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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**  
**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Emergency Procedures Training Exercise**  
**Starting Time 1845**  
**Oak Hollow Lake Sailboat Side**

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 [rkbulla@mindspring.com](mailto:rkbulla@mindspring.com). We need the headcount in order to have sufficient equipment available.

Training starts at **1845 SHARP**. Please wear proper boating attire for the Four Stages of hands-on training. Check-in 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. [ **GPS: L 36° 01.028 N Lo 080° 00.176 W** ]

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

**Note:** In the event of severe weather/thunderstorms on Monday, the exercise will be moved to Tuesday (May 14<sup>th</sup>). That decision will be made by 1500 on Monday and everyone will be notified if delayed until Tuesday.

Kendra & Keith  
 2013 Training Coordinators

**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**

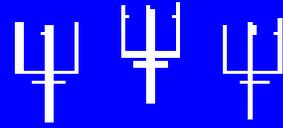
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larry and Pat Freeze "Pelecanus"</li> <li>• Alec and Kathy Wrenn "Carolina Wrenn"</li> <li>• Mike and Carolyn Hackett "Hattitude"</li> <li>• Mack and Vinnie Gordon "Optional Necessity"</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John and Sally Oberholtzer "Sally O"</li> <li>Ron and Anna Pittman "Anna Bee"</li> <li>Steve and Chris Puckett "Simply Mahvelous"</li> <li>David and Sue Schultz "Sea Kat"</li> </ul> |
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If you would like to make a donation, please make the check payable to The Greensboro Power Squadron and send the check to Ron Pittman – 3402 Cottage Place – Greensboro, NC 27455.



## Commander's Log

Cdr David Schultz, SN



Well spring has sprung! And as I look at the weather forecast, tomorrow will be summer and this weekend looks like winter again. I hear people say they like North Carolina because it has all the seasons and it sure does, in fact it has all the seasons in one week and then repeats it again next week. But it is May and time to start getting the boats ready for boating season. Just remember part of that preparation is to get a Vessel Safety Inspection done, so if you have not done so yet please give Woods McGinn a call to schedule one. And if anyone is interested in becoming an inspector please call Woods right away, the squadron as of right now only has two and we need more.

Also remember that our membership meeting for May will be held at High Point Lake. This will be a hands on safety event and should not only be educational but fun as well. Also coming up soon is the Co-Op charting weekend with a tour of the working port in Wilmington. if you wish to take the tour you need to contact Grant Dawson and give him the name on your photo ID and remember to bring that ID with you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Pat & Larry Freeze and Burton Kennedy for all the work they put in to chairing the wonderful weekend in Oriental, and all the great things that were happening in that town. The dog parade that some people saw, the home show that others took in. And some of the group even managed to work in a sailboat ride, of course the "On the water boat show" that I believe about everyone attended at some point. As you first walked in you passed by some Ferraris and a couple of Maseratis, but by the time we were done looking at all the boats a couple of hundred thousand dollars for a two passenger car seemed not so frivolous.

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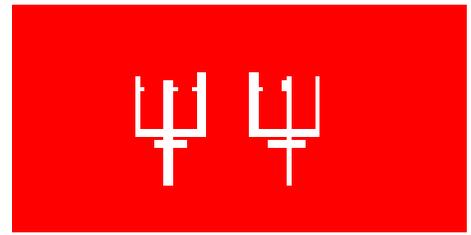
Sue did find a boat she said she wanted a 45' MainShip trawler, I told her to just write the man a check, but somehow we still didn't bring a new boat home.

And then of course that evening we all meet over at the Kennedy's home for a hot dog and hamburger cook out. It was a very relaxing weekend and the weather could not have been better. I do hope we can do it again. Well it time to get this off to print so until next time I'll just say "See ya on the Pond"





Executive Officer  
Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN



**This photo and article provided by Mack Gordy are intended to acknowledge the very high standards set by one of our very own members. Please read and enjoy!**

## **Greensboro's First Female Life Member**



D/C Harold O'Briant, JN, Lt Kendra Bulla, P, C/C John Alter, SN

Lt Kendra Bulla, P was presented her Life Member Award at the D/27 Awards Luncheon during the Council/Conference Meeting in Raleigh on March 23, 2013. To earn a Life Member Award you must have received 25 Merit Marks. Kendra is the first female to receive this award in Greensboro Power Squadron. When I joined the squadron in 1990, I was impressed with Kendra's involvement. During the Brunswick Stew sales she sold over 500 tickets every year plus being there cutting vegetables, stirring stew, and was always one of the last ones to leave after clean up. The Paddle Award was created to honor Kendra for her service to GPS and to recognize others that followed her leadership. Kendra has served as Squadron Membership Chairman and Membership Involvement Chairman numerous times. As Membership Involvement Chairman, she initiated a program where non-active members received a post card each month reminding them of upcoming meetings and programs.

Because of this program, many non-active members began attending meetings. Kendra has worked on Kid's Day every year and served as Chairman of Grading at the old eight week Squadron Boating Course for over ten years. She is a charter member of the "Conchettes", performing in five Conch Blowing Contests at D/27 Rendezvous as well as a District Change of Watch. She was registration chairman for the D/27 Rendezvous at Okracoke and again at Cape Lookout. She worked the registration and information desk for two USPS Governing Boards, handled check-in for a D/27 Change of Watch, helped prepare numerous backdrops for Squadron theme hospitality rooms at D/27 meetings, and worked in the kitchen during the Annual Oyster Roasts food preparation and clean up.

Kendra has an infectious smile and a laugh that makes everyone with whom she comes in contact comfortable and welcome. When asked to help, she has always been ready and willing. If a job needs doing and doing well, we've always been able to count on this most outstanding member.

Kendra, Greensboro Power Squadron is extremely proud of your accomplishment and the service you have given our squadron. Thank you.

P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP

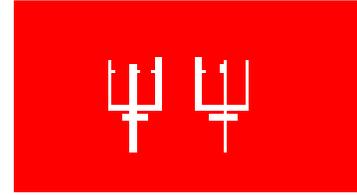
**CONGRATULATIONS KENDRA !!**

As editor of the BREEZE I have the privilege of seeing many things before others do. I also get information from local, District and National publications for review and possible publishing. I am very happy to say that our little corner of the USPS has been on the "GOOD" list for a long time. Our members are the reason why.

LT Michael Gunter P  
BREEZE Editor



Administrative Officer  
Lt/C Grant Dawson, AP



Our next program has been planned for a very long time. We will meet at Oak Hollow Lake no later than 6:45pm on Monday evening May 13, 2013. Rain date will be May 14, 2013, Tuesday evening. Keith & Kendra Bulla have worked very hard to make this a meaningful program for all of us. We are really looking forward to this program.

Dan & Carol Kelly and David Eberle are putting together the Smith Mt. Lake predicted log event. This will be May 17 & 18. Please contact Dan if you plan to participate but have not yet signed up.

On Friday, June 7, the membership will start the Co-op Charting weekend in Wilmington. Contact Kathy Wrenn if you are interested in participating in the Port Tour on Friday. We have chartered a trolley to take us around the guided tour of the Port. As this is a restricted area, we must be escorted and we must provide a list of names (official names that match a photo ID) no later than Wed., Jun 5. Please make sure Kathy has your "official" name. The trolley can accommodate 30 people, so it will be first come – first serve up to 30.

The cost of the trolley will be approximately \$375 which will be shared equally by all who go.

Our June 10, 2013 program will be at the Natural Science Center where we will have a program in their OmniSphere. TIME CHANGE 7 until 8:30. Cost will be \$10 per person. Details will be sent in an e-mail.

This should be a great program. Please plan to attend.

Our Commander and his crew wanted to be sure that no one gets bored this year, so the Belews Cruise has been planned for June 29, 2013. Jed Norris will be the chair for this event.

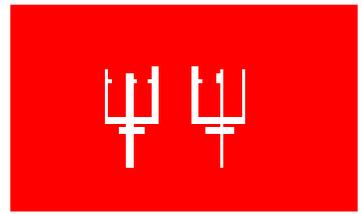
July 8, 2013 will be our Hummer at Bur Mil Park. Mike & Carolyn Hackett will chair this event.

More to come.





## Education Officer's **Lt. Karen Nussman, AP**



### The History of Predicted Log

Predicted log contests originated in The United States on the East Coast in the early 1900s when improved engines and boats stimulated a desire among skippers to compare their performances. Initially, committees of naval architects established handicaps and controlled these contests. Ratings were established based on horsepower, hull dimensions, and other factors.

Predicted logging flourished when groups of boaters planned joint cruises to the same destination and wanted to put their navigation and seamanship skills to the test. By predicting their exact arrival time at several points along the way and using handicaps, boaters measured and compared their performances. Predicted logging became a source of rivalry between yacht clubs and spread to other parts of the country. At one Predicted Log in 1934, a 143-mile long course involving 13 check-points between Seattle, Washington, and Nanaimo, British Columbia, attracted 61 participants representing 9 yacht clubs and 3 Sea Scout and Boy Scout groups.

To make the cruises more competitive, wagers were made, with each skipper confident of his ability to come closest to his predicted time. As with many competitive activities, rules had to be tightened over the years to ensure that every skipper stayed within the spirit of the rules. Contest log forms such as are used today were unheard of, so the times were recorded in the ship's log, hence the name: "Predicted Log." Most present log forms are derived from forms developed by the Eastern Cruiser Association in the early 1950s. Each sponsoring organization has its own forms, but all contain the same basic information about the race and the skipper's prediction.

Once sponsoring organizations were established and uniform rules were adopted, cruising competition caught on rapidly. Clubs began to challenge each other. Today, trophies are awarded locally and nationally to individuals and clubs for superior performance. The primary umbrella organization concerned with predicted log contests is the North American Cruiser Association.

Predicted Logging is but another way to emphasize the axiom that "Safe Boating is More Fun". I hope to see you at our Squadron's Predicted Log at Smith Mountain Lake in May.

### Nautical Tidbit for May

**Debacle:** Of Nautical origin, the word first referred to the breaking up of ice on a river or navigable channel. Generally, Debacle now means a breakup or rout, a sudden overthrow or collapse; overwhelming disaster.

## 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.

## 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/ 50<sup>th</sup> 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



## ISLAND HOPPING

It was the summer of 2006 and our motley crew of 8 comrades set out on a very industrious sailing trip. This was perhaps our 4<sup>th</sup> voyage together; Wrenns, Hacketts, Hamlins and Edwards, and we had set for ourselves a very busy agenda. We had planned to sail from St Martin to the Isle Fourche anchorage off St Barths, on to Nevi, then to Antigua, on north to Barbuda, back by St Barths and back to base at Marigot, St Martin. As usual, it was not without some interesting events.

We chartered out of St Martin, our usual 42 ft catamaran, this one a Privilege, the Babylone. It was a sub-let through Catamarna Co. in Tortula, BVI( whom we had sailed with twice before) and that became a bit of a problem, as Pascal, the manager and only visible employee of Antillies Yachts in St Martin, ended up being AWOL when later needed.

Anyway, the first leg, St Martin to Nevis by way of Isle Fourche, was a dream. Beam reach with 14 k winds. Beautiful sunset with St Kitts in the background and great dinner on board. Up early ready for a long sail to Antigua, and the weather had definitely changed! Angry sky and seas, 6 to 8 ft., reefed sails, etc. It did begin to clear up some as we approached Antigua, and after losing our big cooler overboard – beer cooler for heavens sake- and completing a man overboard procedure so that Tom Hamlin could rescue the cooler, we pulled into Jolly Harbor in time for cocktail hour.

As we were leaving the fuel dock heading for a mooring, the starboard engine alarm began to go off. After getting tied up, Alec and Mike climbed down into the compartment and diagnosed it as an impeller problem ( had that problem on another charter and kinda knew what we were dealing with.) In the tool kit is suppose to be extra impellers, but as you have guessed by now – no impellor and no tool to get the damaged one off.

The next morning, Alec and I headed to the Customs Office, always an adventure. As we were not able to reach Pascal to see if he had provisions for repair, Mike hired a taxi and spent the entire day going to all the islands chandleries, several of which were closed as it was off season, in search of a replacement. Found one at the last place- the only impeller that would fit on this entire island. The repair was made and we moved the boat next door to Falmouth Harbor. Had a great day there, at historic English Harbor ,home of Lord Nelson's British fleet. We even worked it out to attend the legendary Friday night bar-b-que up on Shirley Heights (was part of the British Naval installation that gives breathtaking views of the harbors below. ) Quite a party.

On to Barbuda, another squirrely weather day but we set our anchor in a pristine anchorage – only boat there on a deserted and uninhabited beach- I am convinced one of the most beautiful places on earth. We had planned to stay only 2 nights, but decided to stay 3 since it was so perfect.

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A long- hot- no wind- calm “sail” (motoring for 8 hours) back to St Barths. But after coffee and pastries in Gustavia the next morning, burgers at Le Select, a day on St Jean beach, lots of Caribe and rum punch, a wonderful dinner- all was well.

The next day we headed to our last anchorage at Grande Case, St Martin, the last morning ending our 10 day cruise at Marigot, St Martin. Again, couldn't raise Pascal on the radio - AWOL - when we arrived at the dock, not knowing exactly how we were going to refuel the boat. He eventually showed up on his bike – all's well that ends well.

Overall it was a wonderful cruise and we witnessed many beautiful and historic sites. We got a lot of good sailing and navigating experience, and practice being very resourceful – always helpful in any kind of boating.

We all did decide that our itinerary was somewhat aggressive and that we did too much sailing and not enough time on shore. Our prime destination was Barbuda and we decided next trip to fly to Antigua and charter there.

Would we do it again – you bet!!!





# 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”

## 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](http://www.USPS.org).

## “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.

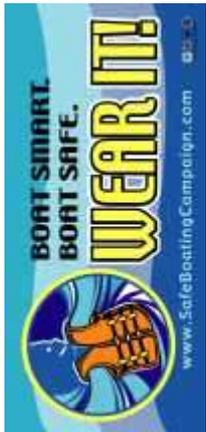
Look for familiar faces in the eastern front corner of the dining area. This is a terrific way to get to know your fellow squadron members on a more up-close and personal level. Lots of laughs, great conversation, and no one has to cook!! See you there!

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