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Notice to Mariners

Blueberry Social



Our August meeting will be held on our regularly scheduled meeting night (**August 10**) at our regularly scheduled time (**7:30**) at our regularly scheduled place (**First Lutheran Church on Friendly Avenue**).

Instead of a program, members are asked to bring a treat made with blueberries to share while we socialize!
Come and enjoy!

August Birthdays

4 Paul D. Long
4 Sally Oberholtzer
7 Max Kern
9 Kendra E. Bulla
12 John Lore
17 Jim Nitka
28 Jo-Anne Statham
29 Larry Freeze

2015 Squadron Patrons

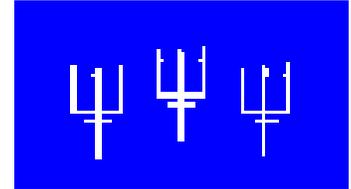
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "**Carolina Wren**"
- Leif and Anneli Johansson "**EZ Living**"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "**Hattitude**"
- David and Sue Schultz "**Iron Jenny**"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "**Optional Necessity**"
- Larry and Pat Freeze "**Pelacanus**"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "**Sally O**"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

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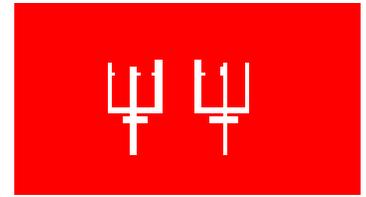
Well, the “Hummer in the Summer has gone by – a sure sign that the summer solstice is waning away – for those of you in attendance, you witnessed yours truly successfully moving a chocolate chip cookie from my forehead to my mouth (no hands allowed) - this act was followed by moving cotton balls from one plate to another – simple you say – absolutely – a little Vaseline on your nose and you move the cotton balls one plate to another – Oh, and before that fresh shrimp, ham and a dozen or more side dishes and desserts – A special –Thank You – to all who worked hard to make sure this event “Happened” this year! Michelle and Blake your trophy’s are priceless - I know this because I have one, it has a prominent place on a bulkhead – Shells sink – Dreams float – Life is good on our boat (a Jimmy Buffet quote) – So, my friends, enjoy the rest of summer – see you on the water -

Historical Tidbit

This year’s Hummer in the Summer is in its 22nd year with our Squadron. According to P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP, it was first held in 1994 out at the old Jefferson-Pilot Club (Guilford College area off New Garden) now the site of the Jefferson Branch of the Greensboro Public Library. P/C Louis Gentry, AP is credited with starting this tradition as a club cookout/picnic during the middle of the summer. Greensboro Power Squadron has enjoyed such a picnic every summer since.



Executive Officer
Lt/C Anneli Johansson, AP



Lake Vänern had the opportunity of welcoming a very special guest during the month of July, which was the sailing ship Götheborg. This unique sailing ship is 58 m in length, 11 m wide and goes 5,75 m deep. It's mast is 47 m and the weight 1250 ton. It has a working crew on board of 80 people who mostly are volunteers. This ship is a copy of the one which run aground 1745 and sank in the harbor of Gothenburg. In 1986 they started a marine archaeological excavation and awakened the dream of rebuilding the ship. It took eight years for the dream to come true and between 2005 and 2007 the ship sailed from Gothenburg to China.

Now in the middle of the Swedish summer, this tall ship is stopping in five different ports in Vänern. Götheborg is the largest sailing ship that has ever sailed here on Vänern. Leif and I together with approximately 3000 other people saw this ship when it entered the port of Karlstad. It was a spectacular sight. For more information and pictures please go to website www.gotheborg.com.

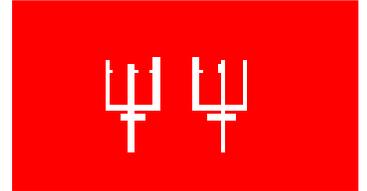
Our summer boating in Sweden this year has for the most part been a very windy one, but still good, and we have experienced many new places.





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Phil Thompson, S



Our July membership meeting was held at Bur-Mil Park where the main event was the "Hummer in the Summer." About 50 members participated in games and a covered dish picnic. Many thanks go out to those who brought the very tasty side dishes and desserts. Special thanks go to those who assisted with the planning and setup for the event. The Tourtellots brought the beverages and ice. Carol Kelly, Michelle Ramsey and Barbara Thompson brought the paper products and set up the tables. David and Sue Schultz brought the fresh shrimp from the coast and Kathy Wrenn brought in the sliced ham. Dan Kelly collected money. Michelle and Blake Ramsey organized the games and Dan Chance assisted with the shrimp boil. We hope to be able to have a similar event again next year.

At this year's "Hummer in the Summer" Dan Kelly presented a plaque to Predicted Log winner Pete Tourtellot with the assistance of Paul Long as his navigator. Second place was Smith Mountain Lake & Power Squadron's Randy Stow. Our commander, Grant Dawson, finished in third place. The spreadsheet showing the results of all eight boats was emailed to Captains. This is the second year in a row for Pete and Paul, so they make a good team.

New member, Jim Hasspacher, was welcomed and sworn in.

There will not be a formal meeting in August but on August 10, we will have the Blueberry Social. Members are asked to bring a blueberry treat to share with each other.

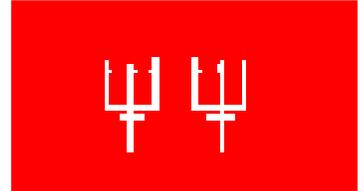
Looking further into September, we will have a fishing tournament and cookout at Thompson Pond in McLeansville. Get your equipment ready for catching bream, bass, and catfish. Cane pole rigs will be available for those folks who left their rods at the coast. More details to follow.



Pete Tourtellot and plaque he won at Smith Mountain Lake Predicted Log



Education Officer
P/C John Oberholtzer, AP



“The mark of a good sailor is leaving nothing to chance.” USPS educational courses are a wonderful way to see that you and your crew are truly prepared. Prior to dropping the lines and setting out on your cruise, there are a number of considerations that need to be addressed to insure a safe, enjoyable trip and return. Where are you going and how do you safely find your way? The Seamanship, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting courses will teach you how to confidently plan and plot your route. The Weather course will provide you with the skills you need to insure that you can get from port to port in weather conditions both you and your vessel are prepared to handle. There are few things scarier than being caught in weather and sea states that may overwhelm your skills and your boat’s ability to handle the seas.

The Cruise Planning course will teach you the many ways to insure that you have what you need aboard to be able to complete your trip without worrying that you’re going to run out of life’s little necessities; just how many bottles of red and white wine do you need for your 10 day jaunt? How much ice for both adult and children’s beverages? These and many other mysteries will be discussed and solutions provided.

Then of course is Engine Maintenance; it’s reassuring to know that you can keep running. Also today’s electronics require a lot of knowledge both to operate and to maintain, and USPS covers all of that in three terrific, up-to-date courses. Many of us “Old Time Experts” are woefully out of date in the electronic department and could use a real education and not just a quick refresher.

We will be offering Seamanship and Advanced Piloting for those who passed Piloting this spring. The courses will start in September and will be followed up by Piloting in January. All USPS courses are available on-line at Boats USA and the University of West Florida for those who would like to self-study. I would urge you to participate in an actual classroom course; you will get as much out of the discussions as from the actual course materials.

Please let the Education Department know of your interest in the elective courses. We will publish a list of courses offered and their dates prior to Labor Day. We look forward to seeing you in a class – **soon!**



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.

Welcome New Member!

At the July meeting, P/D/C Steve Puckett, SN swears in new member

Jim Hasspacher

Jim grew up in Michigan and moved to North Carolina in 1981 to work at Moses Cone Hospital doing a pharmacy residency. He stayed on the pharmacy staff at the hospital after that one year and continues to work for Cone Health 34 years later. His wife Cindy is from the area and they have two children. Their daughter Lauren is working as a nurse in Washington DC on a pediatric transplant unit and their son Tyler is a senior at UNCW. Jim attributes his love for the water and specifically boating to his brother Jerry and his 16 foot hobie cat. Jim owns a ski boat, an 18-foot hobie cat, and a 23 foot O'Day sailboat. His family has a leased lot at Carolina Marina on Belews Lake which they have enjoyed for the last 23 years. One of his goals is to increase his sailing skills. Jim is looking forward to participating with the Greensboro Power Squadron in activities over the next years. Many of you who attended Hummer had an opportunity to meet and speak with Jim. We welcome him to our group!



P/D/D Steve Puckett, SN swearing in Jim Hasspacher and then joking with him!

Hummer in the Summer



Schedule of Events 2015



8/10/15	Blueberry Social
8/17/15	ExCom
9/14/15	GPS membership meeting
9/21/15	ExCom
9/26/15	Fishing Tournament
10/3/15	Big Sweep
10/12/15	GPS membership meeting – PC Happening
10/17/15	Ghost Walk (Greensboro)
10/19/15	ExCom
11/7/15	Oyster Roast
11/9/15	GPS membership meeting
11/14/15	Ladies Lunch
11/16/15	ExCom
12/14/15	GPS membership meeting – Christmas Party
12/21/15	ExCom
1/11/16	GPS Business Meeting
1/19/16	ExCom
1/23/16	GPS Change of Watch

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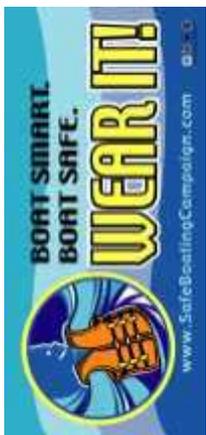


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