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# WATERLOG

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### Waterlog

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### On the Cover

As you will (hopefully) read in this issue, the Guler/Randall Bahamian adventure was a huge hit. Biggly! This month's cover photo was shot by none other than Beth Guler at Hawksbill Cay in the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park. Nice shot, Beth.

## Commander's Corner



Cdr Eric Ringwall, JN

And then it was Fall...

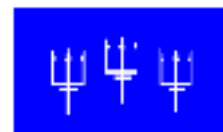
It seems that Hurricane Michael swept Summer away and ushered in a break from the heat and the Fall weather for which we had all been waiting. Cool mornings, crisp skies, a less-crowded lake... get them while you can!

Fall is also the time of year that we begin planning our next action-packed year of activities and begin to look at who will occupy the many and varied but critical positions in the club for the next year. Be they committee members, assistants, bridge members, instructors, vessel safety examiners – the list is long. I can tell you from personal experience that the old adage - the more you put into something, the more you get out of it – certainly applies here. Surely there are things that might have you outside your comfort zone – like the first time you crossed the wake water skiing – but once you get the hang of the new thing, it really opens up your world. This is a great club and we are blessed with a large number of members, but it takes everyone doing something for it to reach its full potential. If you are asked to serve in some way, PLEASE consider it. We need you! Many hands make light work out of a big job and your contributions will be very much appreciated.

Lest anyone question it, we are making a difference in our community in many ways. Not just in the core mission areas of boating safety and education and social interaction; but in many other ways as well. Our members are making a difference on a local, national and even an international stage! If you don't believe me – take a look at our BoatUS Civic Service Award application! It is all right there, plain to see – as are many of your smiling faces, so check it out on our website (once on, click 'Resources') and be impressed with all we have done to help those in our community and beyond. If you don't have time to read the whole package, at least read the Executive Summary and the letter from Calvary Children's Home – I 100% guarantee it will brighten your day.

At our October GMM, we discussed potential cruises for the coming year – ones to Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, local Kayaking and elsewhere are being planned and investigated. If you were not in attendance and have an idea you would like to pitch, please let our XO know so she can put it on the list for consideration – but beware, you may be asked to plan it! Cruise Captains play a critical role for any of our cruises – planning, communicating, answering questions – even "selling" their cruise to the membership to drum up interest! Hey, it beat's Shanghai'ing sailors out of seedy bars! Look for more information on each of these options in the DR or at upcoming the November General Member Meeting.

Please don't forget to mark the Seafarer's Ball on your calendar – it is Saturday Evening, December 8<sup>th</sup> this year! It is always a great night of fun, food, dancing and music. Cindy and I hope to see you there!





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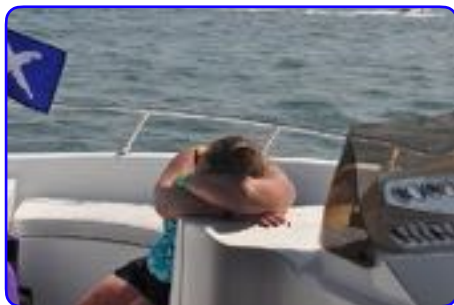
## Happy Days Are Here Again (The skies above are clear again. So let's sing a song of cheer again) Happy Days Are Here Again !!!

As Andy Williams might have put it, "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" Yep, on August 25th our Squadron hosted our 4th Calvary Kids Day-on-the-Lake, a day where Tom and Susan Shirey host the kids from the Calvary Children's Home on their houseboat *Carpe Diem*, and a day where our Squadron members organize and coordinate the signing in of the kids (we don't want to leave anyone behind on one of the islands!), the food and soft drinks, the jet skis, tubing, and sailing. Did I leave anything out? I'm quite sure that I did.

This event has its origins at a general membership meeting at the 57th Fighter Group restaurant. Our Executive Committee had green-lighted the idea of having a day where we took the kids out for a day of fun on Lake Lanier. But coordinating the boats was another story altogether. After putting out an APB (All Possible Boats) plea, Tom Shirey said to me (your humble editor), "I think I can solve your problem. Let's just use our houseboat." "Well, Tom, do you think it can hold enough people?" "Will there be more than 125? It's almost one hundred feet long."

Well shucky dern, sign me up! Susan - dear, dear Susan - was all aboard with the idea (I tossed in a little nautical lingo. Did you notice?) and thus we had our very first Day-on-the-Lake. The kids - possibly the most well behaved and polite children on the planet - had a ball. Toward the end I went down and Randy Tahsler was sitting on the couch talking with Tom. "Tom has an idea," he said. "What's that," asked I. "Let's make this an annual event," Tom answered, thus assuring his admission to heaven.

Lisa Wilson organized the first one, Sheryl LaBoda the second one, Barbara Tyson the third, and at that point it was almost on auto-pilot. What a team !!!



*Clockwise from the top left: "I could sail this thing with my eyes closed!"; Everyone gets a turn at the helm; I mean everyone; As for the rest of the pictures...Signs of another great day.*

*Thanks to Jim Elsenback for some wonderful photos.*



# Squadron News



## What is Calvary and How Do We Fit In?

Since the last time we published a story about the Calvary Children's Home, we have gained a number of new members who may be wondering this very question. Well, maybe it's time to reprise the history, both of Calvary and of our relationship with them. The following is taken from the official brochure of the Calvary Children's Home,



which are available from your editor upon request:

*Calvary Children's Home was founded in 1966 by Reverend Ben F. Turner. His first vision for a home such as Calvary took place on the streets of Jerusalem, Israel while he was leading a tour group to the Holy Land. A woman with five small children approached him offering to sell her baby for ten dollars, then seven, then five saying she needed the money to support her other children. That experience continued to live with Rev. Turner until 1965, when Calvary Children's Home moved from a touching experience in Israel to a reality in Smyrna, Georgia.*

*A father and mother returning from the grocery store were involved in an automobile accident. Both parents were killed, leaving their six children without anyone to care for them. Since it is almost impossible to add six children to an already existing family, the children were separated and placed into four different homes.*

*As they were being separated, Reverend Turner watched the children crying; the younger wanting to stay with the older ones. He realized the tremendous need for them to stay together, especially after losing both parents. "If children can't have the love and guidance of parents, they should at least be able to live together as brothers and sisters. If I could*



*build a home large enough, I could keep all the children of one family together." This was the motivation behind the building of the Calvary Children's Home.*



So where does our Squadron come in? Well this should **NOT** come as a shock to anyone who knows our Squadron, but collectively we have a heart larger than the continent of Asia. For years at our Holiday Parties P/D/C Jeff Wise had a contact at his veterinarian's office who would let him know of a family who, during the holiday season, could use a little boost. I saw everything (I was a very new member at the time) from a washing machine to bicycles brought in as gifts.

Well, in time the vet's assistant found her way to the University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine. Someone, I really can't remember who, asked me if I knew of a place where we could be Santa Claus during the season. This evolved into "Operation Gift", where our Squadron donated almost \$2,000 to buy presents for the children of Atlanta area servicemen and servicewomen. We filled up three large rooms in a building at Ft. McPherson and believe me when I say it brought tears to my eyes.

The next year WSB had the same idea, but with their megaphone they were able to collect hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Without missing a beat we turned our eyes to Calvary. For nine straight years we held a silent auction at our Holiday Parties, each year collecting over \$2,000, which went to buy presents and to help build the scholarship fund we started there. We had "wrapping parties" at Gordon Biersch where we would gift wrap the presents and take them to the Home.

This has evolved into our having three donation boxes at our annual December party: one for presents, one for the scholarship fund, and one for the Calvary Children's Home general fund.

So there you have it. And this might be the perfect time to hype our November meeting, when the presentation subject will be the Calvary Children's Home. The speaker will either be Snyder Turner (Rev. Turner's son and the Executive Director) or Campus Director Brian Busby. It is a meeting you won't want to miss, but caution - if you do not want to be addressed as "Sir" or "Ma'am", this might not be for you!



*Editor's note: Anyone wishing information about the Calvary Children's Home can contact Tim Tyson or go to their website:*

[www.calvarykids.org](http://www.calvarykids.org)



## A Letter From Two Very Proud Parents to Their Equally Deserving Daughter

(Reprinted with permission from Cdr Eric Ringwall)

27 August 2018

"I am ready to relieve you sir"... some pretty big words when getting ready to take the deck on a US Navy warship, a mobile, sovereign, military base capable of extending national power across the globe. They mean that an officer has been carefully vetted for a position of tremendous responsibility. A position that demands the utmost in professionalism and requires an officer that is a knowledgeable, confident and organized leader and someone that is always thinking ahead and knows how to anticipate and prepare for the future.

It is imperative that they have sound judgement and be able to apply that judgement to recognize situations that may hazard the ship or its crew and take early and substantial action to eliminate or minimize risk while taking advantage of any opportunity. The Officer of the Deck is the primary communicator with other ships at sea and must have consummate knowledge of the nautical Rules of the Road and be ready and able to confidently communicate own ship's intentions to other vessels in order to avoid dangerous situations.

That sound judgement also means that the officer must know how to lead and utilize their entire Bridge and CIC teams effectively and, especially, when to escalate and ask for help when the situation requires. They must also have the confidence to demand more from their subordinate watch standers when necessary.

The officer must know how to navigate the ship safely and how to operate the ship in a vast number of possible peacetime and wartime scenarios, in fair weather and foul in daytime or night. From maneuvering the ship in and out of port, to flight operations, to underway replenishment, to taking and keeping station in a battle group, to small boat operations, to man overboard, to anchoring, towing or mooring to a buoy, to firing guns, launching missiles, evading torpedoes and various other threats, the possibilities are almost limitless. Adding more complexity, the officer must also know the impact of myriad potential system configuration changes or emergencies on their ability to operate the ship. One shaft stopped and locked? Two generators out? Fire in after steering? All have specific meanings and require specific actions and can change the way the ship behaves.

The manner in which a ship operates says a lot about her to other ships as well - Is she operated safely? Does she

take station quickly and accurately? Are radio communications clear, crisp and accurate? Are flag signals broken, struck and decoded smartly? Does the ship represent her Captain well? The Commodore? All of these are a reflection of the professionalism of the Officer of the Deck.

If it sounds like a lot of responsibility, it is! You have studied long and hard to be ready for this. Systems, procedures, regulations, limitations, you know them, or where to find the answers when you need them. You are the number one safety observer for the ship - if something doesn't feel right, trust your gut and do something about it! You have stood the Conn, JOOD and other watches and observed hundreds of evolutions whether in simulated training, live training or operational situations and you have excelled in your own watch standing responsibilities. When you stand the watch, push your watch standers to be the best they can be too, test them, quiz them, train them. Be confident, you have earned the respect of your peers, your Department Head, Executive Officer and the Commanding Officer of a 510', 9200-ton, 320-crew United States Navy Destroyer! You've got this!

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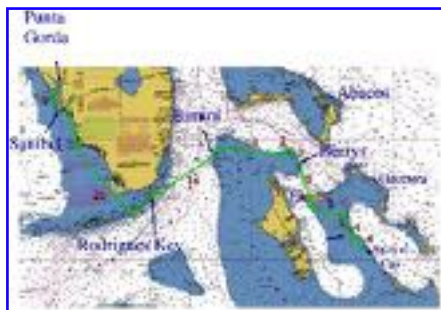


# Squadron News

## How We Spent Our Spring Vacation

*The Guler's and the Randall's Discover Paradise*

When Beth and Mike Guler and Meredith and Scot Randall conducted the program at our August general membership meeting we at *Waterlog* headquarters felt that, since all of our members could not be there to enjoy hearing about their trip to the Bahamas, well, by cracky, we'll bring it to them! Mike sent me photos and a description of their big adventure, and told me to make any editorial changes I felt like. Well, I didn't feel like making any. Ergo, heeeeeere's Mikey!!!



Note: The red numbers indicate the number of hours at a speed to 6 kts.

The Bahamas consists of over 700 islands and 2500 small cays, so unless you have unlimited time, you need to select a particular group of islands to focus on. We had 4 to 6 weeks of time and our focus was The Exumas.

For trip planning, we used the *Waterway Guide* and the *Maptech Chartkit* for the Bahamas. The waterway guide provides up to date info on navigation, anchorages, marinas and things to do ashore. You can visit [www.waterwayguide.com](http://www.waterwayguide.com) and select the location, Bahamas and TCI to view online charts of the islands.



Backing away from the dock at Punta Gorda.

Our trip began from Punta Gorda on the SW coast of Florida on April 1st (Easter Sunday), 2018.

After enjoying a leisurely Easter evening off the coast of Sanibel Island, we learned of an upcoming weather window for crossing the Gulf Stream.

If we missed it, we could be stuck in the Keys for several days, so we sailed nonstop to Rodrigues Key, which is near Key Largo. The next morning we had perfect weather and light seas on our way to Alice Town on North Bimini Island. We checked into customs in Alice Town and spent 3 nights and 2 days exploring the town and beaches.

Our first two nights were on the dock at Browns Marina and the third night we anchored off the northwest tip of N. Bimini in preparation of sailing across the Bahama bank to The Berry Islands. The bank is quite shallow, but the guide identifies frequently traveled routes to keep you off the bottom and away from coral heads. Slow boats (like sailboats) may not be able to cross the bank during daylight. We

chose to leave before sunrise to insure a daylight arrival in The Berry Islands. Some boats anchor out on the bank overnight.

We spent the next 3 1/2 nights on the hook at various anchorages in the Berry Islands (Cistern Cay, Rat Cay, Goat Cay and Saddle Back Cay). Off Saddle Back Cay a midnight squall made the anchorage untenable, so we followed our bread crumbs out of the harbor and headed south to New Providence Island.



Anchored off Saddle Back Cay

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*(Guler/Randall Spring Vacation, continued)*

After 4 1/2 nights on the hook and one sleepless night, we were ready for a marina, even at \$6/ft. After long showers and a good meal, we moved to the anchorage in West Bay on the west end of New Providence Island, our jump-off point to The Exumas. While here, Meredith took a few sights as part of Navigation class.



Pig Beach in the Exumas

The next morning we took off on a 11 hour trip between numerous coral heads to Highborne Cay in the northern Exumas. We spent two nights on the hook waiting for better weather to head south.

On April 16 we entered the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park and spent the night on a mooring ball at Shroud Cay. The park was established over 150 years ago and covers an area of 176 square miles. It is known for pristine beauty, outstanding anchorages and breathtaking marine environment. Our second mooring in the park was at Warderwick Wells, the park headquarters. Just outside the park, we reached our southernmost destination, Staniel Cay. Here we enjoyed the Nurse Shark feeding frenzy and the famous swimming pigs.

On the route back home, we made two more stops in the Land and Sea Park, taking dozens of postcard worthy photos. In addition to the pristine scenery above the water we enjoyed snorkeling in the Gin Clear water.

After leaving the Exumas, we visited two new islands on the route home, Chub Cay in the southern Berry Islands and Cat Cay in the southern Bimini group of islands. Crossing back over the Gulf Stream, make sure you keep your COG pointed at your desired destination. You can see our COG is pointed at Miami, but the boat is pointed at Cuba.



Not only did we enjoy the gorgeous scenery and Gin Clear waters, but we also enjoyed many wonderful hours at sail.

Here are a few statistics to summarize the adventure:

- 34 days on the boat
- 28 travel days
- 1077 nautical miles covered
- 185 hours of sailing (and/or motoring)
- Total cost - \$33 per day per person!

## The Crew:



Clockwise from top left: then JN Meredith Randall sets her sights on the coveted SN which rests behind her name now; Scotty Randall with the device he used to find the head in the dark; Supervisor Mike Guler doing what he does best; former Playboy Bunny Beth Guler soaking it all in. What a crew!!!



# Squadron News



## How We Spent Our Summer Vacation

*Haim and Batia Zukerman take "Always Something" to Italy and Greece.*

When Haim and Batia Zukerman, never ones to do something second class, were invited to a wedding on the Amalfi Coast of Italy all hotel rooms were booked. Not to worry. They just shipped their yacht Always Something over. Might as well spend some time in the Greek Islands while they're at it, eh? When *Waterlog* contacted Haim, he quickly replied with a few pictures and the following email:



*"Good morning Athens. Hope all is well. We started the trip from Genoa and ten days to Rome. Slow, about 50 miles a day. At 7 bucks a gallon u get heartache at 24 knots and 100 gallons an hour." Pisa has a new Marina. Porto Azzurro. Isle of Elba where Napoleon was exiled to. Isle of Giglio Rome. Then to the bay of Naples. Islands of Procida and Ischia which feel like old Italy. Capri a tourist*

*trap. Amalfi Coast ( the best so far ).*

With our curiosity and interest Alpine high levels, we again contacted Haim. "More, more, more!", we chanted. Always one to accommodate, he sent the following:

*So. The trip started with several months of preparation, getting the boat up to date and preparing for shipping. The shipping took place from Fort Lauderdale, FL. to Genoa, Italy, an 18 day trip.*

*The company builds a cradle for the boat. Upon arrival the boat gets floated as in the picture attached. Then you go through customs and immigration and get an 18 month permission to cruise in the EU. If you are still in the EU after 18 months you must pay a value added tax, from 18 to 25 % depending on the country. Hahaha, we will not be in Europe!*



*Upon arrival we stayed in Genoa for a week, exactly 500 yards from the disastrous bridge collapse that we drove on every day. The plan was for Batia and I to cruise slowly to Rome and then to Amalfi where Batia is going for a Baltic cruise with some girlfriends and I will become a captain-for-hire to a group getting married in the old Amalfi convent (look up Convento di Amalfi. Very interesting).*

*We got to Amalfi a small harbour with only room for six boats our size. The Coppola family runs the show and we were welcomed, as we made reservation months ago. We stayed for the 8 day unbelievable festivities and took various parties on small day trips to Positano Salerno and Capri.*

*After this my friend Michael and I made the delivery trip in seven days to Athens to meet up with Batia where we are now.*

*From Amalfi we went directly to the first old world lighthouse which is the volcanic island of Stromboli where consistently you can cruise to and see the fire burst every half hour or so from a distance of 50 miles.*



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*(Zukerman Summer Vacation, continued)*

*Not only Haim but also Oddyseus used this for navigation amongst all others from Admiral Horatio Nelson to Bonaparte's seaman. This island is the most northern of the Aeolian islands which also include Lipari and Volcano.*

*Then to Sicily one of the most interesting town called Taormina which used to be controlled by the Greeks 2500 years ago. As the weather was good we decided to cut across to Greece 240 miles in twenty four hours taking 3 hour shifts.*



*Clockwise from top right: Stromboli at night; Stromboli in the morning; Convento di Amalfi (set on the hill behind the Marina); our burgee sails along the Amalfi coast.*

## The South's Foremost Architect Corrects One Of History's Mysteries

*Our Squadron's own Haim Zukerman straightens the leaning tower of Pisa. Leaves the architectural community in awe.*



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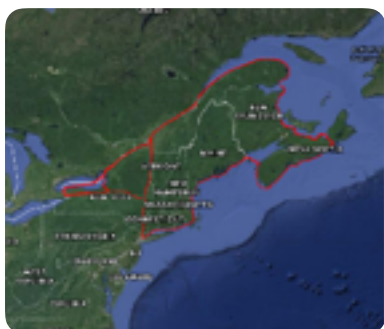
# Squadron News

## Our Meetings Just Keep Getting Better and Better

Maybe it's our newest venue (Dave and Buster's in Alpharetta - great menu, terrific prices, wonderful service), maybe it's our quality speakers (always interesting in the extremis), maybe it's our enthusiasm (unparalleled). My guess is that it's probably all of these. In any event, our September meeting was out of this world!

One of the most interesting presentations we have ever had was delivered by Larry Cook, Vice Flotilla Commander/Flotilla Commander Elect of Flotilla 22, at Lake Allatoona. Future Loopers, listen up, here's the story line: brother-in-law buys his first boat intending to make the Great Loop voyage. Two years later, in October of 2015, Larry, his wife, sister, and aforementioned brother-in-law depart Harrison, Tennessee (near Chattanooga) for their eleven month Great Loop experience.

Arriving back in Harrison in September of 2016, Larry's wife debarks while another of Larry's sisters embarks, and in October, 2016, they leave Harrison for the 13 month Down East Loop adventure. After finishing up in Norfolk, Larry's brother did what so many lesser seamen would be tempted to do after spending 24 (sometimes harrowing) months aboard...he sold the boat.



It was a riveting story indeed. Thanks to Larry for a great presentation.

In addition to that, we had another highlight to our evening. Lara Zukerman, the precious and precocious daughter of Barak and Hollie Zukerman received her medal for placing second nationally in the USPS/America's Boating Club poster contest in the 6 - 8 age group.

Quite frankly it would have won in any age group, it was that good!!!

Fast forward to our October meeting. It should not come as a surprise to our sharp-eyed readership that the topic of that meeting's presentation would be none other than that potential cruises for next year. Some of the cruises suggested included:

- The Tennessee River for our fall leaf cruise (aka The Leaves, Locks, and Rockets Cruise). The cruise would begin at Hale's Bar and the first day we would do a round trip through the Tennessee Grand Canyon to Chattanooga and back. That is the "Leaves" part. The second day we would head to Guntersville and stay at the state park. That is the "Locks" segment. Then we would go to Huntsville to the Space and Rocket Center.

- The Cumberland Lake, Kentucky cruise would involve renting houseboats (well it is the houseboat capital of the world!). This would be a 3 night trip and the boats would be able to hold four couples each.



- The St. Johns River cruise that was discussed may well be held over until 2020 due to scheduling conflicts and resort availability (or unavailability, as the case may be).

All in all, the future looks bright. Very, very bright.



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## Our Squadron Teams Up With Marine Max To Highlight Boating Safety

In July, Executive Officer Barbara Tyson had lunch with the Marine Max (Buford and Cumming) Marketing Manager Beth Kendrick. They discussed beneficial ways that we could work together, in the interest of Marine Max, our organization, their customer base, and the boating community at large. Ms. Kendrick mentioned that she would appreciate having a safety presentation to compliment Marine Max's "Women On The Water" program.



*P/C Frank Taylor discusses life jackets and their importance on the waters.*

On Wednesday evening, September 19, America's Boating Club - Atlanta gave a safety presentation to MarineMax customers at the Buford MarineMax store. It was very successful, with attendees interested, engaged, and taking notes. Questions were asked that demonstrated that the interest level was high.

Photographer/writer Pam Keene from the "Lakeside News" was there taking pictures. Below are three that she took, reprinted with her generous permission. Look for her article and more pictures in the October "Lakeside News".

Subjects discussed were "Rules of the Road", a thing we called "Situational Awareness", anchoring, life jackets, and just about everything related to boating safely. P/C Frank Taylor probed the audience to find out what subjects boaters would be interested in talking about. The fact that people stayed until the very end - and a little after that - demonstrates that this was a

most worthwhile endeavor.



*XO Barbara Tyson, Marine Max Marketing Mgr Beth Kendrick, P/C Frank Taylor, and AO Dave Fuller*



*Dave spreads his "Fuller Enthusiasm" (left).*

## And Speaking Of Civic Service

In the almost impossible event that you are not all that familiar with our Squadron's commitment, take Cdr Ringwalls advice and go to our website. We are so much more than a boating club.

So very much more.

With the holiday season approaching it seems like an opportune time to highlight what we will no doubt be working on soon.

A number of years ago we started the Calvary Home Scholarship Fund. We collected money - somewhere in the neighborhood of \$12,000 - for the Calvary kids who decide to pursue education and educational training after high school. Upon registration they receive \$500, and they get another \$500 at each re-registration. There are no forms to fill out and no grade point minimums. These kids have had to deal with enough. Also, kids who join the military get a one-time \$500. No one will enter the military broke. Not on our watch! This fund is running low so we will probably have a fundraiser sometime in the near future.

Then there is the Jane Vallentyne Leaycraft Recycling Fund. This fund benefits both the Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses, who get our donations, and the earth, which doesn't have to suffer as much garbage. A win-win, you might say.

This fund is named after Susan Shirey's beloved mother, who was instrumental in the Dunwoody Woman's Club's support of ARMHC. Naming it for her was our way of saying thank you to the Shirey's for the selfless, generous, and truly heartwarming way they give up their houseboat one day each year so that we can have the Calvary Kids Day-On-The-Lake...four so far.

At this year's Holiday party, as in past years, we will have collection boxes for the Calvary fund, Calvary Christmas presents, and a silent auction to benefit our recycling fund.

Yep, so very much more.

## Gordon Biersch

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## When Is A Squadron Not Really A Squadron?

Answer: When We Change Our Name.

You may have noticed a few changes in our masthead. Gone is the name "Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron". In comes the name America's Boating Club Atlanta.

Yep, we've had yet another name change. From The Atlanta Power Squadron to The Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron, to Atlanta's Boating Club to America's Boating Club Atlanta.

It was the decision of the National Governing Board that, in order to promote a national identity, each Squadron should change their marketing name to reflect that we are a part of America's Boating Club, followed by the identity of the locations they serve.

Therefore we remain the Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron for legal and business purposes. But we will be America's Boating Club Atlanta (ABCA) for purposes of marketing, communications, and showing ourselves to the public.

And if that doesn't confuse you, well, wait until next year!

## A Halloween Cookout For Some Special Families

On October 28th, ten members of our Squadron met at the Peachtree Dunwoody Ronald McDonald House to cook dinner (for the second time this year) for families staying there. Hamburgers and hot dogs (ala Chefs John Holland and Dave Fuller) and other cookout items (ala Sous Chefs everyone else) were served to the delight of everyone.

The next time this activity rears its head, join in. It's fun, yes, but than again, it's so much more than that.



Our meal staff in their halloween attire. From left to right: Patti Price, Nan Ellen Fuller, Ed and Genie Troncalli, Margaret "Margo" Sherrod, Barbara Tyson, Dave Fuller, Cary and John Holland. Not pictured - Tim Tyson, on account of he took the photo.

## And Why, Exactly, Are We Proud Of Who We Are?

Haim and Batia Zukerman were home from their Greek cruise for, oh, about twenty minutes when the ever restless Haim decided to winterize their Lake Lanier boat, *Tillerman*. He drove it around to burn off fuel and, upon his return, spotted a dock being pushed through the water. He slowed *Tillerman* to a crawl and gave the others a wide berth. The Facebook post - and the picture they sent with the post - tell the rest of the story.

*We (Lanier Dock Watch) were pushing a dock yesterday from the Dam area when this amazing boat came around the corner. I thought oh \$%@! Nine times out of ten people will not lower their throttle, or want to get as close as they possibly can. But this captain...he throttled down and moved over as far as he possibly could. Little to no wake hit us :)*

*So to the owner of this amazing boat THANK YOU!!!! Beautiful boat, by the way.*



If there was nothing else in this *Waterlog*, no articles, no pictures...nothing else but this small article, it would be one of the best issues yet.

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# Positive News



## If You Think There Is No Hope For Our Future, Read This

Although I am Facebook challenged, I do occasionally click on what a long lost friend has sent, just out of curiosity. Such was the case when I learned about Denis Estimon.

Estimon's family came to Boca Raton from Haiti when he was in the first grade. New to his school he felt very, very alone, "especially at lunch".



*Denis Estimon in the white t-shirt*

But as he grew, so did his popularity and, at Boca Raton High, he wasn't about to let other kids feel that emptiness. With some of his friends he started a club that they called "We Dine Together". They seek out other students during the lunch hour who are by themselves and make friends with them. At Boca Raton High School, "If you look at the cafeteria from a bird's eye view you can see the division," Estimon said, in describing

how the club got its start. "You can see how separated it is. I said it should not be this way." It's just that simple.

"Their mission is to go into the courtyard at lunchtime to make sure that no one is starving for compa-



*Student on right quit the football team to spend more time with the club*

ny," according to Jeff Glor of CBS News. Since the club was formed there have been hundreds of new friendships formed. One club member even quit the football team and a potential college scholarship in order to spend more time with the club. "I don't mind not getting a football scholarship. This is the way I really want to go."

What they have started is a program where "the coolest kids in school decide that you really matter," according to CBS. Allee Steely, a club member, knows firsthand what it is like to transfer from a school where she had a lot of friends to a school where she knew nobody. "It's honestly an issue. Meeting someone who actually cares and listens to what you have to say really makes a difference. And that can happen at lunch. That can happen at our club," she said through tears.

Denis has graduated from Boca High and now travels the country opening up chapters of We Dine Together at other schools.

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# Apropos of Nothing

## P/R/C Bob Ginsberg Clears Up A Puzzling Question:

Did you ever wonder how earrings became so popular with men? Through careful detective work our ever vigilant P/R/C Bob Ginsberg found the answer:

A man was at work one day when he noticed his co-worker was wearing an earring. The man knew his co-worker to be a normally conservative fellow and was curious about his sudden change in haute couture.

The man went up to him and casually said, "I didn't know you were into earrings."

"Don't make such a big deal out of it. It's only an earring," he replied sheepishly.

His friend fell silent for a few minutes, but his curiosity got the best of him. "So, how long have you been wearing one?" he asked.

"Ever since my wife found it in my truck."

I have always wondered how this trend got started and now I know!

*Muchos gracias, P/R/C Ginsberg, for clearing this matter up to our satisfaction. Once and for all. Keep on keepin' on!*

And if that's not enough to make you smile, click on this address sent in by P/Lt/C Patti Price and listen to a pretty cool song (hint: money may not buy happiness but it sure could buy me a boat!).

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# From the Bridge



## 2018 Bridge Officers

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## Calendar

November 8th: ExComm Meeting, Aldo's, Sandy Springs.

November 9th-12th: Low Country Crawl Cruise.

November 15th: General Membership Meeting, Dave and Buster's, Alpharetta.

December 8th: Seafarer's Ball, University Yacht Club.

December 13th: ExComm and Calendar Planning Meeting, Aldo's, Sandy Springs.

January 10th: ExComm Meeting, Aldo's, Sandy Springs.

January 10th-13th: Atlanta Boat Show.

January 17th: Annual Meeting, Dave and Buster's, Alpharetta.



# AFTerthoughts



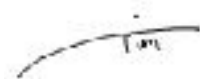
So here I am, sitting at my desk thinking, "OK, there's the expression 'so and so doesn't just talk the talk, he/she walks the walk,'" and I'm trying to think of a clever way of changing the words to suit our Squadron. Hmm. "We don't just promote the boat, we effuse the cruise?" I mean that is just TERRIBLE! But not a bad way to segue into this column.

In this issue and in the next (and, hopefully, in many, many more) we will see the three pillars of our Squadron on full display, pillars the late P/C Dave Herndon coined "Safe, Smart, and Fun".

In this issue we can read about the Guler's and the Randall's one month trip to the Bahamas on the 37 foot *Lightning Rod*. Then there's Haim and Batia Zukerman, plying the waters from Italy to Greece aboard *Always Something*". And if that wasn't enough, we were all treated to speaker Larry Cook describing his most interesting Great Loop and Down East Loop cruises. (Note to Dave Fuller: we need to get him sworn in. Soon!). The reason you have not read about the recent San Juan Islands cruise is simple: not enough space. Every day they were gone I was Facebooked with multiple pictures designed to make me green with envy! So we'll read about that one next month.

Isn't it fulfilling to be a member of an organization where you can learn through classes, educate others, and put all of these lessons to practical use? And on top of that have a full blown blast at the same time! I remember taking a bowling class in college, and I really don't recall ever putting those lessons to good use in the same way. But I digress.

We have a lot of discussion going on about attracting new members, both locally and nationally. Here's a novel idea (actually one stolen from Cdr Eric Ringwall). They have bring your kid to work days, so why not bring your friend to one of our activities/meetings. It's foolproof!



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