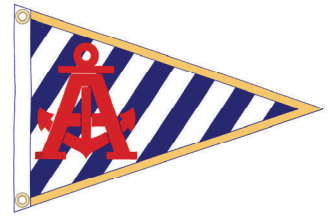




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United States Power Squadrons
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New Bridge Installed

A Year for M&Ms

ICW in the Spring

LORAN Off the Air



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Commanders' Corner



P/C Carol Jordan AP

Without a doubt this has been one of the most exciting and challenging years of my life. Being Commander of our Squadron has often put me in unfamiliar waters where I've had to depend on the guidance and contributions of many members. It's through their helpfulness and willingness that I have been able to do so much. During our Change of Watch many members received awards and high accolades for their help and accomplishments throughout the year. This is a very healthy and active organization that under the leadership of our new Commander, Kevin Schoonover and his new Bridge, will continue to thrive.

Now I can look forward to enjoying weekends on the water, taking new classes and being in the company of the best boaters anywhere.

See you on the water!

P/C Carol Jordan

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Cdr Kevin Schoonover

Eleven years ago, I set sail on an adventure through uncharted waters. Along the way, I met some very interesting people, visited some exotic ports, and learned a great deal about myself and boating. This past Sunday, I was privileged and honored to become your 57th Commander of the Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron. The journey and adventure continues!

As your Commander, I hope to continue the work of my predecessors while at the same time adding my own personal touch. Your Bridge and ExComm, along with myself, are committed to the continuance of the "Safe!, Smart!, Fun!" philosophy as well as building bridges to other boating organizations. In addition, our emphasis for this year will be in promoting marketing and membership.

P/C Dave Herndon (Marketing) and P/Lt/C Sheryl LaBoda (Membership) have some great ideas for this year. In the future, you will hear me refer to this as my M&M Project, and sometimes it will include sweet treats.

Like the waters of the ICW, with the current and tides always changing, so is the boating community of Atlanta. To add to the complexity, some long-standing traditions from National are changing. The degree of communication has increased considerably in the last five years and while a simple letter sufficed in the past, now we have to consider our Website, DR, *Waterlog*, and Facebook in order to get our message out to members and non-members alike. For the first time, I am considering appointing a Communications Officer just to oversee all of these elements and assure consistency in our messages.

As the year unfolds, you will see some new programs and adjustments to how we did them in the past. To promote our marketing initiatives, we will be advertising more in the Lakeside News and will be more visible in newspaper articles as well as at marina's and boat dealers. Our Vessel Safety Check program will be expanded and our presence at boat ramps will increase as we give out cold water and safety advice. This past January, we tried something different at the Atlanta Boat Show to boost our membership – a prize raffle! This generated 168 contacts, and potential new members, who have since been emailed with information about the ASPS as well as educational and social activities. Two lucky guests walked away with a copy of the latest edition of Chapman's and another with an inflatable PFD.

I would be remiss to not thank Past Commander Carol Jordan and her ExComm for an excellent job. It is always a pleasure to take the helm from the previous watch in very calm waters. Their efforts have given us a solid foundation on which to build and grow.

Remember, "The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails." – William A. Ward

Kevin



The Waterlog

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*Waterlog Editors
Lt/C Lisa Herndon
and
P/C David Herndon*

Cover photo: Table decorations at the 2010 Change of Watch.
Photo by Tim Tyson..

Squadron Happenings

ASPS ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2010

At the Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 21, ASPS heard reports of accomplishments by the current Bridge Officers and elected a new Bridge, Executive Committee and Standing Committees for 2010.

Cdr Carol Jordan led a series of updates from the Bridge. Highlights from those reports are:

Executive Department, Lt/C Kevin Schoonover:

- 82 Vessel Safety Checks performed, a record number
- 36 new members added
- Effective representation at Boat Shows
- Articles in *Lakeside on Lanier*
- Developed long-term Marketing plan

Education Department, Lt/C Patricia Price:

- Public courses: 3 BoatSmart and 1 ChartSmart class, 3 Seminars
- Members' courses: Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Navigation, Sail, Weather
- 4 members completed full certificate: Glenn LaBoda, Kevin Schoonover, Margaret Sherrod, Danny Tompkins
- Boat Operator Certification program initiated

Administrative Department, Lt/C Lisa Herndon:

- GICW Cruise
- 8 themed raft-ups
- Fall Leaf Cruise
- Mark boats for Parade of Lights
- Chili/Crock pot Cook-off
- Seafarer's Ball

Secretary's Department, Lt/C Stephen Hendrix:

- 8 issues of the *Waterlog*
- 7th consecutive "Distinction in Journalism" award
- Introduced Calling Post for immediate mass communication
- Created Facebook and Twitter accounts for ASPS

Treasurer's Department, Lt/C Margaret Haas:

- Net operating surplus of \$1,020.79 on total receipts of \$19,239.83 and total expenditures of \$18,219.04
- Introduced Headquarters Anniversary Billing

Commander's Report, Cdr Carol Jordan:

- Continued initiatives to build bridges to other boating organizations
- Emphasized Marketing initiatives to raised awareness of ASPS and its mission
- Enhanced communications through weekly DR e-mails and website updates
- Expanded community service initiatives
- Emphasized "Safe! Smart! Fun!" theme in all activities

Audit Committee Chair Jonathan Blackwood presented the official audit of the financial accounting for the past year.

Treasurer Margaret Haas presented the proposed budget on behalf of the Finance Committee. The budget was adopted by the members.

P/C David Herndon presented the slate of nominees for the Bridge, Executive Committee and Standing Committees. Those nominees are:

Bridge

Commander—Kevin Schoonover, SN
Executive Officer—Lisa Herndon, AP
Education Officer—Patricia Price, JN
Administrative Officer—Douglas Watson
Secretary—Barbara Tyson, S
Treasurer—Margaret Haas, P

Executive Committee

Bridge Officers listed above plus the following: Dennis Abell, T. J. Convery, Charles Cox, Brian Jernigan, Marla Hendrix, P/C Carol Jordan, Sheryl LaBoda, Michael Litke, Aaron Smith

Standing Committees

Rules Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committees :

P/C Frank Taylor
P/C David Herndon
P/C Carol Jordan

Audit Committee: Jonathan Blackwood

These nominations were elected by acclamation.

Two nominations from the floor were presented and also elected by unanimous vote:

Assistant Treasurer—Dennis Abell
Assistant Secretary—Jeffrey Batson

CALVARY CHILDREN'S HOME ACKNOWLEDGES ASPS MEMBERS' SUPPORT

The Squadron received the following letter, dated December 31, 2009:

Dear Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron:

The holidays were such a special time at Calvary Children's Home, and we thank you so much for remembering the children with the Christmas gift cards. Your involvement allows us to continue providing a home and encouragement to these children who long to know that someone cares.

In an ever changing world, it is a source of encouragement and security to the staff and children to know that they have those, who in the busy-ness of this life, stop and take time to remember them. The Lord has asked us to take care of the orphaned and we are so thankful that you are obedient to His command of love for those who reside here.

May the year of 2010 be one of the Lord's greatest blessings to you and yours. Always know that our doors are open to you.

With much gratitude,

(signed) C. Snyder Turner

Mr. Turner added this handwritten postscript:

Thanks again for your thoughtful and very generous friendship to our children. We are honored by your kindness.



Commander-elect Kevin Schoonover, who recently achieved the grade of SN



The children of Calvary Children's Home

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A VICTORY IN THE WATER WARS

On January 20, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit denied a motion by Florida and Alabama to dismiss Georgia's appeals of Judge Magnuson's July ruling.

Vicki Barnhorst of the Lake Lanier Association comments: "This is a significant victory for everyone in Georgia, and gives us an opportunity to restore water supply as a Congressionally-intended benefit of Lake Lanier. The Association will continue to fight to protect all our members' interests in Georgia's Great Lake."

ASPS AT 2010 ATLANTA BOAT SHOW



Dave Herndon, I., and Glenn LaBoda at the ASPS booth at the

The annual Atlanta Boat Show took place at the Georgia World Congress Center January 13-17. ASPS's booth had a new look with an eye-catching backdrop borrowed from National.

The show was smaller than in past years with no houseboats, no large sailboats and only a handful of large cruisers on display. Nevertheless, attendance was fairly good, especially on Saturday and Sunday.

The Squadron offered a chance to win a new *Chapman's Piloting* or an inflatable life vest as

an incentive for show-goers to sign up to receive information on upcoming boating classes. Nearly 200 people signed up.

D-17 SPRING CONFERENCE ABOARD THE DELTA QUEEN

An apt venue is being planned for the District 17 Spring Conference—on board the riverboat *Delta Queen* in Chattanooga. The dates are March 19-21.

Thirty-five rooms have been reserved at a cost of \$80.90 per night, including tax. The rooms are more like cabins on a cruise ship than a hotel; they are very small with a tiny toilet/shower. There is a choice of rooms that open onto the outside deck, or rooms that open onto our own semi-private sitting area where there will be a the hospitality suite on Friday Night.

For more information about the boat, visit the *Delta Queen* web site is www.deltaqueenhotel.com.

Arrangements for dockage nearby at "very reasonable" prices will be available for those that would like to come by boat.



GET READY TO CRUISE!

The annual ICW cruise is fast approaching. This year's event will begin on Saturday, May 15, and will cover the ICW between Beaufort and Georgetown, SC. The itinerary is as follows:

Sat, May 15: Captains and essential crew put in at Bennetts Point and cruise south to Beaufort. Non-essential crew meet the fleet at Beaufort Downtown Marina.

Sun, May 16: Cruise to Charleston City Marina. If weather and sea conditions permit, a portion of this leg will go offshore from St. Helena Sound, head north past Edisto Island and come back in at the North Edisto River, rejoining the ICW where the North Edisto meets the Dawho River.

Mon, May 17: Cruise to Georgetown Landing Marina.

Tue, May 18: Cruise the scenic Waccamaw River and return to Georgetown, or sight-seeing in Georgetown.

Wed, May 19: Return to Charleston City Marina.

Thu, May 20: Cruise Charleston Harbor or the local rivers, tour Charleston, or just relax on the docks.

Fri, May 21: Return to Beaufort

Sat, May 22: Captains and essential crew return to Bennetts Point.

Hotel accommodations are available near the marinas at each stop along the way.

A planning meeting will be held Sunday, March 7, at 3:00 pm at the University Yacht Club Beach House. Details will be available at that meeting.

All who are interested in participating should contact David Herndon at your earliest convenience—especially if you plan to take a boat—and plan to attend the March 7 meeting.

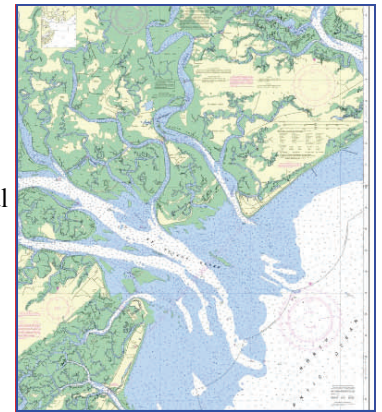
See you on the water!

JAKE TODD CROSSES THE BAR



Jake Todd dances with the women of ASPS at the Seafarers' Ball on Dec 10, 2009

P/Lt/C Jake Todd, 89, of Decatur crossed the bar on Monday, February 22, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Faith Graddy Todd. Mr. Todd is survived by his daughter, Susan Todd of Ellicott City, MD; brother, Joseph Owen Todd of Columbus, GA. Jake was recognized for attaining Life Membership at the Change of Watch on February 21, commemorating his 25 years as a Power Squadron member.



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ASPS CELEBRATES 57TH CHANGE OF WATCH

About fifty members watched as ASPS's 57th Commander and Bridge took their oaths of office on Sunday, February 21. District Executive Officer and ASPS Past Commander Jeff Wise brought the Chief Commander's message and administered the oath to Commander-elect Kevin Schoonover. Cdr Schoonover, in turn, swore in his new Bridge comprised of Lt/C's Lisa Herndon, Executive Officer; Patti Price, Education Officer; Doug Watson, Administrative Officer; Barbara Tyson, Secretary; and Meg Haas, Treasurer. First Lieutenants Jeff Batson, Assistant Secretary, and Dennis Abell, Assistant Treasurer, were not able to attend.

Special guests Commander Mary Larsen, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Commodore Tom Beachem of the Barefoot Sailing Club brought best wishes from their organizations.

Prior to the traditional practice of having the 2009 Bridge Officers vacate the Bridge followed by the swearing-in of the 2010 Officers, P/C Carol Jordan presided over the meeting, which opened with the presentation of the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance led by F/Lt T. J. Convery, and the national anthem sung by Lt/C Lisa Herndon.

Carol presented several awards and recognitions. Among them were:

USPS Educational Proficiency Awards, awarded to member who have completed three or more Advanced Grade courses and three or more elective courses: Tom Haas, David Herndon, Sheryl LaBoda,

USPS Senior Member Awards, awarded to members who have achieved five or more Merit Marks: Glenn LaBoda, David Herndon, Carol Jordan, and Jim Jordan

25-Year Member Recognition to Jake Todd

Senior Navigator Recognition, awarded to members who have a "full certificate"; i.e., have completed all Advanced Grade and Elective courses: Kevin Schoonover, Glenn LaBoda, Danny Tompkins, Margaret Sherrod

Commander's Helm Award, presented throughout the year to members who have stepped up to take the helm in service to the squadron: Membership Chair Sheryl LaBoda in recognition of the 37 new members who joined in 2009.

The Nelle B. Moon Member Involvement Award is presented annually to a member of the Squadron who has distinguished him- or herself in service to the squadron while not a member of the Bridge or the Executive Committee. The recipient is determined by the Executive Committee. The award is in honor of P/C Nelle B. Moon who served as the first female Commander of ASPS in 1988. P/C Moon was intensely dedicated to developing and furthering the goals of the United States Power Squadron. The Nelle Moon Award for 2009 was presented to Tim Tyson in recognition of his selfless and dedicated service to the Squadron in numerous areas.

The Commander's Award is given annually at the discretion of the outgoing Commander to recognize an individual for contributions and service to the Squadron. P/C Jordan presented the 2009 Commander's Award to First Gentleman Jim Jordan for his support, assistance and service during her tenure as Commander.

P/C Dave Herndon presented the Bent Prop Award. This award is to recognize a member of the Squadron who, as captain of his or her vessel, had the most notable on-the-water experience for which he or she might like a "do over." The 2009 Bent Prop Award went to Mike Schneider for his uncompromising and aggressive approach to fuel utilization when on Squadron cruises.

Cdr Schoonover opened his remarks with the statement, "Hi! My name is Kevin and I'm a boat-a-holic." Kevin encouraged the Squadron to continual to build on the traditions and high standards of the Squadron while adapting to emerging opportunities and challenges. He will continue to stress the "Safe! Smart! Fun!" theme, while placing additional emphasis on his "M&M", or Marketing and Membership, program. As a memory jogger, he left small bags of M&M's at every table.

Following his remarks, Cdr Schoonover asked that the colors be retired. Lt/C Herndon performed "God Bless America" as the flags were retired, and the meeting was adjourned.

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SCENES FROM CHANGE OF WATCH



L to r: New SN Glenn LaBoda and new Squadron Secretary Barbara Tyson chat with new member Sandy Robinson



A scene from the West Wing circa 1974? Actually it's Cdr-elect Schoonover getting advice from D/Lt/C Jeff Wise and P/D/C Norm Oien



Sheryl LaBoda receives P/C Jordan's Helm Award for outstanding work as Membership Chair



Cdr Jordan presents the Nelle B. Moon Award to Lt Tim Tyson



Above: Cdr Schoonover receives the Commander's flag from D/Lt/C Wise.

Below: P/C Jordan receives her Past Commander's flag.



Lt Jim Jordan the proud recipient of the Commander's Award



L. to r.: XO-elect Lisa Herndon, Barefoot Sailing Club Commodore Tom Beachem, USCGA Commodore Mary Larsen



Life on the Water

THE END OF THE ROAD FOR LORAN

(Excerpted from an article by the same title in Power & Motoryacht magazine, February 2010)

Loran-C is dead. According to Section 559 of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010, "...none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be available to operate the Loran-C signal after January 4, 2010." *{Editors note: the official shut-down date is 2000 UTC on February 8, 2010.}*

The decision comes as a blow to Loran enthusiasts who argue that the combined effects of accidental interference, international jamming, and naturally occurring disruptions of the Earth's upper atmosphere make failures of satellite navigation systems inevitable. They argue that a land-based backup system is essential. Loran was the obvious candidate, and an upgraded and updated version called "e-Loran" would be even better.

Worries that the existing GPS satellites might start failing faster than replacements could be launched added weight to their argument, especially since \$160 million has been spent to replace some of the 1950's-era Loran transmitters with computer-controlled, solid-state equipment as part of the transition to e-Loran. Some say the conversion is 70 percent complete and that it costs as much or more to decommission the system as it would to finish the job.

There are plenty of arguments in favor of completing the transition to e-Loran. The transmitters are based on Earth and their transmit power is hundreds of kilowatts per transmitter—compared to 50 watts from each GPS satellite—which makes it difficult for anyone to jam their signals. In addition, Loran's low frequency signals make the system good for use among tall buildings, under trees, indoors and in tunnels. For marine navigators, ground-based transmitters make possible radio compasses that are immune to variation and deviation at a fraction of the cost of GPS compasses or gyros.

The greatest drawback of Loran isn't the cost: the whole Loran system could be upgraded to e-Loran for less than the cost of a single GPS satellite. A whole generation of navigators has now grown up with the idea that positional accuracy within a few yards is normal, which makes a system like Loran, whose accuracy is usually assumed to be about a quarter of a mile, seem pointless.

Subsection (b) of Section 559 gives the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Secretary of Homeland Security the option of vetoing the shut-down, but the reality is that the President's signature puts an end to months of political wrangling.

LORAN (LONG RANGE Navigation) is a terrestrial radio navigation system using low frequency radio transmitters that uses multiple transmitters ([multilateration](#)) to determine the location and speed of the receiver. The current version of LORAN in common use is LORAN-C, which operates in the low frequency portion of the electromagnetic spectrum from 90 to 110 kHz. Many nations are users of the system, including the United States, Japan, and several European countries.

U. S. NAVY'S NEW PIRATE CATCHER

From sbynews.blogspot.com/2009/.../navys-new-pirate-catcher.html



Meet the *USS Independence* (LCS-2). Built by General Dynamics, it's called a "littoral combat ship" (LCS), and the tri-maran can move huge weapons around faster than any ship in the Navy. Ironic that with all that high tech built in, the ship reminds us of the *Merrimac* ironclad from Civil War days. "Littoral" means close to shore, and that's where these fleet-hulled vessels will operate, tailor-made for launching helicopters and armored vehicles, sweeping mines and firing all manner of torpedoes, missiles and machine guns.

These ships were designed to be relatively inexpensive. This one's a bargain at \$208 million and the Navy plans to build 55 of them. This tri-maran is the first of the new fire-breathing breed, ready to scoot out of dry dock at a rumored 60 knots.. It's like a speedy and heavily-armed aircraft carrier for helicopters.

THE PERFECT RAFT-UP BOAT?



Source: http://www.boattest.com/Resources/archived_news.aspx

From the Bridge



THE 2010 BRIDGE SQUADRON OFFICERS

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Secretary	Barbara Tyson	secretary@usps-atlanta.org
Treasurer	Margaret Haas	treasurer@usps-atlanta.org
Asst Secretary	Jeff Batson	
Asst Treasurer	Dennis Abell	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Cdr Kevin Schoonover, Chairman
 Lt/C Lisa Herndon, Vice Chairman

Dennis Abell	T. J. Convery	Charlie Cox
Margaret Haas	Marla Hendrix	Brian Jernigan
Carol Jordan	Sheryl LaBoda	Michael Litke
Patti Price	Aaron Smith	Barbara Tyson
Doug Watson		



Cdr Kevin Schoonover



Lt/C Lisa Herndon
Executive Officer



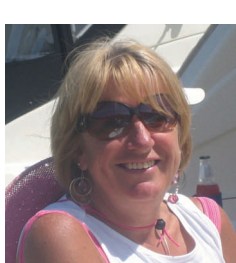
Lt/C Patti Price
Education Officer



Lt/C Doug Watson
Administrative Officer



Lt/C Barbara Tyson
Secretary



Lt/C Margaret Haas
Treasurer

TIM TYSON TAKES OVER AS WATERLOG EDITOR



Tim Tyson carrying the banner for ASPS in the Peachtree Road Race

Effective with the next issue of the *Waterlog*, Tim Tyson will take over as editor. Lisa and David Herndon have served as editors since 2003. During their tenure the *Waterlog* received the national “Distinction in Journalism” award six consecutive years. They are “retiring” to focus on other responsibilities in the Squadron.

Tim has served the Squadron selflessly for many years, most often in the background working to facilitate events and operations and ensure they come off smoothly. In recognition of the service he has rendered, Tim received the Nelle B. Moon Member Involvement Award for 2009.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF ASPS? YOU WILL!

By Lisa Herndon, Executive Officer

The Executive department is responsible for the external relations of the organization, promoting the name and face of the squadron to the community. As part of our new Commander’s emphasis on “M&M”s”, we will emphasize marketing and the programs that reach out for new members. Chairpersons for 2010 are:

- Glenn LaBoda, Boat Shows
- Charlie Cox, Safety Officer
- David Herndon, Marketing
- Brian Jernigan, Vessel Safety Checks
- Lisa Beers, Public Relations
- Marla Hendrix, Facebook
- Ed Troncalli, Ambassador Program

The Ambassador program is a more formalized approach to extend the “Building Bridges” emphasis that the squadron launched a few

years ago. More details will be provided in upcoming issues as the program takes shape, but this will be a way for everyone to get involved and spend a few hours towards Merit Marks while promoting the Squadron. We will be recruiting Squadron Ambassadors to build and maintain a relationship with a particular marina, boat dealer, boat store or boating organization. The Ambassador will organize resources for speakers, seminars and VSC’s at these organizations. Please contact Ed Troncalli or Lisa Herndon if you’re interested in participating in being an Ambassador.

??? FEBRUARY PUZZLER ???

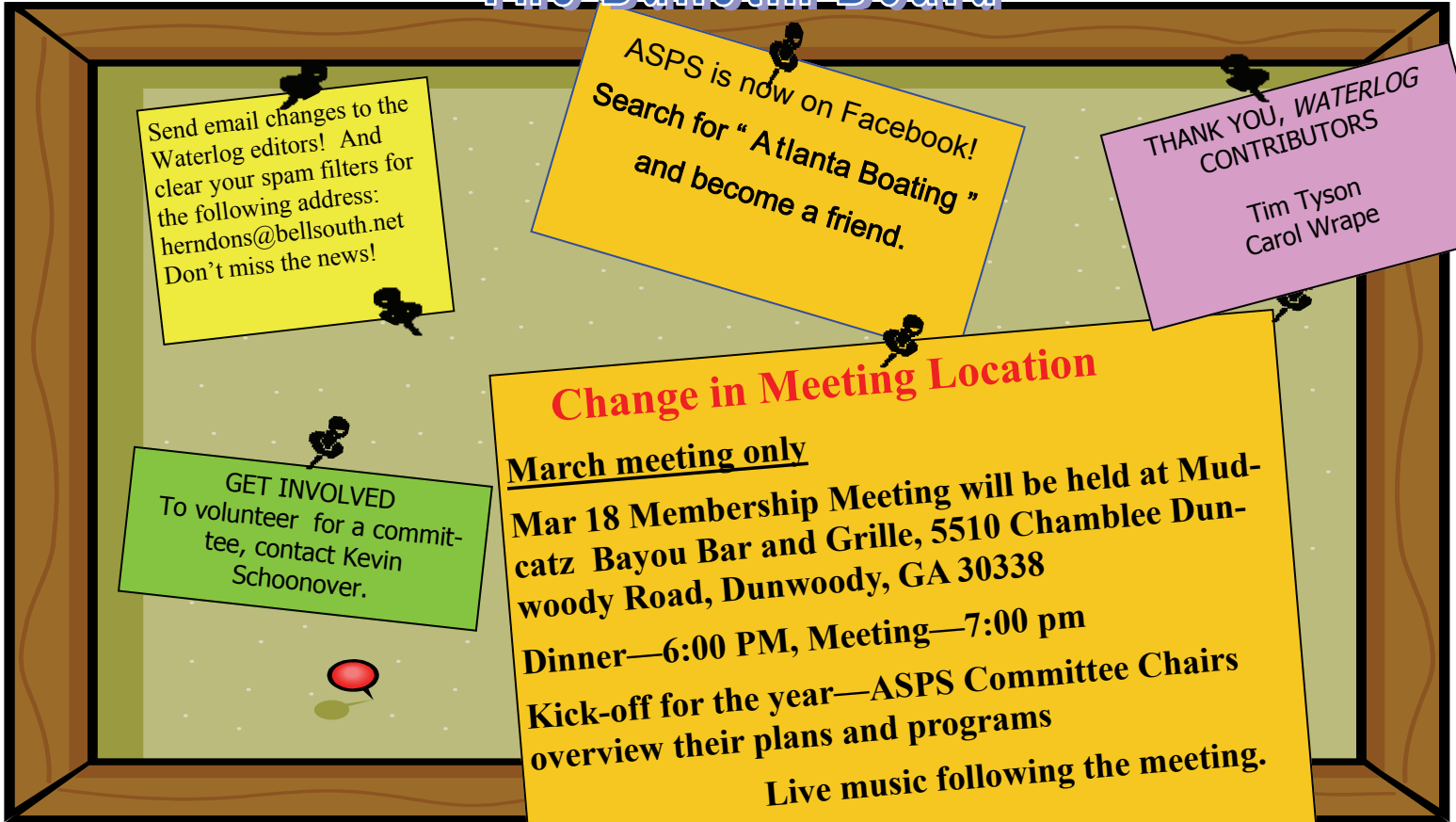
The Squadron Social Committee is planning a special dinner to honor the new Bridge. They purchase 13 bottles of excellent wine to be served with the meal. Two days before the event the Committee receives a phone call from the winery that one—and only one—of the bottles is bad, so bad that anyone who drinks from it will be dead in 24 hours. The committee doesn’t have the budget to buy 13 more bottles. One of the committee members is a lab researcher. He runs to the office and returns with 4 lab rats. The Chairman says, “We have 13 bottles of wine to test and you only have 4 rats. How is this going to work?” The researcher replied, “Don’t worry. It’ll work perfectly” How did he do it?

??? DECEMBER PUZZLER Answer???

While waiting to check out at the grocery store, Barry noticed a man and a small boy checking out ahead of him. Although Barry had no conversation or other interaction with the man and boy or anyone else, he immediately called the police. Why did he do this? Hint: this could not have happened 30 years ago.

Ans: The man ahead of Barry was buying a half gallon of milk. Barry astutely noticed that the carton had a “Have You Seen This Child?” picture on the side, and the picture was that of the little boy.

The Bulletin Board



Send email changes to the Waterlog editors! And clear your spam filters for the following address: herndons@bellsouth.net Don't miss the news!

ASPS is now on Facebook! Search for "Atlanta Boating" and become a friend.

THANK YOU, WATERLOG CONTRIBUTORS
Tim Tyson
Carol Wrape

GET INVOLVED
To volunteer for a committee, contact Kevin Schoonover.

Change in Meeting Location
March meeting only
Mar 18 Membership Meeting will be held at Mudcatz Bayou Bar and Grille, 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338
Dinner—6:00 PM, Meeting—7:00 pm
Kick-off for the year—ASPS Committee Chairs overview their plans and programs
Live music following the meeting.

~ March 2010 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Executive Committee Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Members' Meeting	19 D-17 Conf, Chattanooga	20 D-17 Conf, Chattanooga
21 D-17 Conf, Chattanooga	22	23	24	25	26	27 Wine Tasting Raft-up
28	29	30	31			

~ April 2010 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Executive Committee Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Members' Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Raft-up
25	26	27	28	29	30	

ExComm location : ExComm Meetings are at Aldo's Restaurant at the intersection of Roswell Rd and Abernathy Dr.

General meeting location: March meeting only—Mudcatz, 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338

Usual location: Gordon Biersch (formerly Rock Bottom) located on Peachtree Road just south of Piedmont



AFTerthoughts

At the ASPS Annual Meeting in January 2003, Lisa and I found ourselves sitting near P/C Don Williams. During the meeting, outgoing Cdr Danny Tompkins noted that the current *Waterlog* editor, George Sargent, would be retiring soon as he was planning to move away from the area, and to date a replacement editor had not been identified.

We were relatively new members, excited about having recently gotten our boat on the lake, and equally excited about learning what the Squadron could teach us. I leaned over to Lisa and whispered something about this being an area in which we might be able to help out. Don overheard enough of that whisper to realize there might be a nibble on the line and he moved quickly to set the hook. Before Lisa had time to give me a dope slap or respond in any way, Don interrupted Danny to announce that we might have found someone interested in taking over the editorship.

The rest, as they say, is history.

After nearly seven years as editors of the *Waterlog*, this will be the final issue created by Lisa and me. The new editor is Tim Tyson, who has worked tirelessly for the Squadron behind the scenes in numerous capacities for several years.

It is with bittersweet feelings that we let go of the reins of this newsletter. It is a lot of work to create and format content for eight to ten issues each year, and we look forward to having some of that time back. At the same time, it has been good to have our fingers on the pulse of virtually every Squadron activity.

As fortune would have it, most of the time Lisa and I have been editing the *Waterlog*, we've also been progressing through the leadership chairs and education courses of ASPS. That, I think, has added an important perspective to our reporting, as well as an appreciation for the critical importance of effective communication.

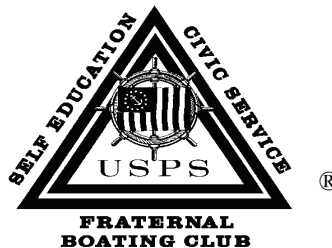
We made some changes to the looks and content of the *Waterlog*. One of our changes was to add this column, "AFTerthoughts". The intention was to have an essay at the end of each issue reflecting on something topical or simply providing a release for the ruminations of a boat addict. Looking over AFTerthoughts in past issues, it seems that I spend a lot of time thinking about how fortunate we are to be able to use our boats year-round in this area, as a substantial percentage of the columns pursued that theme.

Another common theme you might have recognized over the years focuses on the terrific friendships that are formed through a love of boating, but which have extended far beyond our initial common interest as we have shared in the triumphs, challenges and everyday events that life sends our way.

We look forward to the improvements Tim will make, and we stand ready to support him in his endeavors. You'll probably see one or the other of us with a by-line in future issues, and Lisa has no plans to stop photographing every occasion.

I hope you have enjoyed these meandering thoughts and perhaps occasionally gained a glimpse of a new insight. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this way. It has been a wonderful experience.

David and Lisa Herndon
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