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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron is off to a great year. We had a great Change of Watch at the beautiful Druid Hills Country Club. The attendance, food and fellowship were all to be remembered.

Looking forward to this year, many of the events are already scheduled and are on the calendar, and many events there are. Hans Meier has already scheduled all of the meetings for the rest of the year. Mac Barrier has already scheduled five boating activities. Also Mac has scheduled Boat Smart courses for May and September. Elliott Hammer has Safe Boating set up. Richard Morrison has the Fall classes already scheduled. And with this Executive Committee, I can promise you there is much more to come.

What we need is you. The opportunities are here. We need you at our meetings. We need you at the boating activities (with or without a boat). We need you in the classes. We need you at the Boat Smart courses. This is your organization. Take advantage of it.

Cdr Danny Tompkins, JN

A PARTING SALUTE

My appreciation to all those Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron members who contributed to this great organization this year. At last count we had fifty-seven members receive Merit Marks for their active involvement during 2001.

The year passed before I completed many projects I believe would benefit our squadron. However, the incoming Bridge and Executive Committee are knowledgeable and active. They are well underway with organization, activities, and member support. I congratulate the new Bridge and Executive Committee on their election and I look forward to their leadership. We all know the value USPS has to the boating world. Please join our programs, functions, and educational classes. It is your organization. Enjoy it.

With sincere thanks to everyone.
P/C Don E. Williams, SN



D/Lt/C NELLE B. MOON, SN **Member Involvement Award**

The Change of Watch is always an enjoyable time for those members who are able to attend. It is especially so for the Executive Committee who selects the recipient of the Nelle B. Moon Award. This award is given to a member of the Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron who has made outstanding contributions to our squadron during the past year, and is not a member of the Bridge or the Executive Committee

P/R/C Earl W. Moon, Jr., SN presented the award, in honor of his wife D/Lt/C Nelle B. Moon, SN, to Lt. Jeffery D. Wise, AP for his effort in establishing the ASPS web site, the weekly DR e-mail postings, working the boat show booths, member of the calling committee, assisting with the yard sale, and many more squadron functions. This was membership involvement beyond the horizons many do not see.

We extend our congratulations to Jeff for all his effort and wish him well as the new Secretary of the Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron.

P/C Don E. Williams, SN

WHALE OF A JOB

We all know how important communications and membership recruiting is to the success of the Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron. The past year we have had two members accept and surpass any expectations I may have had for these important areas.

P/C George Sargent, SN, produced and published twelve issues of the "Waterlog". Every month we had the opportunity to view a colorful cover page, calendar of events, and many interesting articles. Our squadron publication is something to be proud of, thanks to George Sargent.

The boat shows have and will continue to be the major source of Boat Smart students. Lt. Doug Watson and Patty Watson arranged for members to represent our organization, set up the booth, monitored the shows progress, and collected names for our classes. Our membership has grown because of their efforts.

Thanks to the above member's involvement, the squadron has grown in membership and communications. Thank you gentlemen for a "Whale of a Job."

P/C Don E. Williams, SN

TV PROGRAM

A&E channel
Sunday 7 Apr 8:00 P.M.

Shackelton's Adventure

COMING EVENTS

- Apr 11 Executive Committee meeting
Old Hickory House
5490 Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd.
Dunwoody, GA
1830 Dutch treat dinner
1900 meeting
All members welcome
- Apr 18 General Meeting
Dunwoody Chop House
1412 Dunwoody Village Pkwy
Dunwoody, GA
meeting starts at 1915, come early if you wish to dine on your own. Restaurant opens at 1730.
(see map below)
- May 9 Executive Committee meeting
- May 16 General Meeting
- May 18 Safe Boating Displays
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Executive Officer's Minute

Our Commander, Danny Tompkins, has taken off like a rocket with his executive committee setting up our squadron year. We're all in for a lot of fun, excitement, and great experiences under his command.

Lt. Keith Blanton has jumped on board to chair Vessel Safety. I'm sure he and his team of examiners are already out there recruiting. Volunteer to be a VSE and treat yourself to doing something really worthwhile.

Our Boating Course Chairman, Lt. Mac Barrier, has ambitious plans to load up our Membership Chairman, Lt. Randy Tahsler, with new member applications. They already have a brilliant start. I mention this for two reasons. First: Lt. Ryan Troncalli and I had a lot of fun in these slots for the past couple of years and we're very pleased with our successors. Second: This means that we are going to be having some huge membership turnouts at our future Squadron events. I'm especially looking forward to our 50th Change of Watch next winter.

We get a double treat next year on Change of Watches. Our own past commander, now D/Lt/C of District 17, Gary Meinken, will be sworn in as Commander of our district. The Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron will have the honor of hosting this event. Soon you will see requests to assist in some 15 areas for this function. Please volunteer in your area of interest to help make this a big success. Safe Boating Week this year will be May 18th through the 24th. Our Safety officer, Lt. Elliot Hammer will need a couple hours of your time to help stand a watch at one of the locations. This will be another opportunity to make new friends and recruit new Members. Please sign up.

About 17 of our squadron members last year had a good time and success on public TV with their on-air campaign. Our Marketing Chairman, Lt. Ron Bloom, took his final exam for Cruise Planning the other night. As he was going out the door to head for blue water with his new wealth of knowledge, he told me that when he returns (?), we get to have all this TV fun again. Yep! Another chance to volunteer. Look for this upcoming opportunity announcement.

Ernest Shackleton set out to cross the Antarctic and got the ultimate test in endurance: stranded for 18 months; 1200 miles from civilization with 28 lives at stake. He led one of the most incredible and treacherous expeditions of all time. Escape the ordinary and see it Sunday 7 Apr at 8:00 P.M. on A&E. (Genie and I went to "Point Bloody Wild" on our Antarctic expedition last year.)

Lt/C Ed Troncalli, N

EDUCATION UPDATE

All the current squadron classes have completed or will soon complete their course work and their testing. The students in the Junior Navigation class that started back in September of last year, have turned in their open book exams, have taken their closed book exams, and are now awaiting the results. Several have also submitted their sight folders for grading. We may soon have some new Junior Navigators. The members of the Cruise Planning class took their final exams on March 11, and are now awaiting the results. The Piloting class was scheduled to begin their testing on March 25 with the open book exam. They will have two weeks to complete the exam, turn it in, and take the closed book test on April 8.

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We all should continue to extend our gratitude to the instructors who take the time out of their busy schedules to plan their course, instruct the classes and share their knowledge and experience with their students. The JN class was led by P/C Mickey Hayes, SN with assistance from P/C Shelton Sawyer, SN. The Cruise Planning class was led by P/D/C Bob Ginsberg, SN. The Piloting class was led by Lt. Michael Smith, AP.

Coming Events: Fall classes - Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, Navigation, Engine Maintenance.
Next Spring - We plan to offer the newly revamped Weather Course. I have a copy of the new manuals and the color graphics look really great. Under the new format this will be a two part course that will be offered back to back.

Lt/C Richard E. Morrison, SN
SEO

ASPS AUIILIARY

Calling all ASPS Auxiliary Members and Wives of Squadron Members!

Join us on Wednesday, April 17, for lunch at Petite Auberge at Toco Hills located at Lavista Road and North Druid Hills. Our short meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Our husbands are included in this event. Please call your reservations and entree selections to Ruth Bruhns at 770-978-0276 no later than Saturday, April 6. If you leave a message on the recorder, please give your phone number. Salad and dessert will be included with these two entree choices:

Chicken Hunter Style (in cognac cream sauce) \$15.00 each
Beef Burgundy (in red wine mushroom sauce) 16.50 each

We hope you will participate in this activity even if you are not a member; or if you were a member some time back.

Of course, we would like to increase our membership; but just as important, we want to get to know each other better or maybe reminisce a little.

Ruth Bruhns, First Officer

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

18 - 24 May 2002

Elliot Hammer is planning an extensive set of displays to promote Safe Boating Week and also the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron. This will take place on 18 May in several boating stores throughout the area. Of course he will need all our help. **Please phone him at (404) 843-3638 home, or (404) 885-9830 work to sign up and obtain details.**