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This months Nautical News features - *Spring District 8 meeting brings many rewards to VBPS, Save the Lagoon chugs along, a new chapter in the Poster Contest, a new feature "Salty Tales" is introduced, 11 new members and our Bridge reports.* ~ Cmdr. W. Miller



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Spring District 8 Rendezvous

Happy Anniversary to District 8 of the U.S.P.S.

2014 marks the 75th anniversary of District 8 of the United States Power Squadron. It was in 1930 that Miami and St Petersburg became the first two charters in Florida. From 1944 through 1955, seventeen other Florida Power Squadrons were chartered and became part of District 8, covering from northern to southern Florida and across the state from the East to the West Coast. It was in 1956 that Vero Beach Power Squadron chartered along with three others. At the fall conference in 1956, a redistricting committee proposed a plan to divide District 8 into three districts. That plan was approved at the Spring Conference in Ft Lauderdale in 1957.



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From 1958 through 1971, seven more Power squadrons were chartered into District 8. Through 2012, there were several changes to District 8 as some Squadrons changed their name, disbanded or merged.

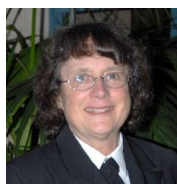
The current District 8 is comprised of:

- * Biscayne Bay
- * Coral Ridge
- * Ft Lauderdale
- * Hollywood
- * Homestead
- * Key West
- * Marathon
- * Miami
- * Palm Beach
- * Pompano Beach
- * Port St Lucie
- * St Lucie river
- * Sebastian Inlet
- * Vero Beach

John E. Burks, N was the first District 8 commander in 1938.

District 8 has a district song that was adopted at the Spring Conference in 1958. "Hats off to U.S.P.S.",

From our District 8 Commander



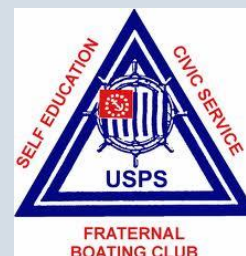
Commander
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On the 75 Year Anniversary of District 8 - Some of you know that USPS is celebrating 100 years this year. Some of you know that District 8 is celebrating 75 years this year. The district has had the Change of Watch and we have a new bridge. That was the beginning of the celebration. The 75th Anniversary celebration will take place at the District 8 Fall Conference, September 26-28 at the Marriott at Boca Center. This is a special occasion and we hope all will help make this a big affair by joining us. See you there! Event information is on <http://www.uspsd8.org/>. Stay tuned with other district members on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/USPS-District-8/225852064137919>

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- National Communications Committee Award 2013 - VBPS Web Site
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- Distinguished Service Award - VBPS
- Boating Safety Educator of the Year for Florida by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission - Dan Thomas

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VBPS Events

- 3rd Place Vessel Safety Check Award - VBPS
- Proud Bob Scully & Scrapbook
- National Communications Committee Award 2013 - VBPS Web Site
- Charles F. Chapman Scrapbook Award - VBPS - Sue Hamel
- Certificate of Appreciation for Service - Dan Thomas
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Save the Lagoon - Toby Jarman

SAVE THE LAGOON COMMITTEE UPDATE

May and early June were busy months for the Save The Lagoon Committee. In line with our strategy of getting other people, particularly students, involved in our activities:

- High school student George Katilus organized, via Facebook and Twitter, oyster mat assembly at the Squadron building by 35 local high and middle school students. Almost 100 mats were completed. Thanks to the following VBPS members who helped train the students: Marg Kiefer, Sandee Dawdy, Patty Ashby, Judy Lott, and Jo Ann Jarman.
- Twenty-one St. Edwards Lower School students assembled about 50 oyster mats at their school as part of Lagoon Day. Thanks to the following VBPS trainers, photographer, and transportation specialist: Roger & Linda Hutchinson, Cathy Ceglady, Jo Ann Jarman, George Schieber, and Marty Pegelow.
- VBPS members trained 42 Boys & Girls Club staff at "Train the Trainers" session. The staff represented Vero Beach, Sebastian and Fellsmere Boys & Girls Clubs which collectively plan to assemble 600-650 mats by the children as summer projects. Thanks to the following VBPS trainers & transportation specialist: Larry & Marg Kiefer, Roger & Linda Hutchinson, Ken & Mary Hill, Cathy Ceglady, Jo Ann Jarman and Warren Miller
- Jo Ann and Toby Jarman trained 5 Gifford Youth Activity Center staff at a "Train the Trainers" session. The Center estimates their young people will complete between 200-300 mats.
- We made presentations to the Cache Cay Home Owners Association and the Seagrove East Women's Club, inviting them to assemble mats. We are truly grateful for the Women's Club donation of \$200.00 to the VBPS Save the Lagoon Committee.
- Toby Jarman and Vero Beach Sunrise Rotary Club Past President, Paul Dritenbas, made presentations to the Sebastian Natural Resources Board and the full City Council encouraging them to start their own oyster mat project.



Joe Troiano and Toby Jarman made a presentation at the new Friends of Spoil Islands Board meeting on June 11 where we officially requested a spoil island to adopt. The Board requested that we join the new organization as a non-profit organization member which will require VBPS Executive Committee approval. Please join the Save the Lagoon Committee, the Paddle Group and



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Beach Up folks in the VBPS-wide support of the 7th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup on July 26, 2014 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information on where to meet will be sent later to all VBPS members.

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Commander
- Cdr Warren Miller, AP



**Dear Vero Beach Power Squadron Members Associates
and Friends**

Here we sit as the dog days of summer approach. Lots of things have happened in the first six months of 2014. Our new bridge is adjusting to the demands of command. It's always a concern how everyone will do, but as you can see they are doing a wonderful job.



The committees under Executive Officer L/C Robert Sheridan AP have done a superb job. Co-Op Charting is leading the way in District 8. The Save the Lagoon Committee is in the local papers on a regular basis. Great job to Toby and his tireless crew. And how can we forget our public relations committee for the tireless work they do to keep us relevant in the local news.

Our Administrative Officer L/C Mary Wohlstein S has done a wonderful job hosting some of the best dinners we have had at the Squadron. Her tireless work keeping track of all our groups and events needs to be commended. We have something going on every week; it has forced me to keep a calendar on my phone. Let's hear it for smart phones.

P/C Al Ebstein SN our Squadron Education Officer has taken the Education department to a new place ,we now have many new short seminars on many new boating topics. Please check your Emails' and Nautical News for all scheduled lectures ,seminars, and regular classes. As we get older learning something is a great way to keep your mind young.

Two people who always get forgotten are our Secretary Lt. Sue Hamel P, and Treasurer L/C Sue Ritchardson S. It's hard to imagine what Vero Beach Power Squadron would be without them. So next time you see them please extend your hand and say thank-you.

At D8 Spring Conference we did a good receiving National Communications Committee awards for Nautical News and our Web Site. We also received the Doing It Right award, Honorable Mention Distinguished Civic Service award, VSC Achievement award (131exams), which also placed us third in District. We received Educational Certificate of Merritt. Lt/C Sue Hamel got us first Place in the Charles F. Chapman Scrapbook Contest, which will now go on to National for judging. P/C Dan Thomas is D8 Florida Educator of the Year, where he now goes onto National. Hopefully I will see many of you there at Fall Conference. We always have a great time there.

I know many of you are coming to Hutchinson Island Marriott for the D8 Summer Rendezvous, even if you are not spending the night you can still come for Friday night hospitality, or spend the day it's a short ride by car or boat.

Again I hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer.

Cmdr. Warren Miller AP

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Executive Officer
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Lt/C Robert Sheridan, AP



Greetings to all

The half way mark in this year and we are still moving forward at a rapid pace. I could write pages on what is being accomplished by our Executive Committee members but I would ask that the membership read the General Membership Minutes to get the detailed information as it is reported.



In short, I would just say that Toby Jarman and his "Save the Lagoon Committee" have really progressed in the promotion of the Oyster Mats. He and his group have several schools involved, Youth centers, Boys and Girls Club, and they have been giving lectures and demonstrations throughout the Treasure Coast; Fantastic job.

This activity, and others, and thanks to the efforts of Susan Hamel we have experienced a tremendous surge in public relations exposure and good things being said about the Vero Beach Power Squadron.

The remainder of our group is moving on with their various activities and everything is looking great. A reminder that the Treasure Coast Cleanup is coming soon and we will be having an ice cream social on the 4th of July and to watch the fireworks.

Just a reminder there will be no meeting in July and I hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

As always, Vero Beach Proud!

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Educational Officer - Lt/Cdr (P/C) Alan R. Ebstein, SN



SEO REPORT

Our next ABC class is scheduled for July 12th. Those of you that have not taken this one day class, please consider taking it as it is the basis for all other classes offered by the Squadron.



Convince your neighbors to take it as well.

During the Summer months, your Education Dept. regroups and plans for the start of our Fall class schedule.

This Summer, we will be offering two free Educational Seminars. A Docking seminar is offered on June 26th at 7pm and a Locking seminar on July 17th at 7pm.

Both of these seminars will be conducted by Captain Chris Caldwell. Come on out and bring a guest with you.

Look for an e-mail announcement and register for these seminars. Seating is limited so registration is crucial. Have an enjoyable Summer.

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Al Ebstein SN
SEO Vero Beach Power Sqdn.

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Administration Officer - Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S



Summer is here and the living is easy, or should be.

With our reduced summer population, volunteers are desperately needed to support VBPS activities. Our recently scheduled Summer Solstice Party was cancelled due to the lack of hosts to run the party. As I look at the schedule for hosts for the Friday night social, I only have 2 people that are willing to host a FNS in July, the sign up sheet for the rest of the year is blank. If we want to continue to have these events, volunteers are needed.



Hosting the FNS is easy now that there is no longer a charge at the door except for guests. Hosts will need to be at the Squadron at 5pm, set up the buffet table and bar, (all attendees should bring a dish to share and their beverage of choice), and clean up when the event is over at 7:30pm. This is a great way to meet other members of the Squadron and become "involved". If you have not hosted a FNS, please pick a Friday to do your part. The sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board in the bar at the Squadron. I am available to answer any questions you might have about the FNS and I will be there to help.

One other organization that I am associated with is also looking for volunteers - VNA Hidden Treasures Thrift Store - Sebastian or Vero Beach. This is the organization that we support with our Annual Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show. If you have a few free hours a week and would like to give back to the community - this is a great place to start (while shopping for your favorite labels). It is also a way to network and meet new people. Contact Theresa Ooley at 772-563-0010.

Many other local organizations also in need of volunteers were listed in a recent issue of Vero Beach Flash. Vero Beach Flash is a weekly e:mail newsletter that will keep you in touch with what is going on in our community. Thanks to Sue Hamel VBPS has been mentioned in the Flash on numerous occasions for our activities with the oyster mats and our involvement with the Boys and Girls Club.

Upcoming events for the Squadron over the summer include:

- July 4@t 1900 - Independence Day Party - Ice Cream Social hosted by Neil and Andrea Ferguson, Ron Miller, Sue Hamel, Judy Lott, Larry Lott, Nancy Hamilton and Ed Hamilton - *please note - this event replaces the Friday Night Social*
- July 6 @ 1945 - Bowling Group at Vero Bowl - contact Nora Lichty
- July 11, 12, 13 - District 8 (D8) Rendezvous at Marriott/Hutchinson Island - with a mini-cruise to follow - contact Kathie Thomas
- July 12 - 0900-1600 - ABC Course - contact Larry Lott
- July 16@1230 - Book Club Luncheon at VBYC - contact Gayle Miller

- July 17@1700 Free Boat Locking Seminar - open to the public - space limited - contact Chris and Alyse Caldwell
- July 26 - 0800-1230- Annual Treasure Coast Clean-Up - contact Jane Stansfield
- July 26@1100 - Boat "Beach Up" - location TBA - contact Joe Troiano
- August 3 @1645 - Bowling Group - Vero Bowl - contact Nora Lichty
- August 10 - Lunch Cruise - location TBA - contact Dick Myers
- August 11@1730 - General Membership Meeting

- *Please Note: -Youth Sailing Foundation Chili Cook-off - originally scheduled for August 16 changed to September 20 - contact Chris Pope*

- August 23 - Mini-Cruise to Grand Harbor Loggerhead Marina with overnight stay - contact Kathie Thomas
- August 30@1100 - Boat "Beach-Up" - location TBA -contact Joe Troiano

It's going to be a busy summer in Vero Beach - stay safe and have fun.

Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S

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2014 Poster Contest - Dan Thomas



Squadron Level Winners

Ages 6 -8

1st
2nd
3rd
Hon.

Mention

Kamila
Cetirria
Brian

Katherine

Vazquez
Evans
Soop
Ortega

Ages	9	-	11
1st	Alison		Lomba
2nd	Jason		Gutierrez-Licea
3rd	Victoria		Taffe
Hon	Mention	Aliza	Espaillet

Ages	12	-	14
1st	Maya		Sutriasa
2nd	Mac		Heady
District	8		Winners

Ages			6-8
1st	Katherine		Ortega
3rd	Kamila		Vazquez

Ages	9	-	11
Aliza			Espaillet

Ages	12	-	14
1st	Maya		Sutriasa
2nd	Mac		Heady

Also in attendance were the two teachers from the Vero Beach Elementary School - Karen and Kelsey Whalen.

All the students ages 6 -8 and 9- 11 were from the VB Elementary School and the Middle School students (ages 12 - 14) were from the Willow School.

Katherine Ortega's and Maya Sutriasa's posters were sent to our National HQ and will be judged with entries from across the U.S. at the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL next January.

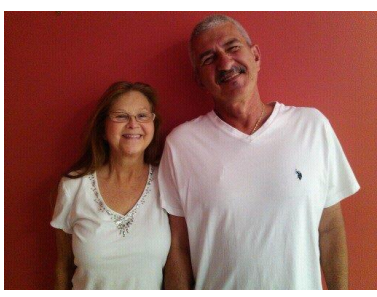
Lots and lots of fun for everyone.

Daniel A. Thomas, Ed.D.
Past Commander
Vero Beach Power Squadron

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New Members



Skip & Colleen Blados



Mike & Barbara Ziembra



Michael & Suzanne Heaphy



Jen & Jamie Switzer



Bill Chicoine & Carolyn
Guyette



Barbara Wilson

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Safety - Sue Hamel

Preventing Boat Fires

Fires are among the more dangerous, yet most preventable, accidents on board a boat. Fast action combined with a cool head is critical in fighting boat fires, which can spread rapidly. The Sea Tow Foundation offers the following tips to prevent boat fires:

- * Ensure you have the proper size and type of marine fire extinguishers on board. Depending on your boat's size, you may need more than one. For more information, see the U.S. Coast Guard's Federal Requirements brochure.
- * Mount the fire extinguishers where they are readily accessible in an emergency.
- * Inspect your fire extinguishers regularly to make sure they are fully charged and have not expired.
- * Inspect or service fixed firefighting systems according to manufacturer recommendations or at least annually.
- * Before fueling, have all passengers leave the boat and shut off all flames (stoves, ovens, grills). Close all windows, doors and openings to prevent fumes from entering the boat.
- * While fueling, keep the nozzle in contact with the tank to prevent sparks. Don't overfill the tank to give the fuel room to expand. Wipe spills, and dispose of soiled rags. Don't smoke.
- * After fueling, open all windows, doors and openings; run the exhaust blower for four minutes.
- * Before starting the engine, perform a sniff test of the bilge and engine compartment. If you smell gas, continue to use the blower until no fumes remain.
- * Frequently inspect electrical connections, and inspect shore power connection lines before plugging them into your boat. If you see frayed wires or sparks, immediately shut off the power source and make repairs before using the connection.
- * Be cautious when using heaters in enclosed spaces, especially if unattended

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Finding VBPS

I learned to sail in California. Between jobs I signed up at the California Sailing Academy and received credit from the America Sailing Association. I sailed in and around Marina del Rey and along the coast. I had some skills and was unemployed at the time so in 1993 I joined the crew of "Christine" and signed on to help deliver this 85 ft sailboat to Malta in the Mediterranean Sea. It was quite the adventure and some of you have heard bits and pieces of the story.

In 1995 we moved to Vero Beach. The house was just down the street on Live Oak Road. One day I picked up the paper and saw the Americas Boating Course advertised in the Press Journal. I have always been interested in boating and my dream was to sail off into the sunset when I retired. I joined VBPS after I took the ABC class at River House. For the next few years I took more classes at VBPS and met a lot of boaters. I bought my first powerboat (20 ft SeaRay - Susie) from one of our members. They say the happiest moments in your life are when you buy a boat and when you sell it. Not true. I still miss her.

We left Vero in 2000 and headed to California. Susie came with us. Then we went to Washington. She came with us. Then back to California. Yes she came with us. We sold Susie to a friend who needed her more than I for his kids. Then Barb and I came back to Vero Beach in 2006. Our plan was to get another boat. We are still looking.

We do appreciate all VBPS friends who have invited us along on some of the boating outings. We continue to have fun and I have continued to take classes. This year I will complete the last course and will become a Senior Navigator (SN), thanks to all the fine instructors I had. Barbara is going to start sailing lessons.

Bob Scully, Navigator

The VBPS is looking for member stories similar to the one written. It need not be personal. I recommend your story be positive. All stories are welcome. The publisher will have the NN Committee reviewing all that is submitted so we pick the best for our squadron.

Please feel free to submit your story. Change the names to protect the innocent but send it in. You may hear that what happens on a cruise stays on the cruise but it's time to think about your fellow boaters. We all have experiences that can be beneficial to you fellow boater.....all you need to do is share it.

So, write it and submit it...please! You can even change the name on the article and change the character names so you may stay anonymous. Be well and see you on the water.

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In Remembrance



P/C Edgar L. Dreher, AP, Commander of Vero Beach PS,
2007-2008

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family & friends.

Thanks to all of the contributors. Another robust edition.

Sincerely,
Ron Miller
Publisher Nautical News - Vero Beach Power Squadron

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