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# Happy Valentine's Day



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# Notice to Mariners

## Greensboro Boat Show

February 26th—28th

Contact P/C John Oberholtzer, AP

For more information.



### February Birthdays

04 Grant Dawson	19 Dan Kelly
05 Wayne Nussman	20 Conrad Marshall
06 Dawn Perks	27 Burton Kennedy
08 Vinnie Gordy	27 Ed Miller
29 Robert Hicks	

### 2015 Squadron Patrons

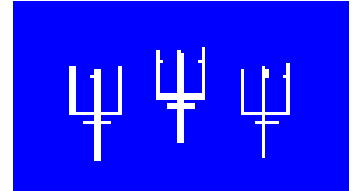
- Ralph and Berry Stout "**BerryGood Too**"
- Woods McGinn "**Blue Moon**"
- Leif and Anneli Johansson "**EZ Living**"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "**Hattitude**"
- David and Sue Schultz "**Iron Jenny**" "**SeaMore**"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "**Optional Necessity**"
- Larry and Pat Freeze "**Pelacanus**"
- Jed and Brenda Norris "**Reel Crazy**"
- John and Sally Oberholtzer "**Sally O**"
- Keith and Kendra Bulla "**Whisper**"

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**Cdr Anneli Johansson, AP**



Once again the weather would not cooperate, and we had to change our planned event for our annual Change of Watch. Unfortunately, and especially for everybody who had put extra effort in the planning, we could not hold our Change of Watch as planned for the O. Henry Hotel. At our February Membership Meeting, we relieved the old Bridge and installed the new Bridge. We will also presented the awards. Thanks to all who attended and who helped make this meeting a celebrated Change of Watch.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend our February meeting due to family matters in Sweden, but I was sworn in on February 15th. As I am about to start my year as your Commander, I want you all to know that I am deeply grateful to have all of you with all your experience and expertise to help me make 2016 a great one.

Here are a few reminders for the months of February and March:

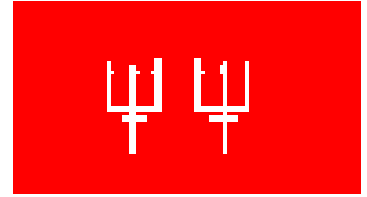
- February 14-21 USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL  
Information can be found on the  
USPS website, [www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org)
  
- February 26-28 Greensboro Boat Show  
GPS will have a booth presenting the virtual trainer  
For more information please contact P/C John Oberholzer,
  
- March 18-20 D/27 Spring Council Conference and Change of Watch in  
Atlantic City, NC. Agenda and registration form  
can be found on the  
D/27 website [www.uspsd27.org](http://www.uspsd27.org)

## **2016 Calendars**

**There are still some 2016 Calendars available.  
Please consider buying an extra for your second home,  
your boat, your office.  
The price is \$5.00 per calendar.  
See Anneli Johansson.**



**Executive Officer**  
**Lt/C Hardy Spence, AP**



Another New Year is ahead of us. Our Commander has a lot of exciting events planned for all of us. I do hope you will become involved in as many events as possible. Success within an organization is only as good as what its membership puts into it. There are a couple of events that need mentioning

The District 27 Spring Conference is fast approaching. The dates are March 19-21 and this will be held in Atlantic Beach. Information about this event can be found on the USPS web site and all are encouraged to attend.

One future event which needs some attention will be held in September. This weekend will combine the opportunity to go on a Ghost Walk to experience the charm of Southport, to visit the Wooden Boat Show and Chowder Cook-Off, and to do some Co-Op Charting. The Hacketts are chairing all of the organization except the on-the-water co-op charting. Larry Freeze is chairing this portion and needs help. If you are willing, please contact the Hacketts or me. It is hoped that all members who have lodging near Southport will offer their extra bedrooms to those who would like to participate in this weekend. Please start planning now to be part of this!

Safe boating to all!

# **Important!!**

**All of those delicious refreshments served at our regular monthly meetings are provided by generous members who volunteer to bring food, drink, and decorations for all of us to enjoy. There are still vacancies on this list for 2016 and volunteers are needed to respond to Carol Kelly 288-9552 as soon as possible!**



## **Administrative Officer**

**Lt/C Peter Tourtellot**



By now all of you know the Change of Watch was cancelled due to an ice and snow storm I was officially the Administrative Officer-elect when I wrote this article. Jill and I joined the squadron at the urging of our friends Paul and Dawn Long in 2014 for friendship and boating education. We have owned a power boat since 2000 that we keep on Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia. We currently own a Chaparral 25.5 foot I/O that we have had since 2013.

My professional background is as Managing Director and shareholder of the firm Anderson Bauman Tourtellot & Vos (ABTV) located in downtown Greensboro. The firm engages in revitalizing and refocusing companies who are in some type of stress ranging from financial to family issues and everything in between. We have 14 professionals located from Florida to Virginia with five located in the Triad. In January we completed 26 years in business.

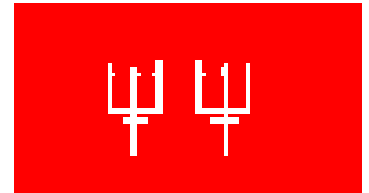
Like those before me, I hope to be responsive to the needs and wants of the squadron. I attended, along with a group from our squadron, the D27 training held in Raleigh on January 16 where I learned of some responsibilities I had but had until then been not been aware. I guess that is why it is called "training."

Elsewhere in the Breeze you will find a list of programs for the month of February. Please look over them carefully and attend those of interest. One of the great benefits of membership is networking and becoming friends with each other. I encourage each of you to have dinner with us before each squadron meeting and to stay after each meeting to socialize as well.

I look forward to a year of excitement and learning. Other than the cancelled Change of Watch, we are off to experiencing a very good year. Thank you for allowing me to serve.



**Education Officer**  
**Lt/C Craig Cooper, AP**



Greetings to all, from your **new** Education Officer. Notice I emphasized **new**, although P/C John Oberholtzer, AP, had tried to teach me something as his ASEO last year. Thanks to John, we are off to a great start with the Seamanship Class of eight (8) students in their final weeks of class; exams are close. Seamanship is being taught by our experienced co-instructors, P/C Karl Koebberling, SN and P/C David Schultz, SN.

Your Assistant Squadron Education Officer, 1/Lt Ed Miller, N will be helping to co-ordinate the Advanced and Elective Courses. He has also volunteered to teach a Marine Electronics-Communication course this year.

Chairman Karen Nussman, JN will again co-ordinate the One-Day ABC Courses to be offered in the Spring and Fall. Our classroom of choice presently is the Leonard Recreation Center on Ballinger Road. It is important to note that our Squadron has an excellent roster of Certified Instructors, seventeen (17) willing and able to teach any of the Advanced, Electives or Seminars.

The near future plan is for Piloting to be offered in March. There has been a definite interest shown in the Sail Course which is in the planning stages, as well as the Junior Navigation Course. This is the plan for now. Your input to me or Ed will help direct our efforts. I am certainly open to any suggestions, as we have many experienced members within our Squadron. I look forward to your support **as we build on our educational foundation of USPS**. Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Greensboro Power Squadron.

**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.

## Greensboro Power Squadron



### 42nd Annual Change of Watch Ceremony

FIRST TIME IN 42 YEARS

# CANCELLED

due to Winter Storm JONAS!

**... and we all missed our Gala at the O.Henry.**

**However, Greensboro Power Squadron installed all new members on February 8th and February 15th so we are officially under our newly elected bridge in spite of interrupting winter weather.**

A Very Special THANK YOU to our Friends  
at the O HENRY HOTEL for Their Support





## *Valentine Sweetheart Dinners*

*February 13*

Nine couples celebrated Valentine's Day at the home of the Gordys and three couples celebrated on Oak Island at the beach house of the Hacketts. Great food, spirits, and the opportunity to share memories and hopes made enjoyable evenings for the participants. Hopefully, pictures will be available for the March Breeze!!



## Schedule of Events 2016



2/8/16	Membership Meeting
2/13/16	Valentine Dinner
2/14-21/16	USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
2/15/16	ExCom Meeting
2/26-28/16	Greensboro Boat Show
3/14/16	Membership Meeting
3/18-19/16	D/27 Spring Council/Conf, Atlantic Beach
3/21/16	ExCom Meeting
4/9/16	Geodetic Marker Recovery
4/11/16	Membership Meeting
4/18/16	ExCom Meeting
5/9/16	Membership Meeting
5/13-14/16	SML Predicted Log
5/16/16	ExCom Meeting
6/11/16	Cruise
6/13/16	Membership Meeting
6/17-18/16	D/27 Rendezvous, Washington
6/20/16	ExCom Meeting
7/11/16	Hummer-In-The-Summer
7/16/16	Blueberry Picking
7/18/16	ExCom Meeting
8/8/16	Dessert Social
8/15/16	ExCom Meeting
8/20/16	Fishing Tournament
8/25-28/16	USPS Gov Brd, Pittsburg, PA
9/12/16	Membership Meeting
9/23-24/16	Coop Charting, Wooden Boat Show, Ghost Walk, Southport
10/8/16	Operation Big Sweep
10/10/16	Chili Cook Off
10/14-16/16	Fall Council/Conf, Greensboro
10/17/16	ExCom Meetin
11/11/16	Yard Sale
11/14/16	Meeting
11/19/16	Ladies Luncheon
11/21/16	ExCom Meeting
12/1/16	Christmas Party
12/1/16	ExCom Meeting
1/9/17	Annual Meeting
1/16/17	ExCom Meeting
1/21/17	GPS Change of Watch

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