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On the Cover

This incredible photograph of the inside of the Pensacola Lighthouse, taken by Cdr Eric Ringwall won first prize in the Ensign's bi-annual national photo contest. Well done, Cdr, well done.

Commander's Corner



Cdr Eric Ringwall, JN

The Summer boating season is now in full swing and I hope all of our members are enjoying their time on the water with family and friends as much as Cindy and I are. In addition to our raft-ups on Lake Lanier and Lake Allatoona so far this year, we have enjoyed the Etowah River paddle trip and the Chattahoochee River/Eufaula Lake cruise and are making final preparations for our cruise through the San Juan Islands in the magnificent Pacific Northwest cruising area. Not long after that trip, we will be preparing for our final cruise of the season in the Low Country – making stops at Beaufort, Hilton Head and Savannah!

As if that weren't enough, our Education Department has been busy delivering courses to members and the public with Piloting, Marine Communications and Navigation all completed this Spring as well as several Partner in Command and Practical on the Water Training events and America's Boating Course classes. In addition to that, our able team of Vessel Safety Examiners has completed nearly 200 Vessel Safety Checks already this year! We are certainly living the mission of educating boaters and helping ensure their safety on the water.

Each month we have enjoyed getting together at our General Member Meetings and the fellowship opportunity that they present, as well as some interesting speakers organized by our Administrative Officer. Kudos to everyone who came together to find us a new location when our last one suddenly folded! The new Dave and Buster's location has been terrific. If you have not made a meeting since the change, you should really come and see it and be sure to BRING A FRIEND!

It has been really terrific to have the opportunity to lead this organization of talented and enthusiastic people. I can't believe my command year is half way over already. I hope to see all of you at the upcoming General Member Meetings, out on the water, and in classes as the season continues.

All the best and Safe Boating!

Eric





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Reflections: A New Year - A New Bridge

It has almost become a waste of energy to say that this year's Change of Watch was another example of the wonderful events our Squadron puts together. We do have some magnificent activities. But OMG (Oh, my goodness!) was this ever a wonderful day. From the social hour to the delicious food to the informative and well spoken speeches...even the swearing in of our new bridge...it just never gets old.



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(More Reflections): Erin Go Appreciate Our Instructors, Vessel Safety Examiners, Merit Mark Awardees !!!

It all began as Instructor Appreciation Day. Then we tossed in a heaping tablespoon of beloved Vessel Safety Examiners. Then a dollop of those Merit Mark recipients for taste. A pinch of new members to be sworn in? Why not. Add a helping of Chili Cookoff and what to we have? The recipe for a perfect day, that's what we have!

Oh, did I mention that it was also a St. Patrick's Day celebration (hence the green page)? It just doesn't get any better than this.



Clockwise top left: Gathering in the kitchen of the Ringwall's beautiful digs, we dig in; The meeting commences; Award winners galore; PC Don Williams pondering the imponderable.



Squadron News

Yes, We Have Members In High Places, and **We Are All About Safety**


Dave and Nan Ellen Fuller were guests at the capital for the Georgia Safe Boating Week proclamation. Nan Ellen sent this in to our Waterlog.

Dave and I were honored to be invited to the State Capital today to represent the Auxiliary for the presentation of the “Georgia Safe Boating Week Proclamation” by GA Governor Nathan Deal.

GA Governor Deal recognized the efforts of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the US Coast Guard, as well as volunteer organizations such as the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Unites States Power Squadrons, who strive to ensure the safety of the boating public.

Pictured (L to R): Ed McGill, Coast Guard Auxiliary; Zack Hardy, DNR; Dan Vaccaro, Coast Guard Auxiliary; Dave Fuller, Coast Guard Auxiliary; GA Governor Nathan Deal; Nan Ellen Fuller, Coast Guard Auxiliary; Eric Ringwall, Atlanta’s Boating Club/US Power Squadrons; DNR Commissioner Mark Williams, Eric Brown, DNR.

Editor’s note: As you will see throughout this issue, Dave and Nan Ellen are so much more than members of our Squadron, they are Ambassadors (with a capital “A”). We cannot begin to thank them enough.



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA SAFE BOATING WEEK

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is blessed with many beautiful and accessible coastal waters, freshwater rivers and lakes, providing citizens with many boating and water-related activities; and

WHEREAS: Unfortunately, an average of 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States. Nearly 70 percent of these fatalities are caused by drowning, and the vast majority of such accidents are brought on by human error or poor judgment rather than mechanical or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS: Six deaths were reported during the 2017 boating season in Georgia, representing a decrease from the 19 fatalities reported during the 2016 boating season; and

WHEREAS: During Georgia Safe Boating Week and throughout the year, dedicated enforcement officers, as well as volunteer organizations, provide Georgia citizens with the knowledge and skills to become safer and more responsible boaters; and

WHEREAS: We have the freedom and ability to use many of Georgia's waterways for personal recreation and enjoyment. The growing popularity of recreational boating and related water sports has increased the responsibilities of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as volunteer organizations such as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadron, who strive to ensure the safety of the boating public; and

WHEREAS: A significant number of boaters who drowned would likely be alive today if they had been wearing life jackets. Drowning is the reported cause of death in three-fourths of all boating fatalities and in 2015, 85 percent of drowning victims in recreational boating accidents were not wearing a life jacket; and

WHEREAS: Boaters are required to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket on board and available for each person on the boat. Boating safety advocates recommend that all boaters and passengers not only have a life jacket, but also wear it while boating; and

WHEREAS: SPLASH, an anti-drowning campaign, aims to reduce all water-related deaths throughout Georgia. In the first eight months of the campaign, more than 200 boat ramps were stenciled with a safety message, additional locations were identified statewide for the placement of life jacket loaner boards, and printed materials were provided to citizens to increase awareness of boating safety; and

WHEREAS: SPLASH highlights the necessary actions for water safety, such as supervising small children, preventing accidents by properly securing swimming areas and making safety equipment easily accessible, wearing life jackets, keeping small children at arms-length, taking swim lessons, and having a water safety plan; and

WHEREAS: Checking the weather, filing a float plan, staying sober, and following Coast Guard regulations are some of the essential elements of safe boating. Boating safety knowledge and skills are important in reducing human error, improving judgment, and ultimately saving lives; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 19-26, 2018, as GEORGIA SAFE BOATING WEEK.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris M. Peltz
CHIEF OF STAFF





Squadron News



I Mean ALL About Safety!!!

By Nan Ellen Fuller

Attached are pictures from the “Wear It” Event at the Auxiliary Operations Center on Lake Lanier 9 June 2018, as well as pictures from the American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Class held at the Troncilli dealership in Cumming on 11 August. At the June event members and guests from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 7 Division 2 and the Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron/Atlanta’s Boating Club participated in promoting life jacket wear. The 38 participants at that event were also treated to an Italian feast which included Chicken Piccata, Spaghetti with meat sauce, Stromboli and of course, Cannoli and Tiramisu prepared by the Aux Chef crew of Kerry and Elinda Eakins.

The Annual Safe Boating Campaign kicked off the weekend before Memorial Day weekend with National Safe Boating Week (see page 6) and continues throughout the year with various events and activities. The tried and true tagline, “Wear It”, has had a profound impact on boating behavior around the world. Ready, Set, Wear It events take place over four days throughout the summer. Thousands of people from around the world attempt to set the world record for the most life jackets worn and inflatable life jackets inflated. These events are photographed and documented to record how many people attended and wore their life jacket (verified by the National Safe Boating Council). The record to beat this year is 10,917. Find out more information at

www.readysetwearit.com



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Boating Club

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(We're All About Safety, continued)

Atlanta's Boating Club members have participated in the first 3 Events - May 19 at Lake Allatoona, June 9 at Lake Lanier, and July 7 during the Chattahoochee - Lake Eufaula River Cruise.

The fourth and final WEAR IT! event this summer coincided with the date for our CPR/First Aid Workshop. According to the 2017 United States Coast Guard statistics, 85% of people who drowned in boating accidents were NOT wearing a life jacket. Wearing our life jackets sets an example for others and increases awareness of the best way to prevent needless deaths on the water.

We had 17 participants in the WEAR IT! Event on August 11th. Thanks to all for your participation.



Yes, There ARE Myths About Drowning

Readers of our **Waterlog** may remember an article we reprinted a few years ago from gCaptain.com entitled "Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning," written by Mario Vittone, "a leading expert on immersion hypothermia, drowning, sea survival, and safety at sea." That article, the first he had written for publication, was turned down by every place he submitted it to, with Reader's Digest saying that it was "too dark" for their readership. When he posted it on a friend's blog "it went viral and crashed his website," with over 700,000 hits in less than a week. "It's as if a whole new group of people learned something they didn't know. A myth had been busted — and a dangerous one at that — and they just had to tell their friends about it."

"In the response to the posting, mixed in with the 'I had no idea' and the 'a must read' comments, were two other myths about drowning that everyone should know," he writes.

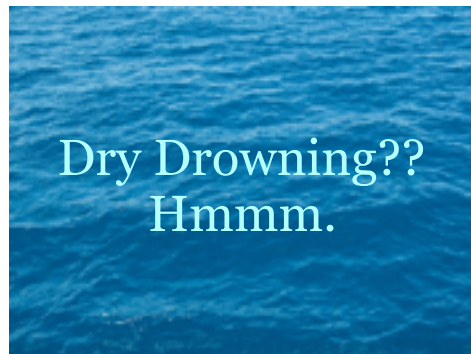
The following is his recent post about those myths:

There Is No Such Thing As Dry Drowning

I get a message, email or comment on a post almost weekly asking me to weigh in on Dry Drowning. This message spreads often on social media, mostly because it's (understandably) terrifying to parents. The idea that your child can go swimming, swallow or choke on some water, and then go home and later drown while he sleeps is scary as hell.

But here's the thing. Death following complications from aquatic distress do not happen that way. And when it does happen it is extremely rare, presents persistent symptoms for hours before the danger is real, and is not actually a "drowning."

"Dry drowning" and "secondary drowning" are not medical terms and are not real dangers worth fearing.



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(Drowning Myths, continued)

Fluid in the lungs is a bad thing — it can lead to pneumonia, a non-infectious inflammation of lung tissue, caused by the irritating effects of something bad in the lungs — but this can happen whether the something is dirty water taken on during a swim or by laughing while drinking milk at breakfast. (Dry Milk Drowning isn't a thing either.)

What should you look for? If your child, or anyone else, gets out of the water and has any symptoms beyond what they might experience after something "goes down the wrong way," you should have them checked out. If they have persistent heavy coughing that doesn't stop after a few minutes, you should have them checked out. Usually, these patients are observed for four to six hours and released. If someone coughs for a couple of minutes after getting out of the pool and then acts fine and asks for lunch, it means he or she is fine and wants lunch. You don't have to call 911.

If you want to get very smart on this topic, read this:

Reach, Throw, Row, Don't Go (Unless You Are Trained): Maybe, Maybe Not



United States Coast Guard photograph

"A person who is drowning will climb on top of you and drown you if you get near them," says someone every time the issue of rescuing a drowning

person is brought up. Yeah - sort of, but not really.

It has happened, and though I'm not discounting the danger of an untrained person performing a rescue, treating every non-lifeguard in the world as someone who will die if he tries to rescue a four-year-old is absurd.

People in aquatic distress or people who are actively drowning are both looking for the same thing — what I call free freeboard. They want their mouths above the water without effort. They want to be standing up or supported by some kind of flotation. Once they feel supported, they no longer pose any danger if you can keep them feeling that way. What lifeguards are trained to do is to enter the water and support drowning victims so that they can easily breathe and are strong enough to get them to safety.

Reaching for someone who is drowning from a secure position is better than throwing something at him.

And throwing him flotation is better than wasting time getting to him by boat. But here is the hard truth: if reaching, throwing, or rowing isn't an option and someone doesn't go get him, he is going to drown. If you call 911 (or Mayday) and do nothing else, you are calling for a body recovery. And since most of you are not going to be able to stand there and do nothing, here is how you can safely "go" — yes, even though you are untrained: bring flotation with you.

I've seen a patron at a public pool jump into the deep end with the cushion of a chaise lounge and make a save. The cushion had about 40 pounds of buoyancy (a standard life jacket has 17) and it kept both of them above the water until the guard could get there (he was texting and didn't see anything). In New Smyrna Beach, Florida, a mother saved her son by swimming out with a cooler and putting it between her and the boy. They both kicked their way back to the sandbar that he had stepped off of and they walked out of the water.

If there is no one else around and you are not a lifeguard, but you have a lifejacket on and can grab another, you have enough flotation to give both you and a victim freeboard to breathe and stop the drowning. So long as you are a good swimmer and are in decent shape, you can go help.

There are far too many "what ifs" to tell you how to handle every possible drowning scenario, but you should not feel completely helpless just because you are not a rescue professional. Yes — there is danger in attempting a rescue (for the trained and untrained alike) but standing on the beach or boat or pool edge during a drowning and hoping someone else gets there in time just isn't a strategy.

*Those of you who regularly take **Soundings** magazine know why I sing their praises so often and so loudly. This is just one more example of why. Thanks go out to Mario Vittone for his articles. His original article, "Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning" is an interesting and informative article, truly "a must read", as was mentioned earlier, and can easily be found **Soundings Online**. For an organization like ours, one that practices and promotes on-the-water safety, this publication is an invaluable resource. You will find interesting articles on such safety issues as carbon monoxide poisoning, hypothermia, and other articles written by Mario Vittone.*

*And, while you're at it, subscribe to **Soundings** and read **Soundings Online**. You won't regret it.*



Squadron News

Raft-Up? 'Nuff Said.



First 2018 raft up: Blessing of the fleet, Commander's fleet revue, bagpipers, and a lot more.



June 30th raft-up...Lotsa boats, lotsa food, lotsa fun!



Joint raft-up with the ASPS and Coast Guard Auxiliary, July 28th. Four boats, eleven people, perfect weather.



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“Cleaning the Oceans and Coastlines, One Pound at a Time”

While watching the news, an interesting story came up, one this editor thought all of you might be interested in. In researching, it just became more and more interesting, partly because I grew up in South Florida, and partly because the two founders of **4 Ocean** attended Florida Atlantic University (my father and sister wrote the original FAU fight song!). So this first part was taken directly from their website, www.4ocean.com:

The story begins when Alex and Andrew take a surf trip...

to Bali Indonesia that would inevitably change their lives and the fate of the ocean. Devastated by the amount of plastic in the ocean, they set out to find out why no one was doing anything about it. One afternoon they came across an old fishing village where fishermen were literally

pushing their boat through piles of plastic that had washed up on shore. The two surfers realized that the proliferation of plastic threatened both the ocean environment and the fishermen's livelihood. Could the fishermen use their nets, they wondered, to pull the plastic from the ocean? This idea stuck with the 2 surfers and they knew it was time to hit the drawing board. After realizing that the demand for seafood was driving the fishermen to focus on fish instead of plastic, they knew they had to create something that could fund the desired cleanup efforts. This is how the 4Ocean Bracelet was born.

Made from recycled materials, every bracelet purchased funds the removal of 1 pound of trash from the ocean and coastlines. In less than 2 years, 4Ocean has removed 1,114,701 pounds of trash from the ocean and coastlines.

4Ocean currently operates out of multiple countries and employs over 150 people worldwide.

At this point I did a bit more investigating and came across this tidbit from *Voyage MIA* (i.e. Voyage Miami) magazine. Their website is www.voyagemia.com and, should any of you be planning a trip to Miami, this looks like a good place to find out things you might not know -

but could prove useful. My efforts to contact them were unsuccessful but, with this plug for them, I hope they don't mind my using this piece.

Today we'd like to introduce you to Andrew Cooper and Alex Schulze.

4Ocean was launched in January of 2017. The two millennial founders of the company, Alex and Andrew, both attended Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL and the idea began in 2015, shortly after they graduated. They spent 15 months researching and developing before launching 4Ocean at the beginning of 2017. They currently live and operate 4Ocean in Boca Raton, Florida.



Alex grew up on Marco Island and was fortunate enough to be around the water during his upbringing. He became a licensed captain when he was a teenager and began running fishing charters while also surfing and scuba diving. He continued to run fishing charters while he attended Florida

Atlantic University.

Andrew was raised in Orlando, Florida and says the ocean has always been near and dear to him. He is a 100-ton sea boat captain, sailboat captain and has worked on the water.

Both have traveled the world for freediving, surfing, scuba diving and spearfishing in places such as Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua and Indonesia.

We're always bombarded by how great it is to pursue your passion, etc – but we've spoken with enough people to know that it's not always easy. Overall, would you say things have been easy for you?

By no means, 1.4 billion pounds of trash enters the ocean each year. We are making it our mission to stop this. Plastic is not the enemy, however, it's where it ends up. Every time it rains, it's like pressing the reset button so much trash flows in from inland.

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Squadron News



(4 Ocean, continued)

The amount of support we have received from people across the world has been incredible. We wouldn't be where we are today without the help of our team and the people buying our bracelets to support cleaner oceans.

So let's switch gears a bit and go into the 4 Ocean story. Tell us more about the business.

In just ten short months, 4Ocean has collected over 231,000 pounds of trash so far. The company started with 2 employees and has grown to 43 employees. 4Ocean has 8 full time captains and cleanup crew members out on the water every single day. The primary location for the ocean cleanups are currently on the East Coast of Florida ranging from West Palm Beach to North Miami but 4Ocean has hosted cleanups in over 7 countries.

Once the trash is removed from the ocean, it is taken back to 4Ocean's 8,000 square foot cleanup facility where it is cleaned and sorted and then brought to either a recycling center or waste facility.

4Ocean has three different clean up methods including the daily offshore/intracoastal cleanups, beach cleanups and working with various cleanup organizations across the world. Although there is a lot to clean up out there, 4Ocean sees a huge difference in the efforts they are doing. The passion 4Ocean has is affecting the way the public thinks about the ocean and the environment and now the way they act on it.

4Ocean would love for the public to get involved by purchasing one of the 4Ocean bracelets for \$20 by going to their website www.4ocean.com. The bracelets are made out 100% post-consumer recycled material. The beads are made from recycled glass bottles & the cord is made from recycled plastic water bottles. The coolest part - Every bracelet purchased funds the removal of one pound of trash from the ocean.

Has luck played a meaningful role in your life and business?

Luck has obviously played a significant role in our personal lives and our businesses success. I would never say that "luck" is something that Alex and I possess, however we both feel that we have been very "lucky" to be able to grow up so close to the water, come from incredibly supportive families, and have the educational opportunities that I'd say less than 90% of the world has access to. These "lucky" personal circumstances definitely played a huge role in the success of our business. -Andrew Cooper

Pricing:

\$20 Bracelet and you will remove one pound of trash from the ocean.



Back to School Supplies
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It's that time of year...back to school and we would like to make our friends aware of the needs our children have. Our children could use your help in preparing to go back to school. Please visit us at <https://calvarykids.org> for a list of our current school and summer needs.

We are so grateful to have a community of friends who love and support our children!!!



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Squadron News




A Tough Job But Somebody Had To Do It

When the call came out from the Georgia River Network to join them for their **Brews, Boats, and BBQ for Better Rivers** event, the Fullers, Dave and Nan Ellen, and the Ringwalls, Eric and Cindy, stepped up to the plate, troopers that they always are.

They enjoyed the company of the Georgia River Network staff and, while they were at it, also enjoyed the ambience of the SweetWater brewery.

A job well done!



The Brewer



The Brew-ees



Recycling Update

Our continuing "Jane Vallentyne Leaycraft Project" remains an ongoing recycling endeavour we can all be proud of. To date we have donated (just shy of) \$3,000 in recycling money and contributions from our membership.

Not only are we helping to keep our environs free of metal but we are supporting the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Opening a can of veggies? Separate the can from the rest of the garbage. Popping open a cold one? Ditto. It's always better to recycle **ALL** metals than to have them go to a landfill.

Tim Tyson will be there to help with disposal, collecting the money, and turning it in.

Let the Fall Classes Begin!

The fall class roster is out. The classes being taught are as follows:

Seamanship: September 17th is the first class, held at the Troncalli automobile dealership in Cumming.

Marine Electrical Systems: September 18th is the first class, also held at the Troncalli dealership.

NOTE: These 2 classes begin at 7:00 and, after their first night, will be taught online.

Advanced Piloting: Beginning the week of September 17th. More details to follow.

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Partner In Command and Practical On the Water Classes...Safe, Smart, and Fun (Where Have We Heard That Before?)

Assistant Squadron Education Officer Meredith Randall and Education Officer Margaret Sherrod pulled together two classes that proved to be both useful in terms of educational, and fun, in terms of, well, fun.

In connection with Safe Boating Week these workshops were held on Lake Lanier. Cdr Eric Ringwall, F/Lt T.J. Convery, and 1st/Lt Scotty Randall were pressed into service and, along with Meredith and Margaret taught on-the-water boating skills to sixteen members and non-members, with Partner in Command emphasizing the demonstration of boating skills and Practical On the Water allowing hands-on practice of those skills.



Clockwise from top left: Partner in Command class at the dock; Virginia Lee practicing backing skills; debriefing the class on what they had learned; Nancy Warren practicing her driving skills under the tutelage of Meredith Randall; a rollicking discussion of knots and anchoring.
 Thanks to everyone involved with this most worthwhile endeavour!

Gordon Biersch

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Apropos of Nothing

Just a Real Sweet Story

When Jerome Solon Felder - later to become famous as songwriter Doc Pomus - was five years old he contracted polio. For the remainder of his life he needed either braces (those metal crutches with the bands that strapped around your arms and handles for your hands to hold on to) or a wheelchair to get around.

As a teenager he began performing blues music under the name Doc Pomus. There was apparently no significance to the name, he just felt that it had a "blusier" ring to it than Jerome Felder.

In the 1950's he met and fell in love with Broadway actress and dancer Willi Burke. At their wedding reception his heart felt a slight pang of melancholy as he watched her dance with his brother and several guests, painfully aware that that was something he would never be able to do.

He had been writing songs by this time, for Ray Charles and Big Joe Turner, among others, and at the wedding he wrote (in his mind) a song for his new bride. Later the song - which was widely rejected and was to have originally been recorded by Jimmy Clanton - was picked up by the Drifters.

And just what was that song he wrote for his wife? *Save the Last Dance For Me.*

Thanks to friend and Ronald McDonald House volunteer David Sullivan for turning me on to this wonderful story.



From the Bridge



2018 Bridge Officers

(l to r): John Reichmann, Asst. Treasurer; Dave Fuller, Admin Officer; Margaret Sherrod, Squadron Education Officer; Barbara Tyson, Executive Officer; Eric Ringwall, Commander; Cindy Ringwall, Treasurer; Scot Randall, Asst. Admin Officer; Meredith Randall, Asst. Education Officer; Sheryl LaBoda, Asst. Secretary; Donna Odum, Secretary.

Calendar

August 25th - Calvary Day-on-the-Lake/ASPS Raft-up

September 1st - ABC Class, Singleton Marine, Lake Lanier

September 6th - Ex-Comm meeting, Aldo's, Sandy Springs

September 7th-15th - San Juan Islands Cdr's Cruise

September 17th - Classes begin (see page 12)

September 20th - General Membership Meeting, Dave and Busters, Alpharetta

September 29th - Raft-up

October 5th-7th - District Conference, Pickwick State Park, Tennessee

October 11th - Ex-Comm meeting, Aldo's, Sandy Springs

October 12th-15th - Low Country Cruise

October 18th - General Membership Meeting, Dave and Busters, Alpharetta

October 27th - ASPS Raft-up

October 28th - Cooking Dinner for the Ronald McDonald House



Up until a few days ago I had forgotten how much fun it really is to put out the **Waterlog**. Though I must confess it was more fun when I wasn't working, it truly is a privilege. It is also very humbling when people compliment me about doing such a good job. And though I always try to downplay the praises - and I am sincerely sincere (like that word play?) when I do that - this month's issue is a prime example of why so many of those compliments are misplaced. Sweet though they are, they are all too often misplaced.

You could pretty much say that this **Waterlog** could not have been put out had it not been for one Nan Ellen Fuller. Always there, either with her camera, her cell phone, Dave, or all three, Nan Ellen is our Johnny-on-the-spot, emailing photos and descriptions of every Squadron event.

This is where you, our readership, come into the picture. Keeping your eyes and ears open for story ideas, sending in articles and pictures, all of this makes an enjoyable job even more enjoyable. And if you see something that has absolutely nothing to do with boating but you think we might enjoy reading it (see page 15), send it to me.

And as I have said time and again, we are much more than a club, we are a family. If there is something going on in your life, or in the life of one of our family members, that we need to know (such as being nominated for a Pulitzer prize, but I digress), send it in.

Who knows, we may get back to getting out ten issues a year. And to you, Nan Ellen...

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