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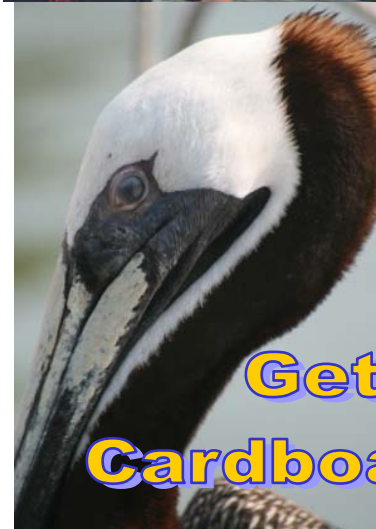
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Special Photo Edition: The GICW

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Cover photo by anonymous passerby who mentioned he was a photographer for the Washington Post.....you never know...there was a photoshoot going on at the end of the dock at the time.....ASPS GICW captains and crews at Marina Jack's, Sarasota Florida

Commander's Corner



Cdr. Frank Taylor, P

What Are You Missing?

Everyone already knows that the squadron has a great education program. In fact, that is why many of us joined in the first place. Most of us also know that there are some exciting things happening in the education department and there will be some new offerings available even for those who have a full certificate.

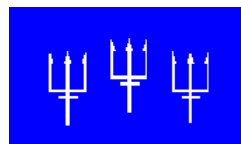
I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about some of the other things that are available to squadron members, particularly in the area of fun because I think a lot of members are missing out on some activities that they would enjoy.

Each month we have a membership meeting that allows us to gather for fellowship, enjoy good food and hear from some very interesting speakers. Personally, I have learned a lot just by attending these meetings. This is a great way to keep in touch with other members and find out what is going on in the squadron.

Now that the weather is warm, we are all prepped for an exciting year of on-the-water activities. We recently finished a fantastic trip along the west coast of Florida where we had 7 boats and 24 people come along for one of the best trips we have done. We are well into raft-up season where we have monthly raft-ups on the lake. Later this month, we will have our famous cardboard boat race and we are already in the planning stages for our fall cruise. These activities are in addition to all of the impromptu gatherings that are normal when dealing with friends and family.

If you have not experienced anything beyond the educational aspect of the squadron, I urge you to think about what you are missing. Also, if you have not participated in any events in the past several years, I think you will find that things have changed. So take a moment to check out the calendar on our website or in the roster to see what activities we have coming up. Consider joining us at one of the upcoming events. This way, you won't miss out on what the squadron has to offer and we won't miss out on you.

Happy boating!!



Frank

Squadron Happenings

ATLANTA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON GICW CRUISE

*By P/D/C Norm Oien,
published in D17 Files and Profiles*

For the fifth consecutive year, an assemblage of capable and adventurous souls from the fabulous Atlanta Squadron planned a group cruise along a portion of the Atlantic Intra-coastal Waterway. This year I was extremely fortunate to be a part of this impressive and fun-loving group who traveled from Sarasota, FL to Ft Myers and back, a total of 198 joyful miles.

The six trailer-boat fleet ranged in length from 21-ft to 27-ft and put in at Sarasota. A 35-ft Bayliner, chartered in Sarasota, and hereafter referred to as "The Mothership", brought the vessel count to seven, with a total crew count of 26.

The fleet departed Sarasota at 0900 Sunday, 29 April, making landfall at Cabbage Key the same day. Docking conditions were horrible, with a 15 mph crosswind adding to the challenge of stern-to docking, but each captain came through with flying colors and the language remained mostly family-friendly. A salute to their seamanship skills!

Monday the fleet eventually arrived at Legacy Harbor in Ft Myers despite some skippers discovering an uncharted bridge and passing under same. Activities included a tour of Thomas Edison's home and museum on the Caloosahatchee River.

Tuesday and Wednesday were spent on Captiva Island, a paradise of bicycle tours, manatee, pelican and heron watching, and relaxing in the finest style. The tidal range and stern-to docking sharpened many skipper's leaping/climbing skill when leaving the vessel. Of course, the evenings were filled with wonderful food, music and dancing.

Thursday's highlight was a stopover at Boca Grande for a fabulous lunch and golf cart tour of the island while taking in history and shopping possibilities. The day ended at Palm Island Resort with a wonderful pool party to while away the evening hours.

Friday's journey brought us to the Crow's Nest Restaurant in beautiful Venice and then back to Marina Jack's in Sarasota for a final dock party.

I gained a new 25-member family during this adventure. People were always there to provide shuttle service, help with room reservations, boat accommodations, food and daily skipper's meetings. The trip was a wonderful experience and I am so grateful to each member who made me feel so welcome. Thank you, Atlanta!

COMMANDER'S LAKESIDE EVENT

Featuring the Squadron's Annual
CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

Location:

Ed & Genie Troncalli's Home

Friday, 22 June, 2007

Live-a-boards welcome. Four docks available for docking and rafting-up.

Bring your own to eat and beverages. Gas grill on patio for all to share.

Saturday, 23 June, 2007

Breakfast on your own.

Cardboard Boat building in the morning. Cardboard furnished. You may want to get an early start and pick up your cardboard before the event. Bring your own tape, string, glue, quick drying paint and imagination.

All members should arrive before high noon for the Commander's Welcome and Lunch

Please bring a side dish to share. Bring your own beverages.

Salads, Desserts, Meat and paper products supplied.

Afternoon Events: Swimming, VSE's and the CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

Sunday, 24 June, 2007

Live-a-Boards: Group Breakfast

PLEASE RSVP to:

Ed & Genie Troncalli

Please let them know if you are coming by car or boat.

Look for the cardboard boat building rules on the ASPS website!

www.usps-atlanta.org

Squadron Education Officer Patti Price and Commander Margaret Sherrod man the ASPS display at a recent Bass Pro Shop event

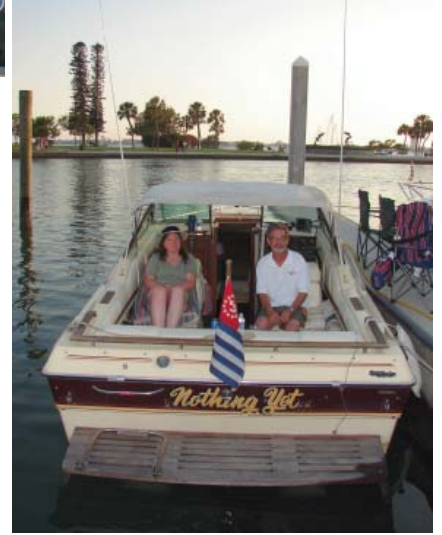


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PHOTO GALLERY FROM THE GULF INTRA-COASTAL WATERWAY CRUISE



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From the Bridge



THE 2007 BRIDGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2007

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Cdr. Frank Taylor



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The Safety Net



Submitted by
Safety Officer Charlie Cox

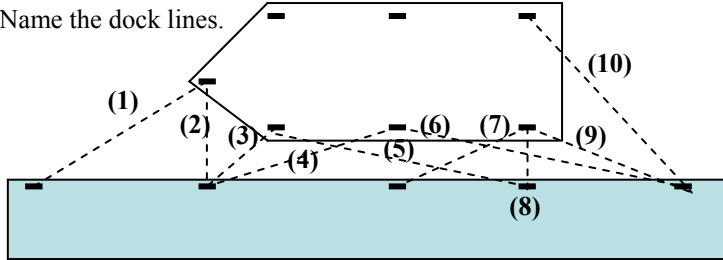
FLARE GUN MALFUNCTION

A defective opening mechanism in some 12-gauge plastic flare guns manufactured by Olin (now Orion Safety Products) prior to 2000 may not open wide enough to accept a flare cartridge. Guns with a modification to correct the possible problem are marketed with U.S. Coast Guard approval code 160 028//12/1. Boaters with older flare guns should check the operation of the opening mechanism now and at the start of each boating season. If the breech will not open wide enough to accept a cartridge, the gun should be sent back for a replacement. Send defective guns to:

Orion Safety Products,
Marine division,
3157N. 500W
Peru, IN 46970.

???JUNE PUZZLER ???

Name the dock lines.



(Hint: Dock lines are generally named first by their direction, then by where they fasten to the boat, then by the type of line. All three elements may not be included.)

???APRIL PUZZLER ANSWER???

How well do you know your Captains??? Level one knowledge (more to come!). Name these Captains:

1. Captain of the pirate ship *Jolly Roger* in *Peter Pan*—Captain Hook
2. Commander of the starship *Enterprise*—Captain James T. Kirk
3. Secret identity of Billy Batson—Captain Marvel
4. Police captain played by Hal Linden— Captain Barney Miller
5. Famous Scottish pirate—Captain Kidd
6. Captain of the *HMS Bounty*— Captain William Bligh
7. Surgeon portrayed by Alan Alda on *MASH*—Captain "Hawkeye" Pierce
8. Bad guy in McDonald commercials—Captain Crook
9. His life was saved by Pocahontas—Captain John Smith
10. Their No. 1 hit was *Love Will Keep Us Together*—Captain and Tennille

The Bulletin Board

Save the Squadron Money!

Please pick up your roster and CD at the general meeting.

The CDs will not be mailed except for those folks that require mailing of the paper roster.

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

The Cardboard Boat Race!

Look for boat building rules on the ASPS website
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If you need cardboard to build your boat for the June 23 cardboard boat race, contact Ed Troncalli

Waterlog Thanks.

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Ed Troncalli
Jeff Batson
Kevin Schoonover
Kevin Schoonover
Ed Troncalli

SPECIAL THANKS FOR MAKING THE GICW TRIP SO TERRIFIC!

Doug & Patti Watson, On-the-Water Cruise Chairpersons

Tim Tyson, Restaurant and Social Director

Kevin Schoonover, Chief Navigator

NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS!!

ALDO'S ON ROSWELL RD.

This month Norm Oien will cover the finer points of building a cardboard boat!!

USPS EVENTS: JUNE 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Excomm Mtg	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 General Membership mtg	22	23 Commander's Party & Cardboard boat race
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

USPS EVENTS: JULY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Excomm Mtg	13	14 Raft-up
15	16	17	18	19 General Membership mtg	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Watts Bar Invitational	28 Watts Bar Invitational
29 Watts Bar Invitational	30	31				

General Membership Meeting at **Aldo's Restaurant at 6690 Roswell Road in Sandy Springs, GA**

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



Life on the Water

CRUISING MEMBERS CROSS PATHS IN THE ABACOS

By Bob Wilson

Carolyn, Maggie and I have returned to the Abacos for our fifth year and are enjoying living aboard our new North Pacific 42 M/Y *Sea Island Girl*. The trip has been particularly enjoyable in that Carolyn has been engaged in volunteer work in Marsh Harbour and I have been elected as Commodore of the Royal Marsh Harbour Yacht Club. The Club is very active in the Abacos during the winter cruising season and we have several state-side Chapters to support the year round activities of our one thousand plus membership. It did not take long for me to appreciate the "training" I received during our more active days with the Atlanta Squadron.

We were pleased to welcome and spend time with another Atlanta member this season when Irene Loycano, sailing solo aboard S/V *Katja* happened by the Abacos. Our first evening together was an impromptu Southern Fried Chicken dinner Carolyn prepared for us while we were "on the hard" at Man O' War Cay having our bottom painted. The ladies enjoyed shelling and collecting sea glass while our border collie Maggie and I supervised the paint job.

It is always fun to connect with our Squadron friends from Atlanta and welcome opportunities to re-unite along the waterways.



Bob and Irene in the Abacos

DATE CHANGE FOR WATTS BAR INVITATIONAL

By Bob Allen, District 17

(Editor's note: this Knoxville-hosted event is a great chance to get to know other squadrons in our district and see the waters of the Tennessee River)

I just learned as a result of Janis trying to book a room at Terrace View Marina & Resort that no rooms had been blocked off as requested, and that all rooms have been rented for the weekend of July 20-22. They had reserved the slips, but no rooms.

In view of this faux pas, I'm changing the Watts Bar Invitational to the following weekend, July 27-29, 2007. The slips will be available as well as 6 rooms, not including that reserved by Janis, Margaret, and Carol. Anyone wanting to reserve a room or slip should, however, call on a timely basis. The number for Terrace View is 423-365-6060.

THE MAY RAFT-UP NEARLY A WASH-OUT

By Beth Guler

The Saturday before Mother's Day was to be our most recent raft-up, but the weather had other plans. It was a hot and steamy afternoon and boats were just arriving and rafting together when dark clouds started threatening. All of a sudden the wind picked up and despite our anchors, we were being dragged towards shore. We broke up the raft-up with some difficulties and everyone went separate ways. In the confusion we had one fouled prop and one failed engine.



Mike Guler Grilling Brats

Mike and I chose to anchor and ride out the storm. The storm only lasted a short while, and then it was a beautiful evening. Mike cooked brats on the grill after an improvised repair to the grill mount. Along with potato salad and wine it was a wonderful meal. Later that night we watched deer come to the shore to drink. *Marina* and *Schooner*, our dogs, were ready for some venison!



Life on the Water

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE CLEAN WATER ACT

By Sam Insalaco, USPS Government Relations Committee

Unless we lobby our Congress and Senate to exempt recreational vessels from the current law, all owners will be required to obtain a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for their vessel. This will not only be a costly effort to obtain the permit, but also will require ongoing monitoring and reporting to ensure compliance.

Currently, the Recreational Boating Act of 2007 is in review in the House (<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-8738.pdf>). Please urge all USPS members to write our elected representatives and request they add this additional legislation to the act to exempt recreational vehicles from this requirement.

The following is an action request from the National Boating Federation.

RE: BOAT BLUE:

COALITION ON BALLAST WATER DISCHARGE

Last fall a U.S. District Court ruling nullified EPA Regulation 40 under the Clean Water Act exempting effluent discharge incidental to the normal operation of vessels. The ruling is the result of a lawsuit to halt the introduction of invasive species from ballast water from commercial ships. Unfortunately the ruling did not differentiate between vessels and includes gray water and bilge water discharge from recreational boats as well. (Black water was not mentioned.)

Under the court order, the EPA must establish new regulations and a permit process to enable the normal discharge from recreational boats by September 2008. The permit process and enforcement would be worked out between the EPA and the states.

To fight this ruling and its results, NBF was asked by the NMMA to join the Boat Blue Coalition. The Coalition has informed Congress of the problem and the harm it would do to the marine industry and the boating public. Further, we have cited the need for legislation that would codify the exemption for recreational boats that has existed under the Clean Water Act for many years. This is a significant problem for both manufacturers and the boating public. There are 13 million registered boats in the US and 74 million boaters, contributing to a \$37 billion a year industry.

Please write your U.S. Senators and U.S. Congress Representative to ask them to pass a law preserving the exemption for recreational boaters from the Clean If you want more information regarding this initiative, please visit www.boatblue.org or <http://www.boatblue.org/news.aspx?id=14539>.

OOPS!

By Beth Guler

These photos were found on the Yacht Forum. I am sure this will be an experience the gentlemen in the photo will remember for a long time. If you look closely you can see them riding the descent in the stern of the boat. They are supposed to be from the MV *Rickmers Dalian* discharging in the Middle East (Jebel Ali).



QUOTES ABOUT BOATS

Excerpts From *Wind in the Willows*

...the Mole to his surprise and rapture found himself actually seated in the stern of a real boat.... 'Do you know, I've never been in a boat before in all my life.'

'What?' cried the Rat, open-mouthed... 'Believe me, my young friend, there is *nothing* -- absolute nothing -- half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. ...about in boats -- or *with* boats,...In or out of 'em, it doesn't matter. Nothing seems really to matter, that's the charm of it. Whether you get away, or whether you don't; whether you arrive at your destination or whether you reach somewhere else, or whether you never get anywhere at all, you're always busy, and you never do anything in particular; and when you've done it there's always something else to do, and you can do it if you like, but you'd much better not.

...The Mole ... absorbed in the new life he was entering upon, intoxicated with the sparkle, the ripple, the scents and the sounds and the sunlight, he trailed a paw in the water and dreamed long waking dreams.



AFTerthoughts

“SIMPLY MESSING ABOUT IN BOATS...”

By David Herndon

“There is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”

If the Atlanta Power Squadron were to decide to adopt an official motto, this quote from Kenneth Grahame’s *The Wind and the Willows* is a strong candidate for consideration.

But we wouldn’t be the first group to think that way. Do a Google search on “messing about in boats”, and you’ll get over 400,000 hits. Apparently a lot of people agree with the Water Rat’s assessment of what constitutes the good life.

I did not know of this quote prior to last summer when a plaque containing these words was affixed at the helm station of my brother-in-law’s new boat. I suppose that points to a deprived, or literary-starved childhood, but nevertheless, I immediately adopted this as a personal credo.

Recently, I encountered the quote embroidered on a decorative pillow in the salon of a friend’s boat, and that started me to think about

the profound truth captured in this simple sentence.

Why does “simply messing about in boats” hold such strong appeal? The answer probably can be found somewhere in a mixture of escapism and technical competence.

Most serious recreational boaters will quickly agree that there are few things more relaxing than being on the boat cruising, rafted up with friends, or just anchored in a cove – in other words, just messing about. At the same time, most serious boaters recognize the broad range of technical skills required to handle a boat and keep it functioning over time. Besides being able to drive a boat, to navigate a course and find your location, he or she must also be, to some degree, an engine mechanic, an electrician, a plumber, a meteorologist, and a chef.

Boaters are multi-talented people, and messing about in their boats provides an outlet for all those talents.

Happy boating!

David and Lisa Herndon
Atlanta, GA

