



# THE BREEZE

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**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**



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# Notice to Mariners



## Valentine Dinner February 14, 2015



**Deadline to attend– Wed, February 5  
Contact Carol Kelly or Phil Thompson**

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### Patrons of the Squadron

The new list will begin in next month's Breeze. If you have not sent in your check for \$25 or more to become a Patron of the Squadron for 2015, please do so as soon as possible in order to be included in the new list!!

**Lt.Todd Ring, AP  
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### February Birthdays

4 Grant Dawson	19 Dan Kelly
5 Wayne Nussman	20 Marshall Conrad
5 Bob Armfield	20 Connie Kammeyer
8 Vinnie Gordy	29 Burton Kennedy
11 Chuck Kammeyer	27 Ed Miller
18 Lynn Dahl	29 Robert Hicks

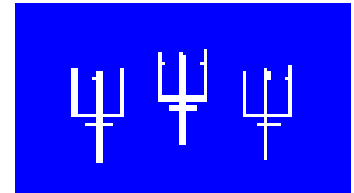
### Squadron Patrons

- 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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**Cdr Grant Dawson, AP**



Most of you have been onboard as crew; some have or are currently Bridge Officers. We have experienced some stormy weather over the stern, but we have weathered that storm. Over the bow looks to be bright.

New education initiatives started in the past year are set to continue throughout 2015.

My goal, and I believe the Squadron's goal should be to nurture old friendships, seek new friends, gain more boating knowledge and experience through education and on-the-water activities. Most important of all, do so with true joy and have a good memorable life experience. Life is short; enjoy it in all things – in our case boating and water activities.

Thank you all for your assistance as we together navigate the ocean of life. I am looking forward to a great year with friends, both old and new!

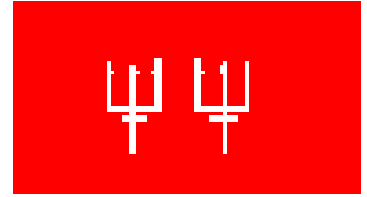


# **D-27 Training**





**Executive Officer**  
**Lt/C Anneli Johansson, AP**



A new year and a new bridge are ahead of us. Our Commander has planned a lot of interesting events for us to attend. I do hope many of you will attend, and I also hope you will get involved with the preparation and planning.

We have a different Coop Charting event planned for this year. The date is June 19-21 in Charleston, SC. This is also a great event for all of you who have smaller boats that can be trailered. We plan to use the old marina at the Charleston Naval Yard and chart up the Cooper River, Charleston Harbor or the ICW. Please mark this event on your calendar to attend.

New for this year is Scout Day on June 24<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to have our new member Lloyd Dosser, who is involved with Sea Scouts, to head this event.

On January 10<sup>th</sup> the D/27 training was held in Cary. I was very happy to see so many from our squadron attend this training. As usual we left with a lot of new ideas. I want to remind everybody that the D/27 Spring 2015 Council/Conference is on March 20-22 at North Raleigh Hilton Hotel. So far no more information is posted on the D/27 website. This is an opportunity, since it is in our own backyard, to attend a D/27 event and Change of Watch.

This is my year as Executive Officer. I am very excited, and look forward to a great year with our Squadron.

Happy Boating !

Join other GPS folks for dinner at the

**Oakcrest Family Restaurant**

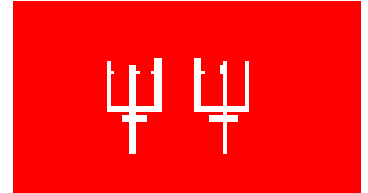
2435 Battleground Avenue

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!



## **Administrative Officer**

**Lt/C Phil Thompson, S**



I must admit that I was hesitant to accept the nomination to become the Squadron's Administration Officer for 2015. When Anneli, Alec, Grant, Tom and David first approached me about it, I quickly came up with several excuses which I thought would send them on their way and leave me alone. We are relatively new to the Squadron, don't know a lot of the members very well, don't currently have a boat (3 jetskis, a canoe, and 3 kayaks, but that doesn't count), and I am still working as a travelling salesman and don't have the time to be a very active member of the bridge. Well, my tactic did not work, and they convinced me that with their guidance and assistance things would work out. After several planning meetings and attending the recent D27 training event, I have a much better understanding about the position, and I am really looking forward to this year. Regarding the D27 classes, there were many new and different ideas for meetings and events described by members of other Squadrons. We hope to try a few of them this year.

For all of my adult life I have been involved in power boating and water activities (waterskiing, fishing, scuba diving). I had a cabin at Buggs Island (Kerr Lake) for about 20 years and lived at High Rock Lake for 10 years. Barbara grew up in Vanceboro near the coast and was around a lot of boating as her Dad was an avid fisherman. When we retire, hopefully soon, we plan on getting another boat to enjoy as we spend more time at Oak Island.

OK, enough history. I will list some of the upcoming activities that we have planned for the next few months. After the Change of Watch next Saturday, the February meeting will feature a presentation by Ed Miller on the history and use of the sextant. Our Valentine's Day dinner is set for Saturday Feb 14. The format will be similar to what we have done in the past. Right now we have 9 couples signed up with 2 volunteering to host a group at their home. We encourage more members to join in the fun so please contact me or Carol Kelly soon as we will need to finalize plans by February 5th.

The March meeting, and dinner, will be held at Captain Bills Seafood on West Market St. Afterwards, we are headed to Calibers Gun Range for our annual "Dirty Harry" event headed up by Tom Statham.

Mark your calendars now to participate in these events!

Let the fun begin!

### **Important Notice to All Committee Chairman**

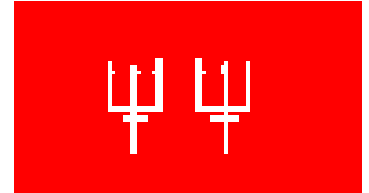
Merit Mark recommendations are due within two weeks after each event.

Send to P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP at [mgordyjr@triad.rr.com](mailto:mgordyjr@triad.rr.com).

Call Mack if you have questions.



**Education Officer**  
**P/C John Oberholtzer, AP**



The Education Department is off and running, working hard on getting a head start in 2015. We had a very successful organizational meeting on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> with a large group of members who are certified instructors and other members who are working to advance our educational efforts. We are planning a very busy year with a number of new seminars and course offerings that will be held at new and different venues. We will be welcoming the boating public for a number of courses that were restricted to non-members. These courses include a limited number of advanced grade offerings and all elective courses and seminars. We are working to extend our knowledge base to help insure safe boating and live up to our motto of “Come for the knowledge – Stay for the friends”.

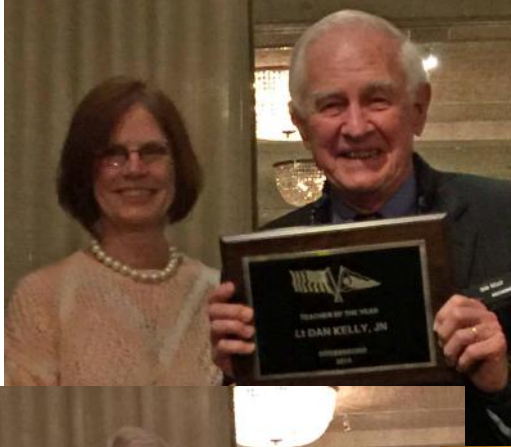
The following members have volunteered to chair segments of our educational agenda: Assistant SEO & Electives – Craig Cooper, Advanced Grades – Karl Koeberling, ABC Course – Peter Dahl, Seminars - David Eberle, Sea.Scouts – David Schultz, and Virtual Trainer – Mike Hackett. If you are interested in participating in any of these endeavors please contact these chairs.

To get us off on a running start we have arranged to participate in this year’s Greensboro Boat Show. We have obtained the Virtual Trainer equipment from National and will be featuring demonstrations at the show. The show starts Friday Feb. 27 and runs through Sunday Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>. We need lots of volunteers for booth duty and you will be receiving a sign-up sheet via email. Please consider spending two hours of your time to help promote the Greensboro Power Squadron and do your part to foster safe boating. It’s a great way to earn your 2015 Merit Mark.

We look forward to an outstanding year of Greensboro boater education and service to our members and the boating public. I will need the input and help of all of our members if we are to make 2015 the success we envision.

**By Laws**

The recently revised and discussed By-Laws have been approved by National. If you would like a copy, contact John Oberholtzer, and he will get one to you!



# Schedule of Events 2015



2/9/15	GPS membership meeting
2/14/15	Valentine Dinner
2/16/15	ExCom
3/9/15	GPS membership meeting Calibers Gun Range
3/16/15	ExCom
4/10- 12	Oriental Boat Show
4/13/15	GPS membership meeting
4/20/15	ExCom
5/11/15	GPS membership meeting
5/16/15	Belews Cruise
5/17/15	VSC event Belews Lake
5/18/15	ExCom
6/6-7/15	Predicted Log Smith Mt. Lake
6/8/16	Membership Meeting
6/15/16	ExCom
6/19-21/15	CoOp Charting
6/24/15	Scout Day
7/4/15	Boat Parade (Belews Lake)
7/13/15	Hummer in the Summer
7/18-19/15	Blueberry Picking
7/20/15	ExCom
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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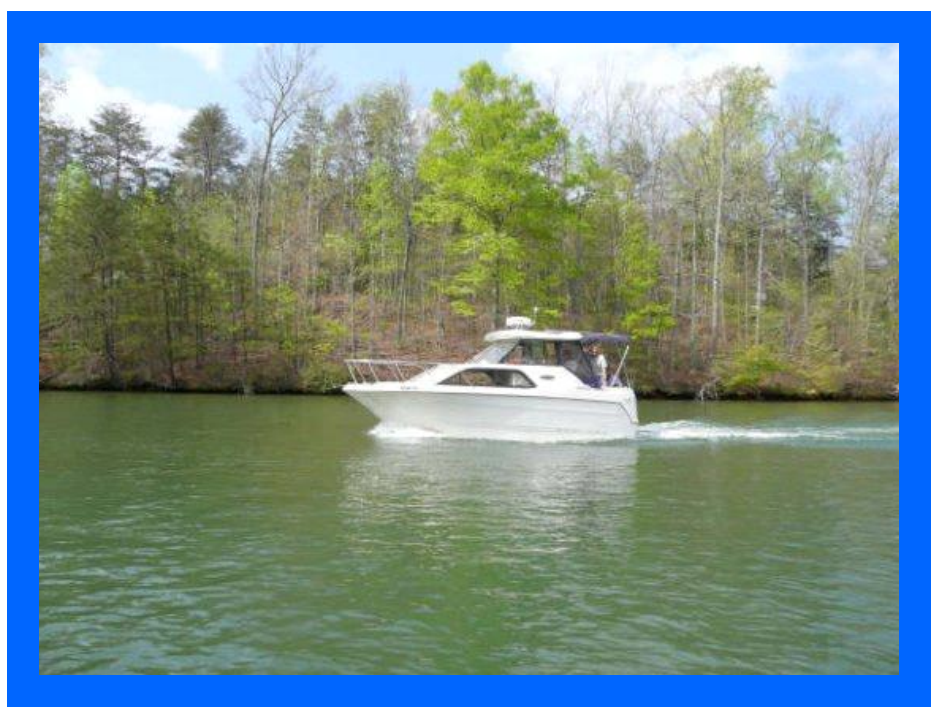


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