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Commander's Message

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Administrative Officer

Ahoy! Commander Edwards is in Plumnelly. That is he is plum out of the staten and nelly out of the country so your Administrative Officer has accepted the challenge of filling his space in this issue of the PILOT.

For your information the Administrative Officer is the chap who has the squadron's internal affairs under him. That is to say he is the party animal in charge of social events and other such fun responsibilities.

So my message is to prepare to have fun. As a squadron we have been rather quiet of late. But in this issue you will read of the rendezvous (May 20) and the Boat Smart Course (during Safe Boating Week). Our SEO has already conducted a GPS course. So we are back!

What else is on the horizon??? Well, you tell me. What would you like to have on the horizon? An outing with the Rome Sail Club? We have that covered. That is scheduled July 8. We will have vessel safety inspections and a good time at the Rome Sail Club's

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Safe Boating Week - May 20-26

USPS has declared the week of May 20-26 as Safe Boating week and representatives of the Rome Squadron are invited to attend the May 15th meeting of the Rome City Commission to accept a Proclamation proclaiming it in Rome. Dennis Nordeman will coordinate squadron acceptance.

Boat Smart Course May 22, 23, 25

Dick Pease, AP
Education Officer

Boat Smart, USPS' 10-hour basic safe boating course, will be offered on three evenings during Safe Boating Week. It will be held at 7:00 at the Carnegie Building Training Room at 607 Broad Street. The building is the former Carnegie Library and parking is available in the rear or on the adjacent City Hall/Auditorium property. The training room is on the lower level and is accessible on the side facing City Hall. Squadron members are encouraged to attend and greet possible future members.

Jack Townes Passed Away

Captain Jack died May 9. No details are available at this time. Please remember his family in your prayers.

home on Weiss Reservoir.

How about a trip on the Southern Belle? A paddle wheel cruise on the Tennessee River can be a chance to get some good food, have a fun cruise and enjoy the sights of Chattanooga. Our own Executive Officer Robert Dekle is one of the Captains on that vessel so we are working with him to schedule this event some time in August.

September is open so far. October is always a lovely month to do some boating. We are always open to suggestions so contact any of the Bridge with your ideas. Our slate is very flexible.



Urban Riverfront Master Plan Meeting Scheduled

The River Development Committee will meet May 17th at 4:30 P.M. in the Sam King Room at City Hall to discuss the Master Plan for the Urban Riverfront. A new dock downtown is included in the proposal.

Rendez-vous at Lock & Dam Park on May 20th

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We are going to head down the Coosa to enjoy a day of fun and festivities at Mayo's Bar. All squadron members are invited and encouraged to attend. We are reverting to the old format of bring your own picnic and plan to share it with all the other squadron members. If everyone brings enough for their family then we should have enough for all to partake of a scrumptious feast. Of course, if you're not hankering to share, you could likely buy yourself some vittles at the lock and dam store. In any case, it is always fun to get together and kick off a new boating season.

For those who are energetic and wish to arrive in style we have some canoes available on a first come-first serve basis. A few of our intrepid members are planning to leave Ridge Ferry Park around 10 AM and canoe to the dam. ETA L&D 1 PM EDT so that is when lunch is planned. To reserve a canoe you MUST call Dennis Nordeman at 706.291.1734. Remember it is first called-first reserved.

Plan to be at this fun event that will be held at the picnic shelter in the primitive camping area of the park. Go by the park store and pay a \$2.00 access/parking fee and get directions to that location. Remember! Saturday 20 May at the Lock and Dam Park. We'll even make arrangements for tours of the Myra H if you wish. See you there!

Next bridge meeting will be 15 June at 1900 hours at Commander Edwards dining room table! 339 Mt. Alto Road.

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