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# Notice to Mariners

## 5/9/16 Membership Meeting

Our speaker for the May 9th meeting is Harry Thetford, who writes for the Greensboro News and Record. He writes articles about veterans who have been in WWII, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Since we are a boating group he will dwell on those in the US Navy. Most of these veterans are from our area.

## May 13th and 14th Predicted Log at Smith Mountain Lake

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### May Birthdays

12 Jed Norris	23 Eric Eakes
16 Kevin Perks	26 Hardy Spence
19 Jerry Chance	31 Lloyd Dosser

## 2015 Squadron Patrons

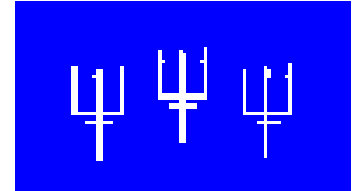
- Ralph and Berry Stout "**BerryGood Too**"
- Woods McGinn "**Blue Moon**"
- Leif and Anneli Johansson "**EZ Living**"
- Mike and Carolyn Hackett "**Hattitude**"
- David and Sue Schultz "**Iron Jenny**" "**SeaMore**"
- Mack and Vinnie Gordy "**Optional Necessity**"
- Larry and Pat Freeze "**Pelacanus**"
- 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**



National Safe Boating Week 2016 is May 21-27. It is tempting not to wear a life jacket while on the water, especially on nice days. You want to get some sun, you think you will get too hot, or you think you are a strong swimmer. But whether you are going fishing or just enjoying a ride on the boat, there is never an excuse not to wear a life jacket. You can have a great time, while choosing to always wear a life jacket and boating responsibly. Life jacket wear is the simplest strategy to stay safe while enjoying your favorite recreational water activity. According to recent U.S. Coast Guard statistics, drowning was the reported cause of death in three-fourths of all boating fatalities in 2014. Of those, 84 percent were reported as not wearing their life jackets.  
(from North American Safe Boating Campaign.)

I want to promote the USPS Youth Poster Contest and youth appreciation of the water and that safe boating is fun boating. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> annual USPS Youth Poster Contest and this year's theme is:

“Make it Personal It's Your Life.....It's Your Lifejacket”.

For more information and application, please go to [www.usps.org/national/membership/memcom/awards\\_index.html](http://www.usps.org/national/membership/memcom/awards_index.html) I will also bring information with me to our May membership meeting.

D/27 Rendezvous is June 17-19 in Washington, NC. Information is now on the D/27 website.

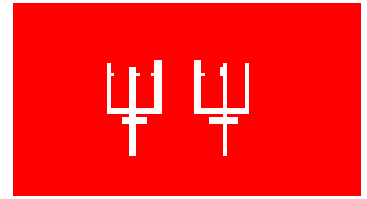
See you at Smith Mountain Lake and the Predicted Log !

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





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



As the boating season is now getting underway, some tips that could help save costly repairs and protect "Fido". First, checking your engine oil before and after a day's run could prevent expensive engine repairs later. Condensation in the oil could weaken ability of the oil to do its job.

Another thing to consider is to purchase a life jacket for your pet in case it should fall overboard.

**Preceding the monthly meeting on May 9th,  
join other GPS folks for dinner at**

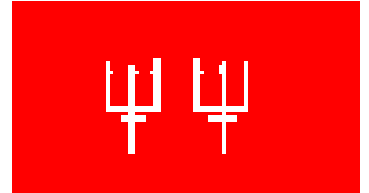
**Jason's Deli**  
**Shops on Friendly**

**Arrive between 6:00–6:15 PM for dinner and conversation before the  
Monthly Squadron Meeting. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.  
As you go through the line, 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 Peter Tourtellot**



The big event for May is the Predicted Log to be held at Smith Mountain Lake (Virginia) on May 13-14. Elsewhere in this issue is Dan Kelly's article on all the specifics. It is still not too late to let us know if you wish to participate. This year the event is being hosted by the SML Power Squadron.

As I wrote my article for the April Breeze in March, we were experiencing great weather but as soon as April came, so did cold weather and there went my idea in getting into our boats early. May, however, is looking to be much better than early April and I know the members will take advantage of it.

I am in the process of putting together a small task force to review how long we should keep files and photos. Some files and photos we will want to keep forever as they provide us with a visual and written historic view of the club. Other files need to be retained for a period of time before deleting. The task force will write a report and make recommendations to the Executive Committee. As part of our work, we will also discuss and make recommendations on the best way to preserve what we now have which is largely in paper files (including old photos). If you would like to serve on the task force, please send me an email or give me a call.

All are invited to have dinner before the meeting at Jason's Deli in the Shoppes at Friendly at 6:00 pm, plenty of time to eat out with friends in the squadron. I hope each of you will plan to attend.

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

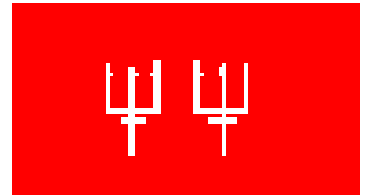
Merit Mark recommendations are due within two weeks after each event.

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



Hopefully you will enjoy the report on pages 9-10 from our recent Geodetic Marker Recovery event. A special thank you to Mack Gordy for his help in planning, experience and advice.

You may have already read the following article in the **Spring Ensign** but I feel it is worthy to reprint here in hopes of interesting anyone in taking a Seminar Online as this format of USPS education is being developed for an expanded audience.

***“Online course helps you plan your summer cruise now”***

*“Boaters can start planning their summer cruise now with a new online course that shows them how. Our newest online course, **Planning Your Cruise** can be taken from the comfort of a warm home thanks to United States Power Squadrons’ partnership with BoatUS Foundation. The cost is \$30 for nonmembers, USPS and BoatUS members receive a 20 percent discount (\$24). Appropriate for both first-timers as well as more seasoned cruisers, the online seminar offers all of the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for a voyage including discussions on crew selection and comfort, meals and provisions, chartering, cruising foreign waters, emergencies, medical care and security. Taking the **Planning Your Cruise seminar completes part of a full USPS course online.** You can get credit for the USPS Cruising and Cruise Planning course by completing three online seminars and an online test. The first seminar, *Weather for Boaters*, has been available for a year. The second is the just-released *Planning Your Cruise* seminar. The final online seminar and test will be available sometime this year. Sign up and see what other online courses are available at **usps.org/edonline.**”*

Check out the other available Seminars taught at the local Squadron on the USPS home site, and let me know the ones that are of interest to you. We currently have material for several seminars on hand.

Our Sail Course with nine students is currently proceeding under the leadership of P/C Karl Koeberling, SN and our Piloting Course is well underway with four students under the leadership of instructor Dan Kelly, JN. Ed Miller will be instructing the Marine Communication course starting May 17. Now is a great time to join a great course for a solid foundation in this phase of boating knowledge! Karen Nussman is organizing an America’s Boating Course in June. Please help support her efforts as we try to reach the boating public.

As we say **“Come for the Boating Education, Stay for the Friends”!!**



# Predicted Log



Predicted Log is upon us! As noted previously, the event will occur the weekend of 13/14 May. If you have not already done so, contact Lt Dan Kelly, JN (288 9562) to sign up (SML folks will contact P/C David Eberle, N).

There is no organized activity on Friday. Some of us are going to the “New Crusty Minstrels” song fest. If you’ve not bought tickets and would like to come, contact them\* for possible reservations (tickets were selling fast). For the show, you can bring your own food or purchase sandwiches there.

\* purchase tickets at:

<http://www.smlgoodneighbors.org/>

Saturday is “the day” of the event. All captains/navigators/observers should meet at 10:00 at Karl Hellingers’s home for instructions, briefing and forms to be filled out. You should have plenty of time to make your speed run, calculate/submit your time estimates, and run the course before Karl’s picnic.

Karl and Barbara of SML squadron are hosting a picnic at their lake home starting at 4:00. If you’ve not already done so, please contact Lt Carol Kelly, AP (209 0555) to discuss “sides” for the cookout and to get directions to their home.



# 25 Years of Dedication and Service

In recognition of their service to Greensboro Power Squadron, D/27 and USPS, three members received their Life Member Awards at the April 11 GPS meeting:

P/C Stewart Colson, JN  
P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP  
P/D/C Stephen Puckett, SN

We congratulate them on their accomplishment and thank them for their service and dedication!



A total of 16 Greensboro members have now attained Life Member status in the squadron's 42 year history. Previous recipients are:

1993 P/C Larry Williams, JN  
1999 P/D/Lt/C Richard Howle, JN  
2000 P/D/C Jim Ward, SN  
2003 P/Lt/C Clint Jackson, SN\*  
2004 P/C Richard Miller, AP  
  
2004 P/Stf/C Paul Long, SN  
2006 P/C John Lore, JN

2009 P/C Keith Bulla, JN  
2010 P/C Clyde Canter, AP \*  
2011 P/C Fred Schultz, SN  
2011 Walker Stevens, SN  
2013 Kendra Bulla, P  
(GPS's only female Life Member)  
2014 P/C Woods McGinn, AP



# Geodetic Marker Recovery

On April 9, a cold and windy Saturday morning, about 19 members volunteered to do geodetic marker recovery activity. Coordinated by Lt Craig Cooper, AP and assisted by group leaders P/D/C Mack Gordy, AP, P/C Charlie Boswell, AP, P/C Woods McGinn, AP, and P/C Tom Statham, AP, we all were excited to be doing something new and different as a squadron. We were broken up into groups of four or five people and given a list of markers to locate. I was assigned to Charlie Boswell's team, and he told us that he has confirmed the locations and descriptions of over 200 marks and reported them to NOAA.

On the way to our assigned section of Greensboro (Eastern Guilford County, along Wendover Avenue) Charlie explained to his crew, what we would be doing and why what we do is necessary. Survey markers, are historically brass or cast metal disks placed on/in the ground and are used in geodetic and land surveying. They are often placed in groups with a primary disk marked with a triangle inscribed on its surface. It is usually surrounded by several reference marks which bear an arrow that points back towards the main station. These measurements move systematically across states or regions and establish angles and distances between various points.

In the US, survey marks are part of a national data base that is maintained by the National Geodetic Survey, a successor agency to the US Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey. Each mark has a permanent identifier that is noted in a datasheet that describes that station. It is illegal to alter or destroy these marks.

By obtaining a listing of these marks, we are providing a service to the NGS similar to Co-Op Charting. Each mark has a GPS coordinate and description of the surrounding area and the depth in the ground where it is located. We all had a great time, we found most of the marks, confirmed the GPS coordinates and measurements from the noted landmarks for each mark. We stood in people's yards, the middle of the road, parking lots and even in the yard where the old Polio Hospital was once located. My favorite mark was in the front yard of a small house on East Wendover that was placed in the 1940's. Afterwards, most of the group met for lunch at Ghassan's to compare stories about finding different marks and 9 lucky winners were awarded 25-ft measuring tapes. Our squadron recovered and reported 33 Geodetic markers.

I am already looking forward to going out again next year and hope those who were not able to go this year will be able to join us.

Karen Nussman, N





Smart Phone Ap called **Solocator** allows the user to take a picture with superimposition of latitude and longitude on the top and the date on the bottom as this picture displays.



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## News from National

The website for this year's Governing Board Meeting in Pittsburgh in August is now available. It can be accessed on the National Website from the Member Home page by clicking on Events and Activities then Calendar.

The conference hotel is the Sheraton at Station Square which is adjacent to over 30 shops and restaurants and a few minutes walk from the Station Square Dock of the Gateway Clipper Fleet.

It is recommended to make hotel reservations early as the rooms do fill up quickly. Also listed are daily tours that run from Tuesday 23 August to Friday 26 August. Most events and meal options are discounted until 13 July 2016.

Keep an eye out for the meeting agenda which is not posted as yet. Because of increasing meeting costs, there is now a minimal registration fee of \$35.00 to attend the meetings during the week. However, there is no fee if a member is only attending the formal meeting on Saturday 27 August.

Regards,  
R/C Kathleen Lambert

## Schedule of Events 2016



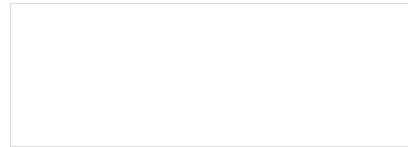
5/9/16	Membership Meeting
5/13-14/16	SML Predicted Log
5/16/16	ExCom Meeting
6/11/16	Cruise
6/13/16	Membership Meeting
6/17-18/16	D/27 Rendezvous, Washington
6/20/16	ExCom Meeting
7/11/16	Hummer-In-The-Summer
7/16/16	Blueberry Picking
7/18/16	ExCom Meeting
8/8/16	Dessert Social
8/15/16	ExCom Meeting
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 in 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 Meeting
11/12/16	Yard Sale
11/14/16	Meeting
11/19/16	Ladies Luncheon
11/21/16	ExCom Meeting
12/12/16	Christmas Party
12/19/16	ExCom Meeting
1/9/17	Annual Meeting
1/16/17	ExCom Meeting
1/21/17	GPS Change of Watch

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