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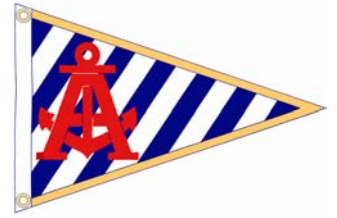
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# WATERLOG

United States Power Squadrons  
Sail and Power Boating - America's Boating Club®

## Safe! Smart! Fun!



## Special Edition: ICW Gallery

**General Meetings  
Find New Venues**

**Invitation for a  
Riverboat Cruise**



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Cdr. David Herndon, JN

**Commander's Corner**

SAFE! SMART! FUN!

It's happening! The recent ICW cruise is a perfect example.

Eleven boats, all with current VSCs; 35 people, all with detailed charts, tide tables, GPS devices and bridge information; five different marinas on seven nights. We were safe, we were smart, and we certainly had fun. Even the weather cooperated. See the article on page 3 for all the details. Doug and Patti Watson did a super job of planning, scouting and preparing for the trip and Kevin Schoonover, as our Chief Navigator, helped us make the journey safely.

We are doing an electronic debriefing on lessons learned on this trip. Check your e-mail and add your comments to the running discussion to help make next year's trip even better.

As with all major activities involving boats, there were a few incidents along the way – thank goodness, none of them major. It was encouraging to watch squadron members go out of their way to make sure that the boats that had problems were not left to fend for themselves. Someone was always there to give assistance, or just to commiserate over the darn bad luck. It made me very proud to be part of such a fine group.

These spring cruises continue to be a highlight activity of the year. We're already looking forward to next year's event.

As the lake continues to rise and the boating season gets into full swing, let's look for every opportunity to share our message with the boating public.

- Be sure to get your boat inspected and point out your VSC sticker at every opportunity.
- Invite your dock-mates to a raft-up.
- Check the literature racks when you're in the marine supply stores and make sure there's a good stock of our brochures.
- Tell your boating friends about the educational opportunities we offer.
- Organize a VSC day or a seminar at your marina.

There are dozens of ways to let Atlanta-area boaters know about who we are and how we can help make their boating experience better and safer.

Happy boating!

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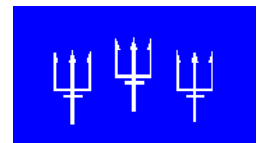


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# Squadron Happenings

## APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS FIND NEW VENUES

The unexpected closing of Jock's and Jill's led the ASPS members to do a last minute change of venues for the April meeting. To everyone's delight, the new venue, The Five Season's Brewery, was an even better arrangement than J&J's had been. With the growth in meeting attendance, The Five Season's offers a larger outside beer garden or inside enclosed room for meetings, and has a unique and affordable menu with a variety of beers brewed on premises.



*The Past Commanders' table at the Five Seasons: L to R: Hans Meier, Don Williams, Danny Tompkins, Margaret Sherrod, Frank Taylor, Ed Troncalli*

The speaker for the evening was Dan Hurst, an emergency room nurse at the NE Georgia Medical Center, the second busiest ER in Georgia.

Dan reviewed boating accident statistics and demonstrated how to treat some typical injuries with materials found on your boat while waiting for help to arrive. Dan demonstrated how to use a rolled up towel or a Styrofoam noodle to make a neck collar in case of injured neck or as a splint for a fractured limb.



*Everyone enjoyed the new roomy venue and open air beer garden of the Five Seasons at the April meeting*

of the 19 total boating fatalities in Georgia last year, 12 were attributed to alcohol. In addition there were 59 drownings. Forty-three percent of Georgia boating accidents are due to operator error, which is why safe boating education is so important. Commander Herndon awarded a one-year ASPS honorary membership to Dan and his wife Cindy, who own the boat the *Nauti Dawg*. and Dan and Cindy also received a squadron burgee compliments of the Haas family.

The squadron has reserved the Five Seasons for general meetings

for the remainder of 2008; however they were double-booked for the May meeting date. Our industrious meeting coordinators found yet another venue, Nemoe's, in which to meet to enjoy a presentation on marlinspike and knots by James Dennison.

James, who began special rope skills as a Boy Scout and continued through his days in the Coast Guard, held an interactive session with everyone trying out their knot-tying skills.

Meetings will resume at the Five Season's in June, with a special guest appearance by speakers from the Georgia Aquarium (see following article).



*Shirley and Dennis Abel enjoyed the April meeting*

## PUT DOWN THE FORK AND MOVE AWAY FROM THE GROUPER!!

*By Kevin Schoonover*

When was the last time you looked at a menu and didn't see grouper? Well, as much as we like grouper, it, along with some other favorites, might be disappearing from our favorite restaurants. The problem is over-fishing and focusing on species that are not sustainable based on present rates of consumption.

Our speaker for our June General Meeting will be Pam Pate from the Georgia Aquarium. She will teach us all how to be more "seafood savvy" when we go to dinner and make our selection. By eating the right kinds of fish, we can relieve pressure on the species that are slow to mature and allow the oceans to restock themselves.

Some interesting facts:

- Bluefin Tuna harvests are down 75% (12 million lbs -1996, 3 Million Lbs – 2001)
- Snow Crab harvests are down 92% (325 million lbs – 1996, 25 million – 2001)
- 62 Species of Sharks are threatened with extinction due to by-catch & over-fishing
- 25% of the world's catch is discarded overboard as by-catch (18-40 million tons/yr)
- By-catch includes tens of thousands of sharks, sea turtles, seabirds, and other species
- 43% of all fish consumed worldwide comes from Aquaculture

An average salmon farm releases the same amount of organic waste as a city of 65,000 people!

The oceans are **NOT** an endless supply of seafood!

Bring your friends and we look forward to seeing you in June!

# Squadron Happenings

## PUBLIC RELATIONS INVITATION

*By Gregory Clark, Public Relations Chair*

The Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron has many members with exciting stories, exceptional boating expertise, and an ocean of knowledge and experiences. I would like to extend an open invitation to promote the publication of your personal stories, or boating tips. We will be delighted to help you with editing, and fine tuning your story before sending it on to Lakeside On Lanier for publishing. We want your input and public relations ideas.

All members, new and experienced are encouraged to share some of your favorite topics that you would like to see printed or reprinted. Lake Lanier is a safer place to boat because of the collective efforts of our members. Please email or call with your ideas soon. You just may be the next star on the horizon. Thank you.

## INVITATION FOR DINNER AND DANCING ABOARD A RIVERBOAT

Remember Captain Farmer, from the March meeting, who recounted his experiences as skipper of the *Star of Knoxville* and other river boats? You now have a personal invitation from the riverboat captain himself to join him for a very special night reserved for Power Squadron members. A dinner cruise aboard the *Star of Knoxville* has been reserved for Saturday, 31 May 2008 boarding at 6:30 p.m. at 300 Neyland Drive, Knoxville, TN. This cruise is offered to all Power Squadron members by Muscogee Power Squadron and P/C John Farmer, SN. Ask to be seated with Captain Farmer and the Power Squadron group. Adult retail is \$34.90; group is \$32.75. Children under 12: \$19.90. This 2-hour cruise features prime rib, chicken Florentine, salad, baked potato, vegetables and dessert, with live entertainment and dancing.

Call 800-509-BOAT [www.tnriverboat.com](http://www.tnriverboat.com); overnight stay is suggested at the Hotel St. Oliver [www.hotelstoliver.com](http://www.hotelstoliver.com); 865-521-0050.

## 2008 ICW CRUISE: FROM SING-ALONGS TO SUBMARINES, A GREAT WEEK ON THE WATER

Ten boats with 33 members and guests aboard left Isle of Palms marina at 0930 on Sunday, 27 April, on the first leg of a 340-mile, six-day round trip journey to Wilmington, NC. The flotilla consisted of:

*Adele Serena*: Stephen & Marla Hendrix; Greg & Gail Clark as crew  
*Arrimage*: Glenn & Sheryl LaBoda; Danny & Margie Tompkins as crew

*Blue Chip*: Mike & Tamie; Curly as crew

*Blue Sky*: Richard, Terry & Erica Dukes

*Hunky Dory*: Don & Helen Nelson

*No Name*: Dave Erickson & Ginna Seitz (guests from University Yacht Club, who only in the first leg of the trip)

*Pokie Dot Girl*: Tom, Meg & Julia Haas; Jim & Carol Jordan as crew

*Quintessence*: Dave & Lisa Herndon; Kevin Schoonover as crew and Fleet Navigator

*Sea Trek*: Ed & Genie Troncalli; Margaret Sherrod, Doug & Patti Watson as crew. Doug and Patti also served as Fleet Captains for the cruise.

*Stingray*: Mike Schneider; Norm Oien and T. J. Convery as crew

The first day's run was about 60 miles north to Georgetown. The

group arrived early afternoon and docked in the wind and chop of the Great Pee Dee River at Georgetown Landing Marina. Following an afternoon of relaxation and sight-seeing, there was a dock party on the deck atop the marina office.

Monday's leg was about the same distance up the Waccamaw River into Myrtle Beach. The passage up the Waccamaw is especially scenic: black water, cypress trees lining the banks, lots of wildlife. Thunderstorms tracked the fleet all day both to the east and west, but no rain fell on the flotilla until they were safely docked at Myrtle Beach Yacht Club, and then it was only a light shower. Following a good dinner at Umberto's, located on the marina property, several of the group got together for a sing-along.



*Danny Tompkins, Dave Herndon and Kevin Schoonover led the squadron sing-along*

Tuesday's run was another 60+ miles to Wilmington. The first half consisted of a lot of no-wake zones as the ICW between Myrtle Beach and Southport is mostly a narrow canal with a lot of residential development along the shores. Once past Southport, we left the ICW and went north on the Cape Fear River about 25 miles to Wilmington.



*The Navy's new "asset" the nuclear sub North Carolina was well protected as the squadron passed*

The latest addition to the US Navy's fast attack submarine fleet, the *USS North Carolina*, was docked just south of the city, awaiting her commissioning on May 3. The squadron flotilla was required to contact the Coast Guard and request an escort past the submarine on the way into the city. The instructions were to maintain a minimum 100 yards distance, to proceed at idle speed and to make no moves in the direction of the "asset". The flotilla complied, and got an excellent view of the submarine as we passed.

Mary and Roy Stegall, aboard *Gideon*, met the flotilla and graciously hosted a reception on Tuesday afternoon and a pancake breakfast on Wednesday morning.



*Roy and Mary Stegall graciously opened S/V Gideon for happy hour and breakfast*

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# Squadron Happenings

## ICW TRIP CONTINUED...

Wilmington is a quaint and charming riverfront town. The city docks are right in the heart of the city's entertainment district, and the cruisers found themselves surrounded by interesting shops, restaurants and bars.

Viewers of the TV series "One Tree Hill" will be interested to know that the town seen in the background across the river in many outdoor shots is downtown Wilmington. An episode of the series was being filmed while the squadron was there, so the squadron's boats may be on TV



*Wilmington, NC is third behind New York and Los Angeles for movie production*

some time in the fall. In addition, another movie was being filmed while the squadron was in town. One of the cruisers was picked to be an extra as an interior scene was shot in a local restaurant.

Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday were spent getting to know the town. On Thursday morning, the flotilla headed back south, retracing our route to Myrtle Beach, but to Barefoot Resort Marina this time.



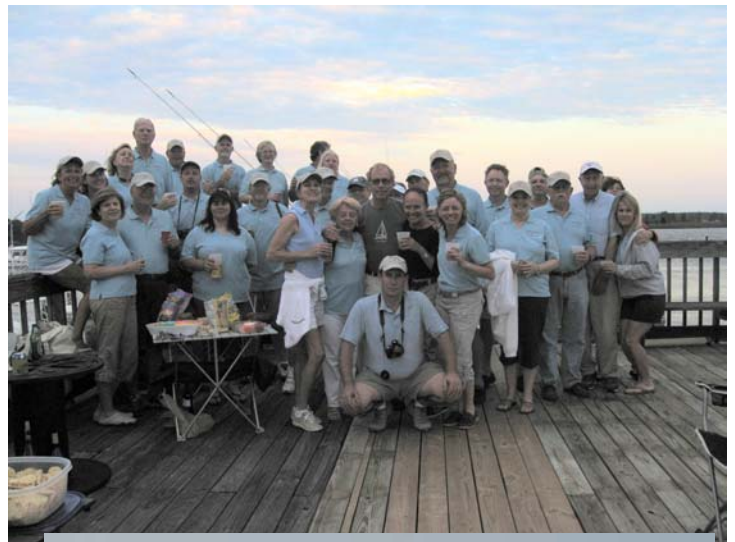
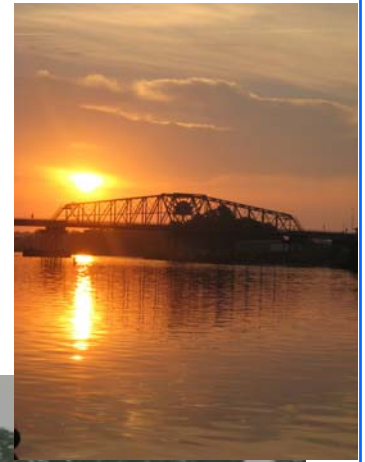
*Pokie Dot Girl found her blue water soul in a trip on the outside back to Isle of Palms*

Friday's run required a 100+ mile cruise back to Isle of Palms. Three of the boats – Adele Serena, Pokie Dot Girl and Quintessence – decided to make the last leg offshore. All vessels arrived safely at Isle of Palms mid-afternoon, and the squadron celebrated with an end-of-the cruise party.

## RAFT-UPS HAVE BEGUN!

The season has started and even with lower lake levels, ASPS has found places to gather and enjoy raft-ups with good food, good beverages and good company on the water. Nine boats participated in the April raft-up, with five boats deciding to stay for the night. Look for a report on the May "Nautical Gadget" raft-up in next month's edition.

*R: Sunrise over Barefoot Landing; Below: Blue Chip takes on the waves and everyone offers P/C Taylor a remote toast of Dark and Stormies.*



*You won't see this on Lake Lanier.....*

# From the Bridge



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Patrick McGrath	Kevin Schoonover	Tim Tyson
Doug Watson		

## EDUCATION REPORT

*by Patti Price, Squadron Education Officer*

A two night Boat Smart class yielded ten people who will have safety in mind when boating this summer. Many thanks to our Boat Smart instructors, Jeff Wise, Pat McGrath, and Tom Haas.

Winter/Spring Classes have been completed; the tests have been graded. Congratulations to the following students for successfully completing courses.

**Piloting:** Richard Dukes, Meg Haas, Julia Haas, Michael Kenefick, Frank Kruse, Chad Kuhlman, Konny Light, John Martin and Ken Smith

**Cruise Planning:** David Herndon, Lisa Herndon, Glenn LaBoda, Pat McGrath and Barbara Tyson

**Marine Electronics:** Charlie Cox, Tom Haas, Mary Harris and John Martin

We hope to see you in September for the fall session. Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, Engine Maintenance and the new Navigation class will be offered.

## LAKE MURRAY HOSTS ASPS: AUGUST 15-17

Save the weekend of August 16 to reconnect with the Lake Murray Squadron. They were so impressed with the hospitality of the ASPS during their adventure to Lake Lanier in 2007, they are enthusiastic about setting up rotating annual visits. Lake Murray has offered to host our squadron on their docks Friday and Saturday night, have a raft up on Saturday and a BBQ Saturday night. Get those trailers back out! If you are interested in bringing your boat or participating, contact Lisa Herndon. There may be very limited hotel space in the near vicinity. More details to follow!



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*1st/Lt Pat McGrath*



*1st/Lt Julia Haas  
Assistant Treasurer*

## ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR ONE OF OUR OWN— JOIN THE FUN—For U Nan!

1st/Lt Nan Putnam has been hospitalized after hip surgery with a back infection and is facing several months away from home as she recovers. The condo that she has kept rented has just lost its tenant and is in need of painting. The squadron is putting together a painting day to help get the condo ready to go back on the market. If you can help, please contact Lisa Herndon. Members are also pitching in to house and care for Nan's dogs while she is away.

We are planning a FUN (For U Nan) yard sale day to help Nan defray the costs of taxes and homeowners association on the condo. If you have any contributions or would be willing to serve on a committee for the yard sale, please contact Tim Tyson. Save July 11-13 on your calendar!

## ???MAY PUZZLER???

A boat and its engine have a combined age of 42 years. The boat is twice as old as the engine was when the boat was as old as the engine is now. How old are the boat and its engine?



# The Bulletin Board

Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings, you can signup at:  
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Please provide your certificate number when making your request to join this

Check out the latest District 17 Newsletter at  
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Got a complaint? A suggestion? An idea for a better Squadron? Just want to add your 2¢ worth? Whatever it is, send it to [cdr@usps-atlanta.org](mailto:cdr@usps-atlanta.org)

Send email changes to the Waterlog editors! And clear your spam filters for the following address:  
[herndons@bellsouth.net](mailto:herndons@bellsouth.net)  
 Don't miss the news!

**BECOME A MENTOR**  
 Are you a friendly, enthusiastic and well-established member of ASPS? Of course you are. And that makes you perfectly qualified to be a New Members Mentor.  
 A Mentor's job is to introduce new members to the Squadron, show them who we are, what we do, and why and how we do it. It involves making sure they know about meetings, raft-ups and other events, and making sure they get acquainted with the rest of us at these events.  
 Be a Mentor!

Open Ramps on Lake Lanier:  
<http://www.lakelanier.info/boat-ramps/>

**PLEASE RSVP FOR MEETINGS!**  
 WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE RESTAURANT IS PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE

**GENERAL MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!!!**  
 THE FIVE SEASON'S BREWERY, JUST INSIDE 285 ON ROSWELL RD IN THE PRADO (LOTS OF CONSTRUCTION) BEHIND FRANKIE'S

## USPS EVENTS: JUNE 2008

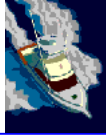
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15 Watts Bar Invitational	16	17	18	19 General Membership mtg	20	21 Commander's Event Cardboard boat race
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29	30					

## USPS EVENTS: JULY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10 Excomm Mtg	11 FUN yqrd Sale	12 FUN Yard sale
13 FUN Yard Sale	14	15	16	17 General Membership mtg	18	19 Luau raft up
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**LOCATION CHANGE:** General Membership Meeting at Jock's and Jill's Restaurant at 7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd. in Norcross, GA

**LOCATION CHANGE:** ExComm Meetings at ALDO's on Roswell Road at Hammond Drive



# ICW Gallery

## HINTS FOR SPRING TROUBLES

*Capt. Greg Clark, excerpts from article in Lakeside on Lanier*

Summer is almost here and the lake is already showing signs of life. With higher water and warmer temperatures, boaters have begun preparing for another boating season. The Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron urges you to call and have your boat examined with a free Vessel Safety Check. This can be the best decision you make before getting back on the water.

Finding yourself on the water with an engine that won't start or re-start can be frustrating. There are a few tips to consider that might help you get back underway. First see if the engine sounds like it is cranking or turning over. If the engine is silent and does not appear to crank, the first item to check is the gearshift lever. The shifter must be completely disengaged and in the neutral position. The ignition key must be on. Next the battery switch must be "on".

When checking the battery switch, turn it past all positions several times to clean the contacts. Some boats have two battery banks. Position "one" is usually for starting and bilge pumps. The other bank or battery is usually for emergency power, or house equipment operations like lights and heads. Once you confirm the proper battery is selected, check the battery cables. There may be corrosion on the battery terminal, or the battery cable may have come loose over the winter season.

If your engine turns over but fails to start, you should check for the engine lanyard. If your vessel has a safety lanyard, remove it and reconnect it to confirm the contact is clean and solid. Test the boat whistle or horn as well as any lights to confirm the battery power is strong. If you have a voltage meter, it should read approximately 13.5 volts. After the key, lanyard, gearshift position, and battery power are eliminated, you now have to consider fuel issues. If your boat was stored without proper fuel additives, there may be a problem with water in the fuel, gummy buildups, or low octane. Most boats have emergency or service shut off valves. Check the settings for the valve, and fuel line connections. Boats with portable tanks may have vapor locks. Remove and reconnect quick-disconnect fittings. They should snap or click into place. Check all fuel lines for kinks, leaks, or cracks. Fuel lines will breakdown over time from heat and exposure to battery acids. Listen for air sucking into the lines as the boat engine turns over. If your boat has water separators, you can remove them and check for water in the fuel.

*R: Steve and Marla Hendrix enjoy the dock of Barefoot Resort. Below: Sunrise over the docks*



*R: The Captain and crew of Pokiedot Girl prove the "Fun" part of our motto!*



*Terry, Erica and Richard Dukes wear their inaugural cruisewear overlooking Georgetown Landing*

*Above: Snow skiing or cruising? Gail and Greg Clark are well prepared for their "spring" cruise; R: Their wake was all we saw of Stingray.....*

### ??MARCH PUZZLER??

*Answer:*

Without changing the order of the digits 1-9 as shown below, insert two minus signs (-) and one plus sign (+) to create an equation that equals 100.

$$123 - 45 - 67 + 89$$





# ICW Gallery



*Above: Hunkydory; Below: Adele Serena goes under the bridges*



*Above: Ginna Seitz and David Erickson braved the weather with "No Name Skiff". Below: Everyone gathers on the Quintessence at the docks of Wilmington*



*Left: Gideon will spend a month in Wilmington before continuing her journey; Below: Blue Sky handles the waterways*



*Above: Arrimage enjoys opening up between no wake zones; Right: Sea Trek and crew*



# AFTerthoughts

## THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

The squadron's first major on-the-water event of 2008 has now come and gone. If the ICW cruise was any indication of the season to come, there's no doubt it will be another great one.

This cruise was encouraging in a number of ways. First, there were several new cruisers experiencing both a multi-day squadron event as well as the ICW for the first time. They seemed to learn a lot while having a great time experiencing new waters and new boating conditions.

And I certainly don't mean to imply that all the learning occurred with the first-time cruisers. As with every trip on the waterway, I made several entries in my knowledge database, and I'm sure the other "old salts" did as well. These combined experiences will make future events like this better and better.

These folks will probably form the basis for our leadership in the years to come, and based on the recent cruise, it's clear our future is in good hands.

Second, it was very heartening to see the squadron come to the aid of their fellow boaters when the inevitable difficulties surfaced. Fortunately, none of the problems encountered were serious, but regardless of the issue other boaters were always there to "render assistance whenever possible."

It was a pleasure to be part of a group who consistently operated their boats in a safe and courteous manner.

This is a great organization with a great future.

Happy boating!

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