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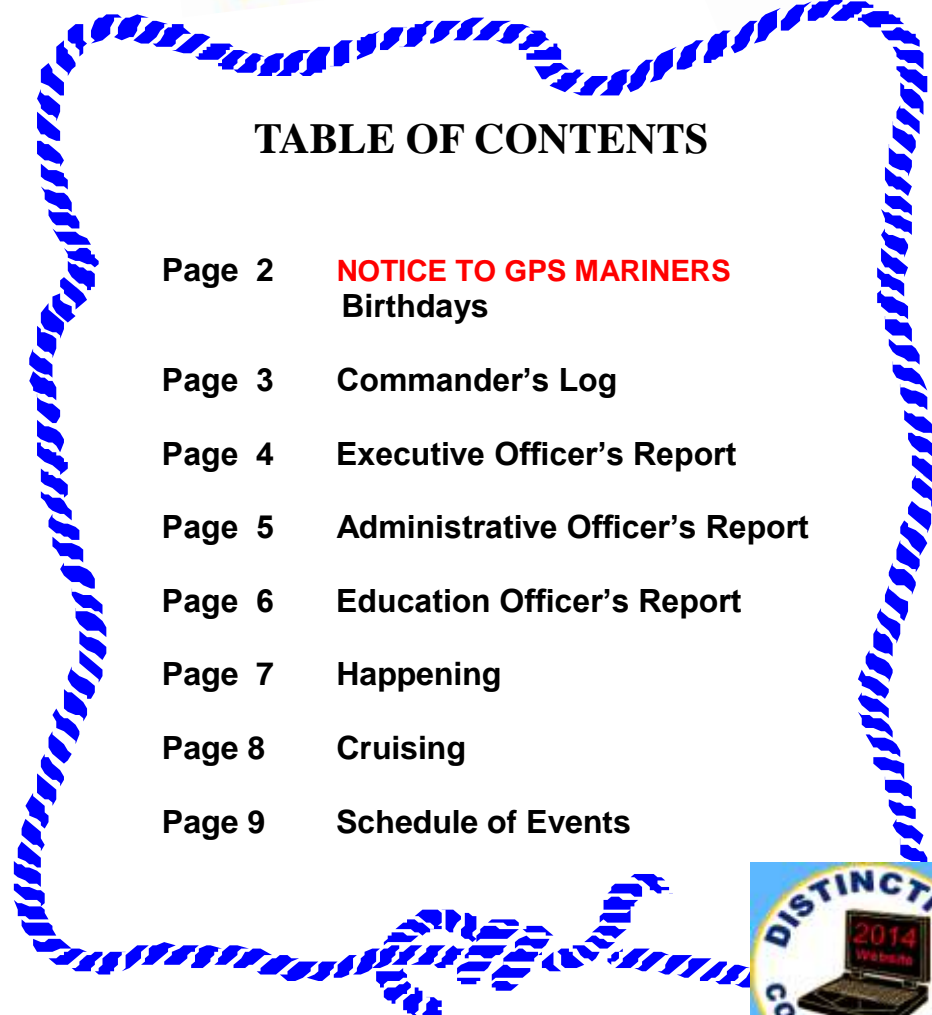
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# Fishing Tournament and cook out!



Saturday, September 26th

Contact Phil Thompson to reserve your space.  
See his column for details.

## September Birthdays

8 Blake Ramsey	21 Barbara Thompson
9 Dawn Long	22 Anna Pittman
10 Chris Puckett	24 Betty Canter
11 Walker Stevens	26 Charlene Green
15 Anneli Johansson	27 Karl Koeberling
17 Marshall Eakes	29 Eugene Elzinga
	29 Patrick Wright

## 2015 Squadron Patrons

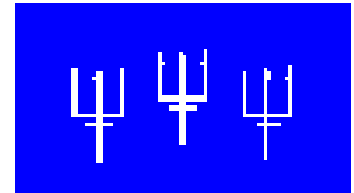
- Alec and Kathy Wrenn "**Carolina Wren**"
- Leif and Anneli Johansson "**EZ Living**"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "**Hattitude**"
- David and Sue Schultz "**Iron Jenny**"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "**Optional Necessity**"
- Larry and Pat Freeze "**Pelacanus**"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "**Sally O**"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

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and send the check to

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



## Cdr Grant Dawson, AP



Over the past week or so, some members of our squadron took advantage of a great opportunity to visit a tall ship at our North Carolina coast. A replica of a Spanish galleon is visiting the City Docks at Wilmington for a couple of weeks; it is a living history.

One of the most remarkable features of this ship and others of this era, is the extensive and necessary use of lines and knots. Learning the lines and knots would serve as an in depth "seminar" on marlin spike and on the physics of wind and water on the sail and hull surfaces.

Please see below the excerpt from Wilmington Star News:

*A 20-person crew sailed the 170-foot-long, 495-ton ship to Southeastern North Carolina. Hundreds gathered in Southport on Friday afternoon to watch the ship pass by on its way to Wilmington.*

*During the 16th century, Spanish galleons were armed merchant ships that explored American shores -- symbols of Spanish exploration, according to the ship's educational materials. The ships sailed in groups and were outfitted with cannons as a defense against pirates or ships flying under other nations' flags.*

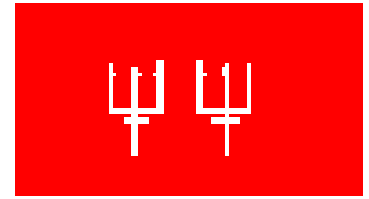
*Built in Spain and completed in 2010, El Galeon is based in St. Augustine, Fla. while in America. The replica ship has the benefit of modern conveniences.*

*Today's crew uses showers and toilets, said boatswain Alfonso Perez, known as Choco by the crew. In the 1500s, Perez said passengers used the bathroom on a designated deck outfitted with small hatches that emptied to the ocean below. The crew uses lighter anchors than the 1.5-ton replicas on board.*





Executive Officer  
Lt/C Anneli Johansson, AP



We are back from our two months stay in Sweden and trying to get back into the routine. Fall is around the corner, but there are still several weeks left of boating. For anybody who is interested in joining us in Sweden next summer check out the website [www.elvina-marin.se](http://www.elvina-marin.se).

The fall boating season can be a nice change with the water typically less crowded, but cooler water temperatures require extra water safety precautions:

Dress for the water, not the weather: Bring extra layers and raingear.

Tell a friend: Let a family member or friend know where you are going and what time you expect to return.

Check the weather: Stay up-to-date on the latest weather patterns.

Always check the boat: Inspect the bilge pump, engine, communications equipment and safety gear to ensure all are in good shape and ready to go before you head out.

Leave the drinks at home: Alcohol can quickly drain your body of heat, bringing on hypothermia's deadly effects.

(From Boat Owners Association)

Just a couple of reminders for October. D/27 Fall Council/Conference will be held in Charlotte at the Crowne Plaza Hotel October 9-11. Agenda and registration form can be found on D/27 website [www.uspsd27.org](http://www.uspsd27.org).

Operation Big Sweep is on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Belews Lake (Carolina Marina). Please contact Lt Leif Johansson to sign up or for more information, phone 336-547-8534, or email [sundancerlj@gmail.com](mailto:sundancerlj@gmail.com).

Hope to see many of you at the Fall Council/Conference in Charlotte and of course at our Big Sweep.

Happy Boating !

## 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!**

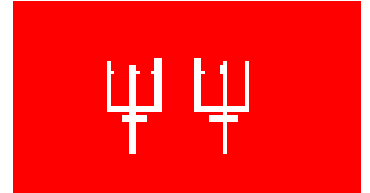
Please contact Leif Johansson to let him know if you are participating and whether you will bring a boat.  
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## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Phil Thompson, S



Summer is over folks, but we still have some interesting and enjoyable activities lined up for the Fall. The regular membership meeting on September 14 will feature Dan Kelly who will present highlights of the many trips he and Carol made to Tangier Island in Chesapeake Bay.

Later in the month on September 26, members are invited to attend a fishing "tournament" and cookout at our home in McLeansville. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting, or if you cannot attend the meeting, please send an email to Michelle. We have a 2-acre pond in our backyard stocked with bream, bass and catfish. We plan to have several different contest winner categories. If you do not have fishing tackle to bring, there will be some available for you to use. Suggested arrival time is 3 PM and dinner will be after 5 PM.

After a couple of hours fishing, we will finish up with a cookout of hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a snack, side dish or dessert and your adult beverage of choice. Tea, Lemonade and soft drinks will be provided. We will tally expenses and pass a hat accordingly. Directions to the location will be available at the meeting.

## September Program

Dan Kelly will present the program at the September meeting on the 14th. You don't want to miss this trip to Tangier Island in the Chesapeake. It is a step back in time. Come hear about the blue crab. No cars, no trains, and only a boat or small plane can get you there.

## D-27 Fall Conference

D-27 Fall Conference Oct 9-11 is quickly approaching. Reservations can still be made by calling the Charlotte Crowne Plaza [1-866-380-0612](tel:1-866-380-0612) and use our rate code of CPO for the reduced room rate, cut off date is Sept 18. Our block of rooms are filling fast and additional rooms may not be available if you wait. 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.

# *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;  
Adult beverages are available for a modest tip.

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

- ◆ \$ 2.00 tip to receive an appropriate red or white adult beverage in a cup
- ◆ \$ 1.50 tip to receive an appropriate adult beverage in a can
- ◆ An evening of food, fun and socializing with the GSO Power Squadron and watching your 2015 Bridge clean up afterwards, **PRICELESS!!**
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## **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.

**Win, place or show -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**

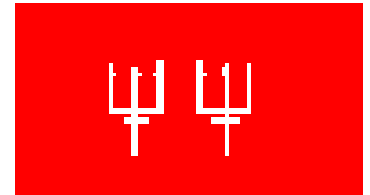
**Or pay at the Sept. meeting or by calling 336-209-8882 or emailing, [tstat@aol.com](mailto:tstat@aol.com)**

**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.**



Education Officer  
P/C John Oberholtzer, AP



We have just received the newest course materials for **Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting** and the completely new **Marine Electronics** course. I'm excited! The courses are vastly modified and brought up to date to feature electronic navigation that was never a part of the old courses. GPS, chartplotters, and radar receive extensive coverage and are presented so that your grasp of how they work and how to utilize the technology builds.

I urge members who have taken AP in the past to consider retaking the course to aid in bringing your knowledge up to today's standards. We realize that many of us old-timers have passed Piloting or AP and you may not wish to take the test since you already have the grade and the sticker on your certificate. You may not want to sit through some of the charting exercises that are the same since conventional pencil and paper chart navigation haven't changed. **SO -We plan to offer a way to audit the course at a lower cost.** You would not need to attend every session, only the ones that pertain to electronics or any other portions of the course that interest you. The new Electronic Navigation Course offers a wealth of information that was not previously available, and I strongly recommend that you consider taking it.

I know that when I have taken any of the courses that I've gotten as much out of the classroom discussions as I have from the actual course materials; those of us who have years of mistakes behind us, owe it to share with the new generation to help them avoid similar blunders. **Come out, join the fun, and give us the benefit of your experience and knowledge.**

We have held an Instructors Recertification course so our great base of knowledgeable teachers is up to date and raring to impart their extensive knowledge.

We plan to have the fall schedule for Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, the ABC Course and Electronic Navigation at the September membership meeting.

Proceeding the monthly meeting, join other GPS folks for dinner at

**Tex & Shirleys**  
**Friendly Center**

**Arrive between 6:00–6:15 PM for dinner and conversation before the Monthly Squadron Meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Look for familiar face 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!**

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.

## Cruising the ICW from Oriental, NC to Southport, NC

After we purchased a 32 foot Sabre sailboat at the Oriental Boat Show in April, we planned to spend some time in Oriental, learning the boat. Not knowing much about Sabres and buying a 30 year old boat, we had some work done as recommended by the Surveyor in his inspection report. We also decided to add a dodger and cushions to make the boat more comfortable for cruising. The work took much longer than anticipated, so we did not get a chance to use the boat (now named **Wind Chill**).

The weekend prior to our trip to bring **Wind Chill** home to Southport, we did get a chance to take her out with the plan to have her ready on Thursday for our first cruise on the ICW. We fueled her up and headed back to the slip where we had been keeping her in Oriental. Just as we pulled into the channel for Pecan Grove Marina, the engine alarm sounded and the engine began spewing hot water and antifreeze. We quickly docked and went to SailCraft (the marina that did the work for us). A mechanic immediately came back to the boat with us. The alternator belt had broken. The mechanic did a quick assessment and felt the engine looked OK. He left and Wayne put a new belt on the alternator.

The following Wednesday we picked up our crew – David Schultz and Larry Freeze and headed back to Oriental to bring **Wind Chill** down to Southport. Without these two friends, we would have been at a loss as to the art of cruising. Larry immediately began checking the engine for issues due to its overheating. He did a thorough job and after about an hour of running the engine and doing a test run in the Sound, he felt comfortable with us starting off.

The cruise took us 2 ½ days. We docked at transient slips in Morehead City and Topsail Island. We went through 4 swing bridges, and navigated many markers. We had the experience of using our radio for the first time contacting the marinas and the bridge tenders as we neared each one. Larry and David taught us many practical lessons. We had studied the material in our Squadron classes, but never had the opportunity to put our knowledge to use. Having our friends to guide us, gave us the confidence we needed to make the cruise.

We are so very lucky in many respects. **Wind Chill** is a great boat, the weather between Oriental and Southport was perfect, and our crew was a tremendous help (and a lot of fun). Once we passed through Snow's Cut, **Carolina Wrenn** came up beside us and escorted us into Southport. We were greeted by Sue Schultz and Pat Freeze at the dock. Sue kept our dog, Callie for us and Pat and Sue had fixed a wonderful dinner for us to welcome us home. After we refueled and sat with the Wrenns, Schultzes and Freezes for a visit on **Carolina Wrenn**, the Hacketts joined us to welcome us and **Wind Chill** home. After we docked at Indigo Plantation, our new slip, and went home to clean up, we went to the Freezes for that wonderful dinner.

Wayne and I cannot thank everyone enough for all they did to help us on this journey and make our first cruise such a great experience. I thought my article would be about cruising, but it is about the value of our friends in the Greensboro Power Squadron.

By Karen Nussman, JN





## Schedule of Events 2015



9/14/15	GPS membership meeting
9/21/15	ExCom
9/26/15	Fishing Tournament
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
11/7/15	Oyster Roast
11/9/15	GPS membership meeting
11/14/15	Ladies Lunch
11/16/15	ExCom
12/14/15	GPS membership meeting – <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

Just in case you missed this from ***BoatUS Magazine***

**When you understand some of the principals of boating superstition,  
you can better control your boating life.**

For example:

If you want a porthole to leak put a laptop under it.

If you want the head to clog up, invite guests for dinner.

If you want a snap shackle to break, hang from it.

If you want your shift linkage to break, back into dock like a spot fisherman.

If you want to forget to unplug the yellow cord when you take off from the dock,  
plug it into the most expensive power pedestal in the marina and take off  
with a crowd watching.

If you want the fresh water pump to break, wash your hair with plenty of shampoo.

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