

Shipmate

Newsletter of the Christian Boaters Association

"...and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water." Genesis 1:2b NASB

CBA CONFERENCE 2012



It was a blessing for us to host the CBA Conference this year at Epworth By the Sea on beautiful St. Simons Island, Georgia. We were also blessed by the attendance, sharing and music. Everyone was in agreement that our special guests, Dean Bye and Barry Brumer were a tremendous blessing. The sharing from various ministries who are part of CBA was both encouraging and challenging to all of us. A special thanks to our own Deb Gilson for her music ministry. We were also blessed to have Nancy Morgan share in music and help me (Annette) with the Worship.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and contributions in helping to make the 2012 Conference a joyous, inspiring one.

A Word from the President...

Acts 27:22 But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost.

I recently gave a sermon on this scripture and found some amazing facts and parallels to our lives. This whole story of Paul in the storm and the eventual shipwreck is fascinating as you dig into the details. There are over 50 nautical terms and phrases that are not found anywhere else in the bible. We sometimes can find that our lives are much like Paul. He was on a ship that he really didn't want to be on, and in a storm where all hope was lost. Often many people feel the same way at times.....on land or on the sea. But Paul heard a word from the Lord through the angel that spoke to him. "Do not be afraid", followed by considerable information: God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you, Not one of you will be lost, The ship will be destroyed, We must run aground on some island, You must stand trial before Caesar.

Now Paul recognized that the men were in constant suspense for the 14 days they had been driven along by this heavy northeaster. They had traveled 600 miles at a speed of 1.75 knots, off loaded almost all the weight that was on the ship, put ropes around it to keep it from coming apart, and worried that they might be blown on to the desolate coast of Africa where the probability of survival would have been very small. But even so, had the presence of good seamen to recognize they were getting into shallow water, put out anchors, and then pray! I'm thinking----how often are people in circumstances like this? Do we wait too long to pray? Do we recognize the subtle change of conditions in our lives in time to stop our forward motion and re-evaluate where we are? And do we take time to feed on the Word of God ----"you need it to survive"! After Paul gave thanks to God for the food, they were all encouraged. As daylight came they saw the beach where they expected to run the ship aground. Of course they were still anchored. Like many people, we need to cut our ties with the things that hold us back from moving forward, and Paul left the anchors in the sea as we should leave our past behind. They hoisted the foresail to get the ship moving----we need the wind of the Holy Spirit to move us along, but even so, we may get hung up on a sandbar so close to our destination. The dreams and plans that we often think will work can be broken up beneath us, but the best news yet, is that God will give you what it takes to make it to safety. So I encourage you today, if you are going through situations you didn't expect, encourage yourself in God's word, listen to His still small voice in the midst of your circumstances, and you will find He has a plan for your life that will bring Him glory.

Our conference in St Simon's Island was another good one. We enjoyed fellowship and many good reports from our members. Our 4 grandchildren, which we had with us, recently told their parents that they are looking forward to going to the conference next year in Ohio. They remembered Captain Chad's new "Frisbee life ring" and enjoyed selling coconuts and coral slabs!!!

Reports from many of our members indicate much activity all over the world. And here at home we are working on a 40 foot Trojan powerboat that has been donated to Blue Water Surrender, a ministry started by Ted and Gail Gordon. They recently returned from taking a sailboat load of donations to Guatemala and hope to sell this boat and buy another large catamaran like they sailed to Fiji a few years ago.

Also, I received an email from Jacob Connolly that he is interested in turning over the Victory, George and Karen Wood's old boat, to a ministry that can use it for God's purposes. Jacob and Ted Orem did quite a bit of work on her, and Jacob said that his personal plans had changed and he was looking for interested people to give it to. If anyone is interested, please contact Jacob or me. She is a 50 foot steel hull ketch rigged sailboat, 6 foot draft, 671 diesels needing interior finishing.

As usual, we would love to hear from our members and include you in our Shipmate. Please let us know where you are, what you are doing, and send in a photo----they speak thousands of words.

May the Lord's blessings be yours as you finish up the summer season. Hopefully we will be Hurricane free, but if not, seek Him and be encouraged-HE has the plan. God bless you.

Marlin Simon, *President*

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ELECTION 2012

Congratulations to David Chin, Ted Oren and Olie
Teeter..All were elected to serve a 3-yr term on
the CBA Board.

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WELCOME NEW

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Reverend Michael Bastin
San Remo Jetty

FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP
by Olie K Teeter

COMING SOON!!!!

CBA 2013 CONFERENCE
IN
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SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2013

DETAILS IN NEXT ISSUE!!!

LAST NIGHT AS I WAS COMING HOME THE MOON WAS A BRILLANT ORANGE SPHERE SHINING OVER THE HILLS AND MOUNTAINS. IT WAS ONE OF THOSE NIGHT THAT THE STILLNESS AND BEAUTY OF WHAT GOD HAD MADE OUT DID IT'S SELF WITH THE ORANGE MOON. AS I WAS LOOKING AT THIS THE THOUGHTS CAME TO ME HOW WE ALSO ARE TO REFLECT THE GLORY OF GOD. JUST AS THE MOON REFLECTS THE LIGHT OF THE SUN, HERE THE MOON WAS LIGHTING UP THE COUNTRY SIDE. GOD GAVE MAN THE AUTHORITY TO RULE OVER THE EARTH, GENESIS 1: 26 SO WE ALSO SHOULD BE RADIATING THE GLORY OF GOD THRU OUT THE EARTH.

JUST DAYS BEFORE I WAS SITTING IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE WHEN I PICKED UP THE BIBLE AND IT OPENED TO ISAIAH 60. NOW I AM NOT ONE FOR TESTING THE LORD BUT AS I STARTED READING IT SPOKE SO CLEARLY TO ME AS AN ANSWER TO PRAYERS I HAD PUT BEFORE THE LORD. NOW THIS IS SPEAKING OF ISRAEL AND DAYS TO COME BUT AS WE KNOW GOD CAN SPEAK TO US IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. IT SAYS; "ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD RISES UPON YOU."

GOD IS SAYING NOW IS THE TIME, STEP OUT AND SEE GOD WORK THROUGH YOU. "SEE, DARKNESS COVERS THE EARTH AND THICK DARKNESS IS OVER THE PEOPLE,"

WE CAN'T READ THE NEWSPAPER OR WATCH TV WITHOUT SEEING THE DARKNESS THAT IS UPON THE EARTH, IT'S EVERYWHERE! IN OUR OWN NATION WE SEE A DARKNESS IN SO MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE BLINDED BY WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE SIN THAT IS SO PREVELANT WITHIN OUR BORDERS.

"BUT THE LORD RISES UPON YOU AND HIS GLORY APPEARS OVER THE PEOPLE." GOD IS GOING TO DO THIS! "NATIONS WILL COME TO YOUR LIGHT, AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR DAWN."

YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO BANG ON DOORS, PEOPLE WILL SEE HOW YOU LIVE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BRING THEM TO YOU! PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR THE LORD COMES!

Dear Shipmates,

We hate to miss seeing you all in Savannah, but we're taking BITTERSWEET north to Alaska in April. Ketchikan is where we bought the boat, in 1999. The inside passage in February was beautiful cruising between storms, but we were the only boat out there! When our transmission gave out, and sailing was impossible, we had to get a tow behind a tug and three barges to an abandoned cannery to make repairs.

That year we had no idea why the Lord wanted to take us away from our church and business in Friday Harbor, WA, and tell us to get a sailboat and get it ready. Now we're in the same boat, so to speak. The Lord brought us back from eight years of maritime consulting work in the South Pacific for Wycliffe Bible Translators, to the Pacific Northwest, and told us to get the boat ready. For what, we don't know. But if we're willing and obedient, He'll give us the good of the land.

Please send prayers for direction, and introductions to CBA sailors along the route north.

In His Service,

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From Turkey to North Cyprus

With great joy we entered Karpaz Gate Marina , North Cyprus, Saturday 17:50 (the 11th August) About 10 hours after leaving our anchorage in Bogsak, near Tasucu, Turkey....and what a triumph for the Lord that we serve!!



KNEE-MAIL

Please continue to pray for John Sasser. John had open heart surgery on July 24th and was scheduled to begin rehabilitation on August 24th for a period of twelve (12) weeks. Please pray for a complete recovery.

Please pray for a friend of Ted Orem, Tammy, who recently had thyroid surgery. During surgery cancer was found. Her husband, Steve, is in Hospice Care.

Additionally, please pray for a 14 year-old girl by the name of Abbie. Ted Orem met this young lady and she is having medical problems and currently weighs 300 pounds. Ted prayed for her and asked for healing so that her body begins to work correctly. Please lift up this young person for healing.

Please pray for Chad Grubb's wife, Ellie, who recently experienced a heart attack. She is currently back at home and is awaiting follow-up with her family doctor. Please pray for her recovery.

Please pray also for all of the unspoken needs of our CBA members, family, and friends.

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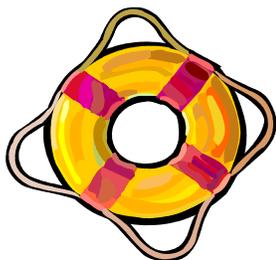
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From the Sea Chest (The Log Book)

On a recent sailing trip aboard the Brig Niagara, I was assigned to the duties of the yeoman. A part of the yeoman's duties is to record and maintain an accurate log of the crew's response to the orders issued by the captain. Normal activities were written in black ink, but all safety drills had to be recorded in red ink. Such record keeping is an excellent way to aid in the evaluation of a crew's overall strength as well as being a source for historical reference. One can later retrieve the log and review what exactly took place and pass judgment on the team's effectiveness.

It is also a gentle reminder that as Christians, our activities are also being recorded for a future review. Our Savior LORD is keeping a logbook on His crew as to how we are carrying out His orders. Let us always strive to do our best so that at our reward judgment we will have a favorable review and will hear "well done my good and faithful child"



HEY CAPTAIN

Hey Captain, is it a good idea to install an Automatic Identification System (AIS) on my pleasure craft?

Some would say no because they don't feel like anyone needs to know their location. They want to just get away. But there are times when AIS can add to the safety of your crew and your boat. Keep in mind as you read the following information that you can get an AIS that is receive only which almost like running an AIS application on your cell phone or you can get a unit that transmits your information and receives information from other craft, primarily commercial vessels.

AIS is nice for my crew because each target is a black triangle that doesn't require any interpretation like radar does. AIS runs a calculation to determine which targets might be a hazard. Each hazard initiates an alarm and starts the black triangle blinking. I set basic parameters for the hazard determination. If the hazards become too numerous, like they did for us in NY harbor, you can turn the audible alarm off.

AIS can locate targets well over 15 miles away. AIS can also "see" around islands, buildings and curves in a river. Radar can only "see" in line of sight. As I found out it is nice to know when you come around an island if 5 cargo ships are anchored on the other side. It is also nice to know if a NYC ferry is moving behind a building that sticks out into the Hudson River.

When the weather or darkness closes in AIS not only alerts you that a commercial is in the area, it tells you the size speed and direction that the vessel is travelling. You even know if it is tug so you can be ready to watch for a barge. That is a lot better than just seeing lights or a blip on a screen.

If you are just interested in information on other marine traffic AIS can be very entertaining. AIS has pictures, dimensions, vessel name, country of origin and other interesting information. When TWOCAN was in the Chesapeake Bay we saw an odd navy ship. AIS said it was from Canada. We saw a square rigger that AIS said was the Bounty. People were waiting to see a fleet of tall ships coming down river from Baltimore inner harbor. We knew they had a long wait because AIS didn't show any tall ship coming down the river.

The above is all information that AIS receives but is it worth it to have a unit that transmits? Communicating your float plan is always a good idea. Having said that an AIS application will let our family know where we are any time they want to know. In the very unlikely event that someone takes my boat, I will know where it is as soon as they turn the instruments on. The information would be on my cell phone. The best reason to transmit is to alert other commercial vessels who you are and what you are doing. Going into Baltimore we were in front of a huge car transport vessel in the channel. He called on the marine radio using my boat name. I assured him that I was out of the channel and it would be clear at the next red buoy. The communication was very clear and brief because he had my boat name and position right on his screen.

NEW CBA POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE

CBA has partnered with JP Good Company in Ashland, OH to supply members with CBA polo shirts in numerous colors. The EZ Cotton Pique Polo has an anti-curl collar and resists pilling, fading, wrinkling, and shrinking with ease! The CBA logo is embroidered on the left chest. The colors available for shirts are: Oyster, Yellow, Orange, Red, Maroon, Green Oasis, Emerald Green, Moonlight Blue, Royal, Navy, Iron Gray, Brown, or Black. Available sizes include: XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL-4XL-5XL-6XL.

Costs for the shirts are as follows: XS thru XL is \$25.00. Add \$3.00 for 2XL, \$4.00 for 3XL, \$6.00 for 4XL, \$8.00 for 5XL and \$10.00 for 6XL. Shipping is \$5.50 for Priority Mail for up to 3 shirts. Allow 2 weeks for delivery. These shirts were previewed at the CBA Conference and they are really nice!! So order soon!!

Orders are to be placed with: **Jeff @ JP Good Company; 106 E. Main Street, Ashland, OH 44805; phone: (419) 207-8484; website: www.jpgood.com. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Jeff at jpgoodco@gmail.com.**

Also, don't forget about the other wonderful items CBA has available including the CBA Flag, T-Shirt, Sweat Shirt, Baseball Cap, Crusher Style Hat, or License Tags. If interested in any of these items please contact **Earlene Nelson at (305) 852-4799**.