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Commander's Corner



Cdr Mary Larsen

This is my first "Commander's Corner," and my first chance to reach out to everyone to thank you for your support and help while I was out of commission. Naturally Eric took on the most work, representing ASPS at the District 17 conference and at the signing of the Safe Boating Month proclamation as well as chairing meetings in my absence. So many others of you stepped up that I'm not even aware of all you did. Thank you!

I am aware of all our squadron has accomplished in the first six months of 2017. We participated in Wear It Day in a creative way - on a floating excursion. That was organized by Scot Randall who continues to come up with interesting raft-ups for us. I look forward to seeing photos of the upcoming one on Lake Allatoona with hand crafted boats (or water craft to be more accurate).

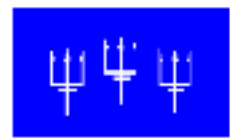
Thanks go to Tom Gastio who leads, persuades and nags us into doing VSC's and who has once again arranged for us to participate in that effort at the Poker Run. At this writing, we have recorded almost 300 VSC's which may well be a record.

Thanks to all the members who make our public education effort so successful. As word gets out, people are contacting us and asking about our on-the-water training. Every student in every class could represent a life saved.

Thanks to our outreach, our brochures are showing up in marinas and marine supply stores all around Lake Lanier. Our new national slogan, "America's Boating Club," should attract attention and lead to more contacts.

Most of all - we enjoy being together and having fun! Looking ahead there will be more opportunities for that in the trip to Lake Murray to view the eclipse and in the trip down the St John's River.

If you haven't made it to a meeting lately, please read the DR for location and times and join us on the third Thursday of every month. I hope to see you then. Mary



Waterlog

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*Waterlog Co-Editors Rachel Shirey and Tim Tyson*

This Month's Cover

One of the most gratifying events we as a Squadron could possibly have is the Calvary Kid's Day-On-The-Lake. This photo was taken last September on our 3rd annual Calvary Day aboard the Shirey's luxurious houseboat *Carpe Diem*. The visors that ALL kids wore were provided by James Dennison. James, thanks so very much!!!

# FOREThoughts

## Meet...Rachel Shirey

Sharp-eyed readers will have noticed that the *Waterlog* family has a new addition: Rachel Shirey has joined us as our co-editor. She comes equipped with a degree in journalism from Auburn and an enthusiasm that seems to know no boundaries. So I thought that it would be a terrific idea to meet her. Let's go!

Born in New London, Connecticut (and why that second "c" is in that state's name remains a puzzle to me), Rachel was raised in the Atlanta area. Moving down here when her grandmother was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, Rachel immediately embarked on her educational pursuits, beginning with kindergarten in Marietta.

Memories of her youth and of growing up, beginning with brother Cal: "He was a brat, the worst! He had this terrible high pitched scream. But we got past it to the point where he aided and abetted my own high school misbehavior. My parents would lock the door and he would unlock it so I could get in after sneaking out. My parents never knew." (Fact check, Tom and Susan?).

But Rachel admits that she herself really wasn't any walk in the park. Remembering her grandmother she confided, "I was on their Lazy Days houseboat, being my typical bratty self. I wanted to go up top, but my mom was tired and said, 'we'll go up later.' Grandma put a life jacket on me, hoisted me up, and spent the rest of the day up top with me. That's my most vivid memory...I think she'd like that."

Rachel attended Peachtree Ridge High School in Suwanee (class of '07, just to make me feel older that I already feel), and attended Auburn University where she graduated with a major in journalism and minors in psychology and English, on her birthday in 2011.

The minor in psychology might just come in handy working with me!

Rachel has always been in love with everything water-related." I'm the third generation on Lake Lanier. I once saved a person on Lanier - at Aqualand. There was a rambunctious kid running around the dock. It was easy to get distracted there, and his parents did just that. They got distracted. The kid tripped and fell between a boat and the dock. He hit his head and didn't know how to swim. I could see the panic in his face. I squatted on the dock and grabbed him by the shirt. I was a kid too, and I don't know where the strength came from, but managed to lift him out. His family had never taught him how to swim or about the dangers in the water. They never came back. They sold their boat and I never saw them again."

After graduation from Auburn Rachel was employed by Southern Community Newspaper, Inc. and worked at the Henry Daily Herald and the Clayton News Daily. But, as so often happens, a career changed bobbled its head, this time in the form of real estate. The door was opened by Weissman PC, real estate attorneys. How does she like it? "I love it! I want to make it my life's work." Rachel is a closing coordinator, meaning, "I do a lot of juggling, putting together every item needed in a closing. There's a lot to it. Most days I feel like an air traffic



controller."

Rachel's significant other ("he's my better half") is Al Patel. "He loves boating. He's relatively new at it - he just started about four years ago. Before we met boating was just a reason to party but now he wants to learn everything about it. And now he's jumped into his first major maritime project: learning to drive *Carpe Diem*, the Shireys massive 98 foot (give or take) houseboat.

Al and Rachel just bought their first house together and look forward to learning ever more about boating.



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# Squadron News

## Calvary Kids Day, 2016...A Day That Will Live Famously (At least in the hearts of these very special kids)

It doesn't seem possible that our last Calvary Kids Day was our third. And is REALLY doesn't sound possible that our fourth is just two and a half months away (mark your calendars - September 16th)!!! Featured here are some of the photos Tammra Baker and Tim Tyson took on that glorious day.

Please read the letter sent to us by Brian Busby of the Calvary Children's Home. It will bring a tear of joy (or maybe two



And, when it was ending... another perfect, wonderful day on the lake. **Please read the letter on the following page. You might need a tissue.**

# Squadron News

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September 16, 2016

Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron  
c/o Mr. Tim Tyson  
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Dear Tim & Atlanta Sail and Power Friends,

I know that these few words will never fully express the tremendous appreciation we have for your club. Having said that, we still want to try and help you feel the gratitude we have for your efforts and the bond between your club and our children. For one day in the fall, our children have had the experience of feeling like they were royalty. For one day, they have tubes to ride, adventures to experience, a yacht to claim, swimming to enjoy and not a problem in the world. How could we ever thank you for that?

As has been your custom, you provided a "first class" experience for which we didn't pay a penny. So many caring hearts from your club worked diligently to make possible such a dream date. From the moment we arrive to your marina, we can see the enormous effort that your members have invested into the lives of our children. From the identifying bracelets to the delicious lunch that our kids eat all day, the time you gave us was nothing short of awesome.

Each year we make memories with you all that I know will last a lifetime. This year, we had a tuber fly off of one tube only to safely land on another. That is the stuff of legend and to hear our kids tell it now, she did it on purpose with her eyes closed. The weekend that we came up was, for three of our children, one of their first experiences at Calvary Children's Home. No doubt, you helped us send a message that we have long aimed at sharing with our new residents. "The days ahead, by God's grace, will be better and safer than the days behind." Those three little brothers had a blast. I watched them get off that boat and they looked like they knew they were something special. They really are, thanks for helping them feel that way.

God bless you all for your generosity. From Crazy T. J. to steady Mr. Tom, we love you all. We are blessed to call you friends.

In sincere thanks,

*Brian*

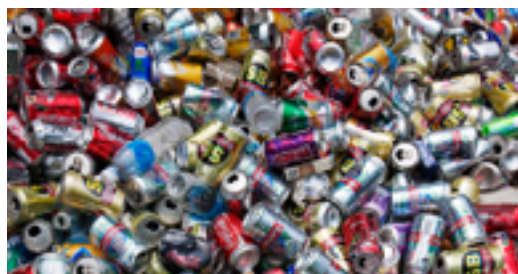
Brian Busby,  
Campus Director



# Squadron News

## The Jane Vallentyne Leaycraft Project, Our Squadron's Gift to the Planet

To recap this subject, the Jane Vallentyne Leaycraft Project is our Squadron's recycling program. It began as an attempt to collect pop tabs and turn them over to a recycler who would give us cash for them. In turn we would give



the cash in the form of a donation to the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House (ARMHC). The Ronald McDonald House re-

ceives donations of pop tabs and recycles them every month. Last year they turned in 10,233 pounds - a little over 5 tons. But as a small group we were going to be hard pressed to collect enough to make a contribution of any real significance,

And then James Dennison called to see if we would take aluminum and other metals. And then Scotty Randall called. And then Bonnie Fried. Maureen Oliaro and Lillian Paslawsky collected thousands of pop tabs.

To back up just a little bit, at our very first Calvary Kids Day, Randy Tahsler was talking to Tom Shirey and Tom, solid citizen that he is, had an idea. "Let's make this an annual event." One thing led to another and pretty soon we learned that Susan Shirey's mother, Jane Vallentyne Leaycraft, was very active with the Dunwoody Woman's Club, huge supporters of the ARMHC. "There's a garden named after her there (at the Ronald McDonald House)."

So, at the second Calvary Kids Day, our Squadron made a donation of \$150 to ARMHC, in the name of Susan's mother. Last year we were at \$650 when a comment was made that, "it would be great to collect another \$100. \$750 would be a nice number." Upon hearing this, one of our members slipped me a one hundred dollar bill. Then, when I made the comment that next year (i.e. this year) I'd love to reach \$1,000, another member gave me \$250. "Why wait?"

You see the kind of people we hang with?

We now have about \$530 and the chances of giving another \$1,000 appear a bit daunting (we would like to turn it in by the next Calvary Day, September 16th).

But who knows. Maybe we have some more guardian angels out there. Please feel free to donate.

And if you would like to learn more about ARMHC, come to our August meeting at the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant. They will be the subject of our presentation and it promises not to disappoint.

*Editor's Note: You eat food that comes in tin cans? This is just one example of how everybody can benefit from our program: Cdr Mary Larsen regularly gives us her empty tin cans. Do we get much money for them? No.*

*But we do get some and, after all, where would you rather that can go, a landfill or a recycling plant?*

## WANTED, HERE AND ALIVE



**THE 4TH ANNUAL CALVARY KIDS DAY-ON-THE-LAKE IS FAST APPROACHING. SEPTEMBER 16TH. MARK IT.**

**VOLUNTEERS, ARE YOU READY? WE NEED HELP IN THE FORM OF WARM BODIES AND COLD CASH. INTERESTED MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT TIM TYSON AT 770-365-8422.**

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# Squadron News

## Christmas (In July???) Holiday Party

Our Seafarer's Ball/Holiday Party again went off without a hitch, thanks in no small part to Genie Troncalli, Patti Watson, and their team: Cindy Ringwall, Anita Feliciano, Sheryl LaBoda, Ed Troncalli, Doug Watson, and Tamie Litke.

This was the second Holiday Party in a row at the University Yacht Club. The food was absolutely delicious, the music, well it was terrific, darned terrific, and the company (naturally) was beyond comparison.

As we have done every year for the past, what, 10 years (?), we set out boxes to collect for the Calvary Children's Home: scholarship money, Christmas present money, and their general fund. Ladies and gentlemen, this year we raised \$3,445 (\$800, \$835, and \$1810 respectively)! Excuse me while I grab a tissue.

If you missed it, well, you really missed it. But fear not, my friends, there is always this year. We hope to see you there.



# *Life on the Water*

## A Tale of Two Raft-Ups

The raft-up season is hitting on all cylinders. Thank you Scotty Randall. The photos you see are from two of them. In the event you are curious, at the June raft-up we had our first float contest. The rules: you had to be able to stay afloat 20 minutes. There was a second rule but I can't remember it.

Fun was had by all. In the event you like picnics, and you like boats, and you like to eat, and you like wonderful people, well heck, you'd sure as h-e-double hockey sticks like our raft-ups.

Can't wait to see you there!!!!





# Life on the Water

## 2016 Chili Cookoff - Mmmmmmm!!!

Let me begin with this shameful confession: I know not where the pictures of our past Chili Cookoff are. Did I even take any? The fault of this may lie, not at my door but, rather at the feet of one Leycei Hendricks. More on that later.

Once again it was held at the beautiful - and I mean gorgeous - home of the Ringwalls, Cindy and Eric. We had enough crockpots that Georgia Power could have been called in!

*Picture not available*

Brian Busby , Youth Director at the Calvary Children’s Home, gave another of his famously wonderful talks. The food was sooooo good!!!

The highlight of the evening was that, we as a Squadron, became grandparents. You read this correctly, we collectively...well, let’s set the scene.

Leycei was there, along with parents Marla and Stephen. She (Leycei, not Marla) was about 8 months, 29 days, 23 hours, and 45 minutes pregnant. I mean it was any second now. Your editor Googled “how to give birth”, that’s how close it was.

And then, right at the best part of the video we were watching on the Ringwalls 8 foot wide screen, well...take me to the hospital, my water just broke!

Desolate was I, who genuinely wanted to deliver the baby...not!!!

But that night Leycei was a mother and Marla, Stephen, and the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron were grandparents.

This will be a difficult cookoff to top but I suspect we will. We never fail!!!!

High fives and big hugs to Leycei!

## Instructor Appreciation Day

Our Instructor Appreciation Day took the place of the March General Membership meeting (with a St. Patricks Day theme), but nothing can take the place of our instructors. Below are just a few photos of those to whom we owe so much.



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# Member's Quarters

## Whodathunkit!!!!

*PC Lisa Wilson's brother, Jim Parsons, emailed this to her and, being the ever-watchful sort she is known to be, Lisa forwarded it to me. Thought you might enjoy it.*

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LON 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line."

Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime. He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ships position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed. The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor.

At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The bow of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

The stern was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in two different days, two different months, two different years, and two different seasons, but it was also in two different centuries - all at the same time.

*Many thanks, Lisa, and please thank Jim for his contribution. Fellow members, let this inspire you to send in any and all items you may wish us to print!*

## Get Ready, Get Packed... The 2018 Commander's Cruise Ain't To Far Away

It is being billed as "the trip of a lifetime", and that may be no exaggeration. Our Executive Officer, Eric Ringwall (along with his lovely bride Cindy) have already scouted it out and are ready and raring to go. As his brochure describes it, "Nestled between the state of Washington, in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, lie the San Juan Islands, an area teeming with marine life and the natural home of the mighty Orca."



"In September of 2018 it will also play host to an intrepid group of Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron members who choose to join the Commander's Cruise aboard their own chartered vessel for the trip of a lifetime." (See, I told you how it was being billed!).

Mariners will depart Bellingham, WA on Saturday, September 14. Overnight stops will include Deer Harbor, Victoria (Canada) Harbor, Roche Harbor, and the Rosario Resort.

There will be more details to follow in upcoming *Waterlog* issues.

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# Fun Factoids

## How the Beatles Helped Shape Medical History

*Not too very long ago your editor was chatting it up with P/C John Holland. I mentioned to John, who sells CT scanners, that in 1975 I had a brain scan with the very first generation of scanners and he told me that it wouldn't have been possible were it not for the Beatles.*

*The Fab Four? This I had to find out about.*

*The following (abridged) article comes from [Nobel-prize.org](http://Nobel-prize.org), the official website of the Nobel Prize.*

Few bands can rightly claim to have had an impact on the history of music, and even less can claim to have had a similar impact on the history of medicine. But The Beatles were a band that constantly pushed the boundaries of innovation in popular music, so it is no surprise to discover that their success helped fuel other advances – in this case the development of one of the most important diagnostic tools in the field of medicine.

Around the time the Beatles were finishing what many consider their most innovative album, Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band, an electrical engineer working at Electric and Musical Industries (EMI) called Godfrey Hounsfield was on a weekend ramble in the English countryside, where he conceived a wondrous but ambitious idea. In fact Hounsfield's idea for viewing and examining organs from outside the body was so ambitious it would require considerable financial investment to get it off the ground.



Sir Godfrey Hounsfield

Thanks to The Beatles, however, whose record sales had almost doubled EMI's profits since they had signed to its Parlophone label five years earlier, EMI had begun to invest a sizeable amount of money into funding bold research ideas. Within the space of five years Hounsfield's idea would come to fruition, and few medical achievements would be received with such unreserved enthusiasm as would his invention of computed tomography (CT).

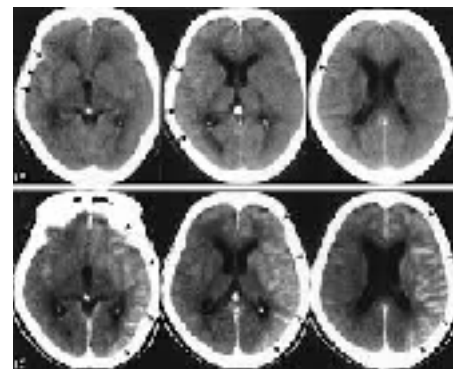
Hounsfield joined EMI in 1951, where he initially worked on radar and guided weapons. Among his achievements, his development of Britain's first all-transistor computer, EMIDEC 1100, in 1958, stood

out. EMI moved Hounsfield to its Central Research Laboratories after selling off its computer division in 1962, and assigned him to the project of designing a one-million-word immediate-access thin-film computer memory. This project failed for commercial reasons, but trusting Hounsfield's creative capabilities, his supervisors gave him free rein to choose his next research project.

It was at this point that Hounsfield had his flash of inspiration on his countryside walk. Hounsfield was thinking about his radar research, in particular the problems of pattern recognition. Radar systems scan their surroundings by sending out radio waves from a central point and detecting patterns in the periphery. Why not try the reverse process, Hounsfield thought while walking, and study the central or interior pattern of an object from outside? Why not send beams through a parcel to find out what's hidden inside?

"I thought, wouldn't it be nice if I had many readings taken from all angles through a box," said Hounsfield. "Wouldn't it be nice if I could reconstruct in 3-D what was actually in the box from these random direction readings taken through the box?" The trick, thought Hounsfield, was to view the three-dimensional object as a series of cross-sectional scans, or slices, and he started working out mathematically how he could do this.

Hounsfield was unaware that the Austrian mathematician Johann Radon and the South African physicist Allan Cormack had already shown in theory that such an image could be obtained. For instance, Cormack devised a mathematical solution to measuring the tissue-density distribution within the body. On the basis of this, he proposed that X-rays could be taken from different angles around the brain or body, and accounting for the different effects of soft and dense tissues on X-rays, a computer could assemble these images into three-dimensional representations, but he did not take this idea further in terms of creating an instrument that could carry this out. However, thanks to EMI's deep pockets Hounsfield could begin to turn his idea into a working product.



CT scan of the human brain

*Continued on page 13*

# Fun Factoids

## *Beatles and the CT Scan, continued*

Hounsfield's first experimental system used gamma rays from the radioactive element Americium to scan bottles or perspex jars filled with water and pieces of metal and plastic, and was "very much improvised", as he recalled in his Nobel Lecture.

The images from animal brains showed that the method worked, but Hounsfield needed to collaborate with a clinician to show whether it would work on human brains. The Department of Health's (Radiological Advisor Evan) Lennon tried in vein to find such a contact, but he came up against a wall of skepticism. "Why should I meet such a crank?" responded the first radiologist Lennon approached, and several more refused a request to meet Hounsfield.

Lennon persisted and eventually struck gold with a consultant radiologist called Jamie Ambrose, who was based at the radiology department of Atkinson Morley's Hospital in Wimbledon, London. Ambrose was exploring ways of imaging the living brain using methods such as ultrasound and echo encephalography, and he agreed to meet Hounsfield. The first meeting did not go well. Ambrose found Hounsfield a difficult character; a man who was not very talkative, wary of explaining any details of his invention, and who responded to all the newest neurological images that Ambrose showed him with a dismissive "I can do better than that."

As they made their goodbyes after what seemed an unfruitful meeting Ambrose handed Hounsfield a jar containing a brain with a tumour and asked him for some proof of his invention. When Hounsfield returned he brought a picture of the brain with him, which showed the tumour and even areas of bleeding within the tumour. Ambrose was instantly stunned.

The prototype of what was called the EMI brain scanner was installed at Atkinson's Morley Hospital and the first human patient was examined on October 1, 1971. (The EMI brain scanner was later renamed computed tomography, and the method is also known as computerized axial tomography, or CAT.) For the first CT scan Ambrose chose a woman in her early forties with a suspected brain tumour.

"There was a beautiful picture of a circular cyst right in the middle of the frontal lobe," Hounsfield recalled, "and, of course, it excited everyone in the hospital who knew about this project." After seeing the image Hounsfield and Ambrose felt, as the latter recalled, like footballers who had just scored the winning goal. The skull was no longer inaccessible from outside, the intricacies of the brain were now visible and they could distinguish between healthy and diseased tissue. Over the next few weeks they confirmed the capabilities of the scanner with around ten other patients, in whom they diagnosed and localized their brain diseases and thus made them accessible for surgical intervention.

*One of the many reasons this subject is of interest to me is that, in 1975, I had an EMI scan. The machine was so new - and untested - that I endured some of what now seem to be primitive tests, which have since been discontinued.*

*To wrap up this story, in 1979 Allan Cormack and Godfrey Hounsfield shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their independent work on computerized tomography. Of Cormack's work the Nobel Prize website had this to say: "The discovery of X-rays and the possibility of obtaining images of the body's interior quickly led to medical applications. The possibilities of X-ray technology were further expanded with computed tomography (CT). If X-rays are sent through the body from different angles and registered when they have passed the body, images of different cross sections are created through advanced computer calculations. Around 1957 Allan Cormack developed the necessary methods of calculation. In addition to cross sections of the body, computed tomography also provides a basis for three-dimensional images."*

*I truly hope that you have enjoyed this article.*

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# Member's Quarters

## Members, Listen Up...

In some of our past issues, we have had members list things that they think might be of interest (or value) to their fellow members. One such example, shown here, is from a telephone call I received from Gary Kowalczyk, who is selling some items he thought you might be interested in. Gary can be reached at [gkowalczyk10@comcast.net](mailto:gkowalczyk10@comcast.net).

### For Sale

35# Danforth Brand anchor with chain and 300 ft of New England Rope 5/8 dia rode spliced. Chain needs to be replaced as the vinyl is wearing off in spots. \$125 to a squadron member

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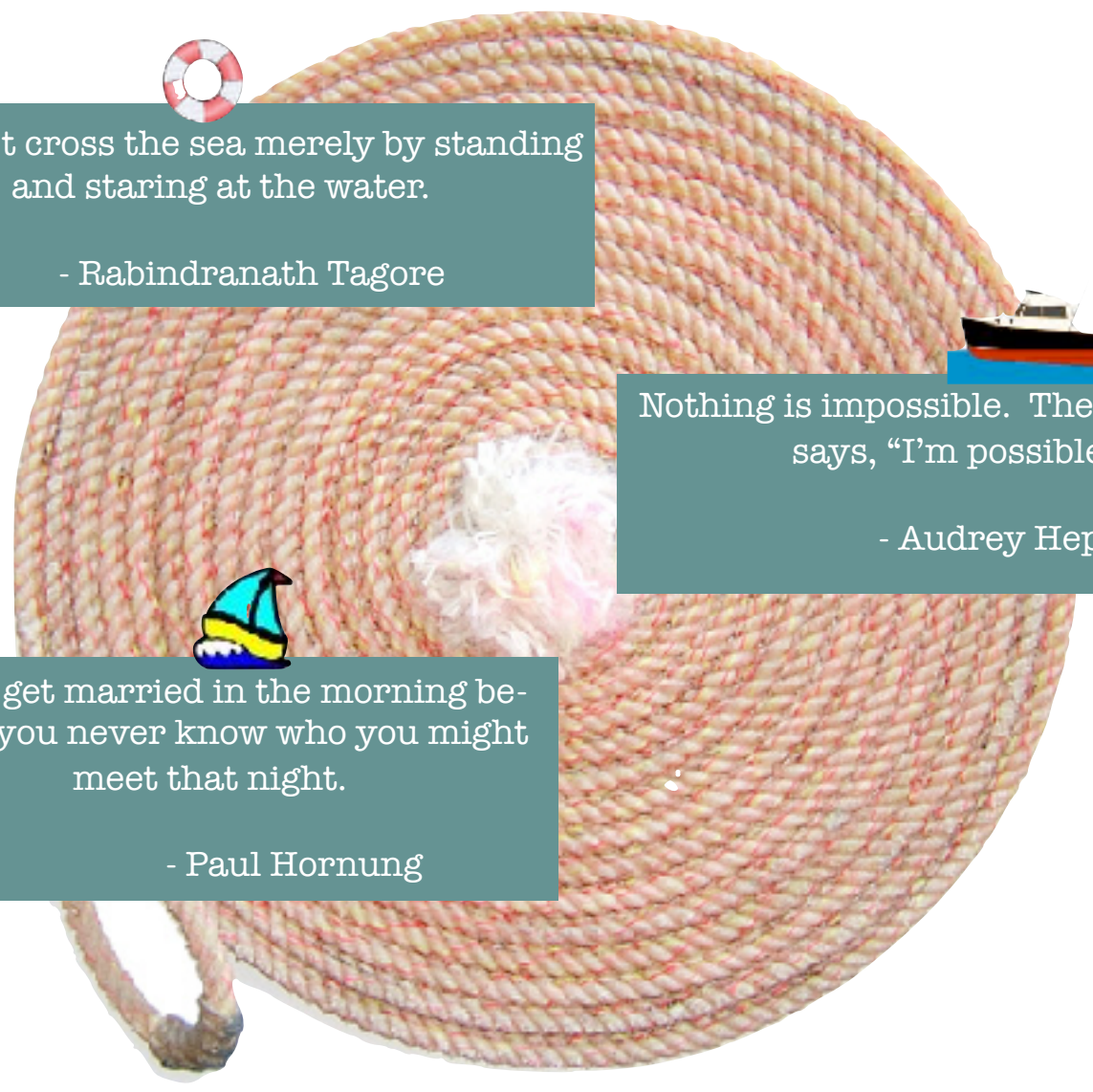
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You can't cross the sea merely by standing  
and staring at the water.

- Rabindranath Tagore

Nothing is impossible. The word itself  
says, "I'm possible".

- Audrey Hepburn

Never get married in the morning be-  
cause you never know who you might  
meet that night.

- Paul Hornung

## So Where Are We Now?

Let's see. This is the first *Waterlog* this year. We have recapped some - but not all - of the wonderful things your Squadron is so very good at doing. Our meetings continue to go on. We are trying out the idea of alternating our meetings between the Atlanta area and Alpharetta, hoping that all of our members can come to all of our meetings and only be inconvenienced half of the time.

Our speakers and programs continue to be not only educational but extremely interesting.

Our raft-ups continue to be more fun than a human being should be allowed to have.

Our DRs and website defy gravity.

We have finally gone online and paperless with our roster (feedback always appreciated).

Your editor has finally, hopefully, recovered from his writer's block. Help comes from Rachel.

Life is good. We are terrific. And your *Waterlog* is alive and well.

# From the Bridge



## 2017 Bridge Officers

Meredith Randall, Assistant SEO, Scot Randall, Assistant AO, Sheryl LaBoda, Assistant Secretary, Cindy Ringwall, Treasurer, Donna Odum, Secretary, Barbara Tyson, Administrative Officer, Margaret Sherrod, SEO, Eric Ringwall, Executive Officer, Mary Larsen, Commander.

## Calendar

July 30th - St. Johns River Cruise meeting, Tronculli's house.

August 5th - ABC class, Singleton Marine.

August 6th - Jr. Navigation class begins, Ringwall's house.

August 10th - Ex-Comm meeting, Aldo's Restaurant.

August 17th - General Membership meeting, 57th Fighter Group restaurant.

August 19th-21st - TotalSolar Eclipse Weekend - Lake Murray.

August 26th - ABC class, Singleton Marine.

September 11th & 12th - ASPS classes begin.

September 14th - Ex-Comm Meeting, Aldo's.

September 16th - Calvary Kids Day-on-the-Lake.

September 21st - General Membership meeting, Diner at North Point.

September 23rd - Shore Sweep. Details TBA.

September 30th-October 6th - St. Johns River Cruise.

# Afterthoughts

Like a Phoenix rising from the ashes, our *Waterlog* has found new life. Yes ladies and gentlemen, you read correctly, new life. Lt/C Donna Odum, our ever vigilant secretary, knowing that I was desperate for some help, called one day. "You might want to talk to Rachel Shirey. You know she has a degree in Journalism from Auburn." (For more on Rachel, go to page 3).

Well call her I did and, whoa Nelly, what a wonderful call that turned out to be! She not only accepted, but she accepted **ENTHUSIASTICALLY!!!!** A couple of days later I was dining with the family Guler in their Dawsonville digs and I noticed that a message from Rachel was on my cell phone. Oh, oh, I thought, I knew it was too good to be true.

But lo and behold, Rachel was just calling to let me know that she was going to New York for a week and, upon her return, she was so excited to get going on our *Waterlog*.

Life is good.

This issue will contain a recap of what we have done over the past few...well, since the last *Waterlog* came out. In this and in future issues you might notice some small changes and, then again, you might notice some big changes. We might be changing the style, some fonts, tweaking it here and there to give it a new look. But one thing will remain the same...we will have fun putting together what we hope will be a fun-to-read newsletter.

So batten the hatches and get ready to swamp us with some articles and ideas for articles (just thought I'd toss in some boating lingo).



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