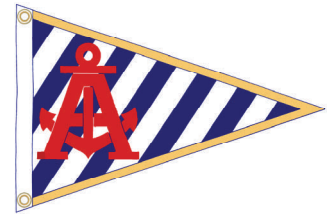


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Another Great Coastal Cruise



Rafting Up with UYC

Preparing for the Worst

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Commander's Corner



Cdr. Carol Jordan AP

Finally! It's that time of year when the pollen has washed away, the rains have brought the lake up, boats are in the water and we are ready to enjoy another new boating season.

Has your boat had its annual Vessel Safety Check? If not, give Brian Jernigan a call and he will be glad to arrange a voluntary inspection for you.

On Saturday, April 25, we had a great turn out for the Fire Extinguisher Drill, held at the Forsyth Co. Fire Dept., in Cumming. In keeping with our theme of Safe, Smart, Fun this was a real hands-on experience, especially for those of us who had never had an occasion to use a fire extinguisher. When it was my turn, who knew that my knees would shake and fingers become paralyzed in the face of a fire? It didn't matter that the fire was contained in a large washtub, or that the Fire Deputy was standing nearby; fire can make you freeze if you are unprepared or inexperienced. This was a great opportunity to understand the importance of having reliable safety equipment available, both in your home and onboard your boat, at all times. I'll always have at least two fully charged extinguishers on my boat.

Our first raft-up of the season was a joint venture with our friends from the University Yacht Club, as we continue to build bridges with other boating clubs and organizations. Our own Rev. Timothy Tyson was on board to perform the Annual Blessing of the Fleet. In all, there were some fourteen assorted vessels, both power and sail, some big, some small, but beautiful every one. The best part of our raft-ups are the relationships we make and continue to enjoy as we continue our bridge-building journey.

We have raft-ups are scheduled at least once a month during the extended boating season we enjoy in Georgia, usually from April to December. If it's been awhile since you've joined up with us, this month's event is a great time to participate. We are encouraging all squadron members to invite a non-member boating friend to bring their boat and join us on May 30, in the cove between markers 4FB and 6FB on Lake Lanier.

We recently returned from our sixth ICW trip, this time to Orange Beach, AL. As always, it was filled with lots of excitement and adventure. Someone said this trip was more like a vacation with boats rather than a boating vacation; I couldn't agree more! From a central location we were able to enjoy day trips and overnight forays, or go shopping in local boutiques and antique shops if the weather was prohibitive. Again we found ourselves making new friends as members from the Knoxville squadron joined us. It was great to share their enthusiasm and knowledge of boats and we look forward to seeing them again on the water.

Whether you have a boat, find your self "between boats" or just like love being around boats, boaters in the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron are looking forward to a great summer. From traveling to Terrace View Marina for the Watts-Bar Invitational, heading back to Lake Murray for a visit with our friends, or just coming out for the next raft-up, get out, gear up and let's go boating. And as always, let's be Safe, Smart and Fun.

I'll see you on the water!

Carol



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Cover photo by Lisa Herndon—the ASPS fleet departing the marina at Sandestin

Squadron Happenings

GICW 2009: A WEEK OF FUN IN THE SUN—AND RAIN

The Squadron was on the Gulf Coast ICW as the annual spring Intra-coastal Waterway cruise took place the week of May 3-9.



The welcoming committee. L to r: Cruise Director Tom Haas, Julia Haas, Cdr Carol Jordan, Jim Jordan

Our cruisers tested a different format this year. Instead of putting in at some location, cruising to a destination for two or three days, and then returning to a starting point, this year the cruise was planned around a “hub and spoke” arrangement.

The hub was Sportsman’s Marina in Orange Beach, AL. Adjacent to The Moorings condominiums, this location provided excellent accommodations for the boat, the boat dwellers and the bag draggers.

Boats arrived on Saturday and put in at a ramp close by the marina. Trailer storage was available at the marina, so everyone had easy access to their vehicles during the week.

Gideon experienced some mechanical problems upon arrival that added some adventure to their docking experience. However, the squadron’s team of top mechanics, led by T. J. Convery, were immediately on the problem. Within an hour, it was diagnosed and corrected.

The weather was uncooperative on Sunday and Monday. On Sunday, stiff breezes made venturing in and out of the marina a bit treacherous. Several folks enjoyed the Wooden Boat Festival at Pirate’s Cove, lunch at Lulu’s—Jimmy Buffett’s sister’s place—and finished the day at Commander Jordan’s Margarita Reception back at the marina.

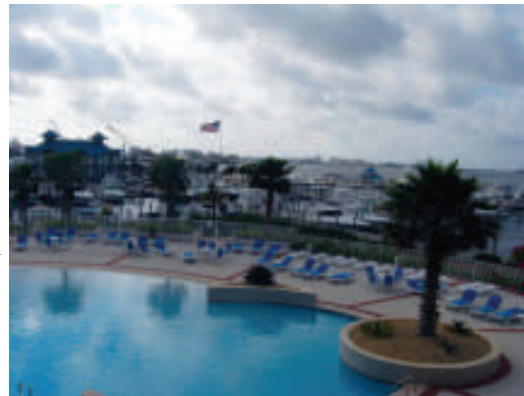
The plan for Monday was a long cruise to Destin, FL, but severe weather including tornado warnings in the area delayed that trip until Tuesday.

The cruise to Destin and the return on Wednesday were delightful and uneventful.

On Thursday, a portion of the fleet explored to the west into Mobile Bay, again encountering brisk winds and bumpy seas. Thursday night, May 7, saw a “Some Day de Mayo” celebration at Fatback’s restaurant in Sportsman’s Marina.

Pokie Dot Girl and *Adele Serena* did some fishing in the Bay on Friday. On Saturday, the boats were hauled out and the return journey to Atlanta got underway.

In proof of the old adage that “Boating is fun, but trailering isn’t” both Mike Litke and Stephen Hendrix had tire problems on the return trip home. Fortunately, other cruisers were available to lend assistance and there was no major damage to either rig.



A view of Sportsman’s Marina at Orange Beach on Monday. Note the weather conditions



Fun and fellowship at Fatback’s. L to r: Cdr Jordan, Jim Jordan, Julia Haas, Meg Haas, Tom Haas, Kevin Schoonover, Terry Stevens and Barb Tyson



Breakfast at Tacky Jack’s. L to r: Genie and Ed Troncalli; Dave and Lisa Herndon; Leycei, Marla and Steve Hendrix; Doug and Patti Watson



Squadron Happenings

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CRUISE



Twins separated at birth? Tom Haas and friend



Stephen Hendrix (r) inspects Laycei's catch



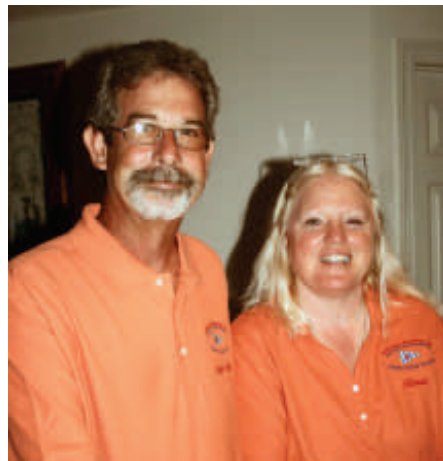
Captain of the Stingray, Mike Schneider



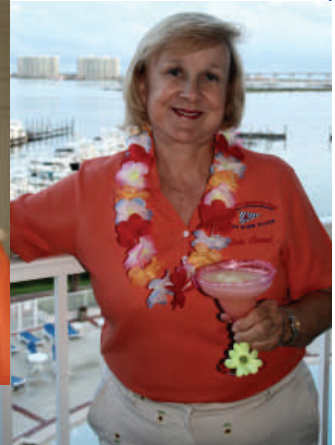
First Mate of the Adele Serena, Leycei Hendrix



Captain's Meeting. clockwise: Stephen Hendrix, Cruise Director Tom Haas, Meg Haas, Julia Haas, Dave Herndon, Cdr Carol Jordan, T. J. Convery, Terry Stevens, Jim Jordan, Kenin Schoonover, Gary Swindlehorst, ? Swindlehorst, Ed Troncalli, Tami Litke, Mike Litke, Tim Tyson, Patti Watson, Barbara Tyson



Curly's Crew, Mike and Tami Litke



The Commander hosts the Margarita Reception



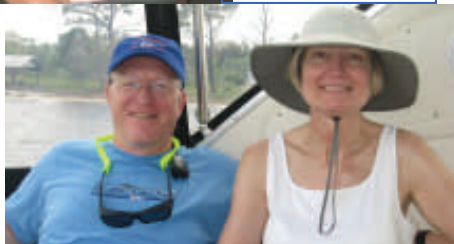
Clockwise: Barb Tyson, Dave & Lisa Herndon, Meg & Julia Haas, Margaret Sherrod, Tom Haas, Carol & Jim Jordan, Mike & Beth Guler, Tim Tyson



Note the concerned expressions on the faces of Norm Oien, Kevin Schoonover Mike Schneider and T. J. Convery as Tim Tysom, far left, explains his "Timster" Award...



A prize winning costume—or is it really him?



Kevin Schoonover and Terry Stevens aboard Adele Serena

...and here's the reason why



Squadron Happenings

FIRST RAFT-UP IS BIG SUCCESS

The first raft-up of the 2009 season took place on April 25 at the southwest end of Three Sisters Island on Lake Lanier. A joint event with the University Yacht Club, approximately twenty vessels, consisting of houseboats, sailboats and cruisers, joined the party.

The Rev Tim Tyson gave the annual Blessing of the Fleet.

People spent the afternoon getting acquainted, sharing



Tim Tyson, right with bullhorn, blesses the fleet.



Preparing for dinner on the beach.



Ed Troncalli displays the proper raft-up attitude.

hors d'oeuvres, and a few brave souls even did a little swimming. About sunset, several portable grills were fired up and everyone gathered to share dinner on the beach.

Several boats stayed overnight. Sunday morning found the cruisers enjoying coffee on the decks of their boats or sharing breakfast on the beach.



A partial view of the raft-up. L to r: *Lightning Rod* (Mike & Beth Guler), *Arrimage* (Glenn & Sheryl LaBoda), *Sea Trek* (Ed & Genie Troncalli), *Water Music* (Dave & Lisa Herndon), *Sweet Peaches III* (Frank & Sandra Gualtieri), *Adele Serena* (Stephen & Marla Hendrix), (John & Cary Holland)

FRANK GUALTIERI CROSSES THE BAR

Frank Gualtieri, a long-time member of ASPS, crossed the bar on May 5, 2009. Pictured here with his wife, Sandra, they were present at the April 25 raft-up aboard their Carver cruiser *Sweet Peaches III*. Frank was 71.



ASPS LEARNS TO FIGHT FIRE

After several re-scheduling because of inclement weather, the ASPS Fire Extinguisher Drill took place on April 25 at the Forsyth County Fire Department Training Facility.

Eighteen participants spent about 90 minutes learning proficiency in using fire extinguishers. The instruction, conducted by Fire Safety Training Officer Lt. Bob Westbrook, included a video on the different types of fires and the proper type of fire extinguisher to use. Then came the hands-on experience as the students got to practice putting out real fires.

DANNY TOMPKINS ACHIEVES SENIOR NAVIGATOR

With his recent completion of the Navigation course, Past Squadron and District Commander Danny Tompkins has completed a full certificate and has achieved Senior Navigator status. Congratulations, Danny!

ADVERTISE IN THE WATERLOG

Have an item to sell? Looking for clients for your services? Searching for a gadget to enhance the value of your boat? The *Waterlog* serves a ready market of boaters who share your interests. Rates are reasonable. Contact the editor for more information.

???APRIL PUZZLER ANSWER???

In the days when India was a British colony, the British upper class traveled to the sub-continent by ship. The wealthiest travelers always requested a cabin on the port side for the trip from England to India, and a cabin on the starboard side on the return trip. A word entered the vocabulary as a result of this quaint custom. What is the word, and why did the travelers make these requests?

Answer: The word is "posh", which is an acronym for "port out, starboard home". Traveler made these requests to minimize the exposure to the hot afternoon sun

From the Bridge



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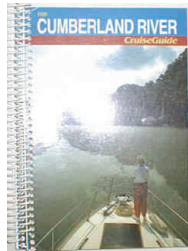
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GENERAL MEETING UPCOMING SPEAKERS

By Lisa Herndon, Administrative Officer

Plans for general meetings are shaping up with a list of interesting programs for 2009. Here's a highlight for the next few months.

May 21: Fred Myers, retired author of the authoritative cruising guides for the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers. Fred is making his first return to the Atlanta Squadron in several years.



June 18: U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 29

Commander Mary Larsen, addressing America's Waterways Watch, which is being driven by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as a part of the Homeland Security directives. Cdr. Larsen has been a member of the CGA since 1987 and can be seen on patrol at Lake Lanier aboard her PWC or captaining her 1972 Marianne cruiser. Mary served as area Rear Commodore for the Atlantic Region from 2002 to 2004 and took over national responsibilities for the Waterway Watch program in November 2006.

July 16: Glenn LaBoda discusses chartering in the British Virgin Islands.



August 20: JOA Marine will discuss boat maintenance and service.



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???MAY PUZZLER ???

Capt Fred woke up early at the marina and began preparing for the overnight cruise he was about to take. He discovered his coffee supply was low and he could use a few more bottles of drinking water. Fred was waiting at the ship's store when the proprietor arrived and quickly found what he needed. The clerk rang up the items and said, "That'll be \$13.59." Fred checked his wallet and all he has was a \$50 bill. "Can you change this?" he asked. "No problem," replied the clerk. As the clerk handed Fred his change they both noticed something that made them smile. What did they notice?

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIAN JERNIGAN

Brian Jernigan has completed the Navigation class.

The Bulletin Board

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

ASPS is now on Facebook! Search for "Atlanta Boating" and become a friend.

Get Ready for Fun on the Water

May 30—Chefs on the Water Raft-up: share your favorite boating dish.

June 20—Bring a buddy and their boat raft-up

July 18—Swimming Pool Raft-Up

Mark these dates!!

TN River trip is Sept 25-27

BoatSmart: June 6 and August 1 - get new boaters involved in smart boating!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEETING BOATERS FROM ALL OVER THE SOUTHEAST? Volunteer for District service committees and get to know other squadrons! Contact Margaret Sherrod

~ May 2009 ~

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ExComm location : ExComm Meetings are at Aldo's Restaurant at the intersection of Roswell Rd and Abernathy Dr.

New General meeting location! Aqua Blue on Holcombe Bridge Road just east of GA 400 in Holcombe Bridge Woods Village Shopping Center



Life on the Water



A FIRE ON BOARD IS A DANGEROUS THING— BE PREPARED

Thanks to the persistence of our Safety Officer, Charlie Cox, the Squadron had a great opportunity to experience first hand what's needed to control a fire. The Fire Extinguisher Drill (see article page 5) provided invaluable information and experience to prepare participants to deal with a fire emergency.

Thankfully, fires on board are relatively rare occurrences. But when they happen, they can be devastating. Fiberglass and wood, the primary components of most recreational boat construction, are excellent fuels, and there are usually a few dozen to a few hundred gallons of highly flammable accelerants on board in the fuel tanks. That adds up to a potentially dangerous situation any time there's an open flame on board.

The two keys to fire safety on board are prevention and preparedness.

Prevention includes ensuring that your vessel is a fire-proof as possible. Just a few of a long list of critical items are:

- Clean flame arrestors
- Clean bilges
- Frequent wiring inspections
- Safe storage of propane tanks
- Safe mounting and safe use of barbeque grills
- Layout of galley to ensure adequate space around ranges and burners
- Frequent inspections of fuel lines and filters
- Proper handling and disposal of smoking materials

Preparedness means being ready to deal with a fire emergency in the event it occurs. That basically means having adequate fire extinguishers on board that are in good working order, are readily accessible and knowing how to use them. At a minimum, fire extinguishers should be mounted easily accessible locations in the following areas:

- Engine compartment
- Galley
- Sleeping quarters
- Helm station
- Near barbeque grills

Depending on the boat configuration and size, one location for a fire extinguisher may serve more than one critical area. As you consider locations for fire extinguishers, think about where a fire is likely to occur and where people will be relative to the fire. The fire extinguisher should not be placed in a location that would require reaching across the fire to reach the extinguisher.



The following two articles provide some real-life examples of the impact of fires on board.

THAT WAS A LITTLE SCARY

By Chris Edmonston, *BoatU.S. Magazine*, May 2009 [excerpted]

Team discovers that using a fire extinguisher is not as easy as they thought

Fire has to be one of the greatest fears for mariners. Yet many boaters, including nearly half of those reporting boating accidents, don't even have a fire extinguisher on board.

Marine-rated fire extinguishers are designed for the marine environment. Extinguishers are further rated by the amount of chemical [contained] and by the types of fires they are designed to fight. Class A fires are solids, class B fires are liquids and class C are energized electrical fires. For example a 'BC' extinguisher is designed to fight either a liquid or electrical fire.

Our testing involved the observation of both experienced and inexperienced volunteers attempting to put out various types of fires. Volunteers were presented with a typical boating scenario consisting of either a class A or class B fire, and an extinguisher and told to put the fire out—with no preliminary training. The scenario instructor told the volunteers to imagine that their boat was on fire, and they had to use the fire extinguisher to save the boat, their guests and themselves.

What we found was that in the heat of the moment [*pun intended?*], reading the directions on a fire extinguisher was often an after-thought, particularly for inexperienced users. As a result, improper technique was the norm despite the fact that manufacturers do a commendable job of placing easy-to-understand instructions on their products, along with a clear indication of the types of fires the unit is designed for.

There were 18 volunteer testers, of whom only two had ever used a fire extinguisher on a real-life fire. When asked to estimate the amount of time one could expect a fire extinguisher to discharge chemicals, the answers ranged from 10 seconds to "five minutes" and "until the fire is out." The test unites, which are typical of most handheld extinguishers, are designed to last for approximately 10 seconds.

The primary method for fighting small fires with a portable fire extinguisher is the PASS method (Point, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep). While the proper method is to aim at the base of the flames and sweep back and forth, it was common for volunteers to aim at the top and work their way down.

Coast Guard requirements for fire extinguishers on board are minimal—vessels under 26 feet need to carry only one portable unit, vessels 26 to 40 feet require only two, and these should be BC rated. However, the American Boat and Yacht Council recommends that all extinguishers on board should be ABC rated.



Life on the Water

BOAT FIRE KILLS DOG, TAKES ALL

By Angela Daughtry, Fernandina Beach News-Leader

A U.S. Marine and his pregnant wife lost everything they had when the yacht they called home caught fire and burned to the waterline at the city marina Monday night. Their German shepherd dog was killed in the blaze that also sent one city employee to the hospital.

Both Fernandina Beach and Nassau County firefighters responded to the 1988 38-foot Carver motoryacht burning inside the breakwater about 7:30 p.m., and the fire was under control by 9 p.m.

According to City Fire Chief Daniel Hanes, 15 firefighters used a hard stretch line to put out the fire. He said three people were treated for smoke inhalation and a city marina employee transported to Baptist Medical Center Nassau was later released.

According to boat owner Robin Kallberg, 32, the couple had stopped at Fernandina Beach on a trip from Fort Lauderdale to Wilmington, N.C., where her husband, Michael, 26, was starting his new job at Camp LeJeune. A sergeant, he has been in the Marine Corps for nine years.

Robin Kallberg, who is five months pregnant, says she and her husband were on their way to get a taxi down to the beach Monday evening when a stranger told them about the boat fire and drove them back to the marina.

The couple watched from Brett's Waterway Cafe as their boat, named *The Islander*, burned to the waterline while firefighters attempted to put out the fire.

Because the couple lived on the boat, says Kallberg, they lost everything they owned.

"Everything we treasure and love was on that boat," said Kallberg, but the most painful loss, she says, was their dog, a four-year-old German shepherd named Buddy.

The Red Cross set the Kallbergs up with a room Monday night in the Hampton Inn. Melody Dawkins, a local resident who saw the boat fire from the docks, assisted the couple in getting an airline flight Tuesday morning. The couple got on a flight to Chicago, where Michael Kallberg's family lives, and will fly to Camp LeJeune, N.C., on Sunday.

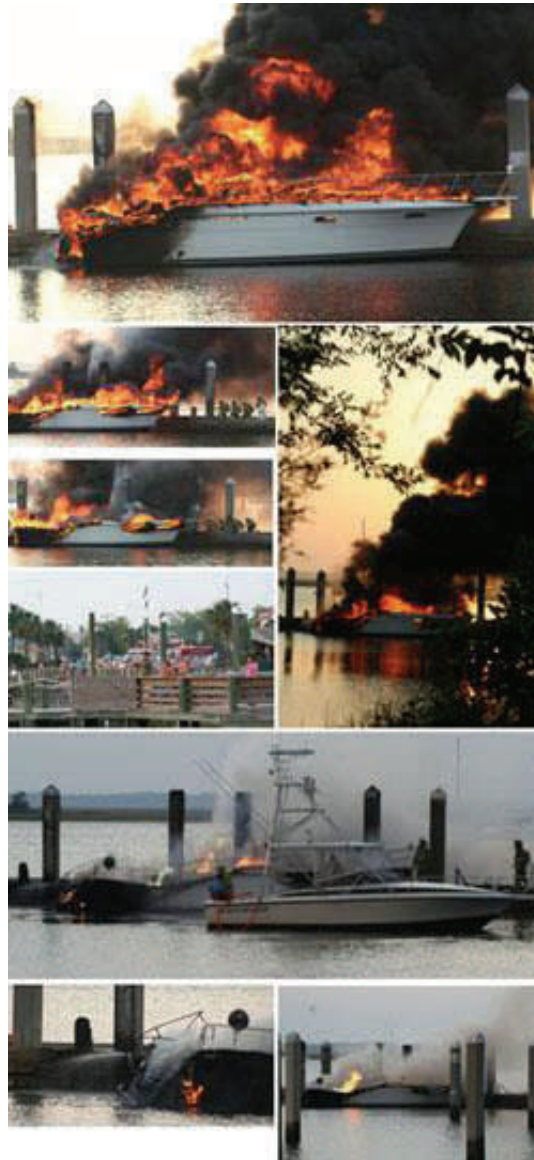
Robin Kallberg said she and her husband are awaiting the police and fire reports to determine how their boat caught fire. The boat, she says, was insured.

"The boat was in perfect working order," says Kallberg. "We're trusting investigators are doing their job to find out what happened."

Hanes said the boat, which was a total loss, was located at the extreme southwest corner of the marina. There was extensive damage to the dock, he said, but no other boats were affected. The city fire marshal is interviewing witnesses for more infor-

mation, he said.

Cash and check donations for the couple are being accepted by Amelia Island Auto Mart and the Amelia Hotel at the corner of Sadler and Fletcher roads.



City and county firefighters battle a yacht fire at the city marina Monday night, above and below, before a crowd of onlookers. The boat was a total loss.

Photos by Robert Fiege/News-Leader



Safety first, Cap'n Steve.



Cap'n Curly is ready to cruise



AFTerthoughts



Don't look now, but the solstice is creeping up on you. The amount of time the sun is above the horizon has continued to increase to the current 14 hours, give or take a few minutes, from the measly 10 hours we got back in December just a few days before Christmas. The sun time will continue to increase each day until the Summer Solstice on June 21 when the sun is visible for just under 14.5 hours before

Ol' Sol starts his long journey back to the south and each day will get a bit shorter.

So what does that have to do with boating, you ask. I could go into a commercial for celestial navigation and the JN course, but that's not really my point. The point is there's more time to be on the water each day. With sunsets at about 9:00 pm and twilight extending 30-45 min-

utes beyond that, these are the days when you can slip out of the office an hour or two early and have plenty of time to get to the lake, find a cove, grill a steak and get back into the slip before total darkness. Those weekdays are a lot less crowded on the water and it makes for a nice break to the work week.

We'll have this option until about the end of August when sunlight is available for about 13 hours and each day is getting shorter – and each night getting longer - by about 2 minutes each day. By the time of the Vernal Equinox, we'll have only 12 hours of sunlight (which, of course, is why they call it the equinox) and the sun's highest altitude will be about 25° lower in the sky than we see it now.

Let's take advantage of all the time we can on the water.

Happy boating!

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