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Some Like it Hot

The Mighty Tennessee River

Ladies Who Launch



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The Waterlog

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Cover photo : The entry into Knoxville—Photograph by Ed Troncalli

Commander's Corner



Cdr. Margaret Sherrod, JN

You may have already noticed the autumnal crispness in the mornings and the unusually clear evening skies. The harvest moon and the sparkling stars (and planets) have been particularly spectacular over the past several weeks. They served as a stunning backdrop for our recent Tennessee River cruise, a long weekend trip from Watts Bar Lake to Knoxville and back. We had a great time exploring the Tennessee River and its head-waters, where the French Broad and Holstein Rivers merge, investigating the sights of Knoxville and getting to know the twelve Knoxville Squadron members who joined us at dinner one evening. It was a fantastic weekend!

Special thanks to our cruise coordinator, Carol Jordan, and itinerary planning "scout," Roy Stegall, for all the planning and pre-cruise arrangements and especially to our six skippers who trailered their boats to Spring City, TN. Noteworthy recognition is due to Mike Schneider for meritorious boat docking assistance, "above and beyond the call...", and geological commentary en route.

Other "thank you's" go to Jan and James Dennisson for hosting the 2006 Chili Cook-off and to Nancy Leathers and the members of the Atlanta Squadron Auxiliary for organizing this annual event. We had eleven different types of chili in the competition! Danny Tompkins won first prize with his "Italian Stallion" chili. However, it should serve as a wake-up call to stalwart competitors that the second and third places were won by newer members Tom & Meg Haas and Mark & Pam Pfaff. Congratulations to all!

I am really excited about our new members this year and the talents and experience they bring to our organization. Many of these folks have joined because a member reached out to them and said the United States Power Squadron is the organization for you. This is the "Power of One" at work! Others have joined because they learned from our Boat Smart course that there is more to safe boating than the introductory class. The great thing is that we have so much to share with these new members – education, civic service, boating enjoyment on many levels. And, by their involvement, they can enrich our organization. As you meet these new members, please welcome them to our boating community and encourage them to become involved in an activity, a meeting, a class, on a committee, or in any way that fits their schedule.

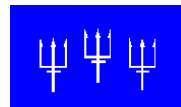
We still have lots of up-coming activities for members and guests to enjoy yet this year. If you are new to the squadron, we especially invite you to come out and participate! If you are hesitant to bring your boat out or if you don't have a boat on Lake Lanier, you are always welcome to be the guest of one of our seasoned skippers to "learn the ropes." We want to make it easy for you to participate so we all get to know each other better. Let us know what we can do to make that happen for you! You can contact me (cdr@usps-atlanta.org) if you have questions about getting involved.

The District 17 Fall Conference will be held in Birmingham the weekend of 03-05 November. Conference details were covered in the recent District Newsletter and in the September issue of the *Waterlog*. On 11 November, we will hold our last on-the-water event for 2006 – our annual Fall Leaf Cruise. Watch for details in your DR-mail. Finally, the last membership meeting for 2006 will be a very special program with Eileen Quinn. She will tell sailing stories and sing songs for and about the "nautically afflicted" on 16 November at the Foghorn Grill. David Herndon, our Administrative Officer, has sent out a special RSVP request due to the anticipated attendance. Please let him know if you plan to attend by sending him your RSVP!

Our Nominating Committee has been working on the slate of bridge officers and Executive Committee members (board members) for 2007. If you have an interest in helping shape the squadron and its activities next year, please contact Past Commander Jeff Wise and let him know you want to be involved. Finally, Vessel Safety Coordinator Doug Watson will be glad to arrange to have your boat inspected if you still need a 2006 inspection. Also, please pass along any potential inspection leads you might have – friends who need inspections, clubs that would be willing to participate, etc.

Continued safe boating!

Margaret



Squadron Happenings

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE IN THE SEA CADETS AND THE SEA SCOUTS?

You would know the difference if you attended the September general membership meeting. Jeff Batson presented an overview of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, a youth organization associated with the U.S. Navy, and the Sea Scouts, an organization associated with the Boy Scouts of America. Both programs are outstanding ways for young people, both male and female, to learn about safe boating and to experience exceptional hands-on training. The Sea Cadets are for 11-18 year olds. The Cadets have monthly drills, go through boot camp and have academic work that is identical to Navy training coursework. Summer training opportunities include 10 days in the Great Lakes aboard ship, submarine seminars, surface warfare school, FAA ground school and opportunities for foreign exchange around the world.

The Sea Scouts is for boys and girls ages 14—21 and is the fastest growing part of the Boy Scouts. The Sea Scouts emphasize seamanship training. Their summer training includes time aboard a Coast Guard cutter, a tall ship in London and diving off the coast of Georgia. The Sea Scouts have an Memorandum of Agreement with the USPS.

Both groups offer wonderful opportunities for young people to hone boating skills and experience exciting training.

DON'T MISS THE NOVEMBER MEETING WITH EILEEN QUINN

Join your fellow squadron members and guests for a special night with Eileen Quinn on Thursday, Nov 16, 7:00 pm at the Foghorn Grill. Eileen will present a program of her unique music accompanied by stories and pictures of her sailing adventures. This is a members' meeting not to miss. **(Please RSVP with your menu preference** to ensure the facility can accommodate everyone and help the restaurant prepare.. **WE REALLY MEAN IT....)** Plan to arrive early! Eileen Quinn is a cruiser, songwriter and recording artist. With over 40,000 sea miles and countless beach bar performances behind her, few singers are as qualified to describe the ups and downs of the cruising lifestyle. Here are a couple more "teaser excerpts" from her 5 CD's—a verse from "Gotta Regatta":

*We're slow even by corrected time
But we're often near the front of the buffet line
Takes us awhile to sail very far
But we strike like lightening at an open bar.....
Gotta, gotta gotta regatta.....*

Visit Eileen's website at <http://www.eileenquinn.com>. Follow David's and Eileen's cruising adventures on their blog at <http://www.boatus.com/cruising/littlegidding/default.asp>.

CHILI COOK-OFF—SOME LIKE IT HOT

The squadron's annual chili cook-off was held on Saturday, Oct 14. For the third consecutive year, James and Janet Dennisson hosted the event at their home. Sponsored by the Squadron Auxiliary, the chili cook-off provides a great transition to cooler

weather, and gives everyone an opportunity to sport their best recipe and enjoy sampling the fine fare of others. Mike Schneider provided an added bonus with highlights from his Alaskan cruise aboard the *Stingray*. Mike's slides covered the first part of his journey from British Columbia up to Alaska on his 23 foot cruiser, which he specially provisioned with radar, a backup outboard motor, a custom bowsprit and other special safety features. He encountered rapids, logging operations, salmon and oyster farms and saw nature in its rawest beauty, including a bald eagle who enjoyed diving for their bait and a whale who joined them for a morning swim. Mike's adventures are always full of information and surprises and we look forward to others in the future.

Third prize for chili went to Pam Napier-Phaff (2005 winner and still going strong), second place went to Meg Haas (who also brought delectable brownies), and first prize went to the "Italian Stallion" chili by Danny Tompkins (who is known for his love for spicy food...and okra).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



New members enjoyed the September meeting: (L) Don Nelson, (center) Chuck Kizina and (Rt) Vonda and Bill Hope



L to r: New member and chili judge Dennis Abel, new member and second place chili chef Meg Haas, Auxiliary First Officer Nancy Leathers, first place chili chef Danny Tompkins, third place winner Pam Napier-Pfaff, host and chili judge James Dennisson.

Squadron Happenings

TENNESSEE RIVER HIGHLIGHTS

By Carol Jordan, On-the-Water Chair

Once again the Tennessee River found the Atlanta Power Squadron plying her waters, this time from Spring City to Knoxville. On September 28 we were rolling through Atlanta headed for the Terrace View Marina, where we were joined by Norm Oien, and Ben and Janice Owens. As the Stegalls were trailering their boat not far from their destination, they had a run-in with one of the locals who decided to use their side of the road as he came around a curve. The result was a few dings, scratches and a totally wiped out side-view mirror on Roy's truck. Thanks to some of our own engineering experts, a donated make-up mirror and lots of duct tape, things were soon back in operating order.

The following morning our boats cast off as the mist rose from the river and the sun's rays warmed the cool morning air. Open waters, cool temperatures and a fast boat only encouraged the true fishermen



Rafted up in the TN locks

in the group to leave the rest of the pack in their wake, as they headed out for a good fishing hole. This however, went unnoticed by one boat who later realized that their "boat buddy" was out of sight and VHF range and went looking for them, only to realize that they were now pursuing the wrong boat (and that a lot of boats look very similar from a distance). After a short pursuit of mistaken identity they reconvened with our group and again headed up river.

Along the way our resident geologist, Professor Mike Schneider, held an impromptu outdoor classroom session at the water's edge as he identified and explained the natural rock formations we were passing through. These inclines, ceclines, faults and folds were created millions of years ago in the earth's crust which now formed the rocky ledges along the river. This section of the river is very scenic with natural rock formations, much greenery and

mountains, mountains everywhere in the back-ground.

All of this quickly changed as we neared Ft. Loudoun Locking through the dam



Relaxing on the docks

was a very smooth process, where we once again used our skills in rafting up three deep. (Our monthly raft-ups provided good practice!). After a short stop to refuel ourselves and our boats, we were back on the river. Much like Lake Lanier, many farmlands and area lakes along the TN River were flooded. A concrete silo standing in the water is a silent reminder of the flooded areas which lie below these beautiful waters. We began to see the rolling pastures and green landscapes down to the river's edge; homes which looked like hotels with associated boathouses that would make a nice riverside residence for anyone and horse farms with miles of white fences and beautiful green lawns everywhere.

We arrived in Knoxville Friday afternoon and 14 members of the Knoxville Power Squadron joined us for dinner that evening. It was great getting to meet these folks and to get some new ideas about how they gain and retain so many new members (they had a 26% increase in membership last year, and have received numerous awards for their accomplishments).

Saturday morning on the docks, found Chef Roy and his first mate Mary shaking the pots and pans to make a blueberry pancake and sausage breakfast for everyone. What a great way to start the day! Knoxville is beautiful when there's not a football game, or if you're NOT a Bull Dawg fan (way, too much orange!). Some of our group decided to take a walking tour of the city, see the historical district, etc., while others headed back to the boats for an excursion in search

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The banner declares that the ASPS is in town!

Squadron Happenings

HOLIDAY PARTY - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

By Genie Troncalli, Social Events Chair



The ASPS holiday party will be on Saturday, December 2. Because of the facility and the delicious food, we will be returning to Kurt's Restaurant in Duluth. Practice your dancing; we have a new DJ who is ready to play your favorites. Tim Tyson will host the popular silent auction, where you can do some holiday shopping. You will receive an invitation in November. Mark your calendar NOW!

MARKETING UPDATE

By Ed Troncalli, Marketing Chair

Greg Clark has written seven articles for the Lakeside on Lanier so far this year promoting our Squadron. These safety articles are a public service and promote membership in the AS&PS. Thanks Greg for a job well done!

CREW OVERBOARD—WHAT DO YOU DO?

By Capt. Dave Crumbley

Ten A.M. one Sunday found 13 members of the Catalina Fleet #13 on deck for a lively discussion of the official findings from last year's Crew Overboard Symposium which was held in San Francisco, California. USPS member Dave Crumbley led a discussion of the committee's findings, including various light and sound attracting devices that were tested in addition to victim recovery aids and techniques.

In Long Beach, California last February, Dave attended a committee discussion, paneled by several of the symposium coordinators and directors. They presented some of the early findings from the extensive program which consisted of 400 individual tests. The final report became public in June.



Dave Crumbley teaches man overboard drills to the "Catalina and friends" group

Dave distributed copies of the official document to the Catalina Fleet, while discussing crew overboard boat handling techniques and methods of recovery. The discussion culminated in a hands-on team exercise by all participants. One member of each team tossed the car keys over his/her shoulders, signifying "crew overboard". Then the "helmsperson", with advice from the other team member, executed the appropriate maneuvers and steps necessary for expedient and safe recovery. The roles were reversed. The exercise validated the old adage "Practice makes perfect." We all just need a lot more practice! A good time was had by all!

CALENDAR UPDATES

The schedule of events has changed and some of the dates in the 2006 roster are now incorrect. Don't miss a thing! Check the dates below:

NOVEMBER

- 3-5 **Fri-Sun** **D17 Conference, Birmingham, AL**
- 9 Thu Executive Committee Meeting, Hickory House
- 11 **Sat** **Fall Leaf Cruise**
- 16 **Thu** **General Membership Meeting, Location – Foghorn Grill (Eileen Quinn)**

DECEMBER

- 2 **Sat** **Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction, Kurt's Restaurant**
- 14 Thu Executive Committee Meeting, Hickory House

JANUARY, 2007

- 8 Mon Winter Classes Begin
- 11 Thu Executive Committee Meeting, Hickory House
- 17-21 Wed-Sun Atlanta Boat Show
- 18 Thu ASPS Annual Meeting, Foghorn Grill
- 19-21 **Fri-Sun** **D/17 Spring Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN**

FEBRUARY, 2007

- 8 Thu Executive Committee Meeting, Hickory House
- 18 Sun ASPS Change of Watch, Dunwoody Country Club
- 20-25 Tue-Sun USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL

Squadron Happenings

LADIES WHO LAUNCH

Very quietly, something special started happening in the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron... an unofficial function for a select group. Hmm... Do you feel left out? Well, you shouldn't. Not that is, if you're female, because this is a discriminating bunch. Much appreciation goes to Carol Jordan, the instigating force behind "The Ladies Who Launch," an ad-hoc gathering of the women of the ASPS and friends who enjoy learning from each other and just having fun on the water.



Ladies Who Launch: Patti Price, Ruth Bruhns, Carol Jordan and Margaret Sherrod are among many LWL who enjoy a day on the lake

Everyone from the most inexperienced to the tried-and-true are welcome and that's the beauty of it—an atmosphere where you can try out your nautical skills and ask any boating questions you may have. There's a good chance someone will know the answer or can find it for you. This is a great opportunity to get to know

other women of the ASPS and enjoy the water together. It happens about every Wednesday during the summer, weather permitting. What it's not is a chance to bash men. Men are adored here! Just not invited.... Contact Carol Jordan for more details for next summer!



The September Raft-up

TN CRUISE

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of the Sea Ray plant (all boaters dream of the next boat) and the head waters of the TN River. We explored the French Broad River and traveled the Holsten River until it got too shallow to go any further. We could now say that we had traveled to the very headwaters of the TN River. Contented with this feat, we headed back to Knoxville for lunch. As one of our boats was backing into the slip, several lessons were learned on how quickly a common experience can suddenly turn dangerous. While trying to fend the boat off from the dock, our own Prof. Mike (being the helpful fellow that he is) suddenly found himself doing a split between the dock and the boat, and ending up in the water. "It's not as cold as I thought it would be," were his first words as helping hands hauled him out of the wa-

ter. While lying on the dock, he managed to pull the boat safely into the slip while still holding onto the boats dock line. What a guy!



Relaxing on the docks

That night we held our dock party on the second floor of the marina's dock house, with a wrap-around porch overlooking the river—a perfect place for this bunch of boaters who just love the water. Lies were told, stories were shared and plans were made for our next ICW trip in April 2007. Nothing definite yet, but don't be surprised if we go back to Florida next year.

The return trip is never as exciting - beautiful yes, but now we're heading home. The lock at Ft. Loudon was standing there with her arms open to welcome us back, as we again rafted up for the next "get to know your neighbor hour." Without a fuel stop or a lunch break, the trip home was swift and smooth and found us pulling into the Terrace View Marina at noontime. Cars were backed down to the river, boats loaded on trailers, hauled out and we headed back to Atlanta to try and beat the rush hour. This is the hardest part of the trip; saying goodbye to close friends and knowing that you have shared a very special time together. BUT, there will always be that text trip to look forward to ...

And now that we are back home, we can say that this Squadron has traveled the length of the TN River as it runs through eastern Tennessee. Did you know that the TN River flows through westerly across northern Alabama, takes a turn north through western Tennessee, and empties into the Ohio River at Paducah, Kentucky. Now would be a great trip...Maybe we should consider the Cumberland River or the Tenn.-Tom, but wherever we go, it will be with great friends, making



The October Raft-up—Do these people have fun or what??



From the Bridge

THE 2006 BRIDGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2006

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MEET THE ON-THE-WATER EVENTS COORDINATOR

Lt. Carol Jordan

(Editor's note: the On-the-Water Coordinator plans all of our activities for Lake Lanier, Lake Allatoona, ICW, TN River)



When/How did you get involved in Boating? It wasn't until after I was married and had children that I really got into boating. My husband, Jim, and I bought a new pontoon boat and enjoyed boating on Lake Lanier for the next ten years.

What is one of your fondest boating memories? I grew up in northern New York state, in an area surrounded by the Adirondack Mountains, lots of Revolutionary War history and the home of Saratoga Race Track. My summers were spent on Lake George, NY which is a beautiful mountain-fed spring lake, 32 miles long. As I was growing up, my family had access to a small power boat, so most sunny weekends were spent water-skiing, picnicking and exploring the islands. I was an only child, so my parents soon got used to having lots of my friends around.

Do you own a boat? One thing I learned very quickly: going to a boat show is a lot like going to the pet store - you're probably going to fall in love and come home with an irresistible new purchase! In 2003 we went to the Atlanta Boat Show and saw a 26' Regal bowrider that just made our eyes sparkle. We said "wouldn't the kids love this!", (without realizing that "kid" was in us!). Water-skiing soon turned into kneeboarding and wakeboarding, zipping all over the lake, exploring new rivers and swimming in new coves.

What brought you to the Power Squadron? The folks at Gainesville Marina suggested that by now we should consider taking a boating course, and had we ever heard of the Power Squadron? - they were offering a boating course... (My dad had been a member, and my folks had always gone to the Christmas party; but all I knew about it was that it was for "old folks").

Little did we know that this would be the start of something wonderful in our lives. We have gotten to know a lot of the other folks who were in our first BoatSmart class, and have watched as they also evolved into active members. Now when we go boating (our children have flown the nest) we always look forward to meeting up with our Power Squadron friends, going to great Raft-Ups and enjoying extended cruises on the TN River and ICW cruises.

And now we've got more friends than ever; who still like to come along and enjoy a great day on the lake - just like when I was a kid!



Life on the Water

RAPID ROY LOST ON FLORIDA BAY

By Roy Stegall

A few years ago I took the family on a vacation trip to the Florida Keys. We camped out at Bahia Honda and used our 19' Regal cuddy cabin to go off-shore for scuba diving and cruising around the Keys. There were lots of bigger boats, but no one had more fun!

One day I decided to take the crew through Big Spanish Channel, which connects the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico through the Keys, starting near Bahia Honda. It's a marked channel, but with an advisory in the cruising guides that it's sometimes shallow. Our 19' ski boat didn't have any problems, and by noon everyone was in the water snorkeling at the Content keys on the gulf side. Wow! Look at all the lobsters here!

The shadows started getting long, and I realized it was time to head back. With everyone aboard, I threaded out of the Content Keys reef area back to deep water, and then took a reciprocal of the course I remembered as we arrived.

Hmmmm... where was that buoy? I was staying safely out in deep water in the gulf, looking for the buoy that would mark the beginning of the Big Spanish Channel passage back to the Atlantic. I remembered it being a green buoy. To my starboard were a whole collection of mangrove islands... all green. While I was stayed in deep water I was too far out to "see" the green buoy against the green background of the mangroves. I wasn't lost... I still had plenty of gas. (Old joke... you may be bewildered about your location, but you're not really "lost" unless you're also low on gas!).

OK. Time to get serious. I stopped the boat, and studied the chart. Hmmmm.... I should be approximately here. If I reference the compass rose and look to the marked location for the buoy, it should be at a bearing of about 75 degrees. I got out a hand-bearing compass, and picked out which island was at that bearing. Then, with binoculars, I took a look. Ah ha! There it is! I swung the boat around and now confidently started home. I still wasn't able to see the buoy with my naked eyes, but I held course and within a few minutes it came into view.

LESSON LEARNED: Never forget the fundamentals. I had charts aboard, of course. But I also had a hand bearing compass and binoculars. In this case those were the critical tools I needed. You can get a compass built into binoculars, or there are hand bearing "hockey puck" compasses with a prism to magnify the card. These are excellent and allow you to read an accurate bearing. Highly recommended !



Hand bearing compass... don't leave the dock without one...



CHALLENGE ! List all of the safety issues you see !

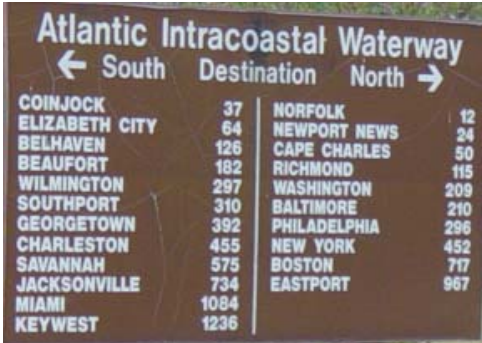
- * No PFD
- * No ABA capacity plate
- * No state registration numbers
- * Registration not on board
- * No navigation lights
- * No horn or noise making device
- * No anchor
- * No oars or paddle
- * No de-watering device
- * Excessively low freeboard
- * Unsafe operation - beyond the design limits of the vessel.
- * Unsafe operation - over the horsepower rating of the vessel.
- * Unsafe operation - over the capacity rating of the vessel.

???OCTOBER PUZZLER???

What was the first man-made object to break the sound barrier?
(Hint: it wasn't a sailboat, and it certainly wasn't this guy on his kitchen table)

???SEPTEMBER PUZZLER ???

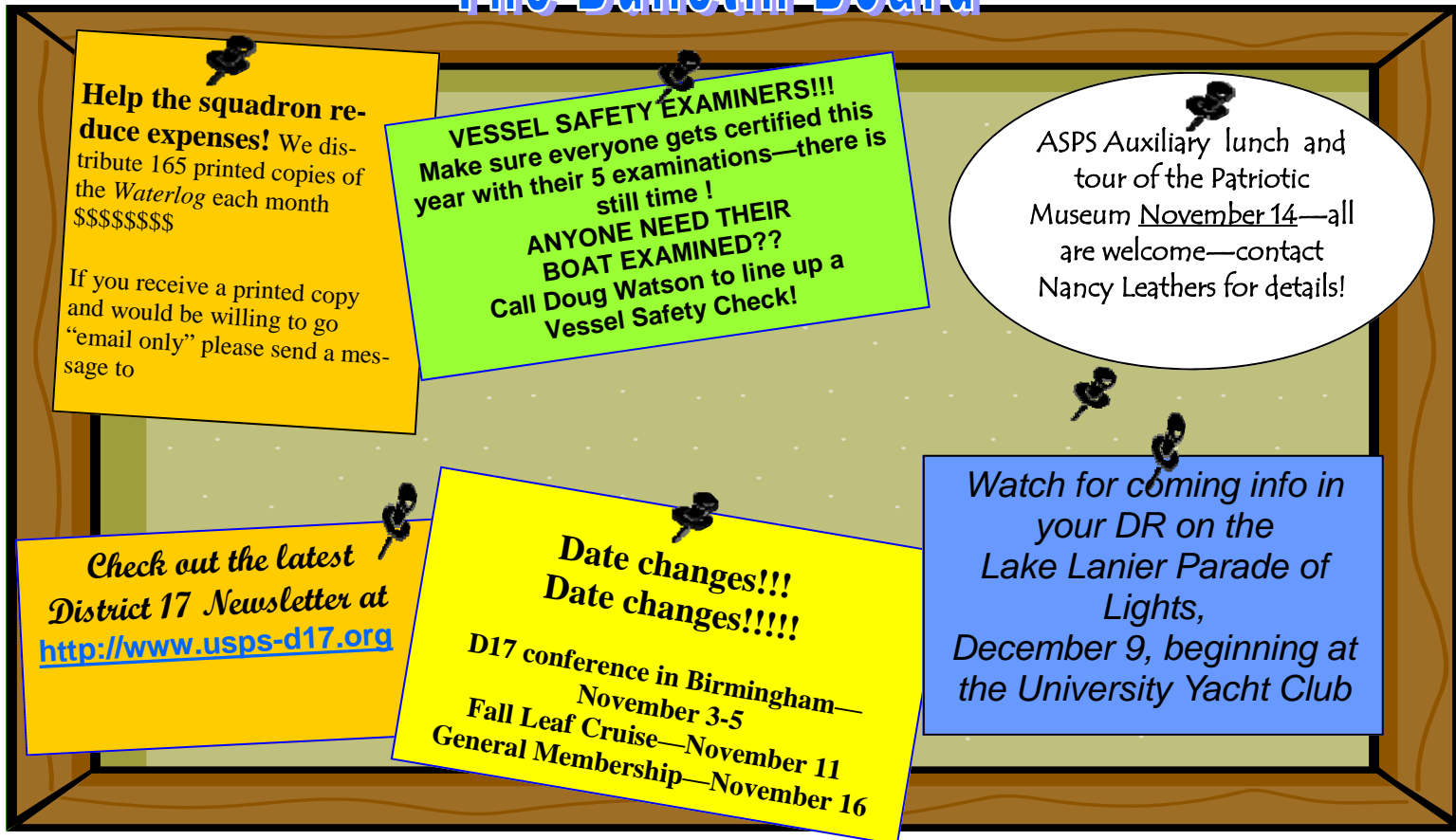
Where would you find this sign on the Intracoastal Waterway?



Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway			
← South	Destination	North →	
COINJOCK	37	NORFOLK	12
ELIZABETH CITY	64	NEWPORT NEWS	24
BELHAVEN	126	CAPE CHARLES	50
BEAUFORT	182	RICHMOND	115
WILMINGTON	297	WASHINGTON	209
SOUTHPORT	310	BALTIMORE	210
GEORGETOWN	392	PHILADELPHIA	296
CHARLESTON	455	NEW YORK	452
SAVANNAH	575	BOSTON	717
JACKSONVILLE	734	EASTPORT	967
MIAMI	1084		
KEYWEST	1236		

Answer: The Great Bridge locks south of Norfolk, Virginia

The Bulletin Board



Help the squadron reduce expenses! We distribute 165 printed copies of the *Waterlog* each month \$\$\$\$\$\$

If you receive a printed copy and would be willing to go "email only" please send a message to

VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS!!!
 Make sure everyone gets certified this year with their 5 examinations—there is still time!
ANYONE NEED THEIR BOAT EXAMINED??
 Call Doug Watson to line up a Vessel Safety Check!

ASPS Auxiliary lunch and tour of the Patriotic Museum November 14—all are welcome—contact Nancy Leathers for details!

Check out the latest *District 17 Newsletter* at <http://www.usps-d17.org>

Date changes!!!
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 D17 conference in Birmingham—November 3-5
 Fall Leaf Cruise—November 11
 General Membership—November 16

Watch for coming info in your DR on the *Lake Lanier Parade of Lights*, December 9, beginning at the University Yacht Club

USPS EVENTS: NOV 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 D17 in Bham	4 D17 in Bham
5 D17 in Bham	6	7	8	9 Excomm Mtg	10	11 Fall Leaf Cruise
12	13	14 Auxiliary @ Patriotic Museum	15	16 General Membership Mtg—Eileen Quinn	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

USPS EVENTS: DEC 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 ASPS Holiday Party
3	4	5	6	7 Excomm Mtg	8	9 Lk Lanier Parade of Lights
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve						

General Membership Meeting at the Foghorn Grill, 3230 Medlock Bridge Rd, Norcross, GA

ExComm Meetings at the Hickory House, 5490 Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA



AFTerthoughts

WHAT IS IT ABOUT BOATING?

By David Herndon

I recently had a conversation with a friend who is a former boater . He told me that he kept a boat on Lake Lanier for about five years. The first year, he was on his boat multiple times per week. The next year, he was there most weekends during the season. The third year, it was only once or twice a month. The fourth year, when he realized that he'd used his boat only twice the entire summer, he decided to sell it.

He asked me how much we used our boat. He was genuinely surprised when I told him that, even after all this time, we still look for any excuse to get on the water. When I recounted a couple of stories about going to the marina on days when the weather was rotten just to sit on the boat or the dock (we once went when it was snowing), he was truly astounded.

The conversation then drifted to the cost and the hassle of boating: something always needs fixing, and nothing that goes on a boat is

cheap. He actually used the words "boat" and "investment" in the same sentence. Time for instruction about boat dollar\$...

He was interested in what we did when we took the boat out— assuming that a lot of fishing was involved. More instruction was necessary to explain that the purpose of boating was to relax, and that fishing bears a lot of similarity to actual work. The only work allowed on board our vessel is cooking, cleaning , repairing something and occasionally navigating.

We moved on to the topic of the social aspect of boating: the friends at the dock, the ASPS, the raft-ups, the cruises. He had no idea about this facet of boating.

As he left, he was making noises about maybe getting another boat sometime. Of course, I invited him and his wife to join us for a "true boating experience." I never got to talk about the educational and public service opportunities at the ASPS. Who knows, maybe I found another Power Squadron candidate...

Happy boating!

Lisa and David Herndon
Atlanta, GA 30319

