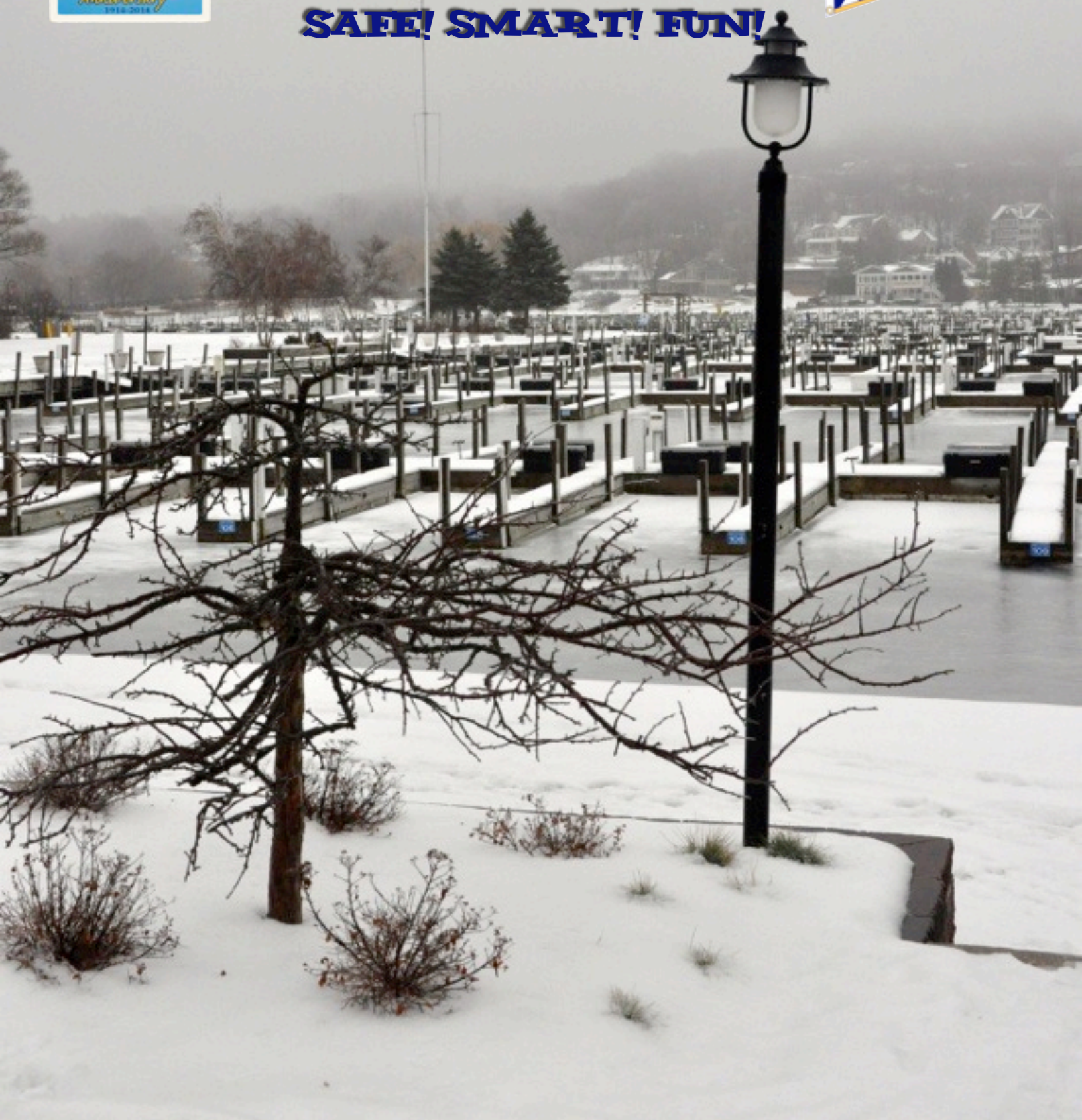




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Lt Tim Tyson, P*

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On the Cover

Tim and Barbara Tyson were fortunate enough to have been invited spend Christmas in East Troy, Wisconsin at the home of Tim's cousin Steve Connell. On the first day Steve drove them to Lake Geneva - about 15 minutes away - and we stopped to take pictures as the water began to freeze over. This photo has not been enhanced...it's exactly how it looked that day.

Commander's Corner

The Waterlog editor has informed me that this is the end. "The end of what?", you may ask. The end of a significant year for the ASPS.



Cdr Glenn LaBoda, SN

The education department is leading the way into the 21st century with cutting edge teaching methods and technology for the ASPS and the USPS. Our external activities have the ASPS more visible than ever before through our new relationships with USACE, GADNR, and our involvement in the Lake Lanier Safety Alliance. Our internal and membership activities have also reached new heights. Charter trips, boating trips, fishing trips, and raft-ups almost every month. Great topics and speakers at our meetings.

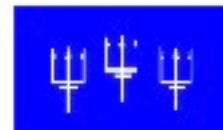
We are providing a great variety of activities and opportunities for members and I believe it's paying off. Membership is up more than 5 percent this year. None of this would have happened without the dedication and hard work of our officers, committee chairs, committee members, and members of the ASPS.

Already the upcoming year has exciting things planned. I am signed up for one of the proposed cruises and look forward to doing Vessel Safety Checks when it warms up a bit. I hope that everyone reading this is encouraged to get involved in a committee and help us continue our success. This year 63 members received a merit mark. I think it would be great if we could get that number to 100. With 100 members spending a few hours a month we can really make the ASPS the leader in safe, smart, and fun boating in the Atlanta area.

Our next big event is Change of Watch where I will happily and gratefully hand out some well deserved awards and turn over the watch to a new bridge. My hope for the future is that each new bridge is blessed with even greater success.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Glenn LaBoda, SN
Commander



FOREThoughts

Meet...Haim and Batia Zukerman

In introducing our speaker, Haim Zukerman, at the annual Chili Cookoff in November, I said that if I had only a short time left on this earth and could come back as anyone I wanted, it would probably be a toss-up between Hugh Hefner and Haim Zukerman - and I was leaning toward Haim. After reading this article you will see why. Tim).

Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, Haim Zukerman moved to Africa (Nigeria and Ghana), where his father ran a company with over 5,000 employees, when Haim was ten years old. At fourteen he attended boarding school in Brighton, England. Upon graduation he received the Advanced Level General Certification of Education (an advanced degree) in Economics from the University of London. Then he was back to Tel Aviv and three years in the Israeli Army.

Batia Hafter was born and raised in Tel Aviv. She also served in the Israeli Army...drum roll, please...where she met Haim.

In 1968 the two of them were working in the War Plans Department where their boss was the late Ariel Sharon, dubbed by the press as "The Bulldozer." Haim was a radio operator (and later was in charge of his communications department) in a tank division. Batia, who served two years, worked in the War Room facilitating war plans. As Haim describes it, "Remember the old black and white war movies with a table in the middle of a room and warships and battles would be moved around on top of a map? She moved them around!" It was while they were in the Army that they began dating.

In September of 1969 Haim's military career came to a close and he moved to America, where he had a great uncle in Chattanooga. The plan was to do a bit of

traveling and attend the University of Sussex back in England. "I had already decided to study architecture. My uncle asked me, 'When are you going to start school, boy?' He told me that they had just opened a school of architecture at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and he knew the Chancellor. He told me I could start in January." His father was slightly miffed, however. "I sent you to one of the best boarding schools in England and provided you with a world-class college education. Nobody ever heard of Tennessee."

While at the University he and Batia stayed in touch. In 1972 she figured that four years of dating was enough, it was time to get married. In 1972 they were married in Israel and moved back to America where Haim earned his masters degree in Architecture at the Pratt Institute. "It was one of the most highly respected schools of architecture in the world. It probably still is. Dad and I cleared the slate with that move." In the 1970's it was announced that Knoxville would host the next World's Fair. It was

an enticing place for architects so he and Batia moved there where he did some design work and Batia earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts at UT.

Haim designed what was then the largest university arena in the country in Knoxville. "That was probably the biggest job I ever did." It was that project that provided the Zukermans with enough spending money to buy their first boat of any size, a 42-foot Hatteras they named *Odyssey* (see, Haim, I told you we'd get around to the subject of boating).

It was while they had this boat (in 1980) that Haim was talking with some friends, one of whom mentioned a story about a person who had navigated his boat from Knoxville to New Orleans in eleven days.



Batia and Haim during a cruise from Marmaris to Crete.

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Squadron News

Thanks for a great year, (soon-to-be)P/C LaBoda (now isn't that music to your ears!!!)



And here's a toast for a terrific 2014, Lt/C and S/T/B/C (Soon-To-Be Commander) Townes.

The 2014 Slate Of Officers Has Been Voted In

Which Means There's a Change Of Watch In Your Future

The first general membership meeting of the year was held Thursday, January 23, at the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant. Lt/C Douglas Townes, displaying a sophisticated display of wit, charm, and a serious presentation of the agenda, led each of the officers in a pin point presentation of each of their respective departments and what they did in 2013.

And then, the voting began. After the auditor's report was voted on and approved, as well as the 2014 budget, it was time to elect the new Bridge Officers, Executive Committee members, and the Nominating, Rules, and Audit Committees.

The 2014 Bridge Officers will be:

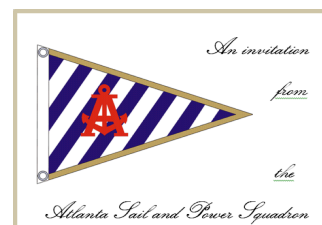
- ⚓ Commander - Douglas Townes
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- ⚓ Administrative Officer - John Holland
- ⚓ Assistant Administrative Officer - Scot Randall
- ⚓ Secretary - Beth Guler
- ⚓ Assistant Secretary - Dennis Abell
- ⚓ Treasurer - Margaret Sherrod
- ⚓ Assistant Treasurer - Sandy Convery

Important Arrow

Date: Sunday, February 16

Time: 11:00 (Social Hour;
11:45 Group photo
12:00 Luncheon

Place: Dunwoody Country Club



By now you should have received your invitation to the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch.

This is a special Change of Watch. We will not only be celebrating the accomplishments of Commander Glenn LaBoda's past year and swearing in the new bridge for 2014, we will also be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the United States Power Squadrons. It is traditional for the Executive Officer to plan this event and there are several surprizes planned for this Change of Watch. This should indeed make make for an affair to remember.

If you have not received an invitation that looks like the above invitation, please contact Lt/C Douglas Townes.



P/C Schoonover enjoying the sound of his new name.



Auditor-in-Chief Jon Blackwood clears us for another year.



Receiving their well-deserved and hard-earned Instructor Appreciation certificates are (l. to r.) Douglas Townes, Gary Meinken, Margaret Sherrod, Jeff Wise, Mike Guler, James Dennisson (bowing), and Eric Ringwall.

Squadron News

A Big Thank-You From The Calvary Children's Home

Our Squadron came through once again. This past holiday season we raised \$1400 for the Calvary general fund and scholarship fund, and another \$1055 for gift cards that we gave the kids for Christmas.

Give yourselves a pat on the back, Squadroners. You deserve it!



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Hope Is In Sight For The SS United States

By Ryan Troncalli, SN

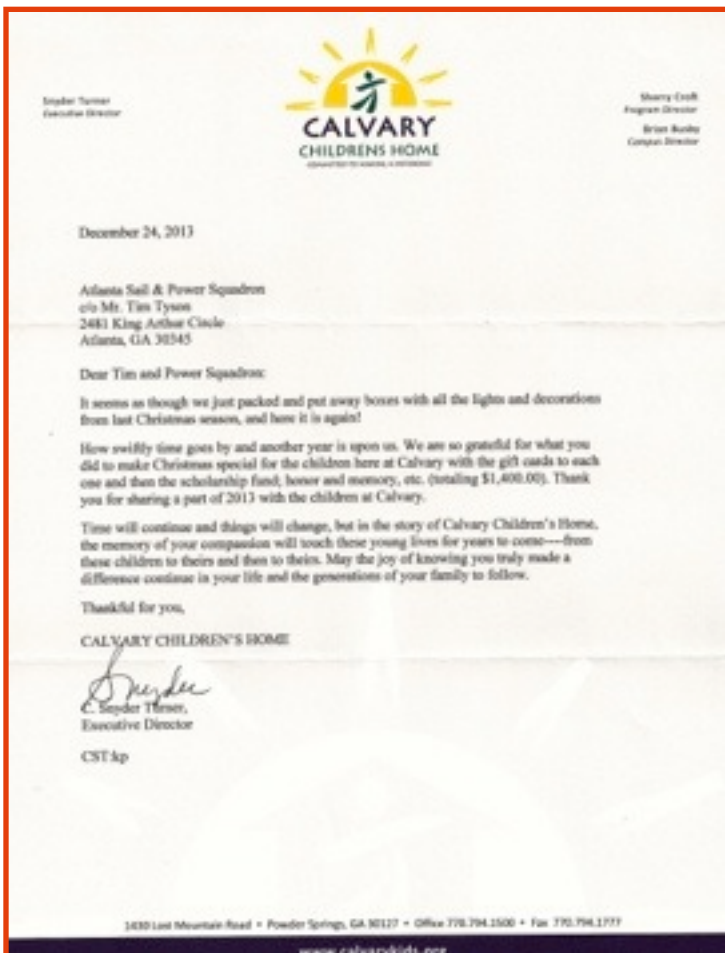


Several months ago I reported in the **Waterlog** on the current status of the *SS United States*. She is the largest passenger ship ever built in the United States. She also holds the current record for the fastest trans-Atlantic crossing for an ocean liner. Today the *SS United States* rests next to the Navy ship yard on the Delaware River in Philadelphia. A great effort is underway to restore the ship to a mixed use museum, hotel, and convention center. Here is some current news regarding the ship:

- ☼ The *SS United States* has recently been featured on "CBS Sunday Morning", Fox News, the Associated Press, NBC, CNN, and other outlets around the world.
- ☼ The *SS United States* conservancy has enlisted several news members in all 50 states and 25 countries. Members include tennis legend Billie Jean King and Superbowl winning coach Dick Vermeil.
- ☼ Several books about the skipper have been published recently including "A Man and His Ship" by Steven Ujifusa.
- ☼ Some restoration has already begun. Some of the left over metal from the boiler rooms are being removed and sold for scrap to help pay the costs of mooring the ship.

The fight to save America's Flagship is not over. Please visit www.ssusc.org to find out how you can help preserve one of our country's national treasures.

*(Editor's note: the cost of maintaining and insuring the ship runs from \$50,000-\$60,000 each month. If the the plans outlined above don't pan out in a timely manner the only alternative may be to sell the ship for scrap. This would indeed be a sad ending for a liner that was funded partially by the U.S. Navy - it was intended to be easily converted into a troop ship - and has carried presidents, royalty, and movie stars. An interesting article appears in the December 1, 2013 edition of the **Atlanta Journal-Constitution**.)*



Stephen Turner
Executive Director



Sherry Cook
Program Director
Brian Ruffin
Campus Director

December 24, 2013

Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron
c/o Mr. Tim Tyson
2481 King Arthur Circle
Atlanta, GA 30345

Dear Tim and Power Squadron:

It seems as though we just packed and put away boxes with all the lights and decorations from last Christmas season, and here it is again!

How swiftly time goes by and another year is upon us. We are so grateful for what you did to make Christmas special for the children here at Calvary with the gift cards to each one and then the scholarship fund, honor and memory, etc. (totaling \$1,400.00). Thank you for sharing a part of 2013 with the children at Calvary.

Time will continue and things will change, but in the story of Calvary Children's Home, the memory of your compassion will touch these young lives for years to come—from these children to theirs and then to theirs. May the joy of knowing you truly made a difference continue in your life and the generations of your family to follow.

Thankful for you,

CALVARY CHILDREN'S HOME

Stephen Turner
Stephen Turner,
Executive Director

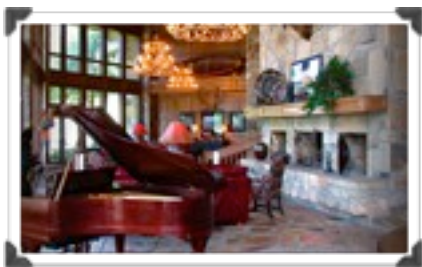
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Squadron News

District 17 Spring Conference - You Don't Want To Miss It!

By P/D/C Jeff Wise

Hold onto your hats folks! This is the beginning of the new and improved District 17. A Past District Commander commented that District Meetings weren't FUN. Another member commented, "We're a boating club; Why aren't we boating?" We heard the message, so plan to attend the District 17 Spring Conference at the fabulous Ridges Resort



and Marina on the shores of gorgeous Lake Chatuge in the North Georgia mountains, April 4-6th. We're planning a FUN conference with lots of events, games,

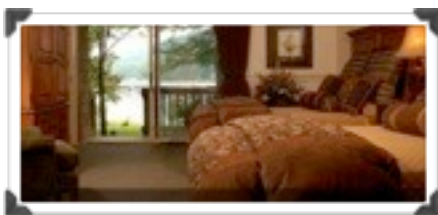
and socializing and if the weather holds, we'll be doing them on the water! What could be better than a FUN weekend with great friends, on-the-water, at a marvelous resort, surrounded by fabulous scenery on a spring weekend when



the flowers are in bloom?

(Editor's Note: In the event you have not yet attended a district conference and have wondered about it, just talk to

those folks who have been before. You may well be surprised at how much fun they have had. In addition, for those of you who have never been to Lake Chatuge, again you might be wise to talk to those members who have been to the ASPS weekends there that Lillian Cox has put together. This conference might just be the quinella of all conferences!)



Members Participate In The Corps of Engineers Luncheon

By Lt/C Margaret Sherrod

Members from the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron assisted with logistic, set-up and clean up when, on November 14, 2013, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosted a "Partners in Public Service" luncheon in appreciation for all who serve the public at Lake Lanier.



This event recognized and thanked the hundreds of emergency and safety personnel (fire, enforcement, medical,

etc.) who day in and day out, in



major ways (and even small ways) provide the support network of safety services on Lake Lanier. In announcing this event, the Corps of Engineers said: "We appreciate the many hours of dedicated service you have given to make Lake Lanier safe for the millions of visitors who enjoy our parks and waterway through the year. We could not do it without you."

Members of our Squadron who attended include Eric Ringwall and Douglas Townes (logistics), Tom Gastio, Patti Price, Dave Crumbley, Mary Larsen, Margaret Sherrod (on site setup and cleanup), Gary and Kathy Meinken and Ed Troncalli.

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(Meet the Zukermans, continued)

When the friend commented that it was probably impossible to repeat, the wheels inside Haim's mind began turning. "Hmmm," he thought, "I bet I could halve that time." Deciding that he could do it in eight days he went back to his friend and bet \$1000 that he could beat that time. The Knoxville newspaper heard about it and followed the cruise with daily articles. "We did this all before we had the cell phones we have today or the GPS that we now have. We brought a lot of cases of beer to give the lock masters (to "grease" their way speedily through) and we beat our expected time by a day. It cost us \$4,000 to win \$1,000 but at least we won."



They received their winnings in one-dollar bills.

The Zukermans had learned of the Power Squadrons while living in Knoxville but didn't really have the time to get involved with group activities. However, when they moved to Atlanta in 1984 and met Bob Leathers and Nelle and Earl Moon they learned about the classes held at the Heiskell School. When they mentioned that they were going to have their 45-foot boat (*Odyssey III*) shipped up from Florida, Earl Moon knew he had to get them to join. "I was singing his song," remembers Haim. Haim began taking classes and now possesses the full certificate.

They now have their 10th yacht, *Always Something* ("as in 'there's always something to do' " as he told me when we were invited aboard for cocktails this past November), a beautiful sixty-six footer that Haim designed and had built in Hong Kong. Cruising is their passion and, as you may have already surmised, they do nothing half-way. Every two years or so they have

Always Something shipped to Europe for a few months. They have navigated the major rivers of Europe, the Great Circle of Europe, the Great Loop in the United States, and have cruised extensively in the Bahamas, ALWAYS flying the ASPS burgee on their bow and the USPS ensign from the stern. Haim maintains that "the best feeling on earth is to wake up at 4:00 in the morning, get going, and watch the sun rise from your boat." As for Batia, "I love it when land appears for the first time. It's like looking through the eyes of a fish - you get to see the layout. It's different seeing the land disappear as you leave than it is when you arrive. For example, take the mountains of Capri. It just doesn't look as overwhelming if you are already there. What interests me is the food and the cultures. You can learn a lot about people's cultures from the food they eat. And you always meet nice people in harbors."

The Zukermans have three grown children, two daughters who live in Tel Aviv, and son Barak, a Squadron member who lives in Smyrna (and runs the business. "He works hard, real hard," says proud father Haim).

As the interview was winding down, Haim said to me, "if anyone is interested, here's my advice: don't buy a new couch." Amused by the confused look on my face, he continued, "Don't buy things you don't need. Spend your money cruising. Go places. You learn a lot about people and countries that way. Just do it."

Some of you may be wondering why we have heard so much from Haim in this article, and relatively little from Batia. You see, when the interview took place she was busy packing for their upcoming trip (she was to leave the next day - Monday - and he was to follow her on Thursday). Around the world on Delta, thanks to over one million frequent flyer points, with stops in Rome, Tel Aviv, Moscow, Hong Kong, Taipei, Bali, Sydney, Melbourne, Queenstown, Auckland, Tahiti, Bora Bora, Moorea, and...Miami.

Haim looked me straight in the eye and said, "By the time this is done, don't ask me to travel for a year!"

I don't think I'd be willing to bet a thousand dollars on it.



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ASPS Presents...The USPS BOC Training Program

Alright, lovers of our English alphabet, has this headline piqued your interest? Probably not, but here goes anyway.

In his diligent effort to keep ahead of the eight ball and, at the same time, make sure we have plenty of lead-time to prepare for important events, our Squadron Education Officer (SEO) has sent your Waterlog Editor and Permanent Lieutenant (W1/E/P/Lt) the following notice, complete with this handsome, glossy photograph:



Important Arrow

The Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron will host a Boat Operator Certification training event for District 17 Squadrons on Lake Lanier, just North of Atlanta, from Friday May 16th to Sunday May 18th 2014.

What is Boat Operator Certification training?

Put all of your theoretical learning into practice with this hands-on, on-the-water boating safety and powerboat handling training opportunity. It includes hands-on, on-the-water, in the captain's chair instruction in boat handling, piloting, plotting, anchoring and more. The BOC program has four levels of certification of which we will offer instruction on the first two in Atlanta: Inland Navigator and Coastal Navigator. While there are no absolute pre-requisites to the On-the-Water training portion of instruction, it will be required that BOC-IN and CN candidates complete both Advanced course, Elective course and Seminar content before being awarded their BOC certificates. Please see the USPS National Site for more information on the BOC program at

<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc>

Advanced and Elective courses should be taken with the home squadron where possible. This can be done before or after the On-the-Water skills training in May. Seminars that are required to complete the BOC IN and CN programs will be offered at the D-17 Meeting in Hiawassee April 5th and ONLINE (via the Internet) on April 12th prior to the On-the-Water event held over the weekend of May 16-18, 2014.

The cost of the event is \$60 for IN, \$60 for CN and \$68 for the required Powerboat Handling Book, plus a share of administrative expenses and of course your food and lodging expenses for the weekend.

Interested D-17 USPS Members should contact the ASPS Squadron Education Officer via email at SEO@usps-atlanta.org by no later than March 31st, 2014. After this date, exceptions may be made on a case by case basis, but it is important to have a solid number as early as possible.

Persons already certified but seeking to volunteer their help or their vessel for use in the program should also contact the SEO as soon as possible at the email address above.

*(Editor's Note: I just discovered that my I-Phone actually has a place for me to schedule dates and events ahead of time. Shazam!!!!!! Maybe yours can also do that. But seriously, folks, think about this: of our 234 members all except 66 participated in at least one ASPS event last year. Let's make a new year's resolution to "capture" (a "Catch and **Not** Release Program"? "Route 66"? Some other catchy name?) these members and get them to participate. It's not too soon to begin planning.*



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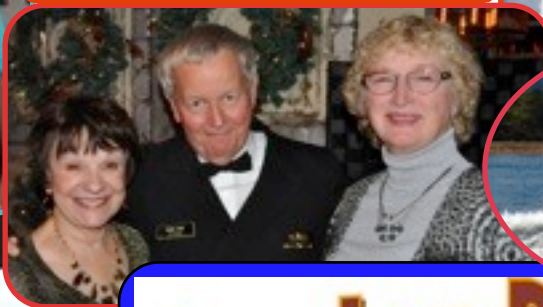
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Squadron News

Look Everybody, We Have A New Advertiser!!!

Your Editor was sitting at home last week, minding his own business, when the telephone rang. One Ms. Julie Horne was on the other end and she had two inquiries: one was about membership, the other about advertising. It seems she ran across our Squadron at the recent Boat Show and wanted to know more. Well, we got to talking and she sent in her ad (see below) along with this piece:

The Carefree Boat Club is excited to announce that we are in our newest location at Aquamarina Lazy Days in Buford, Georgia. Here, our members will enjoy the features of this world class marina: Outstanding service – Excellent amenities – Friendly, courteous & professional staff leading up to the environment for our members to make memories of the best boating of their lifetime. The Carefree Boat Club of Lake Lanier will have top of the line 2014 Manitou 25' Tritoons and 2014 Chaparral SSi 246 Xtreme and SSX257 boats.

Carefree Boat Club was founded in Woodbridge Virginia in 2002. The boat club concept is simple. All families need a way to spend quality time together away from the distractions of daily life, video games, cell phones and TV. There is no better way for family and friends to connect than to spend time together on the water. The memories created on a boat are as durable as those created on the best family vacation, they will be remembered for many years to come. In fact most of our members have come to us telling us that they hope to re-create the experiences they remember of boating with their parents or grandparent growing up. The main problem with boating for most busy families is that they don't have the time or the inclination to deal with boat ownership. We hope to get

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many more individuals and families on the water who might not consider buying a boat but who still want to experience the freedom and thrill that comes with boating.

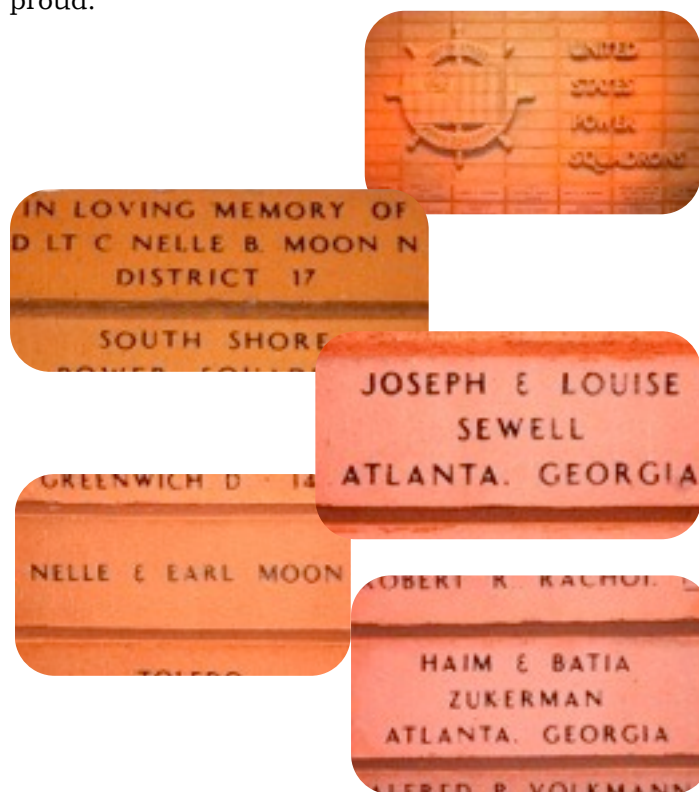
Carefree Boat Club has over the past eight years become the premier boat club operator in the US. Everything we do is based on operating at the highest standards in the industry. Our membership ratios are strictly maintained, as is the quality and upkeep of our boats. Our goal is to provide our members with the highest quality boating experience, to provide a safe and easy entry into boating for new boaters, and to offer the best variety of boats and ports possible. Please feel free to call (888) 439-9757 with any questions.

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Welcome aboard, Julie and Carefree (a little nautical lingo).

Recently Spotted At National Headquarters

P/C Lisa Herndon asked that she not be recognized for sending this in, so we won't. That said, when one enters the building that houses USPS National Headquarters, there is a wall with commemorative plaques, and here are a sample of a few. Hope this makes you proud.



Squadron News

And Speaking Of the Boat Show...

Once again our Squadron manned a booth at the annual Atlanta Boat Show, and it was a roaring success. "I think we really filled out a lot of information on the contact sheets - something like two pages full," said participant Tom Gastio. "I helped out last year and it seems like we had a lot more this year." That would make sense, as attendance was estimated to be a full 25% higher this year than last.



Michael and Lilliana Paslawskij, John and Cary Holland, and Meredith Randall sure look like they're having a good time.

Thanks go out to Kevin and Terry Schoonover ("Schnoover", to some, see page 4), Glenn LaBoda, Tom Gastio, Ed and Ryan Troncalli, Jeff Wise, Margaret Sherrod, Gary and Kathy Meinken, Douglas Townes, the Family Hendrix - Stephen, Marla, Leycei, and Robert (Murray), Don and Judy Williams,



Barak Zukerman teaches his son Mathew (with one "t") the fine art of knot tying.

Frank Taylor, Meredith and Scotty Randall, Michael and Lilliana Paslawskij (please, no spell-check), John and Cary Holland, Eric and Cindy Ringwall, Donna and Ken Odum, Bonnie Fried, Keith Blanton, Mike Schneider, and Sandy Convery.

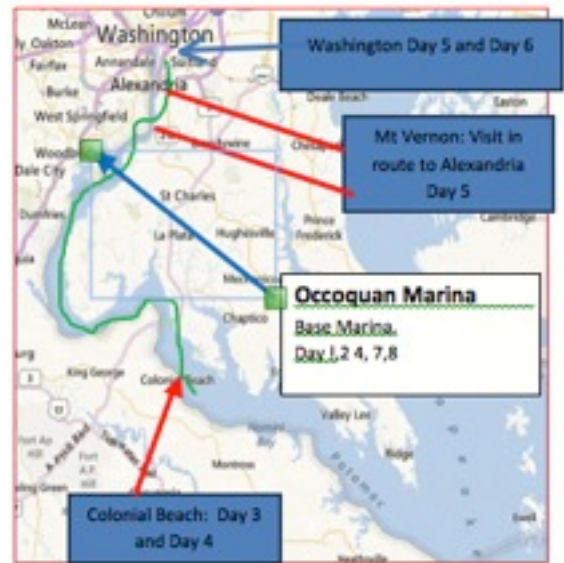
And a special paragraph for a special thank-you to T.J. Convery, who organized, directed, participated, set up, tore down, and everything else in-between, for this event. Nice job, Teej!!!

Photographs by Scot Randall, which explains why he isn't pictured above.

Washington/Occoquan Cruise - Never Too Soon To Plan

James Dennison is planning a cruise for later in the year and is exploring ways to tie it into the USPS Fall Governing Board in Arlington, Virginia.

Any and all feedback is welcome. We need input from our membership such as: 1) are you interested in the cruise? 2) I am interested in the cruise but also want to go to the Governing Board - will I be able to do both?



There is a reason for planning so far ahead. "Due to the great demand for dock space around Washington we must act early and have reserved boat docks at the Occoquan Marina for Sept. 12,13 ,14 and 19, 20. This facility has most of the things we need as a home base marina: full service marina, boat ramp, lodging close by, trailer parking, restaurant, and Amtrak station within a mile," explains James.

The itinerary below is simply a preliminary plan and, as such, is subject to change.

Day #	Morning	Mid-Day	Night	Distance	Time
F	Interstate 85/95	I-95	Occoquan Marina	615 highway miles	
1 S	Occoquan Marina	Occoquan Marina	Occoquan Marina		
2 S	Occoquan Marina	Potomac	Occoquan Marina	30+30	5
3 M	Occoquan Marina	Colonial Beach	Colonial Beach	40	3
4 T	Colonial Beach	Mt Vernon	Alexandria	50+10	3+1
5 W	Alexandria	Alexandria	Washington	20	2
6 T	Washington	Washington	Washington	20	5
7 F	Washington	Potomac	Washington	20	4
8 S	Washington	Occoquan Marina	Some Depart	30	2
9 S	Occoquan Marina	I-95			

On The Water

Saving The Magenta Line

Since 1912, a series of nautical charts of the Intracoastal Waterways, produced by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and, subsequently, NOAA, have depicted an Intracoastal Waterway Route, a "recommended route" known to recreational boaters and commercial mariners as "the magenta line." Coast Survey originally added the line to the charts to show the best route through the Intracoastal Waterway but it has not been consistently maintained since its last comprehensive update in 1936. Aware of safety concerns, NOAA's Office of Coast Survey is removing the "recommended route" from NOAA nautical charts. We are also issuing a Local Notice to Mariners, advising caution in using the line in charts where it has not been removed. The Office of Coast Survey invites written comments about whether NOAA nautical charts should depict a recommended route through the Intracoastal Waterways.

-National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration notice, 26 September 2013

At our January Executive Committee meeting Lt/C Woody Williams took your editor aside and suggested we run an article from **PassageMaker** magazine (a fabulous source of interesting articles) on the recent discussion to either revise or remove the magenta line from nautical charts.

Then, just a couple of days ago, P/C Lisa Herndon emailed an article from activecaptain.com (another terrific source of information) on the same subject. Arousing more than a little curiosity, we delved into this subject and found that it is indeed interesting, informative, and more than a bit controversial. The following has been copied and pasted from the activecaptain website, and we think you might find it interesting to explore this topic.

"In September 2013, US/NOAA began asking boaters for feedback on the "magenta line" - the magenta colored overlay on US charts showing the recommended route of travel for the various US intracoastal waterways: New Jersey, Atlantic, Dismal Swamp, Florida West Coast, Gulf West, Gulf East, Okeechobee Lake, and Okeechobee Rim. The line first appeared in 1912, saw a major update in 1935, with only rare updates since then. This has caused many tense moments as the real channel has shifted away from the marked channel leaving boaters confused about the

correct path. ActiveCaptain hazard markers have helped with those, "what do I do here?" moments.

"The feedback from boaters was heard loud and clear by NOAA. They claim that 99.9% requested that NOAA maintain the magenta line rather than remove it.

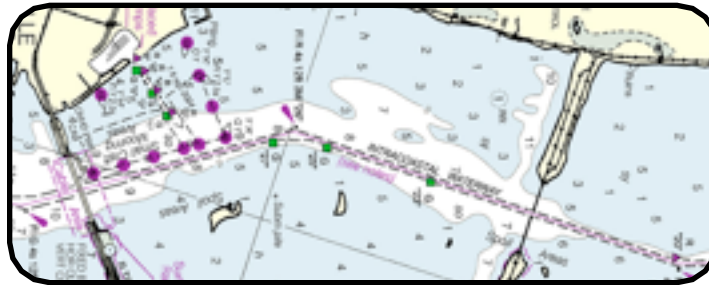
"There was a collective sigh of relief last week when NOAA officially announced they would re-work the magenta line into an "advisory, directional guide that helps prevent boaters from going astray in the maze of channels that comprise the route." They've cautioned that it will take years to fix the line after 70 years of neglect, estimating that it could be done by mid-2015. The problem is how to accomplish the task. How will they go about fixing the magenta line?

"That was part 2 of the NOAA Coast Survey announcement. They have added ActiveCaptain to their "cartographic tool kit in the chart evaluation system." Last year NOAA licensed the ActiveCaptain data for internal use. We wrote some custom software to make it easier for the cartographers to use the hazard data you provide to help update charts and fix the magenta line. The first part of the software has been delivered to NOAA for their use.

"NOAA approached us because they were already using the hazard data to locate problems but had to manually search on areas of interest to see what needed attention. Now hazard changes are automatically presented to them so they can quickly go through the changes and determine whether additional surveys or chart changes are needed.

"All of this data originates from you. It's an amazing thing. When you review a marina, they listen to what you're saying and the good marinas evaluate your feedback to make themselves better. This exact same feedback loop is now happening with the actual charts.

"We'd like to see other governments do this same type of thing (we're talking to you UKHO!). ActiveCaptain hazards are implemented throughout the world in a crowdsourced way that allows cartography divisions to have the latest information from the people who are out on the water. Quality charts can no longer solely come from governments. We all play a part in helping them create the best charts possible. We'd gladly provide these delta-hazard tools to other government cartographers for free just like we did for NOAA."



On The Water

Good News/Bad News?

Every now and again a story makes the news and one might pause to contemplate...is this good news or is it bad news. For those of you who enjoy a good low-country boil, a fried shrimp dinner, or shrimp and grits, well stay tuned.

An enormous species of Asian tiger shrimp has been seen and caught in the waters off Brunswick, Georgia. Now, you might ask, what exactly constitutes "enormous?" How about the size of a lobster. Maybe your forearm?



Photo by Ryan Werner, PBS.org

After escaping from a shrimp farm in South Carolina (and hitchhiking to Georgia?), these shrimp made their first appearance in the 1980's along the Southeast coast. By the year 2008 they began to appear with some regularity in commercial shrimp hauls.

They seem, by some accounts, to be a rather aggressive species. Will they be competing with other shrimp for food, as some reports indicate? Are they a truly invasive species? Will they do to the shrimp population what kudzu has done to some of our plant life?

Well, your editor, his curiosity now in fifth gear, decided to take the bull by the horns and call Lindsey Parker, who captains the University of Georgia Marine Extension's research vessel, *Georgia Bulldog*. Now that was truly an interesting conversation. Capt. Parker seems to be the type of person who never met a stranger, so the conversation was even more interesting. According to him, more and more of these tiger shrimp are being caught each year. "One fella told me that he caught 100 pounds in just one 20-25 day trip. I recently read an article from St. Augustine. It reported that several boats came in with 25 pounds each." How many shrimp are in 25 pounds? "Well, that could be twenty-five with their heads on." One pound each. Are they tasty? "They've become quite marketable. They sell them at several high-end restaurants. They're not as good as our Georgia white shrimp, but they're still pretty good."

As for their being a threat, "It depends. Will they introduce a disease that doesn't affect them but that they can transmit to other shrimp?" Invasive? "Well, can they interrupt an ecosystem that is normal?" There is presently no definitive proof that the giant ti-

ger shrimp are invasive. As Capt. Parker told me, If it does not crowd out the white shrimp or pass along diseases, it may not be determined to be invasive. Georgia has the six most unwanted of all invasive plants, but I just read an article that said that one may be indigenous, not invasive. It thrives on over-nutrientized water, and has been here longer than we have."

As for eliminating them, It's kind of like the lionfish. There's no way to get rid of them on purpose.

This was truly an interesting conversation but, alas, Sunbelt printing awaits, and tomorrow your editor heads to Jacksonville for the National Annual Meeting. But I really wanted to see if Lindsey Parker might be available to speak at one of our general meetings (he lives in Brunswick). I told him about the interesting program we had about the loggerhead turtles, and about Leycei Hendrix's presentation. "Do you ever find yourself in Atlanta?" "Not if I can help it," he chuckled.

We have to find a way to get him here.

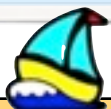


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The Bulletin Board



Lest We Forget

DO NOT FORGET to send in your RSVPs (with check or money order) for the Change of Watch. Lt/C Margaret Sherrod needs them by January 8th. NOTE: Credit cards will be accepted but they might not be returned. Ha ha.



Errors and Omissions

Just when I thought my mea culpas were through for the year (2013, that is) one more reared its ugly head. It seems that your editor failed to recognize his wife for the role she played in our annual Chili Cookoff. D/Lt/C Barbara Tyson indeed helped coordinate communication between the Committee and the Squadron, handled RSVPs, record keeping for the food (13 crockpots, salads, and desserts), and a whole host of other things.

Sorry Barb. Now...can I please have my car keys back?



This Month's Inspirational Quote

A good deed is its own reward.
- Nelson DeMille, *The Quest*



Hey...We're Rockin'!!!

From the desk of P/Lt/C Patti Price - whose mind never sleeps - comes this tidbit:

"I think that I can say that we definitely have an increase in membership participation. Using the membership as of December 12, 2013 of 234 people, we have 71.8% of our members attending at least 1 event. 36.3% attended 5 or more events and 21.8% attended 10 or more events. Perhaps next year we can focus on some of the 66 people who did not (participate)."

(Editor's Note: See "Editor's Note, page 8).

Read This Only If You Want A Sweet Story

Jill Kujala, a dear friend and wife of ZZ Top lookalike Bob Kujala sent me an email the other day. It seems that author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once helped judge contest entries to see who was the most caring child. Jill sent me the top five, and I thought I might print one in some upcoming issues. Let's start with this one:

Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted.

A little girl said, "I know all about Adoption, I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?",
asked another child.

"It means", said the girl, "that you grew
in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!"

From the Bridge



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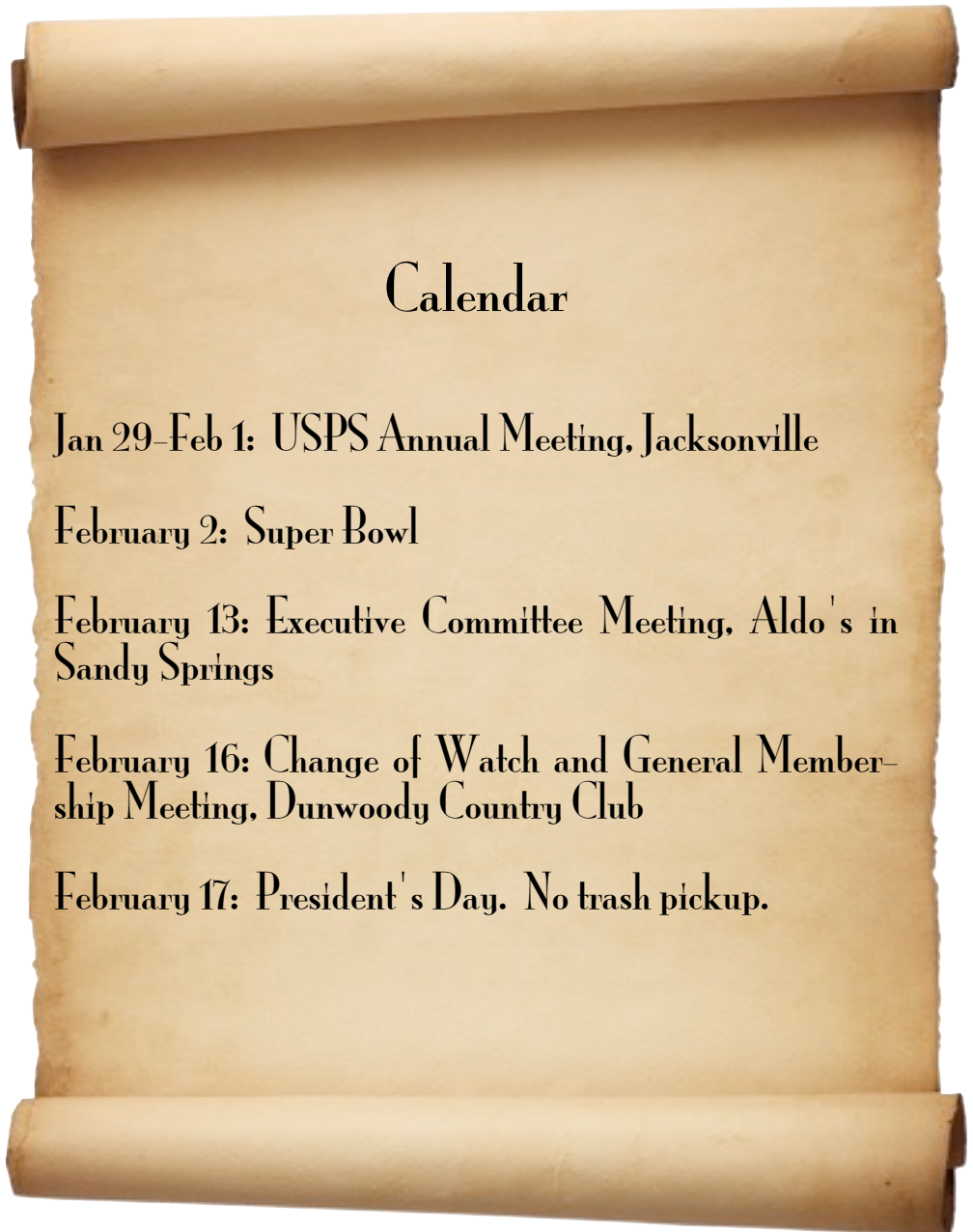
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Calendar

Jan 29-Feb 1: USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville

February 2: Super Bowl

February 13: Executive Committee Meeting, Aldo's in Sandy Springs

February 16: Change of Watch and General Member-
ship Meeting, Dunwoody Country Club

February 17: President's Day. No trash pickup.

AFTerthoughts

Another issue, another *AFTerthoughts*. What to write. As I stood in the shower this morning - a visual no self-respecting person should ever be subjected to - my thoughts returned, as they so often do, to the late, beloved P/C Dave Herndon, who was always in the right place at the right time for advice. My idea bank was overdrawn until I began to think...Dave gave me some sage advice when he turned the reins of the *Waterlog* over to me almost four years ago: 1) people, no matter what they say, like to see their pictures and read their names, and 2) make the *AFTerthoughts* positive. So what positive message is there this morning?

Well, take our membership meeting last week, the Annual Meeting. It's arguably one of the two most important meetings we have each year (the other being the Change of Watch). Cdr LaBoda was in the frigid climes of New Jersey on business and Lt/C Douglas Townes was pressed into service. The meeting had a number of glitches. How did Douglas handle them?

I'll tell you how. With a mix of (sometimes self-deprecating) humor, charm, and a not-afraid-to-ask attitude. And you know what? A sometimes dull Annual Meeting turned out to be filled with laughter and interest. And that leads me to this point...when the going gets tough, the tough get our Squadron going! I remember one infamous (at least for me) ICW cruise when a number of boats were grounded on sand until the tide came in. And for some of us (listening, Genie?) it was so much fun! Dancing on the boats and singing oldie goldies. I also remember a scheduled raft-up when the weather was forecast to be nothing less than dreadful. What did we do? Marla Hendrix moved us into a small pub where we had a "hippies, indoor, not-on-the-water" raft-up.

And we had a blast.

I learned at the last Ex-Comm that we only had 2 people signed up to take Seamanship and only 1 for Piloting. Let's turn that negative into a positive. There's absolutely no reason, NOT ONE - why every member shouldn't have at least "S" after their name. I mean you learn rules, the difference between lines and ropes, charts and maps, starboard and port (port is the side of the boat where you store the red wine?) and all of the basics, which is why we're here in the first place. Eric Ringwall had a full head of hair when he took on the Education Officer's position. Let's help him grow it back. Let's all go back to school!

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