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On the Cover

Incoming Commander Woody Williams presents Outgoing Commander Douglas Townes with a token of our Squadron's appreciation for a job well done (a gift for his cabin) while P/C Townes displays his plaque.

Commander's Corner



Cdr Elwood "Woody"
Williams, JN

The Change of Watch has come and gone, and the first quarter of 2015 is near its end! How does time go by so quickly?

Well, it goes by so quickly because we are all very busy in our personal and professional lives. Thank goodness for ASPS! Yes, our Squadron is off to a quick start as well, with a large ABC class, three core classes beginning to wrap up, West Marine Day (with two seminars), and our first raft-up. At our March General Meeting two gentlemen from NOAA gave a most interesting presentation describing the wealth of weather information provided by their bureau on the NOAA website. Whew! ASPS is far from being a sleepy organization. Not only are we successfully increasing our public education outreach, we continue to cultivate our own membership education. Sail, Cruise Planning, and Seamanship are just about concluded, and we have Partner in Command and Practical on the Water training coming up in June and July. Both of these programs have on-the-water aspects and we can all improve our boat handling skills. Think about signing up soon!

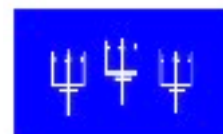
At the April Ex-Comm meeting we will be learning more about our progress toward presenting a class for ASPS members in First Aid, CPR and AED. Face it. We all need to know something of these skills and ASPS is moving quickly to get this American Heart Association class scheduled. Keep an eye on the DR and *Waterlog* for announcements. The next General Meeting will include a presentation by Captain Mike England of the Law Enforcement Division of the Georgia DNR. Captain England played a key role in efforts to get passed legislation in 2013 concerning Boating Under the Influence and mandatory boater education. His presentation promises to be very interesting on these matters that concern all of us. Also, in April is the District 17 Spring Conference where three of our fellow ASPS members have been nominated for district offices. The April general membership meeting has a lot in store, including a report about the D-17 Conference.

Earlier in this column I said thank goodness for ASPS, as if our organization provided a respite from the frenetic world in which we live. Then I listed many ASPS activities that would at first simply appear to add more to the overcrowded "to-dos" on everyone's list. But, there is a big difference: we are all drawn together, not by necessity, obligation, ideology, or some other external societal force, but simply by the spirit of sharing our common interest in boating and the enjoyment it brings. What could be better than spending a beautiful Saturday afternoon on the water with good friends! I've never been much of a "joiner" in my life, but I do feel blessed to have found such a wonderful group of people.

As the new USPS slogan says "...and stay for the friends!" Indeed.

Straight ahead and strive for tone!

Woody



FOREThoughts

Meet...Mickey and Lilliana Paslawskyj (And Learn How To Spell Their Name!)

This column is the reason your editor loves this job. Walking up to the front door of the Paslawskyj's (silent "j") house, one hears a piano being played. Greeted at the door by Mickey (he started to go by "Mike" but went back to "Mickey" since that's what he has been called all his life). We walked past Lilliana, giving a piano lesson, and sat down to begin the interview.

Shortly after he was born (in New York City), Mickey's family moved to Newark. His parents built a house in Montville, NJ, where they still live today - 59 years later. Mickey attended school there until the 8th grade, when he was enrolled in Morris Catholic High School. Upon graduation he studied economics at Rutgers (undergraduate degree) and Fairleigh Dickinson (graduate degree).

Lilliana Paslawskyj (nee Shaviak) was born in Fürth, Bavaria, in a displaced person's camp.

This was my first interesting surprise. Displaced person's camp? It turns out that both Mickey's and Lilliana's parents fled the Soviet Union after World War II. Lilliana's father, who held a PhD in law, was a translator for the U.S. Army. Later they settled in Baltimore where she attended Catholic school. At Townson State University she majored in music education, a lifelong passion. Her second passion is ballet. In Baltimore she performed in a local production of the Italian opera *La forza del Destino* with a yet-to-become-famous Placido Domingo.

How did they meet? "I can tell you the exact date," said Mickey. "It was September 4, 1977. A Sunday. We met at a Ukrainian Summer Resort in the Catskills. It used to be the 'Borscht Belt'. That's where I met Lilliana. The band struck up 'Delilah', that song by Tom Jones. I told her I liked that song and she said that it was her favorite. We danced to it and the rest is history."

"We had a 'commuting' relationship. I would go to Baltimore and visit her, she would come up to New Jersey to see me." Mickey, who worked for banks and brokerages (he later became Chief Economist for CIT Group), lived in New Jersey, and Lilliana taught piano at a Ukrainian school in Baltimore. In 1979, after a year and a half of dating, they were married. Lilliana got a job in a bank. The first piece of furniture they bought was the piano that they still have today.

In 1985 their son Bohdan was born (more to come on Bohdan). In the 1990's Lilliana went back to teaching piano. "She had a great practice, about 30 students," recalls a proud Mickey. This pretty much coincides with the time he called her to say that he had bought a boat. "She had some choice words about that," smiled Mickey.

His best friend's father, W. Huntley Weaver heard that they had bought a boat. Mr. Weaver, a Squadron member with some 55 Merit Marks on his sleeve, asked them, "What the heck do you know about boats?" The answer: "Not a thing." He dropped off a USPS VHS that he insisted they watch before the boat was delivered. "It did help a lot. Subsequent to that we took the (then 8-week ABC) course and joined the Lake Hoptacong (NJ) Sail and Power Squadron. We spent a lot of summers on that boat."

During a career of economics, consulting and teaching, Mickey hooked up with a think-tank in the Berkshires. Restless, he saw an opening for a job with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (we know it as the FDIC) "and that's what brought us to Atlanta." Now the Region Economist for the FDIC, Mickey rises at 5:00 am and is on the road by 5:15. "When I retire I'll be coming to meetings more regularly."

To tie up some loose ends...Bohdan has always been interested in boating. At the age of 16 he passed the same 8-week ABC course - "the adult course, not the kid's course" - that his dad did before their boat was delivered. "He scored a 94," beamed Mickey. Bohdan and Mickey are both Eagle Scouts...in the Ukrainian Scouts. They are an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of

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2015 Change of Watch...With a Speech to Remember

In what is always one of the best days in any Commander's year, Douglas Townes became P/C Douglas Townes, and the smile on his face is all the proof we needed. We are all getting used to the wonderful centerpieces the Troncallis come up with, or are we. This year's lighthouses with photos of Douglas Townes looking out one window and Woody Williams from another was over the top! George Norton and Lisa Herndon with the National Anthem, the annual awards (congratulations, Meredith Randall, for winning the Nelle Moon Award!!!), just the ambience of our group being together made this year's COW very special indeed.

District Chaplin Norm Oien said goodbye to Maury Roe and Pat Estes, who crossed the bar last year, with a beautiful Irish Prayer. Cdr Townes singled out the instructors and educational staff "who, along with so many others, do so much for our Squadron."

Incoming Commander Woody Williams reminded us "not to measure the rewards of membership in USPS in terms of lower boat insurance premiums. Rather, know that they grow in proportion to the active participation you as a member choose to make." Vis a vis education, he reminded us that, "No matter how smart you are there's always room to get smarter."



Clockwise from top left: Lighthouse centerpiece; photos in the lighthouse; D/C/W and D/C Wise; George Norton at the piano; the masses; Douglas Townes with his first official duty as P/C; the color guard; D/C/W (District Cdr's Wife) Pat Wise cracks us up!

Many thanks to P/C Lisa Herndon for the photographs.

But, in the opinion of many who were there, the high point was the address by the District Commander's Representative - the District Commander himself. D/C Jeff Wise began by asking us, "Why are you here?" He went on to say, "I'll tell you why I'm here. Because some of the best friends I have in the world are in this room." He went on to describe how D/C/W (District Commander's Wife) Pat Wise suffered a stroke last summer. "The Squadron was there for us." And when the idea was posited that she come to a Tuesday-At-Gordon Biersch lunch, about thirty of us went and had a great time. It meant so much to Jeff and Pat that he had a hard time talking about it. That's ok. We all got choked up just listening to him describe it. "Angels exist but sometimes they don't have wings. We call them friends."

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(Meet the Paslawskyj's, continued)

America, "But everything is done in the native language." added Lilliana. "We're both fluent in Ukrainian." Bohdan now works for Chase and (drum roll, please) he and his wife Dana are expecting a baby girl in June!

We discussed their Ukrainian roots and Mickey became serious as he told me about his cousin. "He went to West Point (class of '81) and became an Army major in the Special Forces. After he got out he went to work as an investment banker. He was sent to Kiev. At the age of 55 he decided to join the Ukrainian army. He didn't tell them he was a former Army officer, just went in as a grunt. He was shot and killed in the Ukraine last year."

Back to boating. They ended up trading their boat for an 18 footer, which they recently donated to Bohdan's scouting group (they both continue to work with the Scouts). Their yet-to-be purchased 40 footer "is contingent on our winning the lottery."

Mickey moved here in 2008 and Lilliana in 2009 - she had to sell their house. They Googled ASPS and were put in touch with Sheryl LaBoda, who transferred their memberships to the our Squadron. During their time in the USPS, Mickey has lectured on state and local boating regulations (in New Jersey) and, until recently, taught at ABC courses here in Atlanta. "It's so important to tie in real life experiences with what you read in a book. You always have to bring it to the level of the group so they can see what you are trying to say."

And just when I thought it was safe to thank the Paslawskyj's for their hospitality, Lilliana told me, "I think Mickey wants to show you his other passion," so we went down to the basement. There, under construction, is his labor of love: a scale replica of the Lackawanna Railroad, what will eventually be over 350 feet of HO train tracks (1/87 scale) from point to point, with three sets of tracks. "We bought the house contingent on its having a basement where I could build this. We had to have a plumber come in and refit a large water pipe because it was in the way of the tracks." Mickey built the frames, the



stands for the trestles, is laying track - he's now at the Pocono summit, and will be putting in the electrical control systems ("They're so sophisticated today."),

and...oh yes, the scenery. When finished it will be able to run 20-30 trains!

It was at that point I realized that all through the house were pictures, posters, mementos of railroads, most especially the Lackawanna. There are box frames which hold model train cars - and engines - that he built from scratch. "I think when I get it running (NOT when I get it finished. Who knows how long that will be!), I'll have to get the Squadron over to see it."



Speaking for myself - and probably another few dozen members, we'll be there. Oh yes, we'll be there.



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Dateline Sandy Springs: P/D/C Bob Ginsberg Receives Life Membership Plaque (At Last!!!)

After a marathon exercise of cat and mouse, our beloved P/D/C Bob Ginsberg was finally given his Life Membership plaque. It seems as though one or the other (i.e. the plaque or the P/D/C) was at the National Convention in 2014, the district conferences later that year, or general monthly ASPS meetings, but neither was there at the same time. Busy in his retirement, we just never seemed to be able to hook up. So, what to do? P/C Douglas Townes decided to resolve this matter and, along with Cdr Woody Williams met Bob at the Five Seasons Brewing Company for lunch and an "award ceremony".

In his 27 years with ASPS, P/D/C Ginsberg has taught many various USPS courses, has served as District-17 Commander (hence the "P/D/C"), as well as serving on the National Finance Committee. Always there when he was needed, Bob has a fountain of delicious Power Squadron stories that are so much fun to listen to. Time with him seems to just fly by.



Congratulations, P/D/C Ginsberg. Sorry it took so long.

From the Desk of Our SEO

Lt/C Eric Ringwall is pleased to announce that our own Lt/C Beth Guler has been recognized by National as having completed ALL requirements for designation as Senior Navigator. This is no small feat, and I think I can say on behalf of our Squadron, "Congrats!".

So, Beth...when are you going to take us on a cruise to show us what you've learned? Hmmm?



CPR/AED/First Aid Class

Executive Officer John Holland is in the process of making arrangements for an instructor to give a class on CPR/AED/First Aid. The instructor is certified by American Heart Association and will provide cards to all who complete the course. The course will last approximately 6 hours and will be taught on a Saturday at a location to be determined. The price of the course will be around \$45/pp. At this point, John needs to know who may be interested in attending so that he can get a count. The date is still be determined, but thinking that it will be held within the next month or so. Please email or call John if you are interested in attending.

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Happy New Year!!!!

Yes, folks, you read it correctly. Our year has officially begun, at least in the eyes of this reporter. Cdr Williams conducted his first general membership meeting. The word "conducted" was carefully chosen, as he is a former concert musician who has appeared in at least one major film. At this meeting, Ryan Willis and George Wetzel of NOAA gave a riveting presentation. Ryan, who displayed an incredible retention of the education he received at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, where he recently graduated, and George, whose sense of humor provided a terrific balance, made our evening a delight.

Mike Guler, PhD, SN, Etc., became the very first sailboat sailor to receive the Bent Prop Award...quite an achievement. And Meredith Randall was on hand to actually receive the Nelle Moon Award plaque (she was out of town at the Change of Watch) and Donna Odum got the Commander's Award plaque. All in all, a great evening.



But Wait, There's More!!!!

Yep...the raft-up season has officially begun!!! (A lot of exclamation points this month, eh?). There was a total surplus of everything...great weather, great food, and great friends. Ah, life is good. As I try to think of things to say I can only think of two:

1. If you didn't make it to this one, you need to make it to the next one. All the signs point to it being a great year.
2. !!!!!!!!!!!!! (As in "You REALLY need to make it to the next one !!!!!!!!!!!!!")



The Ringwalls and their self-propelled (they propel it themselves) kayak (left); boats galore (above); alas, all good things must come to an end (right).



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"The Times They Are a-Changin'" ...

(Bob Dylan, 1964)

"You can't expect to meet the challenges of today with yesterday's tools and expect to be in business tomorrow." [Unknown Source](#)

For some time now we have been hearing that the United States Power Squadrons organization has been working on new brand standards. At the 2015 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL I had the opportunity to attend a presentation of the new (not quite finished) Brand Standards, given by the USPS Communications and Marketing committees. The key points I got out of this presentation are as follows:

- ✿ Like Coca-Cola® or Xerox®, the USPS brand is a valuable asset. Consistency and accuracy in the way our brand is expressed and reproduced will build brand strength and increase brand awareness and recognition.
- ✿ The United States Power Squadrons® is always the master brand. The National Logo (ship's wheel and name) should always be the prominent brand for brochures, apparel, signage, newsletters, websites, etc. The squadron logo is the secondary brand and really shouldn't compete with the National Brand at any time.
- ✿ Always list our name as "United States Power Squadrons®" – don't use USPS. The font for the name "United States Power Squadrons" is Arial. The size of the name "United States Power Squadrons" should be larger than the squadron name or squadron publication name.
- ✿ Let's drop "safety" from our language because safety doesn't sell. We teach boating skills, which increases confidence on the water.
- ✿ Describe our boating classes and seminars as offering superior boating education. Saying we are the oldest organization that teaches boating classes is not impressive.
- ✿ Use the approved tagline only...*"Come for the boating education...Stay for the Friends"*, and always use the Service Mark (SM) after the tagline. The tagline should always be in Calibri italics, in a smaller size than the national name, and always below the national name.
- ✿ Use only the approved logos:  or  for the United States Power Squadrons®. The approved national logos should always bear the most

"Come for the boating education, stay for the friends."

prominent thing on embroidered apparel and nametags. The Squadron name and burgee should be below and ¼ the size of the national logo. The squadron name and burgee can be embroidered on the shoulder.

- ✿ Newsletter editors (Pay attention, Tim.) and webmasters will not be eligible for the Distinctive Communicator or Distinctive Webmaster awards unless their headers conform to the new Brand Standards. They will have until August 2015 to make the changes to their respective publications. Editors and webmasters should contact their advisors for more information.

That's the gist of it, folks. More information can be found on the United States Power Squadrons National Website (also new and not yet finished) at:

www.usps.org/.../standards/United-States-Power-Squadrons-Brand-Standards-Manual-January-2015-v1.2.pdf

And –

www.usps.org/national/commcom/.../The-Ensign-Style-Guide.pdf



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District 17 Spring Conference

District 17, the "Dixie District", holds its Spring Conference 10-12 April, 2015 at Joe Wheeler State Park on the Tennessee River, Rogersville, AL. Here is what YOU need to know:

Lt/C Beth Guler, SN will be recognized for her achievement by C/C Robert Baldrige, SN.

The Huntsville Sail and Power Squadron will celebrate its 50th Anniversary!

Three ASPS members have been nominated as District Bridge Officers (They would appreciate your support!). They are: P/C Margaret Sherrod, SN, P/C Hector Colon, SN and D/Lt/C Barbara Tyson, P.

D/SEO Tom Hamilton, SN has put together a great lineup of seminars:

- ⊗ Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes
- ⊗ Anchoring
- ⊗ Trailering (with a live demonstration)
- ⊗ How to attract new members
- ⊗ Conducting on-water training (live demonstration)

The Lodge rooms are spacious, comfortable and CHEAP! - \$88 per night (tax included), and they have a view of the marina and water.

The marina is modern and well equipped so...

Bring your boat!

The restaurant at the Lodge is planning two sumptuous dinners for us. On Friday night there will be a Prime Rib Buffet, and on Saturday night there will be a Seafood Buffet - with crab legs for a few extra \$\$

The golf course has been re-done and is just waiting for you and your clubs!

Be a District-17 supporter!! Congratulate Beth Guler - meet C/C Robert Baldrige - attend a seminar - stuff you face with good food - try your boat on the Tennessee River - play golf on the new golf course!

Any questions? Contact District Secretary Barbara Tyson.

Reward  Yourself!!!

In chatting with our newest Commander, it was suggested to your editor that we might all be well served to, oh, say monthly, go over the terrific benefits (\$ wise) we as USPS members receive. Years ago we started this idea (thanks to one G. Troncalli), but your editor sort of, well, forgot to follow up. So I thought this was a terrific idea and, to kick this column off, decided to showcase...Office Depot!!!

But first let's get to the heart of our benefits. Are you aware of them? Do you know how to use them? Hmmm???

Easy. Go to www.usps.org. You can then click on "Member Site", followed by "Benefit of the Week". At that point you will see what National has highlighted for that week (hence the catchy name).

Now with the **Office Depot** here's what I do: I go to the drop-downs at the top and click on "Old Web Site". Bear in mind that I am severely challenged when it comes to all things mechanical or electronic.

Under the "Member Stuff" box will be several options. Select "Member Benefits". When that pops up click on **Office Depot**. When you click **Office Depot**, another **Office Depot** opportunity presents itself. Click "Click Here".

Click "Print Free Card". Print off the page that appears. Carefully cut out the Store Purchasing Card, **BUT SAVE THE REST OF THE PAGE**. The reason for this is simple. Office Depot will laminate the card free, and it makes it a whole lot easier on the cashier if they have the code to use.

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On the Water

Why Should There Be A Power Squadron Anyway?

Thinking of a topic to write for this page wasn't very hard. Your editor was watching the History Channel and the trivia box popped on the screen. "On average 1 person dies each day in a boating accident".

At that point it was to the manila file folder marked "Future Potential Articles" and there was the newspaper clipping: 1 Dead, 5 Hurt After 11 Boating Mishaps; Man drowns after skiff capsizes; Lake Allatoona incident leads to BUI arrest."

Yep, it was a local headline.

And there they were, in the manila file folder. About a dozen articles clipped out from various boating magazines (*Power and Motoryacht*, *Soundings*, *Proceedings*) about preventable accidents, potential accidents, and, in some cases, lucky-to-be-alive accidents.

Since our boating season has officially begun, and since we have so many on-the-water activities planned, we thought it might be a good idea to list a brief summarization of these articles. Here goes:

☼ "A Simple Mistake: Knowing a basic skill could have saved three lives" (from the June 2009 *Power and Motoryacht* magazine):

Many of you remember the story about the two NFL players and one former University of South Florida football player who drowned off Tampa. One person survived. This is why everyone who owns a boat should, at the very minimum, take a (say ABC?) basic boating course.

They were 50 miles offshore, fishing, when, at about 5:30 they decided to head home. They never made it. When they attempted to leave they found that their anchor was stuck in about 130 feet of water. It has been reported that the owner - who played for the NFL (the minimum salary in 2009 was approximately \$310,000) had lost a few anchors in the months leading up to this and didn't want to pay for another one.

It has also been reported that alcohol was involved.

They tied the anchor line to the transom and gunned the 200 hp engine. The boat flipped. The water was in the 50's (it was February). No VHF. Wet flares. Unreachable cellphones. And the PFDs they wore didn't do squat for hypothermia. Three of the four died.

And none had taken a basic boating course.

☼ "So Simple, So Easy, Yet So Devastating" by Jim Flannery, *Soundings* magazine.

Many of you remember (I hope) the article I reprinted with the permission of Jim Flannery in the May, 2014 *Waterlog*.

"When Katie Hemingway went to sleep with her two young children aboard the 23 ft. Katie B. as it crossed Nantucket Sound from Hyannis on Wednesday night, she did not know it would be the last time she would see her husband Jonathan alive," the *Wicked Local* community newspaper reported.

On March 19, 2010 the Hemingways

- Jonathan, his wife Katie, and their two small children - were heading toward Nantucket from Hyannis. At about 9:30 Katie went into the tiny cabin - in their 23 foot Maritime Patriot - to sleep with the children.

The long and short of the story: Katie felt the ground underneath the boat, and heard the engines whirring. "I heard a loud bang and the boat swerved to the right sharply," she said. Jonathan was nowhere." Jonathan was an impeccable mariner," said Katie in an interview at her home. "I trusted him 110 percent when it comes to [judging] navigable conditions."

He was never found. The most probable theory? He was tossed overboard while relieving himself when a wave hit the boat and he lost his balance.

Alcohol was not thought to be a

factor.

☼ "Lutz Man's Life Changed Forever by Boat Explosion" by Keith Morelli, *Tampa Tribune*.

Mike Atherton and his wife were playing cards on the rear deck of in-law George Meyer's 33 foot Sea Ray Sundancer. Thirteen other family members were aboard, including six children below, watching a video. They were in town to celebrate his daughter Maddie's first communion the next day. "George Meyer was an experienced sailor, and some of the family hopped overboard and began wading in waist deep water to shore. They returned to the boat for lunch after which four adults hopped into the water to return for a shore



Nantucket-- 3/19/10 -- Nantucket police K-9 officer John Muhr and Sgt. Jared Chretien do a foot search along the beach where the 23-foot boat belonging to missing Jonathan Hemingway rests on Steps Beach.

-Cape Cod Times/Steve Heaslip

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On the Water

(Why Should There Be A Squadron, continued)

excursion," according to the *Tribune*.

Suddenly an explosion ripped through the air. "I was flying through the air forever. I landed in the water. I saw my wife face down. I blacked out," remembers Atherton. Carrie Atherton says she remembers nothing of the explosion, only being on the boat and then waking up in the hospital.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission investigators said a generator had just been turned on and a spark may have ignited gasoline fumes that had built up in the engine compartment. Without proper ventilation, fumes can accumulate and cause an explosion. There were conflicting statements about whether the blowers, which would have vented the fumes out of the compartment, were turned on. Officials at the time said it was a miracle that people on the boat survived. Investigators at the time said the explosion was the worst they had ever seen. Florida Fish and Wildlife spokesman Gary Morse said that



the incident, "should remind boaters to routinely inspect critical systems and to regularly check for fumes in the bilge areas by sniffing."

Nobody aboard died. Mike Atherton remarked that he lost "a month and two legs." And the use of his left hand. His prosthetics attest to that.

Could a Vessel Safety Inspection prevented this? I just don't know, but...

✦ "A Fatal Error: How one wrong digit prevented a rescue" (from the August 2009 *Power and Motor yacht* magazine):

Even though this article was written almost six years ago and technology has indeed advanced, it bears telling. On March 24, 2009, the scallop dredger *Lady Mary* was approximately 65 miles southeast of Atlantic City, New Jersey. Crewmember Jose Arias was awakened at 0500 by shouts that they were sinking. An alert was sent out from their 406 MHz EPIRB and passed on to NOAA.

The EPIRB, which was later found and discovered to be in perfect working order, was not one with an integral GPS. This gave the Coast Guard two possible positions. By the time the *Lady Mary's* empty life raft was discovered (at 0820) the boat had long gone down.

Nor was it registered. But this was disputed As the inquiry into the sinking progressed, it was discovered

that the identification number - ADCD023C3542C01 had been wrongly keyed into NOAA's data base by a sub-contractor's clerk, who keyed in the last four digits as 2001.

The EPIRB's signal was picked up within minutes of the sinking. Had the numbers been properly keyed and the beacon been properly registered, "NOAAS's automated system would have kicked in and immediately provided the Coast Guard with details of the boat and her owner, who would probably have been able to confirm that *Lady Mary* was indeed at sea and given her approximate location," according to a NOAA spokesman.



The lesson? "The Coast Guard has repeatedly stressed that registration isn't just a legal requirement, but that it saves lives. The tragedy of this particular case is that a failure in the registration system (a typing error by the sub-contractor's clerk) may have cost six lives," (Jose Arias was the sole survivor). To register, renew, or check your EPIRB registration, go to:

www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov.

So...let's get back to our headline. Why SHOULD there be a Power Squadron anyway?

We'll let you answer that question yourselves.

(Editor's note: Many thanks to the publications listed. Their articles are not only interesting and informative, they show us what we can do do put the Safe and Smart into boating, so that we can have the Fun.)



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Member's Quarters

A Handy Little Website

Whilst "Pub Crawling" through the hospitality rooms during the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville in January, your editor struck up a conversation with Harold Anderson of the Peace River (Punta Gorda) Sail and Power Squadron. D/Lt Anderson gave me his card and told me about a website he has created:

boattopuntagorda.org.

He described his site - places to go to get your boat repaired, telephone numbers to call for various "unusual" things you might see (manatee in distress, for example) - sort of an AAA for boaters in the area. After looking at the site I decided that it really does need to be published. Take a look at it and you'll agree.

And if you travel by Punta Gorda odds are you'll keep that website handy.

Helpful Hint?

A good friend of your editor, one Al Desrosiers of Middletown, Delaware, e-mailed a whole host of clever ideas/helpful hints. We will publish three of them here and ask for your feedback. If you find that they are helpful and would like to see more, simply contact Tim Tyson. He has a lot more!!!

1. To prevent potting soil from escaping through the hole(s) in the base of a flower pot, line the pot with coffee filters.



2. Freeze grapes and drop them into a glass of white wine. They will cool your wine without watering it down. Oh, and they taste good as they thaw!!



3. Use a can opener to open those annoying blister packs. It will also help you avoid cutting yourself.



We hope these might come in handy. Be sure to send us your feedback.



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Calvary Kids' Birthdays

Those of you who attended the Chili Cook-off this past November heard this touching message from Snyder Turner, Director of the Calvary Children's Home: "If you want to do something really meaningful for these kids, it's very easy - just send them a birthday card." He went on to describe how the kids will go to the administration building on their birthday to see if they got any mail. "They don't say so, but you can read the disappointment in their faces when they don't receive a card. You can also see the joy when they do."



He then went on to pass out a list with their birthdays on it (which I can provide upon request). March birthdays will include Kristoff (March 8th) and Alana (March 27). Our Squadron brings them personalized birthday cards (thanks to the creative work of Genie Troncalli), each with a \$20 bill tucked inside (thanks to the wonderful generosity of a dear friend of mine).

Cards should be sent to: (The child's name) c/o The Calvary Children's Home, 1430 Lost Mountain Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127. Last names are withheld due to privacy restrictions.

Oh, and the next birthdays don't come until May. Thanks, folks. You're the best. Tim

Our Squadron...Proudly Recycling!!!

Many of you in the Squadron have been faithful to our recycling project, and it has come to our attention

that there may lie a bit of confusion as to what exactly we are doing. So let's clear the air.

What began as an effort to collect aluminum pop tops to give to the Ronald McDonald House (they recycle them) has evolved into a full-out effort to recycle items that we as a Squadron can receive cash for - and send that cash to the Ronald McDonald House. Those items might include any and all aluminum, cast iron, steel, most equipment related to old computers and computer systems, steel brass, gutters, car parts, brake rotors and drums, ex-husbands and ex-wives (just wanted to see if you were paying attention). Please refer to the list of recyclables below.

We have already collected \$130, but, if more of you participate we can easily reach \$200 by June...our goal. Tim Tyson is available to arrange for pickups if you are unable to bring them to a meeting or to meet with him.

Remember, this is a true win-win-win. We win, the Ronald McDonald House wins, and our environment wins. Let us hear from you!!!!

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The Bulletin Board

The Philosophy of Charles Schulz, Creator of the 'Peanuts' Comic Strip.

You don't have to actually answer these questions. Just think about them. As you read this you'll get the point.

- 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.**
- 2. Name ten world leaders.**
- 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.**
- 4 Name eight people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.**
- 5. Name a half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.**
- 6. Name the last decade's World Series, Stanley Cup, or Super Bowl winners.**

How did you do?

The point is, few of us remember the headliners of yesterday, and these are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies... Awards tarnish... Achievements are forgotten....Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

- 1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.**
- 2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.**
- 3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.**
- 4. Think of several people you enjoy spending time with.**
- 5. Think of six or seven people who have made you feel appreciated, special and, above all, loved.**

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money...or the most awards.

They simply are the ones who care the most.

From the Bridge



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Calendar

April 9th: Ex-Comm meeting, Aldo 's in Sandy Springs

April 10th-12th: D-17 Spring Conference, Joe Wheeler State Park

April 16th: General Membership Meeting, 57th Fighter Group Restaurant

April 25th: Raft-up. Details to be announced in the DR.

April 30th: North Carolina cruise captains meeting. Details to be announced in the DR.

AFTerthoughts

One of the most difficult parts of this job - especially after (can you believe it!) 5 years, is writing this column. It's usually the last thing I do, since the ideas are usually born out of sheer desperation! But this one seems almost pre-ordained to be written.

I just finished Cruise Planning, and let me tell you, if you have the chance to take it with George Norton, TAKE IT!!! It was informative and fun at the same time. When we got to Chapter 12 (Emergencies and Medical), we discussed CPR. Also, you may have noticed - on page 6 - that Lt/C John Holland is putting together a CPR/AED/First Aid class. This got me thinking, and I really don't want this to get overly-personal but, as I said, this needs to be written. It's just too darned important.

Those of us who have had to perform CPR know a few things about the circumstances: they're usually unexpected; it can - and probably was - calamitous at the time; it's a hell of a lot harder if you have to cradle the phone in your neck while the 911 operator tells you what to do; and the experience will change your life.

In 1995 I happened to be at my family's home in Florida. At about 3:00 in the morning I heard my mother in her bedroom, and it sounded like she was in distress. Cutting to the chase, as I was talking to her, she suddenly collapsed. Mom had a stroke. I called 911 and they talked me through CPR. It's really not hard, but it is also probably impossible if you don't know what to do. The point? You just don't know when you might need to know it. And with all the time we spend out on the water the importance gets magnified exponentially.

Mom didn't make it, and the world is a little quieter without her laugh and a whole lot emptier without her in it. But at least I was able to perform CPR and will not have to torture myself wondering "what if..."

Please...**PLEASE** sign up for John's class.

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