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Welcome Spring!



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Notice to Mariners



3/10/14 Membership Meeting



Gather at Oak Crest Café for dinner before if desired!
Bill Young, SN will provide our program for the evening with teaching activities to update our navigating skills.

March 21 through 24 - D/27 annual meeting & COW New Bern

The 2014 Oriental In-The-Water-Boat Show
coming up April 11 -13, 2014

March Birthdays



3 P/C Mike Hackett	22 P/Lt/C Carolyn Hackett
5 P/C Keith Bulla	25 P/C Tom Hamlin
8 P/C Clyde Canter	27 David Craft
8 Mike Stokes	28 Lt/C Pat Freeze
16 Craig Cooper	29 Richard Haggerty



Squadron Patrons

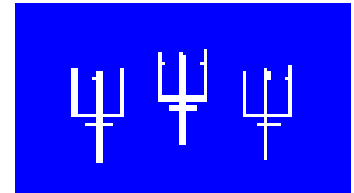
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "Carolina Wrenn"
- Lief and Anneli Johansson "EZ Living"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "Hattitude"
- David and Sue Schultz "Iron Jenny"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "Optional Necessity"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "Sally O"
- Steve and Chris Puckett "Simply Mahvelous"
- Keith and Kendra Bulla "Whisper"

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Commander's Log

Cdr Alec Wrenn, SN



In late January, Kathy and I attended the national USPS meetings in Jacksonville, Florida. We were dressed for Florida temperatures which failed to show up until five days after we arrived. We each had to buy an extra jacket to deal with the “cold, cloudy and rainy” weather. All rooms in the headquarters hotel were freezing as the heating system simply could not keep up with the cold. The hotel staff added plug-in electric heaters in rooms and hallways that had little impact.

On Wednesday of that week, Leif Johansson, Kathy and I took the mariner's CPR and first aid class, and it was superlative. As an individual on an anti-coagulant, I was thrilled to find a medical assist for those of us on such meds. While we were in the first aid class (all day), Anneli Johansson spent that day in the squadron Administrative Officer training class.

John Obertoltzer provided for District 27 a much needed banner displaying the 20 squadrons in our district and pictures of the four Chief Commanders and a caption showing that the USPS national offices are in Raleigh, in District 27. One picture below shows 3 of our 4 Chief Commanders from D/27: L. M. Barnes, John Alter, and Ernie Marshburn.

The very necessary business meetings were held, and we also had a great banquet to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of USPS. D27 was well represented with a little over 100 attending. Our own Chief Commander John Alter was relieved after completing his 2 year term.

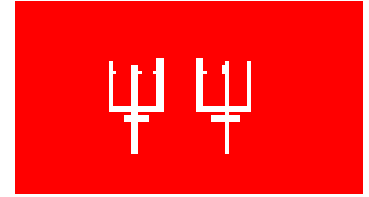
I found the display of the “award winning” teaching aids, and selected one creative aid to share among the few pictures below. This one weather teaching aid (see picture) shows graphically a cold and warm front.

We did finally experience the blessed Florida weather.





Executive Officer
Lt/C Grant Dawson, AP



Hello to all –

The District 27 Change of Watch and Spring Council will be held March 21 and 22 in New Bern. Commander Bob Howd is the outgoing Commander. So, his home Squadron, Fort Macon will be the host squadron. The events will be at the Double Tree Hotel right at the Marina (formerly the Hilton). The Comfort Suites is across the street if you would prefer to stay there.

The events begin Friday afternoon with an optional tour of the Hatteras Boat Works. This will be followed by the Commander's Reception. Dinner will be on our own, and we plan to have reservations at one of New Bern's great restaurants.

Saturday is the Spring Council Meeting – where the business of the District will be conducted. At the luncheon, District Awards will be presented to Squadrons as well as Awards to the District, from the National Meeting in Jacksonville Florida. Saturday night will be the District Change of Watch Ceremony and dinner.

For those going to New Bern but not attending the meetings, there are lots of other activities such as shopping, the new History Museum, and a tour of Tryon Palace. I would encourage all Greensboro Squadron members to attend this event. At this time I think there are about 10 folks planning on attending, but there is always room for more. For more information contact me or go to the D27 website.

Fair Winds and Following Seas –

D 27 2014 Spring Council/Conference - March 21-22, 2014 - New Bern

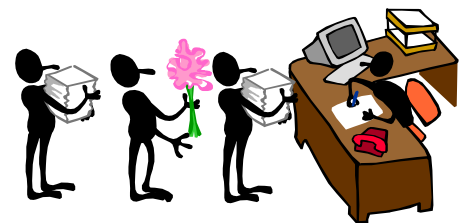
If you are interested in attending, hotel reservations at Double Tree Hotel in New Bern are being held for D 27 until February 26th. Hotel phone: 252 638 3585 Contact Cdr Wrenn or Lt/C Johannson for registration form for description of topics and for attendance at the conference.

Important Notice to All Committee Chairman

Merit Mark recommendations are due within two weeks after each event.

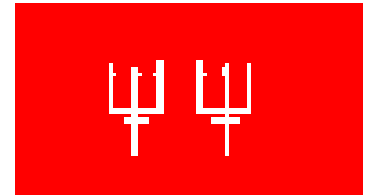
Send to P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP at mgordyjr@triad.rr.com.

Call Mack if you have questions.





Administrative Officer
Lt/C Anneli Johansson, P



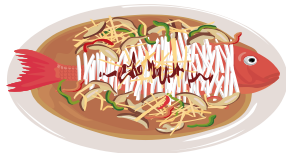
When Leif and I think Florida, we expect warm weather and sunshine. Well, not this time. We left Greensboro Monday the 27th of January, trying to get on the way before the first snow storm of the season hit. We arrived to a rainy and cold (38F) Jacksonville to attend part of the National meeting. Other than the cold weather, it was a great experience. On Wednesday the 29th of January I attended LD101 – Administrative Officer Leadership Training. There was a good-sized group of people some of whom were in the same position as me, some Executive Officers, and some who were going into the Commander's role. To my surprise, most of the people attending had been with their squadron five years or less. It is nice to see members taking an interest in their squadron by being active. We had a full day of information and case study. I have found it very interesting to meet different people from other squadrons and hear what they have to say. Something else that impressed me was all the volunteers working to make such a large event possible. In the evening we had an opportunity to meet several nice couples from District 27 at a casual but very enjoyable dinner. I highly recommend any members in our squadron who are not active, to be more involved and take on tasks. Some weeks it is a lot of work, but at the same time so rewarding, and you get to know a lot of nice, interesting people in our own and also other squadrons.

On March 21st and 22nd Leif and I are going to the D27 2014 Spring Council/Conference/COW in New Bern. At that time we will also tour the Hatteras Manufacturing. For those who are unable to attend, I will give you an update next month about this trip.

For our members who were not at our February meeting, Sue Schultz has volunteered to be our Meetings and Programs chair. Thank you, Sue! I also thank P/D/C Mack Gordy for putting together the Operations Training for us on February 20. Ten of our members attended.

Please be reminded that our Caliber Gun Range Outing, chaired by P/C Tom Statham has been changed from March to April. We will meet at Capt. Bill's Seafood on Market St at 1800 for dinner and membership meeting. At 1930 we will leave for the Caliber's Indoor Range on Downwind Rd.

Our March guest speaker is Dr Bill Young. He will be demonstrating coastal piloting techniques.



Cooks Night Off

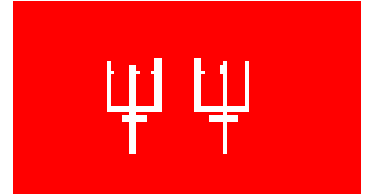


Join other GPS folks for dinner at the
Oakcrest Family Restaurant
2435 Battleground Avenue

Arrive between 6:00–6:30 PM 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!!



Education Officer's Lt/C Karen Nussman, JN



Many of you have pets and know they are part of the family. Taking Callie with us is automatic. However, when we first bought our boat, she made it clear that she is NOT a water dog, but will go on the boat rather than stay behind.

We quickly learned that you need a good supply of towels, especially for longer trips. Some dogs enjoy dips in the water. Even if they are like Callie, and don't want to get their feet wet, it will happen. One of the few times Callie did not mind us, she did not stay still on the boat when we were docking. In her need for *terra firma* under her paws, she jumped off the boat before we had it tied to the dock. Of course the boat pushed away from the dock when she jumped and she landed in the water between the boat and the dock. That is when we learned she could swim. Not how I would recommend you find out if your pet can swim.

I really enjoy walking the coastal docks and seeing the various boat pets, especially the cats, who look so "cool" lying in the sun on the decks of their boats. In thinking about (Wayne nixed the idea) taking Whitley, our 15 pound cat with us, I had to think about what his needs were in addition to Callie's needs. The biggest consideration is the litter box. Cats don't generally take being leashed and walked very well, though it can be done. The box would need to be attached securely somehow to keep it from sliding around. Make sure to use clumping litter; the non-clumping kind can create big messes in choppy waters. (I see a cartoon in my head of Sylvester the cat trying to hang on while in the litter box and Tweety Bird mocking him!)

For a dog on longer trips, you can use newspapers, or have a box of sod big enough for your dog and keep it somewhere on the deck where it is out of your way and secure. You can buy a "doggie toilet" that is a small patch of synthetic grass attached to an absorbent, anti-microbial base. You will still need to have a large supply of plastic baggies handy, as you would on a walk.

Make sure you get your pet used to the boat before going on a lengthy trip. As you're getting your pets acclimated to the boat, you can also help them get used to their PFDs.

You should have a pet PFD on hand for each pet. The PFD will not only be its life jacket, but will also protect against hypothermia in case your pet is in cold water for a long time. A good idea is to give your pet a chance to try swimming in its PFD before you leave the dock. Dogs should wear their PFDs at all times on board.

A cat however, has different responses to water than their canine companions. Some boaters say that their cats find lifejackets more hindrance than help. Before boating with your cat, try the PDF. If it does not handle it well, make sure your cat can swim and have a PFD handy for your cat.

All pet flotation devices should have a handle on the back that rests between your pet's shoulder blades. That's so you can lift the animal out of the water if the need arises. Make sure you have practiced lifting your pet in the PDF a few times so you are sure you're strong enough to rescue your pet if you need to. Finally, don't forget your own life vest. A big, wet dog is heavy enough to pull you into the water, and dog owners have been known to drown attempting to pull their pets aboard.

Other considerations when boating with your pets:

- Food and water. Bring more water than you think you'll need, just in case.
- Snacks. You should always have treats handy to reward your dog's good behavior.
- A collar with an identification tag. Include contact information, marina address and slip number.
- A carrier, harness or leash. Most docks do have a leash law.

- You'll need an easy way to help your dog get out of the water and on board -- either a dog ladder or a dog ramp. A harness or a carrier is a good idea for a cat. A port can be a dangerous place for a cat: Make sure the cat is safely restrained before you reach land.
- Medical records confirming vaccinations and other medical conditions/medications. This is especially important if you cross state or national borders.
- A scratching post for your cat is a good idea. Otherwise they may find your ropes or accessories are great toys for clawing.
- Keep fishing gear contained and out of your pet's reach. Dogs and cats have been known to get hooked. If that happens, don't try to remove the hook yourself. Keep the dog calm. Do what you can to lighten or stabilize the hook's weight, then get to a vet as quickly as possible.
- Keep an eye on your pet at all times, both on the water and on shore.
- Even though boating is fun, don't forget to enforce discipline. Your dog should know it can only go in the water when you say so.
- You must monitor the deck's temperature at all times. Cats and dogs can burn their paw pads. You might want to have protective paw shoes for your pets.
- Remember that pets can lose their footing on a wet deck.
- If you're planning to spend time on a beach, look for debris on the sand. Sharp objects, crabs and jellyfish can all be hazardous to a curious pet. Have a first aid kit with tweezers on hand.
- Keep sunscreen (at least SPF 15) on hand. Pets can get sunburned, just as people can. Consider buying a lightweight sun-proof jacket for breeds with very short hair.
- Never tie your pet to your boat. If you encounter rough waters, or the boat turns over, your pet won't be able to swim to safety. Use a carrier or harness to confine your pet.
- Know the signs of seasickness: They are disorientation, excessive salivation and apathy.

While this sounds complex, once you and your pet are geared up, it will become automatic to check for these items, just as you would for your children.

Safe Boating!

Nautical Tidbit for March

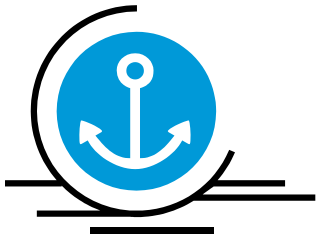
Poop Deck: The Poop Deck is the highest deck at the stern of a sailing vessel, raised above the quarterdeck. A ship is "pooped" when a heavy sea breaks over her stern while she is running before the wind in a gale – a very dangerous situation, because the vessel's speed in this circumstance is approximately the same as that of the following sea. She therefore loses steerage way and becomes uncontrollable, with the likelihood of broaching to and foundering.

Upcoming Classes:

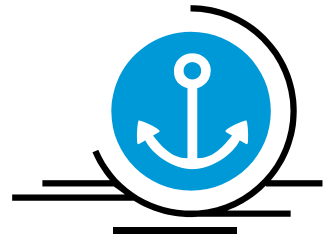
**Piloting – March; Instructor Update – March; Weather- April; Contact me at
kwnussman1990@gmail.com or 336-549-1990 to register**



Save the date!!
Sep. 20, 2014
GPS 40th Anniversary



The 2014 Oriental In-The-Water-Boat Show
coming up April 11 -13, 2014



The 2013 Oriental In-The -Water-Boat Show and Nautical Flea Market proved be a lot of fun and a great Squadron outing. I know those who were there last year will want to go again, and I hope some of you who were not there last year will want to come join the fun.

There will be cocktail parties, a cookout, lots of boats and marine items to view, and a nautical flea market. Also available are a number of related seminars or a tour of homes and gardens.

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

I know many of you have accommodations available to you in Oriental but for those who don't, I have asked **River Neuse Suites** to hold some rooms for Greensboro Squadron members. They were wonderful hosts last year. You should expect a 10% discount but make your reservation early as they cannot hold the rooms indefinitely. For reservations call 252-249-1404. Check them out at

<http://www.riverneuserentals.com/index.asp>

If you know you are coming, let me know by phone or email so we can plan the gatherings.

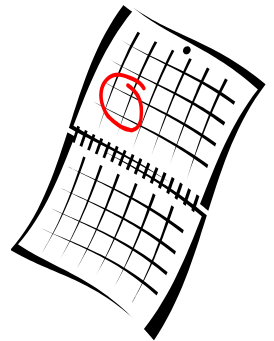
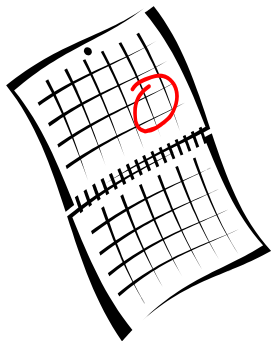
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Florida in January

Schedule of Events 2014

3/10/14	Membership Meeting
3/17/14	Ex. Com
3/21-23/14	D/27 annual meeting & COW New Bern
4/11-13/14	Oriental Boat Show, dinner @ Burton Kennedy's
4/14/14	Dirty Harry Night
4/22/14	Ex. Com meeting
5/12/14	Membership meeting
5/19/14	Ex. Com meeting
6/6-8/14	Smith Mt. Lake predicted log
6/9/14	Membership meeting
6/16/14	Ex. Com meeting
6/20-22/14	D/27 Rendezvous Pecan Grove, Oriental
6/25/14	Kids Day
7/14/14	Hummer in the Summer
7/19/14	Blueberry Picking
7/21/14	Ex. Com
8/11/14	Blueberry Social
8/18/14	Ex. Com meeting
9/6/14	Belews Cruise
9/7-14/14	USPS governing board Arlington, VA
9/8/14	Membership meeting
9/15/14	Ex. Com meeting
9/20/14	GPS 40 th Anniversary Party
9/25-28/14	Myrtle Beach cruise and Co-op charting
10/17-19/14	D/27 Fall Council Conference (TBA)
10/4/14	Big Sweep Belews Lake
10/13/14	PC Happening
10/20/14	Ex. Com meeting
11/8/14	Ladies luncheon
11/10/14	Membership meeting
11/17/14	Ex. Com meeting
12/8/14	Christmas party
12/15/14	Ex. Com meeting
1/10/15	D/27 Training Raleigh
1/12/15	Membership business meeting
1/18-25/15	USPS annual meeting Jacksonville, FL
1/31/15	GPS COW



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.



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