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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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NOTICE TO GPS MARINERS

Advance information for May

Mark your calendars; on May 13th, we will conduct the Emergency Procedures Training Exercise that we tried so hard to conduct last year. The training will be conducted at Oak Hollow Lake sailboat marina in High Point.

Sign-up has already started and we will have more information at the April meeting. We are looking forward to having all that signed-up for last year plus those who had a conflict in schedules last year.

April Birthdays

4	Christie Elliott	10	Sue Schultz, S
4	James M. Green Jr., S	13	Karen W. Nussman, P
7	John Lanford, P	18	Lt Mary B. Hamlin, S
7	Kathy Wrenn, AP	27	Justin C. Conrad
9	James W. (Jim) DeHaven		

Squadron Patrons

- Larry and Pat Freeze "Pelecanus"
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "Carolina Wrenn"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "Hattitude"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordon "Optional Necessity"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "Sally O"
- Ron and Anna Pittman "Anna Bee"
- Steve and Chris Puckett "Simply Mahvelous"
- David and Sue Schultz "Sea Kat"

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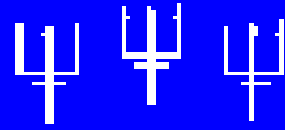
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Commander's Log

Cdr David Schultz, SN



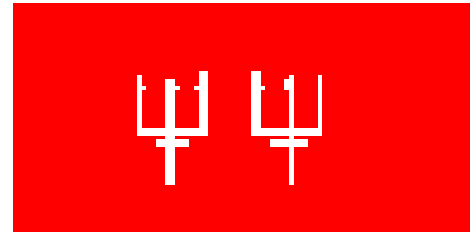
Well part of my job as Commander is to keep the general membership informed of what your bridge is doing on your behalf. First order of business so far this year was to find assistants for the treasurer, the education officer and the secretary. Those people were found and elected by the bridge. Also in accordance with our bylaws, each year our honorary members need to be reconfirmed and that too has been done. We have also asked the rules committee to start once again and try to come up with an up dated set of by-laws that can be sent to district for approval before the end of the year. Fixing the by-laws is a very difficult task and I would like to thank our rules committee now for all the hard work they will be putting into this in the coming months. Our auditing committee has also started checking our last year's books and our new treasurer is working very hard to get us started off this year on the right track. I am glad to be able to say that things are going very well and look good for the Greensboro Power Squadron. I am grateful to be able to report this, because having just attended this weekend, the spring conference of D/27 and the 50th Anniversary banquet, where I had the chance to talk with many of the other officers from squadrons all across the state. The stories that some of them tell make me so glad that our problems are really quite small and that we really do have the best squadron in all of District 27. However with this said, there are two things that need to be addressed. The first is that we know now that we are losing our secretary at the end of this year and we need to find someone that would like to start now and work with her for the rest of this year learning and preparing to take over the job at the end of January 2014. If you feel you might like to seek this position, please contact Woods McGinn, chairman of the nominating committee. And the second thing is, we are looking for a member at large to start right away. This is a voting member of the executive committee and needs to meet with us on the 3rd Monday each month at First Lutheran Church. If you think you might be interested in this position, please give me a call or send me an e-mail at: schultzd@triad.rr.com.

So that is where we stand, as we look forward to the warmer weather and outdoor activities. Please check your squadron calendars and emails for these events because some of the dates may have been changed and if you still have not gotten your calendar for this year, it is not too late, the price has been dropped to \$5.00 but time is running out and all remaining calendars at the end of next month well be destroyed.

Well it's time to go, and just as soon as I can "I'll see ya on the pond"



Executive Officer
Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN



Just a heads up to check your calendar for ALL GPS events but below are the events in the near term from the Executive Department:

Friday June 7, 8, 9, Port tour and Coop Charting, Wilmington

We hope to have a good turnout of our members and boats and we are working on housing so that costs can be kept down, so “save the date”

Wednesday June 26, Kids Day at the Lake (still working on this) The YMCA is not an option this year, but scout troops maybe

August 8- 11, District 27 Rendezvous, Cape Charles, VA

This is a delightful waterfront community and the marina is remarkable

October 5, Operation Big Sweep at Belews Lake

We hope you will guard these dates and join in on the fun!

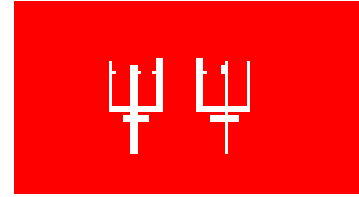


PORT OF WILMINGTON NC CIRCA; 1880





Administrative Officer Lt/C Grant Dawson, AP



Mark your calendars:

Our **April 8, 2013** program will be provided by Bill Young. We know this will be a very informative. Be sure you are there.

The Oriental Boat Show is being coordinated by Larry Freeze. **Dates are April 12, 13, 14**. Contact Larry to enjoy this event.

Keith & Kendra Bulla are coordinating our safety night at Oak Hollow Lake for our **May 13, 2013**. If weather does not cooperate, the **“weather” date will be Tuesday, May 14** (no meeting on the 13th if this happens). Please keep both of these dates open for our May meeting. This will be a great event – just do your good weather dance.

Jun 7 – 9 will be the Port Tour and Co-op Charting in Wilmington. Kathy Wrenn will coordinate along with Paul Long who is coordinating the Co-op Charting. Friday June 7 has been set aside by the Port Authority, but they need to know who will be attending. This list can be changed up until the Wednesday before the tour so that security checks can be done on the people on the list (hope nobody is on the watch list). You will need to bring a picture ID that matches the name given. There will be a charge for the tour.

Our **Jun 10** meeting will be at the Natural Science Center OmniSphere. There will be a charge of \$10 per person, but this should be a great event.

A big thank you to everyone who is working so hard to coordinate these events and programs.

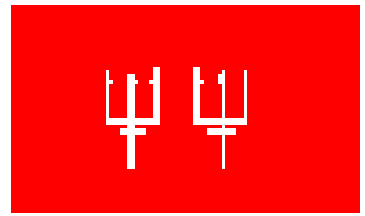
More as the year progresses.

Think Spring, WARM weather and WARM water -





Education Officer's Lt. Karen Nussman, AP



The calendar says Spring is here, although the 47 degrees predicted for today does not feel like Spring. Regardless, many of us are planning various. Boating adventures for the 2013 season.

Any time you plan on boating at the coast, navigational skills are called upon. Basic skills are desirable for boats of all sizes, power and sail. You will become aware of how important these skills are as soon as you run into fog, haze, rain, or unfamiliar waters.

Everyone operating a boat in coastal waters should be able to navigate their boat in a safe and efficient manner. You should be able to:

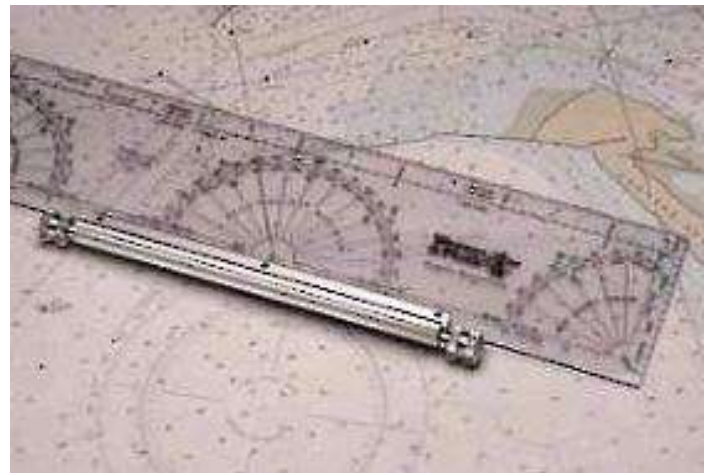
1. Determine your position at any time, and
2. Select the safest and most efficient route from one place to another

The best plan is to obtain a chart of the area you plan on navigating and plotting the desired course on the chart.

Bill Young, one of Greensboro Power Squadron's instructors and recipient of the GPS Instructor of the Year several times will be giving a presentation on Plotting at the April 8th member meeting. Bill is an experienced sailor and also a pilot. His presentation will provide practical experience as well as the basic plotting skills he will be demonstrating.

I would encourage you to attend and invite other boaters you may know to this presentation. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to refresh your knowledge of planning and plotting your intended course for your upcoming cruises. I am looking forward to Bill's presentation and hope to see you all on April 8th. Safe boating.

Nautical tidbit for April: "Crack": Nautically, to set sail and proceed at top speed, usually to the limits of safety for the particular conditions; a bold move, especially in heavy weather.



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.

Schedule of Events 2013

1/12/13 Ladies tea
1/14/13 Membership business meeting
1/22/13 (Tuesday) Ex. Com meeting
1/26/13 **GPS Change of Watch**
2/11/13 Membership meeting
2/16/13 Progressive dinner
2/18/13 Ex. Com meeting
2/22-23/13 **D/27 Annual meeting/ 50th anniversary Change of Watch**
4/8/13 Membership meeting
4/12-14/13 **Oriental boat show, dinner @ Burton Kennedy's**
4/15/13 Ex. Com meeting
4/20/13 Squadron yard sale
5/13/13 Membership meeting
5/17-18/13 Smith Mt. Lake predicted log
5/20/13 Ex. Com meeting
6/7-8/13 **Port tour in Wilmington, Co-op Charting/ dinner cruise**
6/10/13 Membership meeting
6/17/13 Ex. Com meeting
6/19/13 Kids day at the lake
6/29/13 Belews Cruise
7/8/13 **Membership meeting Hummer in the summer**
7/13/13 Watauga River cruise (blueberry picking)
7/15/13 Ex Com meeting

8/8-11/13 **D/27 rendezvous Cape Charles, VA**
8/12/13 Blueberry social
8/17/13 **Progressive dinner (New Date)**
8/19/13 Ex Com meeting
9/1-7/13 National Board meeting San Antonio Texas
9/9/13 Membership meeting / wine tasting
9/14/13 **Smith Mt. Lake wooden boat show**
9/16/13 Ex Com meeting
9/28/13 Greensboro yacht club event
10/5/13 Big Sweep
10/14/13 PC Happening
10/21/13 Ex com meeting
10/26/13 **Old Salem Halloween tour**
11/2/13 Ladies luncheon
11/9/13 Dinner and a show
11/11/13 Membership meeting
11/18/13 Ex Com meeting
12/9/13 **GPS Christmas party**
12/16/13 Ex Com meeting
1/4/14 D27 training Raleigh
1/13/14 Membership meeting
1/21/14 (Tuesday) Ex Com meeting



Let Me Introduce;
Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN

Birthday: October 24

Family: Wife Kathy, sons Jonathan (just married to Alexandra) Andy and Taylor

Pets: No pets, but we are keeping Taylor's dog Winston for 6 months.

Hometown: Greensboro, NC

Education: UNC Chapel Hill

Favorite Sports Team: Green Bay Packers

GPS: Joined in 1988

Boat Name: Carolina Wrenn

Home Port: Carolina Beach

Dream Boat: 38 ft Lagoon sail catamaran (because Kathy likes it)

Most Fun Trip on a Boat: British Virgin Islands with the Hacketts, the Hamlins, and the Edwards.

Scariest Time on the Water: Being on a 37.4 ton amphibious tractor being launched from the USS Vancouver into the sea. We were in full combat gear that added 40-60 lbs to each of us. The day before one of the launched vehicles sank, however, all hands survived.

3 Words That Describe Me: Quiet outside; actively reflective inside.

One Thing People Don't Know About Me: I used the wrong name when I asked Kathy to marry me.

Hobbies: Do-it-yourself projects, hiking, traveling.

Day Job: Realtor-Property Manager

Dream Vacation: Extended Tour of Europe





CAPTAIN HARDHEAD

Trusted Spiritual, Menu and Technical Advisor and an expert on all things Nautical

Article submitted by Captain Hardhead, special contributor....and we mean “special”

Ahoy Mates,

In my first contribution as a special correspondent to which I am extremely honored as such, I must address a very serious conundrum.

Tasty beverage spillage.

Imagine yourself out there on the open water, fully prepared having plenty of ice and frothy beverages when all of a sudden a huge squall (check that...a hurricane) bears down. You reach for the VHF to call for help, but wait you did not pack it. Oh well, you can't remember everything. Who could have guessed this would happen as we all know weather predictions and proper forecasting cannot be relied upon.

Never fear folks, I have the solution. A swivel based can holder. Believe me when I say this, it can keep that valuable liquid contained even up to an angle greater than 90 degrees!!! One caution though, proper installation is key. Never mind fender washers, you need something more, a steel plate as a backer and a generous amount of all-weather window caulk. I would also recommend emphatically to use at least 3/8 in thread bolts and to butter those jokers up good. You may be asking yourself, why the fuss about the installation? Remember the saying “one hand for the boat and the other hand for yourself”...well this cup holder fulfills both! If needed, you can tow a dingy tied off to this cup holder. Any mariner would be proud to own such a safety device.

And with that, I bid you well.

Capt. Hardhead

The 2013 Oriental In The Water Boat Show is coming up 12 -14 April 2013.

The 2013 Oriental in the Water Boat Show and Nautical Flea Market should be a lot of fun. Located at Pecan Grove Marina, there will be over 50 exhibitors. The Nautical Flea Market and seminars are Friday and Saturday afternoons.

You can see show details at <http://orientalboatshow.com/> and seminar details at <http://orientalboatshow.com/schedule>

We will be staying at the River Neuse Suites. Right now they have rooms available and are expecting to hear from Greensboro Squadron members. For reservations call [252-249-1404](tel:252-249-1404). Check them out at <http://www.riverneuserentals.com/index.asp>

I don't know how fast things fill up for this event, but Oriental is a small town so it may be prudent to book early either at River Neuse Suites or otherwise.

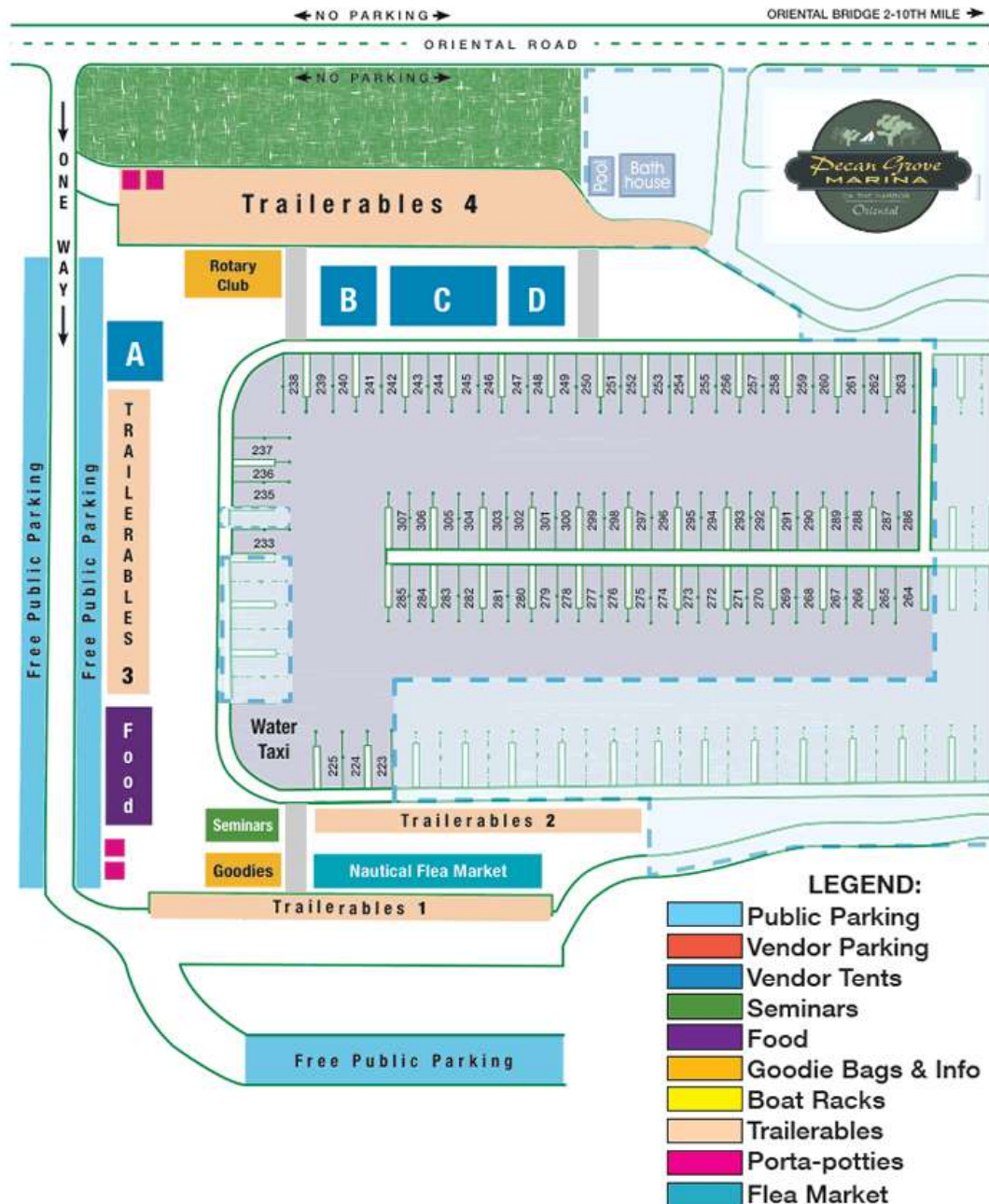
Plans include a Friday evening cocktail party and dinner at a local restaurant, and a Saturday evening cook out at the home of Burton Kennedy.

You should expect to pay \$5.00 admission at the show. Also expect a small fee for food supplied for the cook out and bring a dish to share.

More details to come.

If you haven't already, please reply if you plan to be there.

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“Traveling Winter”

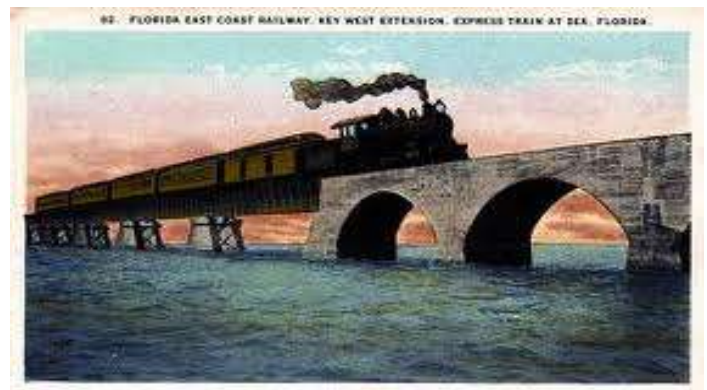
Dan & Carol Kelly

In late January/early February we went to the Leeward Islands for a sailing charter with good friends Blanche & Walker Stevens. We chartered a 41 ft Jeanneau sloop out of Oyster Bay, St Martin. We sailed with brisk winds to the island of Ile Fourche for snorkeling and an overnight stay, then on to Anse De Columbier the next day for more snorkeling before sailing on to the St Barts capitol of Gustavia. The seas were up to 8 ft at times, making the sailing exciting. Of course evening “happy hours” were needed to recover from the strenuous sails. In Gustavia we lunched at the “Le Select” restaurant where Jimmy Buffet wrote his famous “Cheeseburger in Paradise”. We returned to St Martin and overnighted two nights to avoid bad weather and spent the time touring the island & beaches by rental car. After a final great sail and stay at the beautiful Beach Plaza hotel, we made our way home to Greensboro.

After returning to Greensboro long enough to wash dirty clothes, we flew to Florida for a biking trip from Key Largo to Key West with the aptly named “Senior Cycling” group (aka, “Old Folks on Spokes”). Our trip companions were fantastic, making the trip ideal. Although all of us were definitely “seniors”, we were all active with many tales to share. Daily legs were in the modest 25-30 mile range with lots of interesting stops such as seeing the original “African Queen” of the Humphrey Bogart & Katherine Hepburn movie fame, a wild bird sanctuary, a turtle sanctuary & a dolphin hospital/sanctuary all of which rescued and nursed injured animals. After arriving in Key West (following a dumb multi-scrape accident by Dan), we toured the town by bike seeing such interesting sites as Harry Truman’s “Little White House”, an art museum with displays of the famed Flagler railroad, and an Ernest Hemingway exhibit. Hemingway wrote several of his major works while in Key West including “The Old Man & the Sea”.

Following another brief “dirty-clothes-cleanup” one week visit to Greensboro, we left for a week’s ski trip to Aspen, Colorado with the “Best of Times” ski club. We’ve skied with them several times & had great vacations (with the exception of 2011 when Dan broke his collar bone). We stayed at the wonderful old hotel “The Mountain Chalet” which, among other attractions, serves a HUGE and delicious breakfast. Skiing was great with some snowy but a lot of sunny days. Dan had his usual accident resulting in a sore back and two missed ski days, but Carol “made do” with gals from the club. Carol & Dan met many years ago on a ski trip (he claims she picked him up), so skiing always evokes fond memories.

All in all, it was a busy winter. Carol has promised Dan that he can stay home for a while, sip his scotch and prep the income taxes, though she’s off in early April for a canoe trip.





WHAT IS A LIFE MEMBER AND CAN I BECOME ONE?

The answer to the second part of the question is most definitely YES you can. Anyone who is a member of USPS can become a Life Member. In answer to the first part of the question, a Life Member is any active member who has received 25 Merit Marks but remember you can only earn one merit mark a year. As of 1 January 2013, GPS has 12 Life Members. However, becoming a Life Member won't happen over night, in fact, it will take at least 25 years of working and supporting your Squadron.

My journey to becoming a member of this elite group started in 1987; six years after Keith became a member of the Greensboro Power Squadron. During the course of those six years, I watched and participated in events but found that at that time, most of the out of town events were geared more towards the male members but still offering monthly meetings and socials for spouses and family members.

But 1987, the USPS membership rules changed and I was allowed to join. I assisted with the Public Boating Courses, stirred a mean pot of Brunswick stew for our annual fund raisers, served as elected member of the Executive Committee, served as Membership Involvement Chairman, worked with Kids Day at the Lake, Co-Chairman of Programs and other various jobs. My road, for whatever reason, did not take me through offices on the Bridge. However, I tried to learn something about each office and the responsibilities associated with it so that I could promote the squadron to potential new members. Of which I can say that I am responsible for several.

So again, the answer to the second part of the question is YES, anyone can become a Life Member if you are willing to get involved. If serving on the Bridge doesn't appeal then get out and help with our other activities. You can participate in our Boating Courses, Co-Op Charting events, Operations Big Sweep, District and National events and most importantly, agree to chair a committee.

My big weekend started on Friday 22 March, 2013 when Keith and I attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration for D/27 and then I attended the Members Luncheon and Award Program on Saturday 23 March. At the luncheon various awards were presented some of which were Vessel Safety Inspection, the various education awards including the most prestigious Prince Henry Award and finally the Life Membership Awards. There were nine Life Memberships awarded but only two members were present. I had a lot of support from the Greensboro attendees and was really feeling like I had accomplished something until one of our members asked a gentlemen at our table just how many merit marks he had earned and the response was 47 – boy did my 25 seem insignificant but never fear, when my name was called, I proudly walked to the front, accepted my award and knew that I had supported USPS in its mission. I want to thank those of you that made the effort to be there for me. Remember, the goal is not Life Membership, just get involved and the rest will take care of itself.

Kendra Bulla, P

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"

PREDICTED LOG – WEEKEND OF 18 MAY

Smith Mountain Lake

(Gathering at Pat & Dick Byrnes' Lakeside Home)

- Test your boat & navigation skills with running a planned course (no need to have your own boat)
- Have a great time with food/drinks & GPS friends

Sign up at the 8 April meeting(May mtg. too late!) or

Contact: David Eberle, 908-7182 (co-chair) or

Dan Kelly: 288-9552 (co-chair) Carol Kelly: 288-9552 (food & drink help)



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!

SMART BOATERS KNOW THEIR MAGIC MARKERS

Recent Florida news broadcasts have discussed frequent area groundings. Obviously poorly placed markers accompanied by shifting shoals can create a danger, but, for the most part, the use of charts and the observation of channel markers will keep a boater floating free of dangers.

All boaters should be familiar with the common red and green channel markers we so often see out on the water. These markers define the safe navigational waters as well as give us our location. Boaters should also be familiar with the old mnemonic “red right returning.” This simple phrase tells us that when within inland waters a boater should have the red markers on his right as he returns to port and conversely have the green markers on his right when leaving. In the Intracoastal System you are considered to be “going home” when cruising in a clockwise direction. Clockwise is defined as southerly along the East coast and northerly along the West coast.

If the markers are on your sides are not those defined by red right returning, you are on the wrong side of the marker and outside of the channel. The marker system is in reality more complicated than red and green markers. There are markers for a fork in a channel to indicate the preferred channel, there are yellow markers in dual use waterways, and there are uniquely shaped markers with bands of black and red that indicate a danger area. The markers define a waterway for boaters much like a highway on the water.

Unfortunately, when boaters go off the highway, they can run aground or worse. To fully understand the marker system it is best to learn in a class room environment where the instructor can produce visual aids along with the explanation of all the various markers. This is just one more reason that every boater should take an ABC Boating Course from the United States Power Squadrons®.

Sometimes markers are too distant for us to discern the numbers or color. For this situation, I taught myself a simple mnemonic, “tear gas,” In reality it is “Ter Gos,” but pronouncing it “tear gas” always works for me. The “Ter” means “Triangles-Even-Red, and the “Gos” means Green-Odd-Square. So when I see a shape in the distance, I can quickly discern its color and whether its number is odd or even by its outline.

At night we can see those markers that have the blinking red or green lights, but here too, we cannot see the numbers. This is where your navigation chart comes into play. Every marker has a unique blinking sequence that is indicated on the chart. Next to the marker, it will show that marker’s sequence of slow and fast flashes and may also include an “off” period. When you check the sequence of a distant flashing marker and find the matching sequence on your chart; you will then know the number associated with that flashing light as well as your exact location.

Navigational markers are a boater’s best friend. If you are a knowledgeable boater you will be able to identify distant markers by shape as well as navigate safely at night.

To learn more about competent boating, contact the boating experts of the United States Power Squadrons. Look for their local notices or go to the national website at www.USPS.org. You too can know all about the “magic markers” of boating.

As its members tell us: ““Boating is fun...We’ll show you how.”

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