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*Waterlog Editor
Lt Tim Tyson, P*

On the Cover

Well, it looks as though we might have added a new Staff Photographer. Tamara Baker shot this wonderful picture as her husband Jeff was taking the Calvary Kids tubing. For further information about Calvary and this event, see "Meet...Calvary", the article about the day-on-the-lake, and AFTerthoughts.

Commander's Corner

Wow! What a busy time we have had since the last Waterlog! We have gone scalloping, fishing, cruised the New York Finger Lakes and cruised the Danube River of Europe. We have taught three ABC classes on two lakes as well as begun teaching Engine Maintenance and Instructor Development. We have met to plan our Lake Jocassee Weekend. We have rafted up with over 30 boats and jet skis. We have met at Ex-Comm and conducted the business of the Squadron and have had General Meetings with entertaining programs, good fellowship and friendly "catch-up" conversations with our friends and fellow members. And finally, one of the premier events this year that just happened: taking 24 excited youngsters from the Calvary Children's Home out for a day on the lake for tubing, swimming, beach exploring, jet skiing, ski boat riding, picnicking and capped it off with a boat parade/salute to Commodore Tyser of the University Yacht Club. What a great boating club to belong to!

How did all of this happen in such a short summer? It occurred because so many of our members brought their nail. What are some examples you ask? Let's see; there were some who planned the events, some who cooked, some who wrote checks, some who kept us informed by recording the events with pictures and words, some who brought life jackets, chairs, microphones, water toys and flags, some who made calls and sent many, many e-mails, some who prayed for our safe passage, some who prepared lesson plans and taught, some who prepared food even though they never attended the event, some who scouted out event venues, some who traveled miles to inspect hotels, marinas, gunk holes for raft ups, classrooms, restaurants and rental accommodations, and?

I don't think I could describe all of the actions our members took to take the time to make sure these events happened with such great success and attention to detail in one Waterlog. It truly took many members who unselfishly brought their nail so the rest of us could safely participate, enjoy each other's fellowship and have fun!

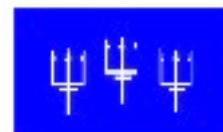
Wow! What a great boating Club to be a member of!!!

Douglas Townes

Let's Nail it in 2014



Cdr Douglas Townes, JN



FOREThoughts

Meet...The Calvary Children's Home

By Waterlog Editor Tim Tyson

For the past twelve years, our Squadron has supported - through cash donations to their general fund, cash donations to the scholarship fund we helped to create, and with Christmas presents for the wonderful kids who live there - the Calvary Children's Home. On September 6th, our Squadron treated these children to a day-on-the-lake (pages 8 and 9). With Donna Odum doing such a fabulous job recruiting members, we thought it might be a good idea to introduce our newer membership to this marvelous institution.

In 1966 the lives of many children, most of them yet to be born, were radically altered. But let's not get ahead of ourselves.

In the early 1960's, Reverend Ben Turner was leading a tour group through the Holy Land. One day, while visiting Jerusalem, a woman with five children approached him and tried to sell him her baby. The price kept being lowered, from ten dollars down to five; she needed the money so that the others could be fed. This image remained with Rev. Turner well after he returned to Smyrna. Then, in 1965, his life would be forever changed.

Two parents, returning from a trip to the grocery store, were killed in a tragic automobile accident, leaving behind six children. A member of Rev. Turner's congregation asked him to come over to the family's house to offer prayer and consolation. Once there, the relatives - none of whom could take in all six kids to their already-existing families - were deciding who would live with whom. Rev. Turner was profoundly saddened as the littlest one sobbed, not wanting to be separated from his oldest brother.

In 1966, vowing to correct this, the Reverend Ben F. Turner stated, "If children can't have the love and guidance of parents, they should at least be able to live together as brothers and sisters. If I could build a

home large enough, I could keep all the children of one family together." This was the seed that bore the Calvary Children's Home.

The home was originally in Smyrna and five years after opening it Rev. Turner's health began to decline. "Pastoring and running the Home just became too big a job for him," said his widow, Lucille (Mrs. Turner, to me). "He asked Snyder to step in."

Snyder Turner ("Snyder" being his mother's maiden name) is both an attorney and the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Powder Springs. In 1971 Snyder took the reins as Administrator.

In the 1990's they realized the present site was becoming too small. They began looking for a new place and found a beautiful parcel of land in Powder Springs. Someone, who asked to remain anonymous, surprised everyone at Calvary and sent a check to purchase this property. "It just showed up in the mail one day," recalls Office Manager Kathryn Plemmons. Snyder and staff give God all the glory for this wonderful blessing. In 1997 they moved.

Now let me digress a bit. A number of years ago Barbara and I had a garage sale. We had some "stuff" that didn't sell and I called Calvary to see if the kids might want to hold their own garage sale. Always eager - and always grateful - Kathryn said that she was sure they would.

I drove out there, not knowing what to expect. It is a jaw-dropping experience. On the property are three beautiful cottages to house the children. I was taken through one of them and thought there must be a drill sergeant somewhere. It was as neat as any house I have ever been in.

There is an administrative building with offices, a kitchen, and a very large room in which the boys and girls can share their meals together if they want to (they can also eat "segregated" in their homes). And they can roam the grounds to their heart's content.

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T.J. CONVERY

Squadron News

(Meet...Calvary, continued)

A few years ago, Snyder decided that they needed an area protected from the weather, in which the kids could play. Snyder had envisioned a small "almost a do-it-yourself" type of building. But fate - or the Lord - smiled down on them once again. A married couple, friends of one of Calvary's board members, heard about the desire for this project. The wife had been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and the husband decided to build the gym in his wife's honor.

With loving "aunts" and "uncles" (he is "Uncle Snyder") these children are surrounded by caring, loving adults. Snyder (who does not know this article is being written) is the recipient of a multitude of honors, including: a 2001 resolution from the Georgia State Senate commending his work on behalf of children; the Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award; one of WSB's "People in Action"; recognition as one of Atlanta's "One Hundred Pacesetters"; 2008 Marietta Citizen of the Year; the proclamation of August 3, 2001, as "Snyder Turner Day" in Smyrna as well as in Powder Springs. And the list goes on.



Snyder Turner in a moment of rare relaxation at our day-on-the-lake.

In the early part of this article, a scholarship fund was referenced. In 1995 I lost my parents. There have been and there still are parents as loving and caring as mine. But none more loving or more caring. At that time Barbara and I thought that, to honor both her parents and mine we would set up a scholarship fund for the Calvary kids. There would be no forms to fill out, no grade point averages they had to keep. All they had to do was enroll/reregister at a college or trade school...any institution of higher learning. The fund would be there to help. And anyone who enlisted in the military would get a one-time gift so they wouldn't arrive at basic training or boot camp with an empty wallet.

So why do I bring this up? Because when I approached our Squadron with my idea for raising funds for the fund they came through like the saints they are. And by "they" I mean you. Through fundraisers, contributions at the Seafarer's Balls, silent auctions, gifts in the memory of loved ones, and a host of other occasions, our Squadron has collectively donated close to \$20,000. This should make all of us very proud.

As their brochure proclaims (and I have copies to give, should you want one),

"Calvary Children's Home is about:

- Offering love and hope
- Keeping brothers and sisters together
- Enhancing the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and physical development of our children
- Teaching children spiritual values which will help build a foundation for the power of faith in their young lives
- Inspiring young people to be the best they can be."

It was noted by more than a few members of our Squadron who attended the day-on-the-lake how well mannered and well behaved the kids were. As they were getting out of the vans at UYC, "Uncle Allen" was heard to say "Now listen up everyone. It's 'yes sir' and 'yes ma'am', understand? A little voice said, "but Uncle Allen, we always say 'yes sir' and 'yes ma'am'."

And that may say more about the Calvary Children's Home than I was able to do in this entire article.

Oh, and lest I forget, the couple who provided the gym? The cancer that the wife was not expected to survive has been reduced from three places to one tiny place and she continues to improve.

Editor's note: Snyder will be the featured speaker at this year's annual chili cookoff in November. His stories sometimes bring a laugh, sometimes a tear, and are always entertaining. See you there.



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George Sargent Crosses the Bar

In early July your editor received a telephone call from Merrily Klein, daughter of George Sargent, informing our Squadron of his passing. George was a 38 year USPS member, at one time or another belonging to the Penfield (CT), Anna Maria (FL), Atlanta, Midcoast (ME), and Long Bay (Myrtle Beach) Squadrons. At Penfield he was twice Commander and in Atlanta he was the *Waterlog* editor. As P/C Ed Troncalli so succinctly put it, "George served on the Executive Committee the three years prior to our Squadron's fiftieth anniversary in 2003.

As editor of the *Waterlog*, he kept our members informed. But more importantly, he created an excitement among the membership. USPS National recognized George's *Waterlog* with



the "Distinction in Journalism" (now "Distinctive Communicator") Award. Today, eleven years later, we are the beneficiaries of George's dedication and hard work. ASPS and the members will remember George for his friendship and a job well done."

Genie Troncalli added, "George was a happy man who made those around feel good. He was thrilled when we had a 'retirement party' and the members cheered for him. He was missed when he moved away from Atlanta. Rest in peace George, and know that ASPS is strong due in part to your dedication."

"He was genuine, a real gentleman," added P/C Don Williams.

P/C Lisa Herndon emailed the following article:

Squadron Happenings

GEORGE SARGENT DEPARTS FOR MAINE

From the June, 2003 Waterlog

Atlanta's loss is Liberty's gain. When P/C George Sargent, N, moves to Maine in a few weeks, the squadron and the community will definitely notice his absence.

Since arriving in Atlanta some five years ago, George has been an active member of the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron, serving for the past three years as the editor of *The Waterlog*. But activity is what George is all about. In addition to his work with the squadron, George volunteers at Gwinnett Medical Center several hours a week and plays bridge as often as he can. When asked about his interests other than

boating, George replied, "For 35 years, as an avocation I taught physics, becoming chairman of the department [at Bridgeport Engineering Institute, now part of Fairfield University]." How many other people do you know whose hobby is to be a college instructor and department chairman?

George was born 80 years ago in central Massachusetts. His boyhood home was near Lake Lashaway, where he got his first boating experience with canoes and kayaks. Between earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he spent two years in the Navy. If you're guessing the naval experience is what triggered George's lifelong love of boats, you'd be wrong. "I never saw a ship while I was in the Navy," he says with a chuckle.

After brief tenures with other companies, George went to work for General Electric in Bridgeport, CT in 1955. Not long afterwards he joined the faculty at Bridgeport Engineering Institute, and was named chairman of the physics department in 1964. He retired from GE in 1986, but remained with BEI until 1992.

In 1976, a friend convinced George to join the Penfield Power Squadron, and thus began his long association with several squadrons along the east coast. He was elected Commander of the Penfield Squadron in 1983. Eight years later, he was recalled to the bridge. "The nominating committee was having difficulty finding bridge officers, [so] I volunteered to become Commander again, and continued the following year," he says. "Our general meetings were all potluck dinners. Our changes of watch were in a cozy golf course club house with a fireplace and elaborate nautical furnishings." In 1995, he moved to Florida, and served as newsletter editor for the Anna Maria Island Squadron for two years. Then in 1998, he joined the Atlanta Squadron. During his tenure here, he has been recognized nationally for Distinction in Journalism, and received the Helm Award in 2003.

The boats George has owned over the years include a Lightning, a Rhodes 22 Continental, a Pearson 27 and a Pearson 30, all named Lashaway. Which was his favorite? "I loved all my boats, he muses fondly. "My favorite, if I must pick one, was my Pearson 30, which I cruised on Long Island Sound, sailed from Fairfield, CT to Winter Harbor, ME and back, and took down the Intracoastal Waterway from Connecticut to South Carolina."

The father of five children, five stepchildren and numerous grandchildren, George is moving back Down East to Maine to be closer to family. Once settled there, he plans to join the Mid-Coast Squadron, and volunteer at the local library. Is that all? "And I plan to sail wherever and whenever possible."

The Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron thanks you for all you have done, and we wish you fair breezes, George.

Squadron News

A Special Thank-You

By Cdr Douglas Townes

I thought I would tell you about the Safety Booth the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron had at Bald Ridge Marina in June. As you know, a safety booth takes several people "bringing their nail" for it to be a success. You first have to have permission from the owner. This involves coordinating the date, time and physical location of the property. The Vessel Safety Chair needs to be notified so VSEs can be made available.

Next comes ensuring our booth materials are well stocked and ready to go. Then comes the sign-up sheet, where everyone in the Squadron can "bring their nail" and help staff the booth. At least two people are needed in the booth, four to six for busier shows and events.



The person responsible for setting up the booth has to pick up the booth materials the night before the event. It takes a large vehicle and there are several boxes of associated materials - "banners, cloths, back drops, chairs, tables(s), etc.". The needs of each event are different, so you have to think through what is needed and which boxes can be left behind. With the changes in the Georgia boating laws this year, the DNR Boating booklet is a very important piece of literature and is in high demand. Special arrangements must be made with DNR to obtain cases of this hand-out. Water and snacks for workers need to be purchased, prepared and taken to the event.

I wanted to be sure this information was recorded in this month's *Waterlog* because I had the privilege of attending the most "ideal" boating safety booth I have ever helped staff. This was the booth our ASPS had at Bald Ridge Marina on June 14. Let me describe what I saw and why I describe it as "ideal". The booth was strategically located next to a speed bump (what a super great idea). As boaters were slowing down, Bonnie Fried, and Jade and Woody Williams passed out literature. We gave our pitch about boating safety, vessel exams and stopping by our booth for more safety literature. Tim Tyson came out and took photos of the event. Over 12 boats were inspected by Tom Gastio, TJ Convery, and our newest VSE, Jack Oliaro. Three people signed up to be contacted about our next ABC Safe Boating class. The booth also helped us recruit one of our newest members, Dan Dillon.

This booth was truly a win-win-win for our club. Bald Ridge Marina was grateful that we helped make their customers more informed about boating safety. After staffing boating safety booths for over 31 years, I cannot think of one more productive than our ASPS booth on June 14. Bonnie Fried received the "I Nailed It" award for the month of June for all of her outstanding efforts in bringing this booth together. I think everyone sees that Bonnie could not have done this booth by herself. She relied on others to help "pack her parachute" and many club members "brought their nail" to make this such a productive and successful event for our club.

What We Mean By "Nailing It"

In editing, proofreading, and everything else involved in putting together your *Waterlog*, it dawned on your editor-in-chief and his dedicated proofreader/partner-in-crime (one Margaret "Margo" Sherrod) that our readers may be A) too new, or B) haven't been reading their newsletters and are not aware of where the terminology "nailing it" came from.

All kidding aside, it comes from a very profound and meaningful proverb CDR Douglas Townes came across. Variations of it can be traced back to the year 1640, but presently it reads like this:

*For want of a nail, the shoe was lost.
For want of a shoe, the horse was lost.
For want of a horse, the knight was lost.
For want of a knight, the battle was lost.
For want of a battle, the kingdom was lost.*

Why was the kingdom lost?

For want of a nail.

Another way of putting it...it takes a lot of nails to build a house. The bigger the house, the more nails it takes. Our Squadron is presently building the equivalent of a 50,000 square foot mansion.

Squadron News

We fear Steinhatchee May Never Recover From Hurricane ASPS

The problem with taking a summer vacation away from the *Waterlog* is that there is so darned much to catch up on, what with our Squadron being so active and all. Our members who went on the scalloping trip to Steinhatchee (29°40'16"N 83°23'15"W), by Highway 38 in Taylor County, Florida show what it's like to live off the land, umm, sea.

Out of the 111 scallops captured in the wild, Cindy Ringwall was "Trapper of the Week" with some 28 to her name. By all accounts a wonderful time was had by all. And as soon as I get photos from the FLEW Cruise and the Amelia fishing weekend, they too will be published.



Clockwise from top left: Cat Gower poses fetchingly for a selfie; giving new meaning to "Happy as a clam scallop"; cleaning their catch; LaBoda and Son Scallop Company; Stephen Hendrix and his bag of gold.

Thanks to P/Lt/C Sheryl LaBoda for the photographs.



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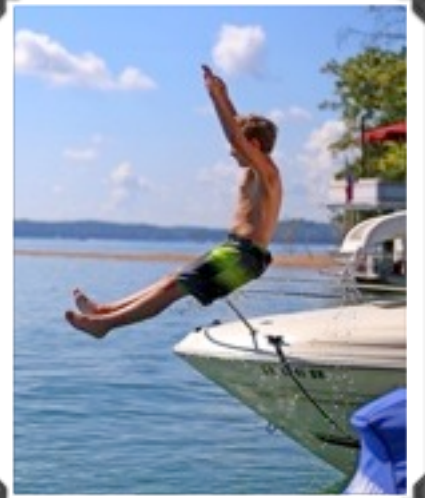
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Squadron News

"If this boat sinks I'm going downstairs!!!"

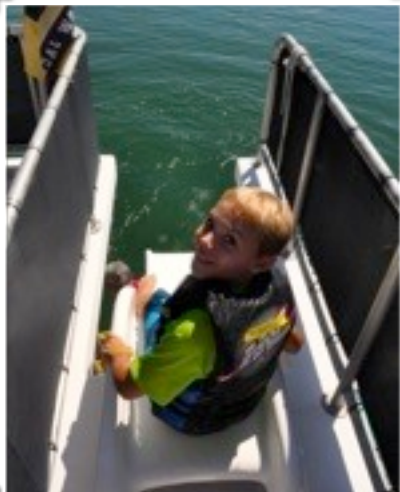
On September 6th our Squadron hosted A-Day-On-The-Lake for the Calvary Children's Home in Powder Springs. The enthusiasm from our membership was simply breathtaking. Tom and Susan Shirey volunteered their houseboat, John and Maureen Oliaro and Jeff and Tamara Baker brought their powerboats, and Cdr Townes brought his jet ski. With two kayaks, 2 jet skis (one from the houseboat), and two power boats for tubing, the kids had plenty to keep themselves occupied.



According to Snyder Turner, Director of Calvary, most of the kids had not been on a boat before, especially one that was ninety-three feet long. Before we left the dock, the kids were told not to go into the living room area downstairs unless it was absolutely necessary (i.e. to use the head). Young Kristian, on his maiden voyage and a bit nervous at first, standing on the top deck, was surprised that such a large vessel would sway to the oncoming wakes of other boats. He looked up at one of the house parents and said to him, "if this boat sinks, I'm going downstairs!" A half hour later he was racing down the houseboat's water slide.



Squadron News



It was a day that no one who was there will ever forget. What makes it even more memorable is the enthusiasm of and participation by those members who wanted to take part but who couldn't be there. P/C Lisa Herndon, the activity's main coordinator seemed to have thought of everything, right down to color coded wristbands denoting beginner, intermediate, and advanced swimmers, life jackets for each age and size, any dietary restrictions...she thought of it all! Randy and Barbara Tahsler donated plastic cups, knives, and forks, as well as paper plates and napkins, and Margaret Sherrod and Donna Odum brought soft drinks. Others donated money, that most precious of commodities.

To try and list each person who helped out by name is impossible, and sure to omit someone. Suffice it to say that it was indeed a day where the character of our entire Squadron was on full display.

And the kids? They laughed, played, had fun...and were the best behaved group you could ever hope to see. On the way back Tom Shirey pulled a few of us aside and remarked, "We should make this an annual event."

Count me in.

Waterlog would like to express its deep appreciation to Tamara Baker and Lisa Herndon for providing these excellent photographs.



And to all of you who were involved in each and any way, even if your names were not mentioned we know who you are. Thank you.



Member's Quarters

Here We Grow Again!!!

From the desk of Donna Odum comes a list of our new members. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our "boating family", please contact Donna Odum, ASPS Membership Recruitment Chair, or go to

atlantasboatingclub.com/why-join/how-to-join

SONNY AND PAULA SPRAYBERRY have been boating most of the 45 years they have been married. They are both from Decatur, Georgia and have lived in the area all their lives. Sonny graduated from Georgia Tech and was in the Coast Guard reserve in their earlier years of marriage. He has been in the Real Estate business most of his professional life as a Broker for Apple Realty in Henry County among other pursuits. Sonny is an avid tennis player and golfer. Paula retired 4 years ago after being in technology for 20+ years and later as a Senior Residency Counselor for Park Springs, a senior CCRC for 7+ years. She loves to travel the world and spend time with her family and friends. They have 4 grown children. All of their family enjoys boating and coming to their houseboat regularly along with their 6 grandsons. They have been members of the University Yacht Club since 2003. They have the houseboat "Paradise", a pontoon boat, and wave runner. They both also enjoy riding Harleys. They are looking forward to enjoying further activities with ASPS and learning more about boating. They are both currently enrolled in the Engine Maintenance course and look forward to taking other courses.

BOB, NANCY, AUSTIN AND WILLIAM McLENDON are power boaters. Bob and Nancy have been married for 35 years. Bob works in the IT field and likes shooting sports, golf and fishing. He grew up in Nashville and Boston before moving to the Atlanta area. He graduated in Accounting from Georgia State University where he was active in the Sigma Nu frat-



nity and student government. He has been a member of the Cherokee Gun Club for about 10 years. Eric Ringwall encouraged Bob to take the boating safety class (ABC) and now the Engine Maintenance class. Nancy is a nurse who enjoys her children, gardening and staying active. She went to high school in Dekalb County and got her nursing degree from Georgia State University. She has practiced and worked at Grady, Northside, Gwinnett Medical and Eastside/Emory hospitals. After the birth of their second child, she stayed at home to raise William and Austin. After returning to work, she transitioned to the training and deployment side of Medical IT applications. Last year, Nancy McLendon RN, BSN joined Kaiser Permanente's IT

training team. Bob and Nancy have a 230 SSI Chaparral bow rider "Spitz Neves" and jet ski that they keep at their cottage on Flat Creek at Lake Lanier. They plan to buy a trailer for the Chaparral so they can join us on trips. They were "bag draggers" on the ICW trip two summers ago. During that trip, Bob stated that they enjoyed "applying and learning more about the navigation methods on the waterway was very interesting and the group was lively!" They have been boating for quite a while with Eric and Cindy Ringwall. In fact, Bob told Eric and Cindy that he thought it was about time that he got their own boat and hence the name of the Ringwall's boat, "It's About Time". They attend Gainesville's First United Methodist Church as well as Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. They split their time between Buckhead/Brookhaven and Lake Lanier. Their son William is a UGA Graduate and IT Systems Engineer. Their daughter Austin is a UGA Graduate and Marketing Manager for an IT company.

TOM SAMFORD is married to Dee and they have three grown children, Nick, Jennifer and Jessica. He is a Viet Nam Veteran where he was a helicopter technical inspector for the US Army. He graduated from Southern Technical Institute in 1978 with "Highest Honors" and two Bachelor Degrees, Electrical Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology. Tom chose a career in the Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning where he specialized in building automation systems. He works in Kennesaw, GA for Automated Logic Corporation, a United Technologies Corporation company where he has been for 28 years. He later attended Southern Polytechnic State University where he received his Master of Science in Information Technology in 2010. He is passionate about Sailing and Sailing Education as well as Automobile Racing and Science Fiction. After completing the Celestial Navigation Course, Tom set a goal of preparing himself, a crew and equipping a blue water vessel to sail to Greenwich, England and back to see the



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Member's Quarters

(Welcome Aboard, continued)

to sail to Greenwich England and back to see the Harrison clocks. In fact, Tom is a member of the American Sailing Association (ASA) and NauticEd. With these organizations, he has taken quite a few courses including: Basic Keelboat, Basic Coastal Cruising, Bareboat Charter, Coastal Navigation, Advanced Coastal Cruising, Celestial Navigation, Basic Keelboat Instructor, Navigation Rules Clinic, Maneuvering Under Power Clinic, Skipper Course, Bareboat Charter Clinic, Anchoring a Sailboat Clinic, British Virgin Islands Chart Briefing Course, Sail Trim Clinic, Storm Tactics Clinic, Coastal Navigation Clinic, Catamaran Sailing Confidence Clinic, Electronic Navigation Course, Safety at Sea Clinic, Weather Clinic, and Introductory Celestial Navigation Clinic. He has had quite a few sailing adventures where he was Skipper or Captain/instructor including the US Virgin Islands on a 2006 Levezzi 40 Catamaran, Pensacola Area on a 2007 Beneteau 343, San Juan Islands on a 2007 Hunter 41, Pensacola Area on a 2003 Beneteau 393, BVI on a 2011 Jeanneau 44i, and Chesapeake Bay on a 1989 Catalina 38. Tom currently lives in Marietta and regularly sails on Lake Lanier on weekends.

Speaking for all of us, we can't wait to get to know all of you better. Welcome aboard!!!!

Sheryl LaBoda - Reaching For the Stars For LLS

Okay, new members. We have just introduced you to the Squadron. Now let's introduce the Squadron to you. One thing you really need to know is that we have more than just boating in common. Lo, we are a very...VERY...caring group of people. If you've been reading this issue thoroughly, you see what we've done for the Calvary Children's Home. In past years we have helped families in need of help at Christmas-time and military families, also at Christmastime, supported an endowment at the University of Florida's Shand's

Medical Center (organ transplant division), and pitched in on a myriad of other worthy causes.

Earlier this summer P/Lt/C Sheryl LaBoda, honoring her beloved sister Janice who was sadly taken from us all too early, took a little walk.

She and her Georgia teammates hiked Yosemite National Park to raise money for the Leukemia and



Lymphoma Society. This was no walk in the park (did I really write that?). They trained for 18 weeks, hiking over 140 miles in the process. Their seventeen mile hike took thirteen hours, all in one day.

"We all woke up at 4:15 and began the hike at 6:30," Sheryl (who doesn't know this story is being written) told us. "We got done around 7:30. The first 4½ miles were straight up. In one area there was mist all around, so we got pretty wet."

Sheryl's Georgia team raised some \$75,000 and nationally the 103 hikers raised close to half a million dollars. "My prayer is that someday we will live in a world where no one has to experience the bleak emptiness and unimaginable pain of losing a parent or sibling, a spouse or a partner, a best friend or a precious child, to cancer. My prayer is that **Someday is Today.**"



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Squadron News

Get Ready For 2015!!!

Shhh. Did you hear that? I do believe it is the sound of wheels turning inside the head of our Commander as he already thinks about next year!

On Tuesday, October 14, there will be a Cruise Planning Meeting at Gordon Biersch (Buckhead). The social hour will begin at 6:00 (1800 hours) and a working dinner will begin at 7:00ish (1900ish).

Bring your ideas and let's look at another great year!!!

Tom Gastio's VSE Team Breaks Their Own Record!!!

High fives to Tom Gastio and his team of intrepid Vessel Safety Examiners for smashing through the record they set last year. At the latest count 203 Vessel Safety Exams have been performed, and the end is not yet in sight.

Thanks go to a group of whom we can all be mighty proud.

They Nailed It!!!

Well, this appears to be a 3-exclamation-point column!!! (4?). But that's a good thing.

Let's hear it for Mary Larsen and Tom Shirey, each of whom were presented with our Commander's "I Nailed It" award over the summer. Mary earned her award for, among other things, her work in organizing and coordinating public education programs, as well as her



work with the Paddle Craft Association of America (which resulted in over 20 Vessel Safety Examinations).

Tom stepped forward and courageously (i.e. without asking his wife Susan) volunteered the



family houseboat for our Day-On-The Lake with the Calvary Children's Home.

Thanks to both of you for, well, for just being you.

Test Your VSE Skills

Roy Stegall was able to find seven safety and legal violations in this picture he sent in. Your editor found one additional violation. Why don't you write yours down and compare them to the answers on the bulletin board, page 14. Good luck and good hunting.



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Leisure Section

Another USPS Benefit - And This One Can Pay Off For Life

While attending the National Meeting in Jacksonville last January (you know, the one that began the day of our little snow-related weather issue), your *Waterlog* editor attempted to conquer his shyness by striking up conversations with members he did not yet know. Hint: a good place to start is by looking at their name tags and identifying the Squadrons they belong to.

Spotting a name tag from the Syracuse Sail and



Left to right: Tim Tyson, Sue West, Kay and Jim Sharpe, Barbara Tyson, Steve West.

Power Squadron, I struck a conversation with one Lt/C Jim Sharpe. I told him that Barbara's cousins and Uncle live in Camillus, just outside Syracuse, and that they have a cottage in the Thousand Islands. He said that he and his wife Kay have a place in the Thousand Islands. I learned that he used to belong to the Biscayne Bay Power Squadron. I come from South Florida. I told him that the next time we were lucky enough to be invited by Barb's cousin and his wife to their place on the St. Lawrence River, we'd contact him and try to hook up.

So we got the invitation, and I contacted Jim. Steve and Sue West (Barb's cousin and his wife), always gracious beyond description, suggested we invite the Sharpe's over to their place. When they arrived, we all went down to the West's dock and visited. Over a few beers and cokes, we all chatted as though we had known each other all our lives. It turns out they lived only a few houses away from Sue's cousin in the '80's in Bridgeport, NY. We talked for hours.

The point I am trying to make is this: it's not difficult to find a Squadron almost anywhere you might travel in this country. The next time you go someplace,

fire off an email to a Commander, Bridge Officer, or a member you might find on a Squadron's website. It could surprise you as to how much you have in common with someone you have yet to meet.

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Now what, you might be asking yourselves, is 12-13-14? Simple.

It's the date of our Seafarer's Ball/Holiday Party!!!

This year's festivities will be held at the Miller-Ward Emory Alumni House

on Houston Mill Road (pictured right). It promises to be a beautiful venue, so mark your calendars. Dinner will be catered and music will be playing throughout the night. Any requests you might have for



dancing or seasonal music, or just a favorite song or two (or three) - within the boundaries of good taste, of course - should be sent to Tim Tyson and it will be downloaded.

More details will be provided, but it is definitely an event you will NOT want to miss.

See you there.

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The Bulletin Board



No September Raft-Up

Due to the Lake Jocassee weekend trip, there will not be a raft-up in September.

That is all.



Pop-top Update

O.K. folks, I know you can do better than this. Let's get 'er cranked up. Here's what you do: just put a plastic cup in a convenient place and, every time you open a can of soda or a beer, remove the pop tops and save them. Tim Tyson is collecting them for the Ronald McDonald Houses, which recycle them for cash.

Just turn them in to Tim.



From Page Ten, Roy's and Tim's Top 8 Violations: First, Roy Noticed:

1. No life jackets.
2. No state registration numbers.
3. No state registration sticker.
4. No navigation lights.
5. No sound producing device (bell horn or whistle).
6. No emergency flares.
7. No capacity plate.

Then Tim's Contribution:

8. Man in the front is wearing a bathing suit without a license.

Keep those cards and letters rolling in, Folks.



From the Always-Reliable P/D/C Bob Ginsberg...

I was working out at the gym when I spotted a sweet young thing walking in....

I asked the trainer standing next to me, "What machine should I use to impress that lady over there?"

The trainer looked me over and said; "I would recommend the ATM in the lobby."

From the Bridge



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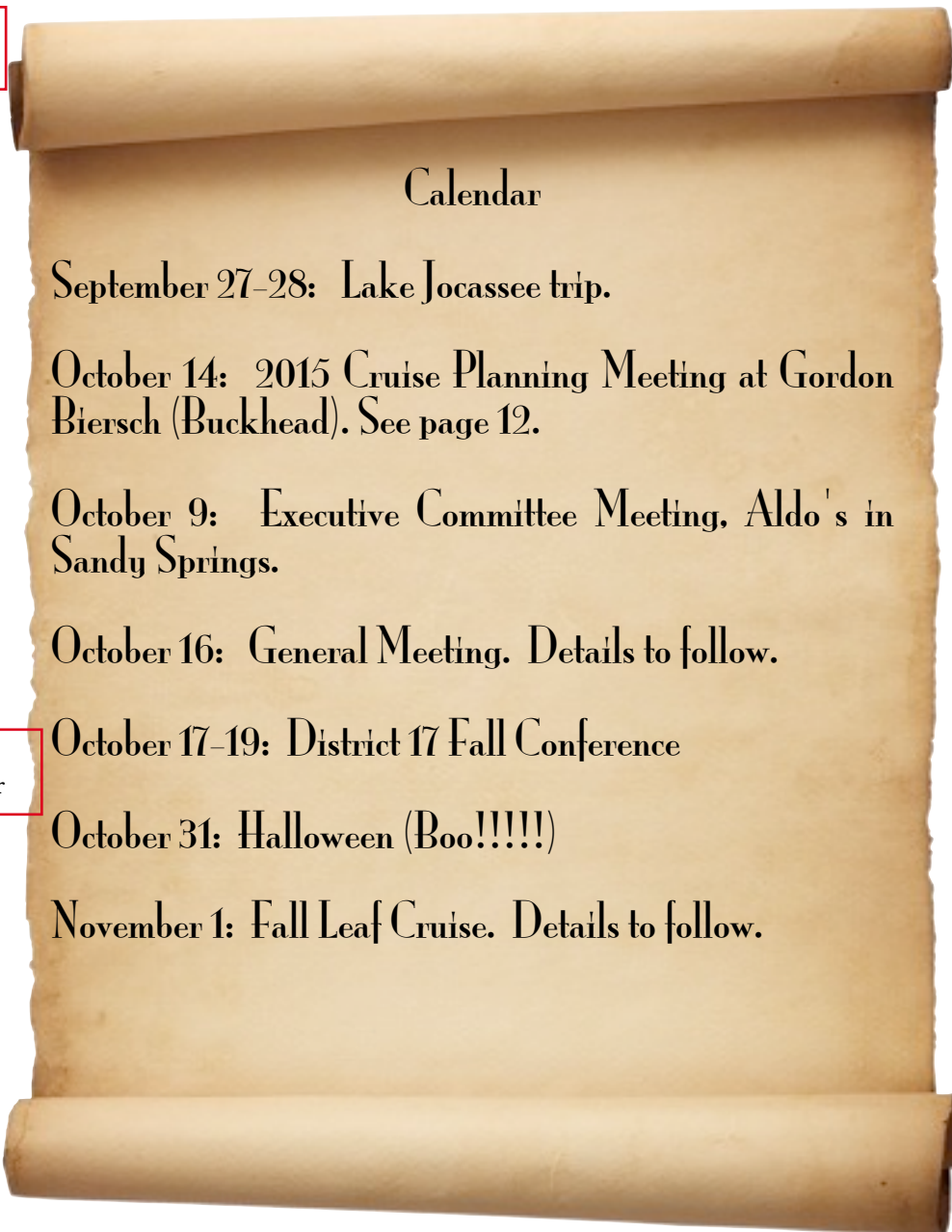
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1st/Lt Scot Randall,
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1st/Lt Dennis
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Secretary



Calendar

September 27-28: Lake Jocassee trip.

October 14: 2015 Cruise Planning Meeting at Gordon Biersch (Buckhead). See page 12.

October 9: Executive Committee Meeting, Aldo's in Sandy Springs.

October 16: General Meeting. Details to follow.

October 17-19: District 17 Fall Conference

October 31: Halloween (Boo!!!!!!)

November 1: Fall Leaf Cruise. Details to follow.

AFTerthoughts

"Try to control your passion, Aunt Bee. You're meltin' the ice cream."

That's how I feel right now. Those of you who know me - I mean KNOW me - understand that I am rarely at a loss for words. That is to say, you sometimes cannot shut me up! But tonight, as I write this column, I am at a loss for words.

For quite a while now I have wanted to bring the Calvary Kids along on a raft-up. Then one Ex-Comm I finally brought it up at the right time (timing? Another one of my many shortfalls). To make a long story short - and I love the long story - things got rolling. Tom and Susan Shirey (boy do I wish I knew how to superimpose halos over their names) volunteered their 93 foot house boat (97 feet?). "It has a slide for the kids," I was informed. Randy Tahsler **HAD** to be included ("Just tell me what you want, but please take me along."). Jeff and Tamara Baker and John and Maureen Oliaro - ("We can bring our boats and tubes for tubing"). Members volunteering food, soft drinks, life preservers, sodas....on and on. Oh, and that valuable asset - cash.

And then there's Lisa Herndon. After a summer when Barb and I attended two weddings and visited relatives in the north, I asked if she could help.

Whoa!!!

She didn't help. She conducted (probably part of her musical prowess). Lisa (er, P/C Herndon) took the bull by the horns and led this symphonic weekend to an apex the likes of which we might not see until next year (Tom Shirey's idea). To all of you who helped out, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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