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# Notice to Mariners

**Big Sweep**  
Saturday, October 3rd



**Past Commanders' Happening**  
Monday, October 12th

**Ghost Walk**  
Friday, October 16th



## October Birthdays

01 Glenda Waite	17 Leif Johansson
04 Sam Hummel	21 Dan Chance
08 Larry Williams	21 Todd Ring
12 Fred Schultz	25 Alec Wrenn
12 Michelle Ramsey	30 Ronald Pittman
16 Philip Thompson	30 BH Edwards
16 Mildred Wall	31 Bev Armfield

## 2015 Squadron Patrons

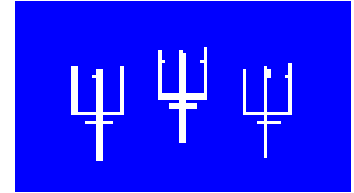
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "**Carolina Wrenn**"
- Leif and Anneli Johansson "**EZ Living**"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "**Hattitude**"
- David and Sue Schultz "**Iron Jenny**"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "**Optional Necessity**"
- Larry and Pat Freeze "**Pelacanus**"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "**Sally O**"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

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and send the check to

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



**Cdr Grant Dawson, AP**



Hello everyone - well it is October and Fall is now full upon us, changing weather is the normal rather than the exception – This was very evident this past weekend - The Squadron Fishing Tournament was scheduled on Saturday 26 September – The rain started on Thursday and continued thru Sunday - all very accurately forecast by the National Weather Service – Special thanks to our Administrative Officer, Phil Thompson for “reading “the writing on the wall – suffice to say, the fishing Tournament has been postponed to October 10 – so, mark your calendars, as the Jamaicans say, “we be fish’n” on the 10<sup>th</sup> –

## Annual Ladies' Luncheon

Saturday, November 14th  
11:30 to 1:30

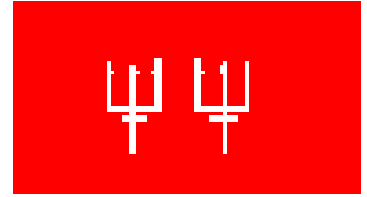
**New Orleans Bar & Grill**  
4312 Big Tree Way

RSVP to Glenda Waite  
549-6699 or [waite755@aol.com](mailto:waite755@aol.com)





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



On Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> our squadron is meeting at Carolina Marina to help clean up at Belews Lake. This brings up a nearby subject: your boat's holding tank. Untreated sewage released into water from pleasure boating contains harmful parasites, bacteria and viruses that contaminate shellfish, harm other aquatic life, and threaten human health. What Can You do About It?

Install a holding tank to avoid dumping sewage directly into waters.

Use shoreside toilet facilities as much as possible.

Create the demand for permanent or mobile pumpout services by letting marinas know you need it and will use it.

Do not throw trash overboard. Use shoreside recycling and garbage bins.

Peer pressure is often the best method of improving practices. Help educate fellow boaters.

In Sweden from 1 April 2015 all pleasure boats, including foreign flagged boats, are prohibited from discharging sewage into the lakes, internal waters and territorial waters (12 nautical miles) of Sweden. Anyone caught not complying with the ban may face an on-the-spot fine.

**Clean Water...It starts with you!**

(from Ministry of Environment and RYA)

A few reminders for the coming months. On October 9-11 we have the **D/27 Fall Council/Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Charlotte**. Agenda and registrations form can be found on the D27 website.

On November 20-21 there is a **Leadership Development Training (LD101)** and a Seminar with the BOD. All this at the USPS headquarters in Raleigh. Please visit USPS website to pre-register.

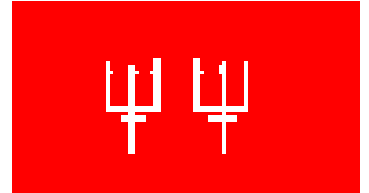
Hope to see many of you on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> for Operation Big Sweep. We will launch the boats at 8am. Captain's meeting is at 8:30am, and departure at 9am. Around noon the squadron will provide lunch. For questions please call Lt Leif Johansson at 336-547-8534.

**Happy Boating !**



## **Administrative Officer**

**Lt/C Phil Thompson, S**



The event we had planned for September 26, the GPS Fishing Tournament and Cookout, had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. We have set another date for Saturday October 10, and members who plan to attend should email me (philtho@msn.com) so we can complete the plans. The format will be the same as we had published earlier. Call me (336-782-6004) if you have questions. Please let us know soon if you can attend.

On October 12 the PC Happening will be held in place of the membership meeting. Contact Tom Statham for questions or to sign up. The next Saturday after that (10/16) is the Ghost Walk event coordinated by Sue Schultz. Contact Sue to make your reservations.

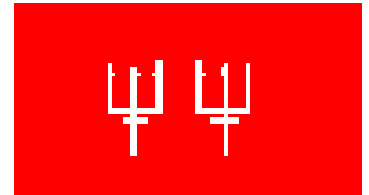
The Oyster Roast scheduled for November 7 will have to be rescheduled. We looked at alternative dates but with the holidays and other schedule conflicts we will most likely have to do this next year. We will keep everyone updated on what we can arrange.

## **D-27 Fall Conference**

**D-27 Fall Conference Oct 9-11 is quickly approaching. Friday activities have been scheduled for outings to the NASCAR Hall of Fame, or IMAX Theater, or Southpark Mall for shopping. Both NASCAR and IMAX offer senior discounts, sorry no discount on the shopping. Friday evening get-together is planned for the Olde Mecklenburg Brewery, but contact Mary Chaney with the Charlotte Power Squadron or me to get your name on the list. Transportation to these events will not be provided but car-pooling is recommended. Saturday starts with two outstanding speakers that will appeal to all attendees and you will not want to miss these.**



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



We are pleased to announce that we have attained permission from the City of Greensboro to hold classes at the Leonard Recreation Center. The center is at 6324 Ballinger Rd. just off of North Chimney Rock Rd. near the airport. The classroom is ideal and, best of all, it is free.

We will be holding our fall ABC Course at the Leonard Rec Center on November 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be the one day course. Please encourage your fellow boaters to sign up and take the course. We will be publicizing the course in the papers and with posters at the local lakes and marinas; please help us spread the word and to a good turnout.

We are wrapping up the fall schedule for advanced grades and will be offering Advanced Piloting and Seamanship. We have a number of new members who need to get a great start by taking Seamanship and enjoying the first of the educational programs USPS offers. The classroom discussions and the fellowship serve to enhance the experience; learning is fun in our classes.

The new Piloting and Advanced Piloting now include major sections on electronic navigation. GPS, chartplotters, radar and AIS systems are all covered as well as the conventional charting and plotting. We will publish dates when the courses are teaching the new electronic sections of the courses so that we “Old Timers” can sit in and audit these sections. It will provide a wonderful refresher and aid all of us in keeping up with the times. Dates and times will be announced shortly. Come out and join the fun!

# Operation Big Sweep

**October 3**

**Belews Lake—Carolina Marina**

- 8:00 Meet at the boat launch**
- 8:30 Captains' Meeting**
- 9:00 Depart with crews for cleaning**

**We will all meet for lunch provided by the Squadron!**

**Please contact Leif Johansson to let him know if you are participating and whether you will bring a boat.  
336 547 8534 or [sundancerlj@gmail.com](mailto:sundancerlj@gmail.com)**



# ***The Past Commanders Happening***



**2015 Annual Fund Raiser**

**Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Social hour starts promptly @ 1800 hours (6:00 PM)  
Dinner will be served by our spiffily attired P/C's @ 1845ish**

**The Past Commanders invite one and all to attend our fabulous  
"Great Cluck Feast-ival"**

**Great food, fun, and even better fellowship at the**

**Greensboro Police Club**

**524 AIR HARBOR RD, GREENSBORO, NC, 27455**

**The menu will be an awesome  
Chicken Bar-B-Que with all the fixin's. Tea will be provided;  
One Adult beverage **FREE** with each ticket; additional are available for a modest tip.**

**\$14.50 for adults, MUST BE received by Thursday Oct 8th**

**An evening of food, fun and socializing with the GSO Power Squadron and  
watching your 2015 Bridge clean up afterwards, **PRICELESS!!****

## **Dessert Contest**

There will be a **Dessert Contest** so **bring your best dessert** and be prepared to win the accolades and envy of the membership.

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded!!**

Please make your reservations by sending your check, made payable to



**Greensboro Power Squadron Past Commanders,  
Mail checks to: P/C Tom Statham, 218 Kemp Rd. East Kemp Rd. East, GSO, 27410**

**It is important that you make your reservation EARLY so that we can plan for the appropriate quantity of food. If you make a reservation and do not cancel 72 hours (3 days) in advance you will be expected to pay for your meal.**

**We will have a 50/50 auction to also benefit the cause.**

## Schedule of Events 2015



10/3/15	Big Sweep
10/9-11/15	D 27 Fall Conference
10/12/15	GPS membership meeting – PC Happening
10/16/15	Ghost Walk (Greensboro)
10/19/15	ExCom
11/9/15	GPS membership meeting
11/14/15	Ladies Lunch
11/16/15	ExCom
12/14/15	GPS membership meeting – <b>Christmas Party</b>
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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