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Notice to Mariners



5/12/14 Membership Meeting



Claiborne Young brings us his latest news of the coast

Gather around 6 PM for dinner before the meeting at
Oakcrest Family Restaurant
2435 Battleground Avenue

Predicted Log

June 6-8

Smith Mountain Lake

Sign up at May Membership Meeting
Or contact Dan Kelly or Dave Eberle soon
See page 6



May Birthdays



3 Paul D. Shelor
12 Jed Norris
16 ML Koeberling
19 Jerry Chance
23 Eric C. Eakes
24 Paula Elliott
26 Hardy Spence



Squadron Patrons

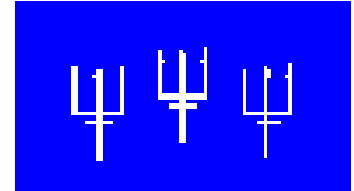
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "Carolina Wrenn"
- Leif and Anneli Johansson "EZ Living"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "Hattitude"
- David and Sue Schultz "Iron Jenny"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "Optional Necessity"
- Larry and Pat Freeze "Pelacanus"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "Sally O"
- Steve and Chris Puckett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

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Commander's Log

Cdr Alec Wrenn, SN



Greensboro Power Squadron was well represented at the District 27 Spring Council/Conference and Change of Watch. Mack and Vinnie Gordy, Steve Puckett, Paul and Dawn Long, Jerry and Dan Chance, Anneli and Leif Johannson, Keith and Kendra Bulla and Kathy and I were able to attend. This set of meetings is the annual business meeting for the District and as such a new bridge was elected and a new budget was approved. (See pictures on page 9)

There are no other circumstances wherein I would have been able to meet such a variety of really neat and capable folks. I served in my traditional role as one of the Aides to the District Commander. My roles include serving as District Chaplain, and as a bar tender at the District Commander's Membership Reception. We had over 120 attending that reception, and Lloyd Moore and Robert Bruener served as bar tenders. Tending bar is the greatest point of contact with all of the guests, whether they enjoy a soda or a mixed drink.

Having served as District Chaplain for 10 years, I elected to give that position up and notified the District Commander and Executive Officer a year ago so they would have time to secure a new person for that role. Wilbur Chapman will begin that role at the next District event which will be the District Rendezvous, which will be held at Pecan Grove Marina, Oriental, NC, June 20, 21, 22.

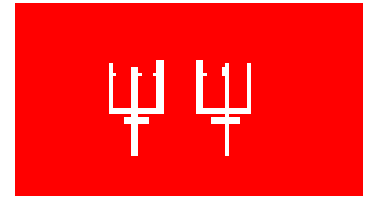
Greensboro Power Squadron was recognized along with other squadrons for various accomplishments. Included in this recognition for Greensboro was an award for "Doing it Right" which is meeting our primary goals, an award "In Recognition of Distinctive Performance for USPS Websites 2013" and this of course is due to Mack Gordy, and an award "To The Staff of The Breeze (Carolyn Hackett) In Recognition of Distinctive Performance For USPS Publications 2013."

Save the date to celebrate!!
40th Anniversary of the Greensboro
Power Squadron
Sep. 20, 2014
GPS 40th Anniversary





Executive Officer
Lt/C Grant Dawson, AP



Spring is now in full “bloom” and I think the pollen count is the highest in years — at least my cars, boat covers, and outdoor furniture think so! The Spring commissioning is almost complete; boat launch soon (my commercial boat is already running) ; water , temperature a bit cold, but warming quickly. The younger set were swimming this last weekend .

One of the next activities coming up will be the D/27 Rendezvous and I have taken the liberty of reprinting an Email blast sent out via “Sail Angle” about some of the planned festivities:

D/27 Rendezvous

This year co-host Rocky Mount and Cape Lookout invite D/27 members to plan for some fun & sun with your friends & family at this D/27 Rendezvous. This year’s event will be held at Pecan Grove Marine Oriental NC June 20th-22nd 2014.

Just a quick peek of this year’s events.

Friday June 20th the docks will open to receive boats.

The evening will start with social hour followed with a pig picking.

Saturday June 21st we have a fun filled day planned.

The day will start with a flag-raising ceremony with some special guest speakers. The day’s events include a kayak / canoe tour, bean bag baseball, corn hole tournaments and the ever popular conk-blowing contest.

We have made special arrangement for tours of the local museum, and, for you wine connoisseurs, a tour of the local winery which includes taste testing for those who dare.

The evening will end with a social and seafood dinner followed by the presentation of awards.

Sunday June 22nd No events are planned; however, dock hands will be available to help the departing boats.

For those of you that who are attending by boat, we have 44 slips available at a very special rate for our members and have made arrangement with another marina nearby to help with any overflow.

For those of you that are driving, there are several local hotels in Oriental who are taking reservations. We will be sending more information with names and numbers as well as cost in the near future.

Fair Winds and Following Seas -
Grant



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.



Belews Cruise

People and boats are still needed for the Belews Cruise on May 17th.

We will meet around 9:00 AM and be on the water by 10:00.

We will raft up for lunch.

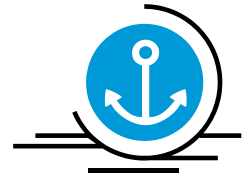
Each boat needs to plan its own lunch for crew.

Please email or call David Schultz if you plan to attend.

Your response is needed by the 1st of May to allow planning for this event.



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Myrtle Beach Cruise and Co-Op Charting

September 25th through 28th

It's time to start marking your calendars and planning for our Myrtle Beach Cruise. On Friday morning boats will begin traveling on the IntraCoastal waterway meeting other boats as the group proceeds South towards Myrtle Beach. Rafting up for lunch is a possibility along the way. Individual boats will do some of their assigned Co-Operative Charting along the way. We will travel to Barefoot Landing Marina and Resort where we will gather for Docktails late in the afternoon. We will have access to the pool and hot tub while we stay at the resort. Dinner will be on your own or gathering with others for one of the local restaurants.

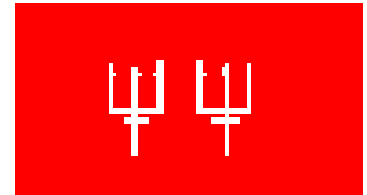
Saturday may be spent on additional Co-op Charting, visiting the shops at Barefoot Landing, boating, swimming, shopping, or enjoying the area in other ways. Saturday evening dinner and show at the Alabama Theater will be options.

On Sunday, plans will be made by individual captains or drivers. Continuing Co-op Charting may happen before or during the cruise back to home ports.

There will be many different opportunities to join in on the fun. Please let Mike Hackett (carmikeh@gmail.com) know if you are interested in joining the cruise and whether you will be bringing a boat. Captains who have room for passengers should indicate how many people they can accommodate. Another option is to drive in by car and meet the others at Barefoot Landing Resort. People needing overnight accommodations may rent a Balcony room (two queen beds and one bathroom), or folks may choose to divide up into three or four bedroom condos which have separate bedrooms and kitchen facilities. If you wish to see pictures of the resort and check rates, go on the web to barefootresortvacations.com where you can put in dates and check prices.



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Anneli Johansson, P



April 11th a small group of us travelled to Oriental for the Oriental In-The-Water-Boat Show. We had summerlike weather, and stayed at a very cozy little hotel. We want to say a big thank you to Lt Larry Freeze and P/Lt/C Pat Freeze for organizing this event. We also want to thank Burton and June Kennedy for hosting the Saturday cook out at their home in Oriental.

The weather is starting to get warm which means people are going out on the water with their boats. Something we need to think seriously about is safety, safety, safety ! This means among other things lifejackets, maritime radio usage and anticipating bad weather conditions. To wear a lifejacket or not can be a lifesaving decision. When we are boating in Swede, I never leave the dock without having my life vest on, even if it is only to go for a pump out or to fill water. I have experienced a couple of times being on deck in rough water trying to put the fenders out. At those times, I have been very thankful for having the grab rails and wearing my life vest. It is also very important to check the weather forecast. Nowadays there are so many ways you can stay informed about weather conditions such as your maritime radio and the Internet. Personally I do not like to be surprised by bad weather but to know hour by hour what I can expect. One time we got into a really heavy downpour of rain on the water and could see absolutely nothing in front of us. A scary moment for sure. I have been told if you get into bad weather never to turn around but to continue to the closest safe place on the water you know and can find. To master the skill of swimming is something else that improves the safety on the water. Maybe most important is to have a plan if an emergency should occur, and to remember to stay calm.

Our speaker for our May membership meeting is Clairborne Young. He will speak about our coastal waterways.

May 17th is the Belews Cruise at Belews Lake. P/C David Schultz is the chair person.

At our June membership meeting, P/C Karl Kobberling will do a presentation about ML and his recent trip to Peru.

Predicted Log is coming up on June 7th at Smith Mountain Lake. Our chairperson is Lt Dan Kelly. P/C Tom Hamlin and Lt Mary Hamlin are hosting lunch and dinner on Saturday at their Smith Mountain Lake home.

July 14th is our Hummer-in-the-Summer event. Lt Craig Cooper is the chair. Please contact Craig if you can help with this event. Also in July on the 19th is the Blueberry Picking. Lt Kathy Wrenn is the chair.

Looking forward to see you at our Belews Cruise event!

Predicted Log June 6—8

Smith Mountain Lake home of Mary and Tom Hamlin

It is time to let Dan Kelly or Dave Eberle know that you plan to come and whether you will be bringing a boat.

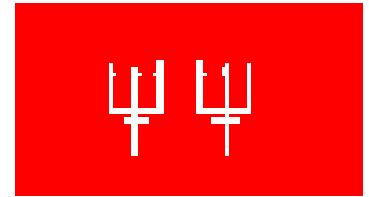
Bring a covered dish to share and your own alcoholic beverage if desired.

More details and sign up sheet at the May Meeting





**Education Officer's
Lt/C Karen Nussman, JN**



Over the last week I expect we have all been following the rescue efforts for the two fishermen who disappeared at Belews Lake. I keep thinking about what happened. Did one person fall overboard or went swimming and became distressed? If so, it seems that his friend reacted in such a way that he put himself in danger.

Accidents happen too often. I really think back to the member training meeting we had last year that Kendra and Keith Bulla coordinated for our squadron. What a valuable experience. However, I must confess that since that night, I have not attempted to toss a lifeline to a target or checked more into the proper procedures to call for help with the radio equipment. I would encourage everyone to re-visit this experience with a fellow boater and keep fine tuning your safety skills.

On a more positive note, I would like to ask the membership for feedback for an elective course you would be interested in for the fall. We just started the Weather Course with Ed Miller leading us as we explore the many components of our weather systems. Ed started our first class using a Lava Lamp to demonstrate methods of heat transfer. What fun, and I remember how it works!

Please provide feedback, as we want to be able to offer educational opportunities for our members so you can hone your skills while having a great time with others in the squadron.

Congratulations to Peter Dahl. Peter who has just completed the requirements to become our squadron's newest Navigator!

Nautical Tidbit for May

Fairway – In everyday usage, the part of a golf links between the tees and the putting greens; the driving ranges where the grass is kept short. From the original Nautical usage, which referred to the navigable portion of a harbor or river, suitable for vessels entering or leaving.

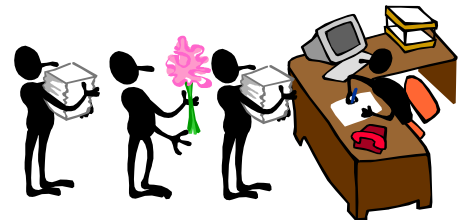


Awards and Activity at Dirty Harry Night



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.



D-27 Rendezvous



Pecan Grove Marina in Oriental
June 20—22
Conch Blowing Contest
Be on the lookout for more information!!

D-27 Change of Watch



In-Coming Commander and wife



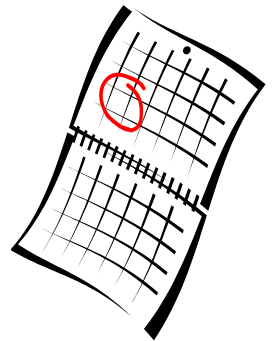
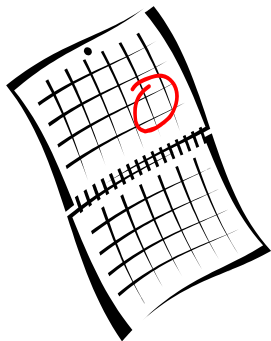
Out-Going Commander and wife



D-27 New Bridge

Schedule of Events 2014

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



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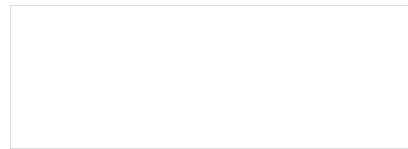


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