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# Welcome Spring! Please...



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# Notice to Mariners

9 March

## Dinner & *Dirty Harry* Night

(aka an Evening at Calibers Indoor Range)

**6:00 PM Dinner at Capt. Bill's Seafood**

6108 W. Market St.

Business meeting follows dinner and then folks proceed to  
Calibers Indoor Range  
For target practice and/or socializing.

See page 7 for details.

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**Consider becoming a "Squadron Patron"  
and get your donation to Lt. Todd Ring!!**

### March Birthdays

3 Mike Hackett	22 Carolyn Hackett
5 Keith Bulla	25 Tom Hamlin
8 Mike Stokes	27 David Craft
16 Craig Cooper	28 Pat Freeze

### 2015 Squadron Patrons

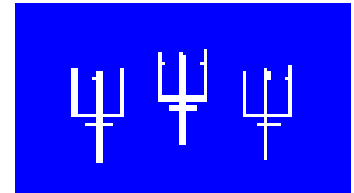
- "Carolina Wren" Alec and Kathy Wrenn
- "Hattitude" Mike and Carolyn Hackett
- "Sally O" John and Sally Oberholtzer

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**The Greensboro Power Squadron**, write **Squadron Patron** on the memo line,  
and send the check to

**Lt/C Todd Ring, 6605 Stonecroft Dr., Oak Ridge, NC 27310.**



Cdr Grant Dawson, AP



Well, it is time to sit down and write another “Breeze” article. Winter seems a tough time for me to find interesting subjects. While I am pondering this, an interesting subject called on the telephone. It seems a boat left in the water for winter had sunk. This brings an interesting topic: a boat left in the water for winter has many perils and should be checked on frequently. Otherwise you may find a surprise. In this case, the boat’s hull was damaged, quite probably by water level fluctuation and a rip-wrapped shoreline – a bad combination when the hull is relatively thin aluminum. It took a long time to sink, which could have been solved by putting the boat on a trailer. Instead a few hours of salvage and then to the trailer. Oh, did I mention a “small” fee for this service??!!



Oh, no!



Grant to the Rescue



Happy Ending!



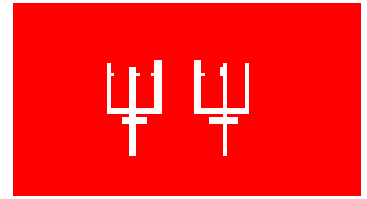
And a tidbit of useless but interesting information. . .

### Cup of Jo

Josephus Daniels (18 May 1862-15 January 1948) was appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913. Among his reforms of the Navy were inaugurating the practice of making 100 Sailors from the Fleet eligible for entrance into the Naval Academy, the introduction of women into the service, and the abolishment of the officers' wine mess. From that time on, the strongest drink aboard Navy ships could only be coffee and over the years, a cup of coffee became known as "a cup of Joe".



Executive Officer  
Lt/C Anneli Johansson, AP



I am going to tell you a story when Leif and I rented our very first boat many years ago. It was a 30ft sailboat because many of our friends had sailboats, and that was what we eventually wanted to buy. We had taken a boating course in Sweden and felt confident that we could do this. The place was actually Lake Vänern, where we have our boat now, but in the northern part. We went to get the boat and the first thing we had to do was to fill water. As we were approaching the dock, I was up on the bow to see when we were getting close. Little did I know that when on boat, depending on wind direction, the captain cannot hear you unless you turn around and face him, so to our embarrassment, we hit the dock. Finally on our way, sails were up and engine turned off, so very peaceful. We were going to Hammarö, a cove visited by members of the Karlstad sailing club. No problem getting there. A little more challenge getting the boat secured for the night since it is rocky and one needs to use wedges for the lines. We had a quiet night.

The very next morning, we were excited to continue our journey. The sun was shining and the wind seemed perfect. (I cannot recall that we checked the weather on the radio; how crazy is that!) After a while the sky turned dark, the wind picked up, and we were in the middle of a horrible thunderstorm. There was no time to get the sails down, so the boat was going like a projectile thru the water. I thought we might never get through this alive. Fortunately, it did not last long, and we could relax and catch our breath. Our first time renting a boat was a lesson that no matter how prepared one might think he is, experience is extremely important. For all new boat owners, bring an experienced friend in the beginning to teach you a thing or two.

The 2015 D/27 Spring Council/Conference and Change of Watch will be held on March 20-22 at the North Raleigh Hilton on Wake Forest Road in Raleigh. If you have not done so already, get your room reservation (919-872-2323). Fun events for this year are Friday evening "Show your colors" Tailgate Party. Saturday morning there will be a presentation by P/Lt/C Bill Doar, Jr., N of Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron titled Normandie & Bill: A Partnership to Sail Around the World. All this information, agenda, registration form and more are on the D/27 website [www.uspsd27.org](http://www.uspsd27.org).

Until next month; Happy St Patrick's Day and Happy Boating!

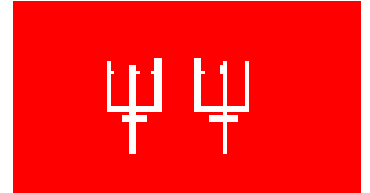
**The usual gathering for dinner before the GPS monthly meeting will happen at Captain Bill's Seafood for March and the meeting will be after dinner together. Instead of a program, the group will move to Calipers Indoor Range for target practice. See page 7 for details. Watch for changes in dinner venue in next month's Breeze.**





## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Phil Thompson, S



At our February membership meeting, Ed Miller gave us a history lesson on the development and use of sextants from as far back as the Civil War era. His knowledge was impressive as were the sextants he had on display for us to examine . . . Carefully!

On February 13, we had our Valentines Day dinner events. The Oberholtzers and the Gordys were the hosts for several couples to meet at their homes for drinks and dinner, or as Mack Gordy described it, “Meals on Wheels.” Each couple supplied a component of the menu. From all reports, the conversations, drinks, and food were excellent. A special thanks goes out to the hosts.

Looking ahead, our regular meeting on March 9 will be the “Dirty Harry” event held at Calibers indoor gun range. Preceding the target practice session, members will meet at Captain Bill’s Seafood Restaurant for dinner and the business meeting. Tom Statham is the chairman for this event. See the specific information on page 7 or contact Tom for details as needed.

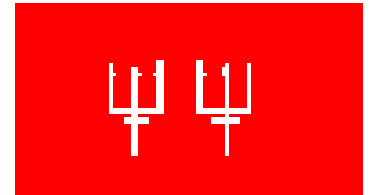
The Oriental Boat Show is set for April 10-12. Michelle and Blake Ramsey are chairing this event. More details will follow soon.

## **One of the Valentine Dinners**





Education Officer  
P/C John Oberholtzer, AP



The boat show has come and gone, and I want to thank all those who came out and helped in the booth. The Virtual Trainer was a great draw and hopefully has sparked interest in the Greensboro Power Squadron and our additional educational courses. For those of you who missed seeing the Virtual Trainer, we will have it set up at the May membership meeting to play with.

The Education Department has extensive plans in place for this spring and we hope to add some additional venues for the Virtual Trainer.

The schedule follows:

April 18<sup>th</sup> ABC Course at Spears YMCA using Carolina Marina's mailing list to attract students

May 12<sup>th</sup> Virtual Trainer at Spears YMCA in the evening

May 13<sup>th</sup> Virtual Trainer at Boats Unlimited during the day

May 15<sup>th</sup> Virtual Trainer at Grandpa's Marine during the day

May 16<sup>th</sup> Virtual Trainer & 4 Seminars at Grandpa's Marine

May 17<sup>th</sup> Virtual Trainer & demonstrations & vessel safety checks at Carolina Marina during the day

June 13<sup>th</sup> ABC Course at Grandpa's Marine using their mailing list

We will be offering seminars for the first time, and we strongly encourage members to take advantage of these offerings. We will teach Partners in Command, Emergencies Afloat, Man Overboard, and Rules of the Road at Grandpa's. We may also offer the Trailing seminar. The seminars run about two hours so you can easily take 4 in a day. For squadron members the cost is only \$5.00 per person and lunch is \$7.50. If you sign up for four seminars you only pay for 3; the fourth one is free! Reserve your space soon as space is limited. Tell your friends and fellow boaters; the seminars are very worthwhile and the topics are of interest to the entire family.

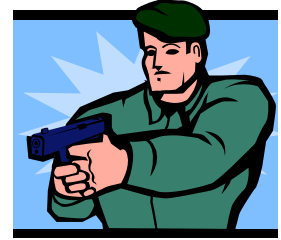
Please feel free to offer your help with the Virtual Trainer at any of the locations where we will be showing it to the public. We will announce additional courses in the coming months. If there are any seminars or advanced courses you would like to take please let me know.



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9 March 6:00 PM



## Dinner at Capt. Bill's Seafood



6108 W. Market St.

6:00 Meet and Greet  
6:30 Dinner & Meeting Begin  
7:15-:30 'ish Dinner concludes

**If you are not interested in target practice,  
Please join us for dinner!!**

Those interested in joining us around the corner at

## Calibers Indoor Range

6910 Downwind Rd.

for an evening of paper target shooting should transport themselves accordingly. Bring your own or rent a handgun from Calibers. They also sell ammunition and targets.

There will be a brief safety presentation and then we will have 1 to 2 hours of target shooting. They also provide ear protection and safety glasses. (Required)

Calibers will be closed to the public.

Approximate cost per person should be in the \$10-12.00 range.

# Schedule of Events 2015



3/9/15	GPS membership meeting Dinner and 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

## 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.



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