



THE **BREEZE**

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Notice to Mariners



1/4/14 D-27 Training in Raleigh



1/25/14 Change of Watch

**Your invitation which requires an RSVP
should have arrived in the mail!**

Patrons of the Squadron

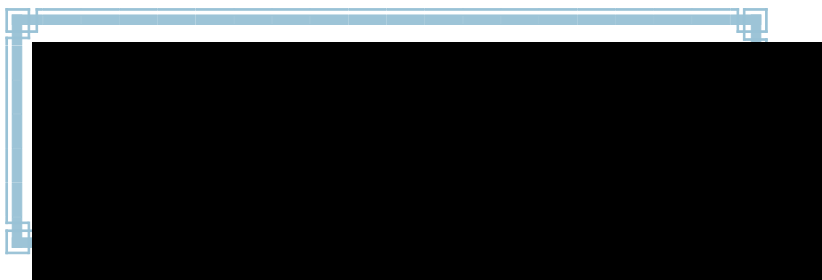
If you wish to be a 2014 Patron, please deliver your check made payable to Greensboro Power Squadron for at least \$25 to our treasurer before January 31, 2014



**Lt. Todd Ring, AP
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January Birthdays



Squadron Patrons are members who donate at least \$25.00 for the Executive Committee to have as reserve funds for unexpected expenses during the year. These monies help cover unbudgeted items. If you would like to be a Squadron Patron, please submit your check payable to the Greensboro Power Squadron and marked as "Squadron Patron" to Todd Ring, Treasurer, by the Change of Watch in January 2014. Your sponsorship lasts for the next squadron year and will be acknowledged monthly in the Breeze as noted below:

Squadron Patrons

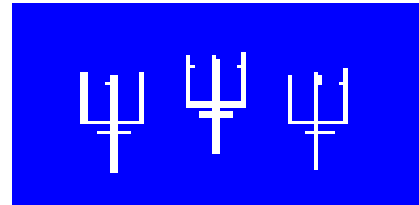
- Larry and Pat Freeze "Pelecanus"
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "Carolina Wrenn"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "Hattitude"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "Optional Necessity"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "Sally O"
- Ron and Anna Pittman "Anna Bee"
- Steve and Chris Puckett "Simply Mahvelous"
- David and Sue Schultz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

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Commander's Log

Cdr David Schultz, SN



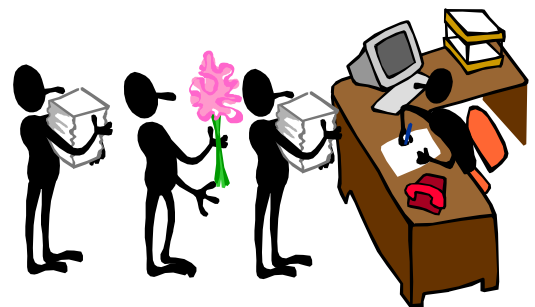
Well, this is the last article I will be writing for the Breeze as your squadron commander. It's hard to believe that it has been three years already. When I started as Administrative Officer, it seemed as if it would take forever to get through the three year commitment. But it really has been a lot of fun and very rewarding, so the time seemed to just fly by. I would like to advise any member who ever thought that he or she would like to help the squadron and feel that they may have some ideas that would benefit the squadron, please don't be afraid to give the executive jobs a try. Greensboro Squadron is one of the only squadrons left that has not yet had to recycle officers, and that is truly a good thing. We have had some very good commanders in the past and they are always willing to help anyone who asks. But it is still best to get new ideas and perspectives on the bridge. For I believe that is how we continue to grow and not become stagnate.

As I write this letter, I am looking forward to Christmas in just four days and the New Year after that, but I just found out yesterday that I will be on call the night of my "Change of Watch." I hope I don't get called out and miss it. I guess if I don't get sworn at, then the new Commander can't be sworn in and I will be stuck doing it all again. NOPE—can't let that happen; I must find someone to trade call weeks with me.

By the time this goes to print, it will be January already so I hope everyone will have had a very nice holiday season and a happy new year. And I hope the weather stays as pleasant as it has been the last few days so we can maybe get a jump on the boating season, because last year we had so much rain. With more free time this year, I hope to be on the water a lot more. The weather was so nice today I was able to be in the driveway painting my little 14' Vagabond sailboat. Now that's crazy, but I like it. Once again I would like to thank the members of the Greensboro Power Squadron in allowing me serve as your Commander for the year of 2013.

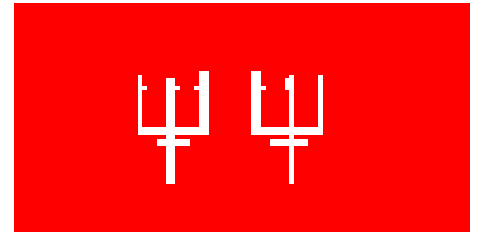
Important Notice to All Committee Chairman

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.





Executive Officer
Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN



True to this season, Christmas cards have been arriving in the mail, but on December 21st, I also received a lovely Christmas card without the name of the sender, and no return address on the envelope. The hand written note said:

“Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a peaceful 2014, Cdr”

What a thoughtful and considerate signal of support for someone moving towards leadership in the squadron. This card and other comments from well wishing folks have been quite a boost as the 2014 COW approaches. So, I offer my sincere “thank you” in advance of the election.

The calendar for 2014 for the Greensboro Power Squadron is out and I hope you will look at upcoming activities. In addition to the membership meetings (January is members only) of course there is the COW in January, the Progressive Dinner in February, our Dirty Harry Night in March, the Oriental Boat Show in April, and MORE. WOW! And THEN, our

Squadron 40th Anniversary in September.

So, Happy and Healthy New Year and my Thanks for your support in 2014 !



Save the date!!

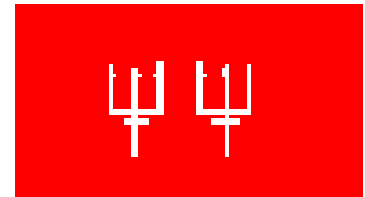
Sep. 20, 2014

GPS 40th Anniversary

A graphic with a decorative Celtic knot border. On the left is a stack of three spiral-bound calendars. On the right, the text reads: "Save the date!!", "Sep. 20, 2014", and "GPS 40th Anniversary".



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Grant Dawson, AP



Well it is December – End of 2013 – I, as an outgoing Bridge member am looking forward to the new incoming Bridge – 2014. If everything goes as planned, this should be a wonderful year of activities for USPS , District 27 and the Greensboro Squadron – next activity is the Change of Watch – hopefully I will see you all there – I do hope the unseasonal Caribbean weather continues – I like boating in December with 70 degree air temperatures!
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all



Ordering Squadron Clothing

John Oberholtzer

1. On your computer, go to www.landsend/business.com
2. Create an account.
(This is important as you will want to get Lands End e-mails since the sales are very worthwhile and can result in major savings.)
3. Go through the catalog and select your merchandise.
4. Check off the box for a logo.

During check out you will be prompted to enter the logo number

Clothing logo is #0826057 Cap (Hat) logo is #0877141

Note: the clothing and cap logos are the same, but the cap is smaller so that it will fit.
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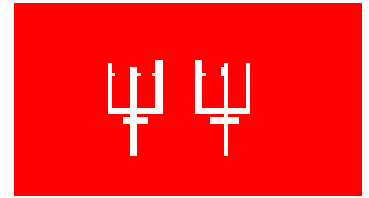
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“Cooks Night Off”

After being served with great consideration and ease for the Dinner after the Movie event, the group consensus was that we should start meeting at Oakcrest Family Restaurant, 2435 Battleground Avenue, on Monday between 6:00–6:30 P.M. (or earlier if needed for programs that so demand) for dinner and conversation before the Monthly Squadron Meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Look for familiar faces and join the group. 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!



Education Officer's
Lt/C Karen Nussman, JN



As we start the New Year – 2014, I heard many people making resolutions and talking about their New Year's day meal of greens and black eyed peas to bring luck and wealth in the upcoming year. Boaters seem to be particularly superstitious. There are literally thousands of nautical superstitions. So, have you ever wondered why, in this age of technology, we still rely on the age old superstitions to help bring us safely home? If you don't believe me, just watch an episode of THE DEADLIEST CATCH. It is about the adventures of several crabbing boats in the Atlantic. If you watch this show, you may have noticed the superstitions practiced on board, especially by the captains. Fishermen fight rough seas and weather, to earn their living. They take very seriously the cardinal 'maritime' myths or superstitions. I thought it would be fun to look at some of the more common superstitions.

It is unlucky to start a cruise on certain days:

Friday, because this is the day Christ was crucified.

The first Monday in April; this is the day that Cain slew Able.

The second Monday in August; this is the day Sodom & Gommrrah was destroyed.

December 31st, this is the day Judas Iscariat hanged himself.

Avoid redheads when going to your vessel to begin a journey. Red heads bring bad luck to a ship, but you can avert this if you speak to the red head before he or she speaks to you. (I wonder what you do if you are a red head?)

A silver coin placed under the masthead ensures a successful voyage.

Disaster will follow if you step onto a boat with your left foot first

Women on board the ship make the seas angry; however, a naked woman will calm the sea. Thus the reason for the naked figureheads.

Don't look back once your ship has left port as this can bring bad luck. Looking back to port implies that you are not truly ready to brave the seas and complete your voyage, bringing bad luck to yourself and the ship.

Black cats are considered good luck and will bring a sailor home from the sea.

Dolphins swimming with the ship are a sign of good luck.

It is unlucky to kill a gull. They contain the souls of dead sailors.

A sailor with over 50 years of service was said to go to "Fiddler's Green" when he died. One sailor's tale published in 1832 speaks of Fiddler's Green as being "nine miles beyond the dwelling of his Satanic majesty." The nine could well refer to Slavic literary archetypes that associate nine and ten with fantastic places, e.g., where there is rum and tobacco.

I hope you enjoyed reading about some of our nautical myths. Now, to avoid having to rely on these myths and superstitions, make sure you are always prepared when going on the water. We are going to have some fun and very good classes in 2014. Take a class!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



On Saturday evening **February 15th** bring the ones you love to our progressive dinner. We promise an enchanted evening for all in attendance. There will not be a charge for the evening as everyone who attends is expected to provide their part of the festivities.

The evening will start at 5:30 with cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres at one member's home. At 6:45 we will break into groups of 8 and depart to the homes of the couples who are hosting the dinners. At 9:00 we will depart from the dinner hosts and go another member's home for coffee and desserts.

We need volunteers to host the dinners. The host couple will be responsible for selecting the menu for the meal and assign portions of the menu to the other three couples. One shall supply the entrée, one a starch or breads, one a vegetable or salad and one the wine. It is the responsibility of the host couple to work this out with their guests and to spread the labor and the costs equitably.

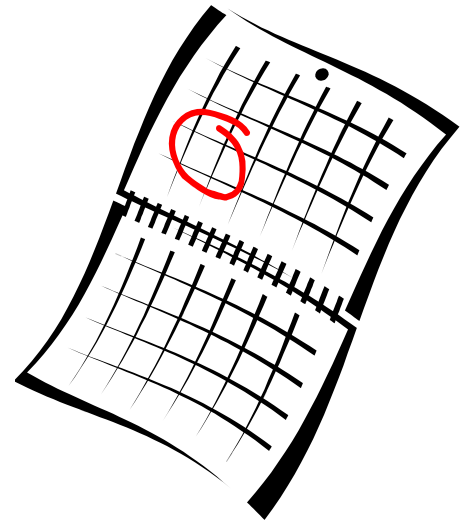
Please make your reservations early as time is needed to assign all of the various tasks to the attendees. Please feel free to volunteer a hors d'oeuvre or a dessert. Everyone is sharing and that is part of the fun. This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow members and enjoy not only some great food, but a lot of wonderful camaraderie. What better way to get to know each other.



Many thanks to Todd and Tracey Ring for organizing the Christmas Party held on December 9, 2013. If you were there, you know how special the evening felt as we welcomed in the spirit of Christmas to brighten up our holiday! If you were not there, make better plans next year!

Schedule of Events 2014

- 1/4/14 D27 Training Raleigh
- 1/13/14 Membership meeting— **MEMBERS ONLY**
- 1/25/14 GPS Change of Watch**
- 1/26+ USPS Annual Meeting—Jacksonville, FL
- 1/31/14 Submit payment for Squadron Patron
- 2/10/14 Membership Meeting
- 2/17/14 Ex Com Meeting
- 9/20/14 40th Anniversary Party



Please continue to bring canned items to donate to local folks in need to our regular monthly meeting. Volunteers will collect them and deliver them to appropriate recipients.



A Very Special THANK YOU to our Friends at the O HENRY HOTEL for Their Support



The nominating committee submits the following names for the Elected Positions for the Greensboro Power Squadron for 2014

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Lt/C Alec Wrenn, SN
Executive Officer	Lt/C Grant Dawson, AP
Administrative Officer	Anneli Johansson, P
Educational Officer	Lt/C Karen Nussman, AP
Assistant Education Officer	P/Lt/C Peter Dahl, JN
Treasurer	Lt Todd Ring, AP
Secretary	Lt Carol Kelly, AP

Elected Members At Large	Craig Cooper, AP Phil Thompson, S Leif Johansson, P
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Most recent P/C (All 1 year terms)	Cdr David Schultz, SN
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Nominating Committee (3 year term)	Cdr David Schultz, SN
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Rules Committee (3 year term)	Lt Larry Freeze, SN
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Auditing Committee (3 year term)	Lt Kendra Bulla, P
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**Respectfully submitted by the GPS Nominating Committee:
P/C Woods McGinn, AP, P/C Tom Statham, AP, P/C Ron Pittman, P**

Greensboro Power Squadron
2014 Budget Proposal

	2014 <i>Proposed</i>	2013 <i>Budget</i>	2014 <i>Change</i>
<u>Income:</u>			
Dues	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,500	\$ (700)
Fund Raiser	\$ 750	\$ 1,300	\$ (550)
Interest Earned	\$ 150		\$ 150
Education	\$ 1,250	\$ 500	\$ 750
Squadron Patrons	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -
Calendar	\$ 750	\$ 700	\$ 50
Total Income	\$ 5,900	\$ 6,200	\$ (300)
<u>Expenses:</u>			
USPS Educ. Fund	\$ 110	\$ 100	\$ 10
Facilities	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,175	\$ (75)
National Meeting	\$ 250	\$ 750	\$ (500)
<u>Commander</u>			
Cmdr Misc	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -
Awards	\$ 800	\$ 750	\$ 50
<u>Executive Officer</u>			
Big Sweep	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -
Co-op Charting	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25
Predicted Log	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
Kids Day at Lake	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ (150)
D27 Hospitality	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ (250)
40th Anniversary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Education Officer</u>			
Education	\$ 1,870	\$ 400	\$ 1,470
<u>Admin Officer</u>			
New M'br Mat'l	\$ 75	\$ 25	\$ 50
Programs	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ (50)
<u>Secretary</u>			
Breeze	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ -
Roster	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ (100)
Computer Misc	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -
Website Fee	\$ 150	\$ 75	\$ 75
<u>Treasurer</u>			
Calendar	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ -
Chg of Watch	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -
Interest Reinvest	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150
Socials	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ (50)
Bank Fees	\$ 119	\$ -	\$ 119
Supplies	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
Postage	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ 26
	\$ 5,900	\$ 5,000	\$ 900
Net Gain / (Loss)	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ (1,200)

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