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Happy Thanksgiving

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Notice to Mariners

Ladies' Luncheon

Saturday, November 8th
The Bistro at Childress Vineyards in Lexington



Members should have received an invitation with a response card. Since we are carpooling, advance planning is necessary. Reservations were due to Kathy Wrenn by October 31st, but if you have not responded and still want to go, contact Kathy immediately!

November Birthdays

1 John L. Lomax	17 Richard Young
7 Lollie Holland	18 Elizabeth Crosby
9 Shirley Kern	18 Jim Ward
16 Zachary Eakes	21 Berry Stout
16 Stephen Puckett	

Squadron Patrons

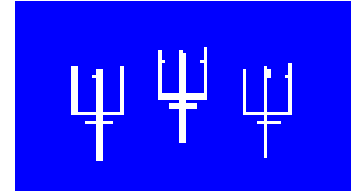
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "Carolina Wrenn"
- Leif and Anneli Johansson "EZ Living"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "Hattitude"
- David and Sue Schultz "Iron Jenny"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "Optional Necessity"
- Larry and Pat Freeze "Pelacanus"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "Sally O"
- Steve and Chris Puckett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

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Commander's Log

Cdr Alec Wrenn, SN



By the time you read this issue of the *Breeze*, Kathy and I will have experienced Halloween Under the Sea at the Fort Fisher Aquarium, with our 7 year old granddaughter. This Aquarium is located south of Carolina Beach. Now, just as you are, we are looking forward to family and good food during Thanksgiving this month.

Five members of our squadron were able to attend the District 27 Fall Council/Conference in mid-October, it was held in Mooresville, NC. Those attending were Peter Dahl, Anneli & Leif Johansson, and Kathy and I. We learned that the District will sponsor Leadership Training again in Raleigh, on Saturday, 10 January 2015. There will be notice of a NEW LOCATION for this event, and information will be forthcoming.

Also, the D/27 Rendezvous will be held at Myrtle Beach Yacht Club, June 12-14. This will be a joint Rendezvous with District 26. If you think you can attend, then block out this time frame now, and perhaps some of us could go early or stay late or add an additional event to the D/27 schedule.

At these District meetings in Mooresville, we heard from the Chief Commander's representative David Allen. David is an attorney, serves as the legal officer for USPS, and in his career has filed cases with the United States Supreme Court. David is a member of the Lake Murray squadron, has 26 Merit Marks and has his USCG Master's License. The theme of his talks dealt with boating education, with the initial theme "An educated boater is a better boater." This was also mentioned as phrased "Keep the fools off of the water by offering them education."

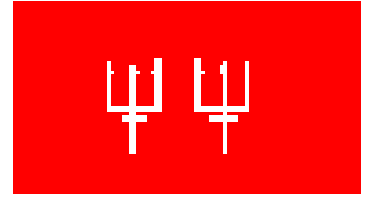
In his report from the Chief Commander, he stated that the **Prime Directive of USPS is boating education, as "education makes the water a better place."** Also reported is that USPS has received some complaints because of reaching out to small boaters and even kayaks owners. This is a change as you know from previously focusing on members of USPS with the traditional cruiser and larger sailboats and sport fishermen boating members. The Chief Commander's District now has a membership wherein 65% of the boats are under 20 feet. If my memory serves me, this trend of fewer big boats, has occurred with a sister squadron, The Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron as well. This is a reflection of fuel prices and that many members are fishermen who do not fish from the large boats. Additionally, the median age of new members in USPS is now 49 years of age! This reflects that phase when parents have had a successful "launch" of their children and perhaps have an increase in disposable income and the time to become involved in a squadron.

The D/27 Fall Council/Conference was very interesting. Now, as a heads up, let me remind you that the D/27 Training Session is in Raleigh, January 10th, 2014, and the D/27 Change of Watch will be held in Raleigh, March 20-22, 2015.





Executive Officer
Lt/C Grant Dawson, AP



They say a picture is worth a thousand words – so, here is the picture! Fall is here, and if you haven't been on the water to view all the spectacular color changes, you should. Happy Thanksgiving to all and a reminder to be sure to winterize your boat. There are many very good winterization check lists available on the Internet. As I write this, the weather folks are calling for snow in the mountains and foothills – it seems to get earlier every year. Summer and Fall are too short and old man winter seems to be hanging around a little longer! Southbound on the ICW is looking better and better !



Cooks Night Off

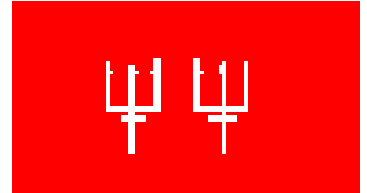
Join other GPS folks for dinner at the
Oakcrest Family Restaurant
2435 Battleground Avenue

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!!
See you there!

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.



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Anneli Johansson, P



Greensboro Power Squadron – Not many in Greensboro know what kind of organization this is. We come to our monthly meetings not only to listen to interesting presentations, but also to meet friends. Friends who care about you as an individual, and who involve you in groups and events. As members our main focus is and should be education to educate members and non-members to be safe boaters. The more you learn about safe boating and navigation, the more you will enjoy your time on the water. Another focus is to get involved in our community with different projects. I certainly enjoyed Co-op Charting which was a combined community/social event last month.

To our new members I want to say get involved. Pick an event that you would like to be involved with and start there. I have been the Administrative Officer this year. Did I know what it all involved when I said I would do it; no. Do I regret ever getting involved; absolutely not. This has been the most fun (busy, yes) year. I have learned a lot about Greensboro Power Squadron in particular and people in general. I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of our members who have shared with me their knowledge and expertise.

We want to thank P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP for putting together another Operations Training session last month.

I also want to extend a big thank you to everybody who helped with the Yard Sale on October 11th, which was a big success.

The Ladies' Luncheon is November 8th at Childress Vineyards. Lt Kathy Wrenn, AP is the chairperson.

At our membership meeting November 10th, Leif and I will present a short program about our boating in Sweden this past summer.

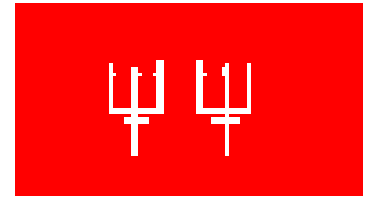
Our Christmas Party will take place on December 8th at the Centenary UMC. Chairpersons are P/C Ron Pittman, P , 1st Lt Anna Pittman, P, and Lt/C Todd Ring, AP.

Welcome New Members Peter and Jill Tourtellet!

Peter and Jill participated in the Smith Mountain Lake Predicted Log Contest recently as guests of Paul and Dawn Long. Using Peter's boat, they won first place. Peter is retired from Vanity Fair (Blue Bell and Wrangler), and currently is Managing Director of Anderson Bauman Tourtellet Vos & Company. They are both very active in activities of the First Presbyterian Church and are currently enrolled in our Seamanship Class. Please make them feel welcomed!



Education Officer's Lt/C Karen Nussman, JN



Piloting is one of the oldest professions - it has been used as long as boats have been used for travel. The oldest *recorded* history dates back to about the 7th century BC. The basic goal of piloting is to determine your position and to find a safe route to your destination using natural and manmade landmarks as reference points. All waterways have hazards you need to be aware of and plan for when determining your route. Awareness of shoals, currents, rocky shorelines, bridge heights and tides all are critical in cruise planning along the coast.

I have read that “ **Piloting a boat is like playing chess; you need to stay five moves ahead at all times, so never react to problems when you can act to prevent them in the first place.**” Safe cruising, whether on a power boat or sail boat, is about understanding the many dynamics so there is never an unexpected problem. Piloting skill is about avoiding trouble, not reacting to trouble.

The USPS Piloting Course teaches you:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- The “Seaman's Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course.

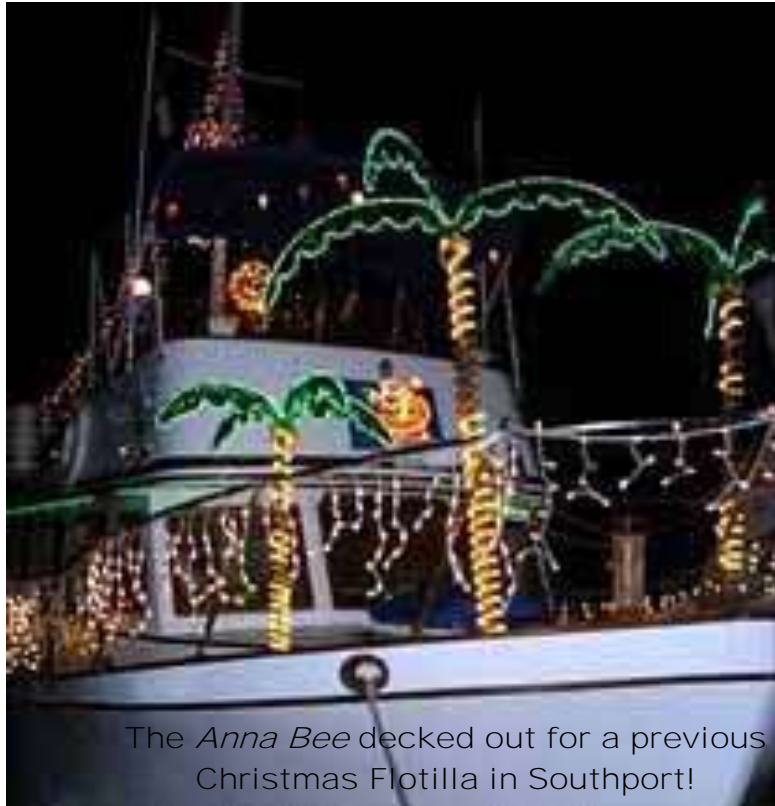
By learning (and refreshing – for those of us who have not taken the courses for a while) piloting skills you will be prepared to plan your passages ahead of time and update them en route if conditions change or you find a diversion you wish to explore.

Our next Piloting course will begin On January 7, 2015.
Please contact me to sign up at 336-549-1990 or by email –
kwnussman1990@gmail.com

Reference Source: “CoastalNavigation.com”; 2012; “History.com” April 9, 2014

Nautical Tidbit for November

Did you know that Mark Twain was a riverboat pilot? Samuel Clemens was 23 when he received his steamboat pilot's license. He actually piloted his own boats for two years, until the Civil War halted steamboat traffic. During his time as a pilot, Samuel Clemens picked up the term "Mark Twain," a boatman's call noting that the river was only two fathoms deep, the minimum depth for safe navigation. When he returned to writing for the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise, he wrote a humorous travel letter signed by "Mark Twain" and continued to use the pseudonym for nearly 50 years.



The *Anna Bee* decked out for a previous Christmas Flotilla in Southport!

**Join us for the Greensboro Power Squadron's Christmas Party
Monday, December 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm.**

**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 Friendly Avenue**

Please join us for a potluck dinner and a visit from Santa and his helpers.

Help us celebrate this special evening by bringing a large casserole or desert to share and a wrapped children's gift labeled with the appropriate age and gender. All children in attendance will receive a present from Santa.

Gifts not distributed will be donated to the Children's Home Society.

The squadron will provide a meat entre', coffee and tea.

To reserve your space, mail your check payable to Greensboro Power Squadron for \$5.00 per adult (children under 12 are free!) to:

Todd Ring

6605 Stonecroft Dr.

Oak Ridge NC 27310

Or call to RSVP 643-0650 (Todd & Tracey Ring)

Reservations are required by December 2, 2014

Big Sweep as reported by Lt Jerry Newton, SN, chairman

Thanks to P/C David Schultz,SN, Lt/C Grant Dawson, AP and P/C Charlie Boswell,AP for bringing their boats to Belews Lake to assist participants P/C Karl and M. L. Koebberling, P/Lt/C Peter Dahl,SN, Lt Jerry Newton,SN, P/C Stewart Colson, JN, Sue Schultz, Lt/C Karen Nussman,JN, Wayne Nussman,JN, Lt Leif Johansson,P, and Glenda Waite. Volunteers were Chad Hutchens and Torrie (Schultz granddaughter). Sherry Beck brought and served lunch. Suzanne Meyer and son Josh provided the Halloween candy and treats. Darren Routh assisted me in the pre-cleanup the preceding week.

The supporting groups were Nathan Meyer of Duke Energy, Kelly Howell of Rockingham County Big Sweep and Lee Adkins of Carolina Marina.

We collected 62 bags of trash total. Eighteen were collected in the pre-cleaning of the area around the wind surfing locker. This was all legacy trash that had been there in excess of one year. Carolina Marina provided the truck to carry it to the Rockingham County landfill. Areas cleaned were the Piney Bluff Access area which will need attention higher up the bank next year, the islands and peninsula at the power plant, and the Hwy 158 crossing which will need attention next year. The official estimate was 1,440 pounds total.

Humphries Marina held a Big Sweep earlier and collecting on the islands was redundant. Carolina Marina suggests that the operation be the last weekend in September or first in October. They have conflicting events up until that time. It should fall within the Big Sweep time period else the landfill will not honor the dump permit and Carolina Marina has to pay to empty the truck. Pickup bags should be the orange ones with NCDOT on them. They are a convenient size, strong, and the landfill recognizes them as Big Sweep. Each person was given four and they used them. The boat was given some extras.

The lunch trays were from Subway, chips from Walmart, and water and sodas from Duke Energy and Peter Dahl.



**YARD SALE
A GREAT SUCCESS !!!!!
PROFIT TO SQUADRON --A LITTLE OVER \$1000 !!!**

Thanks to all our members who contributed items to the yard sale, and special thanks those USPS members who gave their time and effort to work the sale.

Friday afternoon, October 10, an army of workers showed up to set up the room, arrange all items and finalize pricing. This was the most time consuming and challenging part of the event. Then on Saturday a group came in to work the sale, at 12:00 noon, pack up un-sold items for pick-up by Salvation Army, and finally put the room back to its original set-up. LOTS OF WORK !!!

This money affords next year's Bridge additional options in the support of squadron activities.

BE SURE TO SAY A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE YARD SALE WORKERS:

ANNELI & LEIF JOHANSSON, SUE AND DAVID SCHULTZ, GRANT DAWSON AND GLENDA WAITE, HARDY SPENCE, PHIL THOMPSON, STEWART COLSON, PETER DAHL, CRAIG & KATHY COOPER, WOODY MCGINN, MIKE HACKETT, STEVE PUCKETT, JED NORRIS, TRACY RING, KATHY WRENN

Revised By-Laws Approval

At the November 10th membership meeting, the newly modified by-laws will be presented for the membership's inspection. These by-laws have been approved by national. At the annual business meeting on January 12th the membership will vote to accept the revised by-laws. If you would like to receive an email copy of the revised by-laws please contact P/C John Oberholtzer at joberholtzer@triad.rr.com and he will send them to you.



**Past Commanders'
Happening**



Schedule of Events 2014

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 in Raleigh
1/12/15	Membership business meeting
1/18-25/15	USPS annual meeting Jacksonville, FL
1/19/15	Ex Com meeting
1/31/15	GPS COW

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.

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