mildred K. Wall, P	31	Beverly B. (Bev) Armfield

## Squadron Patrons

### WE NEED SQUADRON PATRONS

Consider making a donation during the PC Happening  
 See Ron Pittman  
 or Lee DuVal to make your contribution

#### “Thank You”

The above individuals made contributions in support of our squadron this year.

On behalf of Greensboro Power Squadron,

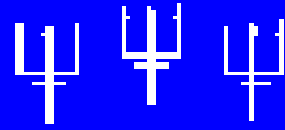
a special thanks to **Carolina Marina at Belews Lake** for their continued support.

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 Lee DuVall; [lduvall@northstate.net](mailto:lduvall@northstate.net)



## Commander's Log

Cdr Ron Pittman, P



This is a story that actually happened to me on Saturday, August 11, 2012.

I was at anchor in a protected cove near Little River Inlet enjoying the sun and watching the wildlife. During early afternoon what appeared to be a 36-38 foot Cruisers powerboat (white hull) approached the inlet from the ICW. This powerboat had a "For Sale" sign attached to the bow rail. I continued to monitor the boat closely not knowing if the operator was experienced or not since the boat was *For Sale*. I noticed there were three people on board. The boat operator (adult) slowly approached the anchorage area but stopped short approximately 300+ feet from the cove. The current where he was attempting to anchor was swift and near the channel markers.

The operator attempted to release the anchor from the windlass. The anchor did not respond to the helm electrical switch. The operator left the helm station, walked up the bow and began trying to manually release the anchor.

As I, watched two young males (middle teens) dove off the stern of the boat. One had a "noodle" and the other one did not have a PFD. Immediately the males were being swept by the current and tide towards Little River Inlet. Soon they were waving their hands in the air frantically. The boat operator obviously had not noticed the teens had gone off the stern to swim. I immediately hailed the boat operator (who was still on the bow loosening the anchor) with my loud hailer. My hailer is very loud, has speakers on the bow and stern and transmits loudly especially over the water.

I got the attention of the operator who immediately looked to the stern of his boat. The teens were now 500 or more feet from his boat and still being rapidly sucked out to sea. Also, the inlet was busy with other boats traffic going in and out of the channel. I also hailed people on the beach, indicated what was going on, asked them to run down the beach towards the inlet and continue to point and watch the two teens.

The boat operator quickly returned to the helm, turned his boat around and began to speed towards the two males. I continued to watch the teens with my binoculars from the top of my boat. The males were brought aboard and the boat headed back quickly towards the ICW. The boat did not return to the area.

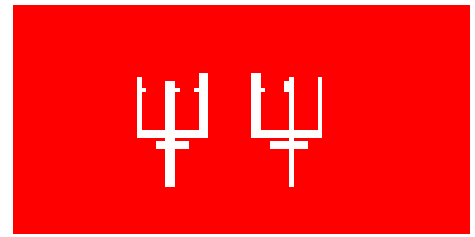
I shutter to think what might have happened had I not been watching that boat and the occupants. Earlier that week there was a young man who slipped on a rock and fell into Snows Cut. His body was located the next day. Another boat owner at my marina ran aground on the "rock piles" and did considerable major damage to his stern drives. He said he was monitoring his GPS and wasn't watching where he was going.

Safe Boating is also being aware of your situation and using the Seaman's Eye too!





Executive Officer  
Lt/C David Schultz, SN



No!!!!!!! Someone just said it is the first day of fall (Crap) I am still enjoying summer. In fact, this world has gone nuts! We were just up at Walmart and they are putting out Christmas trees already! I have also noticed that it has been getting colder in the mornings lately because I have had to put the car top up. I am for the most part a summer person,

However there are some things I do look forward to in the later parts of the year. One is the annual dinner meeting that the past commanders put on as our monthly meeting. It is the second Monday night in October. This year it is on the 8th. It is always a great event with lots of fellowship and good times, not to mention great food and always a prize winning dessert.

Please plan on coming to this event, Sue and I will be there, and we look forward to seeing all of you as well. Also this fall, is clean sweep, the first Saturday in October at Belews Lake. It is also a great social event when the weather is good. If you don't want to come for the trash pick up, then just pack a picnic and ride up for the afternoon.

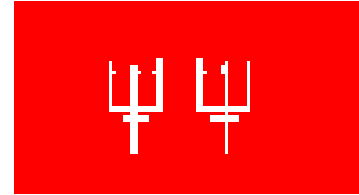
But you may wish to give Jerry Newton a call first to check on times and location. Also in October is the D/27 Fall conference this is being held the second weekend in Wrightsville beach. Greensboro has a fair number of people planning on being there, so I hope we can all get together at some point, maybe for a lunch or dinner. Sue and I are taking our sailboat down the ICW to Georgetown and back, later in October and I believe the Pittman's, Freezes, and maybe the Wrenn's will be joining us in their boats, this should be lots of fun.

Well it looks like there is a lot happening this fall so maybe it won't be to bad after all. It's time to go, so as always, I'll be looking to,  
"See ya on the Pond"





Administrative Officer  
Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN



**What's Cooking ?**

As our Squadron Year beings to wind down, there are 2 upcoming events worth noting:

**PC's Happening** – October 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday evening. This will be held at the Police Club, and more details will be forth coming ! It looks like we will gather at 6 PM, with our meal at 6:45 PM. **Please feel free to stay on to watch the current Bridge Members actually do some work, such as the clean up !**

**Squadron Christmas Party** – Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> is our Squadron Christmas Party and we expect to see Santa arrive to hand out gifts. Todd and Tracy (and assistants) are working up our Christmas Dinner and festivities. Also, as in the past, I suspect we will be able to pick up our **2013 Calendars !**

We will see more details soon about the Christmas Party, so please standby.....

## A NOTE FROM OUR SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOMATIC CHANNEL SWITCHING ON DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (DSC) EQUIPPED VHF MARINE RADIOS

It has come to the Coast Guard's attention that an automatic channel switching feature found on certain models of Digital Selective Calling (DSC) equipped VHF marine radios may create an unintended hazard by automatically switching from a working channel that might be in use at the time to Channel 16 when the VHF marine radio receives a DSC distress alert, distress alert acknowledgment or other DSC call where a VHF channel number has been designated. This could

happen without a vessel/radio operator's immediate knowledge and could initiate an unsafe condition by which the vessel/radio operators would believe they were communicating on a working channel such as Channel 13 when, in fact, they were actually on Channel 16. Imagine a towboat operator on the lower Mississippi River making passing agreements on VHF channel 67 and then suddenly, without warning, not being able to quickly reestablish communications with those vessels because his/her radio automatically switched to Channel 16 instead. Since this unsafe condition can happen at any time, the Coast Guard strongly recommends disabling the automatic channel switching feature when maintaining a listening watch or

communicating on the designated bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone, or while monitoring the vessel traffic services (VTS) channel. Radios that lack the disabling feature should not be used for bridge to-bridge or VTS communications.

The International Telecommunications Union Sector for Radio communications, Recommendation M.493-11 published in 2004 and later versions require DSC-equipped radios to provide for disabling of this channel auto-switch feature. In the United States, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires all DSC-equipped radios certified after March 25, 2009 to meet this requirement. Manufacturers that do not provide a disable function are encouraged to do so and to inform their customers if means for correction exist. Updated information including a listing of manufacturers of radios believed to be affected by this Safety Alert will be posted as available at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/gmdss/dsc.htm> .

The Coast Guard strongly reminds radio operators and other users to always ensure they are on the proper operating channel when communicating or maintaining watch, particularly with DSC equipped radios capable of channel auto-switching. This safety alert is provided for informational purposes only and does not relieve any domestic or international safety, operational or material requirement. Developed by the Spectrum Management and Telecommunications Policy Division (CG-652), United States Coast Guard Headquarters

## The Past Commanders Happening/Fund Raiser

Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Social hour starts promptly @ 1800 hours (6:00 PM)

Dinner will be served by our spiffily attired P/C's @ 1845

The Past Commanders invite one and all to attend our fabulous

"Gourmet Spaghetti Dinner and Fund raiser"

Great food, fun, and even better fellowship at the

### Greensboro Police Club

524 AIR HARBOR RD, GREENSBORO, NC, 27455

( This is a change from the previously announced Bur Mil hut location)

The menu will be an exceptional gourmet spaghetti, prepared by our own



Master Chef, P/D/C Steve Puckett, SN, an Italian green salad, and lots of good bread, olive oil. Tea will be provided; adult beverages are available for a modest donation.

- \$15.00 for adults, in advance, (received by Thursday Oct 4th) \$17.00 at the door
- \$7.50 for children,
- \$ 2.00 donation to receive an appropriate red or white adult beverage in a cup
- \$ 1.00 donation to receive an appropriate adult beverage in a can
- An evening of food, fun and socializing with the GSO Power Squadron and watching your 2012 Bridge clean up afterwards, **PRICELESS!!**

### Dessert Contest



There will be a Dessert Contest so bring your best dessert and be prepared to win the accolades and envy of the membership.

Please make your reservations by sending your check, made payable to

Greensboro Power Squadron Past Commanders,

Mail checks to: P/C Chuck Kammeyer, AP 4 Chesapeake Ct., GSO, 27410

or by calling 336-292-9625 or emailing, [chuck@kbsys.com](mailto:chuck@kbsys.com)



It is important that you make your reservation EARLY so that we can plan for the appropriate quantity of food. If you make a reservation and do not cancel it 72 hours (3 days) in advance we will expect that you will attend and if you do not attend, you will pay for your reserved meal.

Remember, this is a fund raiser to help support our 40th Anniversary Celebration in 2014!!

Something NEW! We will have a 50/50 auction to also benefit the cause.

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](mailto: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**

- 6/11 Membership Meeting at Oak Hollow  
Fire and flare Training
- 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





# 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 336-382-2390 or if possible "michaelgunter014@gmail.com"

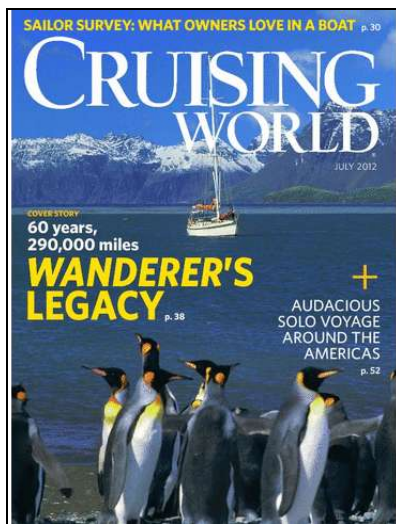
Dear fellow members of the Power Squadron,

My two sons keep on wanting to borrow my boat to take their kids fishing at the Greensboro City Lakes. Last week it was brought back covered with Chicken livers that they had used to catch Catfish. I am looking to buy a used outboard motor of about ten H.P. that I can let them use on city owned boats. I need something fairly reliable at a reasonable price. I meant to place an ad in our last newsletter but forgot. Please keep your eyes and ears open and please let me know if you have any leads.

Jed Norris  
336-674-5347  
Pleasant Garden

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"Many back issues of Cruising World, Good Old Boat, and Practical Sailor magazines. Free. Contact Bill Young at [woyoung@triad.rr.com](mailto:woyoung@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](mailto: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!



ANNOUNCING THE  
District 27 Fall Council/Conference  
October 12-14 2012

The Blockade Runner Hotel  
Wrightsville Beach, NC

Room Rate: \$89 plus tax per night  
Ask for "US Power Squadron" Group rate  
800-541-1161

Cut-off date for this rate is September 26, 2012

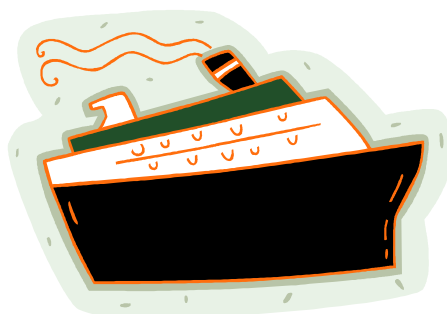
Hosted by Goldsboro Sail & Power Squadron  
Cdr Lorenda B. Overman, JN



*District 27*  
*Representing North Carolina's Local Squadrons.*



# Fall Conference Dinner Cruise and Dance



*Friday, 12 October, 1830 – 2030*

*Menu:*

*BAKED BARBEQUED CHICKEN  
AUTHENTIC NORTH CAROLINA BARBECUE  
Parsley New Potatoes, Honey Baked Beans  
Green Beans, Toasted Garlic Bread  
ICED TEA, Dessert, Cash Bar*

*\$47 per person*

*Meet at the Dock of the Blockade Runner  
at 1815*





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