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KAYAKING WITH THE VBPS EXPLORERS WHO WILL TRY ANYTHING ONCE



That way-No,that way! Pink says "Let's just GO"

Ok - what do I do with this stick?



What do we do now that we are out here? Who is our leader?

I really gotta go!



Hey Mom, I'll bet you never thought I could do this!

Houston, we have a problem!



Com'on - Training Wheels?

This has been a great day! Has anyone seen my car?!

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**VBPS 2012 LIST OF NOMINEES FOR
BRIDGE OFFICERS AND ELECTED COMMITTEES**

*The following excerpts are from the VBPS By-Laws which contain
relative information regarding the election process:*

Section 9.3 The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December at the Vero Beach Power Squadron building at such date as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees, including the chairmen thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this squadron, shall be sent to each active member by the secretary, in such manner as determined by the Executive Committee, at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

Section 9.4 The secretary shall provide a list of all nominees by petition as provided by 11.1 herein and shall give notice thereof to all active members in such manner that it will reach them at least seven days prior to the date of the election.

Section 9.7 At any regular or special meeting, 10 per cent of the active members, as determined by the records of this squadron, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 11.1 Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Section 11.3 If vacancies exist in the properly formulated slate of nominees at the time of the election, they shall be filled by nominations from the floor duly made by active members.

Section 11.5 At any election, each active member present and in good standing in this squadron shall have one vote for each office to be filled. Voting shall be in the following manner:

11.5.1 Cumulative voting is prohibited.

11.5.2 Election to an uncontested office may be effected by a supported motion and a ballot cast and recorded by the secretary.

11.5.3 Election to a contested office shall be effected by secret ballot, unsigned and cast in person. Such elections shall be determined by a judge of election and not less than three tellers, all of whom shall be appointed by the commander. The secret ballots shall be delivered to the judge of election and opened and inspected by the tellers, and the final results shall be tabulated and announced to the members before the close of the meeting.

11.5.4 Polls shall remain open for no more than one hour after the election is initiated as an order of business.

NOMINEES FOR BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commander	Lt/Cdr Judith A. Peschio, P
Executive Officer	Lt/Cdr Warren M. Miller, AP
Educational Officer	Lt/Cdr Alan R. Ebstein, SN
Administrative Officer	Joseph A. Troiano, S
Secretary	Robert Sheridan, S
Treasurer	Vernon Pastirchak, AP

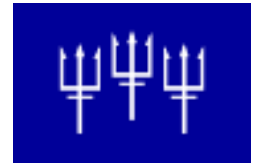
(Nominees list is continued on Page 11)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

Cdr Robert G. Scully, JN

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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

USPS and You - Members are the backbone of the organization and our future. USPS is becoming readily accessible to the public and our membership and is looking to the future. As with all civic organizations we have experienced challenges and made changes to meet those challenges head on. There is more to come and the more involved you get the better your experience.

Annual National Meeting – The meeting dates are Jan. 13 to 20th, 2013 in Jacksonville, FL (<http://www.usps.org/>). If you have not attended one of these, you should.

District 8 Fall Conference – Your September conference representatives were K. Thomas, D. Thomas, J. Ward, W. Miller, B. Heimbaugh and your Cdr. Reports from the fifteen D8 Squadrons were presented Friday. Saturday morning there were numerous informational seminars and the council meeting. Two of our members Law Officer Lt. W. Terry Patrick, SN and Robert A. Kane, N were awarded Certificates of Educational Achievement and Educational Proficiency, respectively. Lt Kathie Thomas, P, received a Member Retention Award. On Sunday there were a few more informational meetings. Items of importance that need to be mentioned:

Sail Angle (<http://www.sailangle.com/>) - Go online, sign up and start using it.

Personal Identification Number (PIN) - Starting Nov. 1, 2012, every USPS member that needs to access the national website will need to login with their Certificate Number and a PIN. The use of your Certificate Number and Zip Code will no longer be an option. A link <http://usps-bulletin.blogspot.com/2010/05/usps-pin-help.html>

USPS 100Year Anniversary (2014) - The celebration starts now. For details you can go to (<http://www.usps.org/100/>).

Community Service - Our Community Service Tracking Chair, P/C Simon Ellis, SN will be the guest speaker in November. He will share the community service data collected for the year. The Source is very thankful for all the food donations made to them over the last few months. A few letters of appreciation have been posted at VBPS. The folks at Youth Sailing continue to thank all who have donated time and money to the facility upgrade. It is coming along nicely and they invite all of us to visit.

Happy Holidays – Hope you all enjoy the holidays that are just around the corner. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Best wishes from Bob and Barb Scully.

At the last general meeting Treats for Troops was mentioned. A list of items requested by the troops is posted. Christmas cards are nice to include so think about sticking one in with the gifts. See Treats for Troops Chair, Jan Mooney, with questions.

Thank You - This will be my last NN. I do appreciate those who serve behind the scenes, the executive committee, and my wife Barbara, who put up with me during this exciting year. The journey as commander has been a learning experience.

Safe Boating and Best Regards,

Commander, Robert G. Scully, N

Happy Birthday VBPS Members

November 2012 Birthdays

Bruce McIntyre	11/03
Maureen West	11/03
Maureen Schmidt	11/04
Robert White	11/04
Marty Ingwersen	11/05
David Werner	11/06
Frank Gavin	11/07
Don Hyer	11/09
Sharon Raynor	11/09
Dee Newton	11/11
Cheryl Williams	11/11
Joan Curtis	11/13
Bob Sheridan	11/13
Arlene Thurman	11/14
Mary Hill	11/16
Walter Raynes	11/16
Mary Rianhard	11/16
Catherine Sheehan	11/18
Jack Kruiten	11/21
Diane Asche	11/22
August Barberi	11/23
Mike Wisniewski	11/23
Bill Zilg	11/23
Mary Lichty-Nelson	11/25
Robert Bubello	11/27
Dorothea Clarke	11/28
Anne Magyar	11/28
Roy Thompson	11/28
John Newton	11/29



December 2012 Birthdays

John Flavin	12/02
Cal Livingston	12/04
Ellis Simon	12/04
Robert Borelli	12/05
Roberta Dougherty	12/05
John Gill	12/05
Lynn Platania	12/05
Kay Ader	12/06
Matt Mathewson	12/06
Max Calland	12/07
Ed Dreher	12/08
Julie Morici	12/09
Julie Horchler	12/10
Paul Chatterton	12/11
Alan Cook	12/12
Joy Radke Rose	12/12
Robert Malin	12/13
Lourdes Marie Rogers	12/13
Bonnie Myers	12/13
Jo Zeisler	12/14
Carole Brubaker	12/15
Bill Heimbaugh	12/19
David Connolly	12/23
Sugie Stedham	12/23
John Powers	12/24
Walter Jeffords	12/25
Nora Lichty	12/25
Harvey Volkman	12/26
Barbara Scully	12/27
Neil Ferguson	12/29
Dick Haydu	12/29
Barry MacTaggart	12/29
Marlene Herbig	12/30
John Spilman	12/30

Editor's Note:

All articles and reports for the Jan. - Feb. 2013 Nautical News should be turned in by 15 Dec. ***THANK YOU!***



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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

This is my final article for the year so I want to thank all of the Executive Officer's chairs, committee leaders and volunteers who all contributed to a busy, successful year of events.

To begin, thanks to **Lt. (P/C) Bill Heimbaugh, S** for leading the **Cooperative Charting** program this year. Nationally, USPS Cooperative Charting volunteers contribute annually an estimated 15 – 20 million dollars worth of services to our Federal Government through the Cooperative Charting reporting program. In a time of decreasing NOAA budgets, this figure could increase as the requests for services increase. Bill's team, Lt. Don Helm, Lt. Austin Walsh, AP, Bill Lavigne, P, Lt. Harold Leh, AP, Len Frosina, S and P/C Jack Kruiten, AP meet weekly to do ICW depth measurements between Melbourne and Ft. Pierce, which are then reported to NOAA. This information is used to update nautical and small craft charts. The team also looks for damaged or misplaced navigational aids. Thanks Cooperative Charting volunteers for your fine work. Bill is looking for more volunteers—if you're interested, email him at billh1710@comcast.net.

Thanks to **Lt. Richard Carlin, S** for organizing another successful **Boys and Girls fishing event** held on October 6th. We had seven boats and Captains who took 32 youth out for a fun, productive and educational experience. The kids caught many fish, learned boating safety and enjoyed a great lunch organized by Lt. Don Helm, assisted by a team of volunteers.

P/C Dan Thomas, SN reports that his team of vessel safety check examiners have completed 95 VSC's year-to-date. This is a dedicated group of volunteers doing their job of making sure boats are safe—thanks to all of you.

The last **boat show** of the year is November 17 -18. **Lt. Glenn Rose, S** does a fantastic job organizing these events. These events bring in new members and people interested in taking our courses. Thanks to Glen and his team of volunteers who help staff the Squadron booth.

Coming up on December 7 is the annual **Vero Beach Christmas Boat Parade**. **1st Lt. Neil Ferguson, S** has volunteered to chair this event. Last year, several of our members joined together to decorate a boat and won first place. So, Neil, no pressure, but let's see if you can bring home another prize. If you're interested in participating, contact Neil at neil.ferguson@comcast.net.

Our Public Relations Officer, Lt. Sue Hamel, P continues to promote Squadron events and classes with press releases, media interviews and posters. Thanks Sue, for a fine job.

A special thanks to **Jan Mooney** for organizing a group of 23 members who volunteered to assist with the annual **Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup**. They provided a total of 147 hours of work to help keep our waterways clean. Thanks to Jan and all of you who supported her in this event.

Lt. George Thurman reports that a small group of golfers have braved the heat and humidity to chase those little white balls around the course. The group will kick into full action in January.

When I compiled the total number of hours volunteered by all of you for the committees reporting to the Executive Officer, it's a whopping 627. Wow, pat yourselves on the back and be proud that you are a member of Vero Beach Power Squadron! Thanks Everyone.

Your Executive Officer, Lt. Judy Peschio, P



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The VBPS has a very dynamic and exciting Educational Program. Larry Lott is our new ABC Class Chairman replacing Howard Daniels who has done a great job as Chairman over the past several years. Thank you Howard. Welcome Larry. Our Sept 15 ABC class had 17 students and 7 of them became 6 month trial members thanks to the efforts of Kathie Thomas our Membership Chair. Thanks to our PRO ,Sue Hamel and all that helped her, this was one of the largest classes we have conducted in a long time.

Our next ABC class is scheduled for 12/1/12, please help Sue Hamel spread the word. Terry Patrick, SN has successfully completed all Educational Courses offered by USPS and will receive a "Certificate of Educational Achievement". Robert Kane, N, in recognition of successful completion of AP or higher and three elective courses will receive a "Certificate of Educational Proficiency".

All of our instructors are ready to teach our Fall / Winter series of classes so be sure to get your name on the course sign up sheet of your choice. See you all on Campus.



Judy,Janet,Kathy,Karen&Glendora Tobogganing

Ok-I'm ready, what's next? Someone-anyone! HELP!



P/C Matt Mathewson, SN shows Lt. Cdr. Warren Miller, AP the use of a sextant in the 2012 JN Class



Lt. Dick Carlin heads up the Boy's & Girl's Club Fishin'Day - Hi P/C Janet



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Hello VBPS Members, Associates & Friends,

It's hard to believe this will be my finale entry to Nautical News as Administrative Officer. The year has gone by so fast. I need to thank all the members who volunteered to host on Friday Nights, who tireless give their time to run our Social Event, our Boating Chairman PC Jim Ward who ran our lunch cruise and raft-ups ,our Chairperson of Membership Kathy Thomas, the ladies who keep our kitchen stocked with supplies and the many others who run our social groups. Although I get credit for this, It's you the Volunteers who make it all possible, I just get the praise .Without your efforts my job would be impossible , I know you will give the new Administrative Officer the same support that I received.. I have just finished Merit Mark submissions and I had over a 100 entries. Again thank –you, and without member participation our Squadron may wilt away like some other Squadrons, So when those Volunteer sign-up sheets come around please put your name down. There are so many things to do from chairing an event to collecting money at the door. Every job is important. All you have to do is get involved.

By the time you read this, we will have had the Labor Day Barbeque & The Lowland Shrimp Boil. I hope all those who attended had a great time. We still have a Halloween Party on 28 October, a Chicken and Pork Roast on 11 November and our Christmas Dinner Dance at VBYC on 9 December. We also have 2 more months of Friday Night Socials, so please try to attend. And like always, sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

With this I say, “see you at our next event”. And remember, you are a member of the one of finest Power Squadrons in our great nation.

Lt. Cdr. Warren Miller, AP

Chaplain's Corner

The contrast between ordinary and great living is the difference between what a man is required to do to exist, and what he feels he can and must do to be his best self. There are parasites in every society. They relay on the efforts and support of others. In every industry and profession there are those who get by with the minimum effort. They are more concerned with what they can get rather what the can give. Others find satisfaction in being part of a team which produces something to enrich life. It is the same with associates. Some use people to for their own ends. We are critical of those who threaten our objectives. We make little effort in understanding the point of view of those about us. I believe that we should recognize the value in every person. If we want to be a successful people or organization we must reach out for opportunities to understand our corporate needs and support the greater cause.

SGM/Chaplain 'Tom' Jones


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NOMINEES FOR ELECTED COMMITTEES

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6 Bridge Officers 1st Lt. Barbara Ebstein, S (Alternate)
Lt. Toby L. Jarman Lt/Cdr Nora Lichty, P (Alternate)
Lt. Carolyn L. MacMillan Cdr Robert G. Scully, N
Lt. Kathie Thomas, P P/C James A. Ward, JN
Lt. Judith G. Ward P/C Robert E. White, SN

Auditing Committee

William J. Lavigne, P Term expires December 2013
Kenneth Hill Term expires December 2014
Frank Bilotta Term expires December 2015

Nominating Committee

P/C James A. Ward, JN Term expires December 2013
P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN Term expires December 2013
P/C Janet L. Leh, P Term expires December 2014
Lt. Douglas J. Gough, S Term expires December 2014
Cdr Robert G. Scully, N Term expires December 2015
Jan Mooney Term expires December 2015

Rules Committee

P/C Edward J. Carr, SN Term expires December 2013
P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN Term expires December 2014
Lt. Douglas J. Gough, S Term expires December 2015

**This Election of Officers and Committee Members will take place at the
Vero Beach Power Squadron Annual Meeting
slated for 1930 on 3 December 2012.**

Your Nominating Committee:

P/C James A. Ward, JN - Chairman Lt. Douglas J. Gough, S
P/C William Heimbaugh, S Lt. Carolyn L. Macmillan
P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN P/C Janet L. Leh, P



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2012 COMING EVENTS (subject to change)			
DATE	OCTOBER - NOVEMBER	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/Cdr Warren Miller
Monday, 29 Oct	Ye Olde Friends Social	1730	Lt. Kathie Thomas
Saturday 3	Raft-Up (Location TBA)	1100	P/C Jim Ward
Sunday 4	Bowling Group at the Vero Bowl	1845	Lt/Cdr Nora Lichty
Monday 5	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Bob Scully
Wednesday 7	Book Club Lunch @ the Vero Beach Yacht Club	1230	Lt. Carole Brubaker
Sunday 11	Pork & Chicken Roast	1700	P/C Bill Heimbaugh
Monday 12	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Bob Scully
Sat.17-Sun. 18	Vero Beach Boat Show	0900	Lt. Glenn Rose
Monday 26	Ye Olde Friends Social	1730	Lt. Kathie Thomas
DATE	DECEMBER	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/Cdr Warren Miller
Saturday 1	America's Boating Course	0900-1700	1st Lt. Larry Lott, AP
Saturday 1	Vero Beach Christmas <u>Street</u> Parade	1730-1900	Vero Beach Event
Sunday 2	Bowling Group at the Vero Bowl	1845	Lt/Cdr Nora Lichty
Monday 3	Annual Executive Comm./General Membership Meetings	1900/1930	Cdr Bob Scully
Friday 7	Vero Beach <u>Boat</u> Parade	1830	1st Lt. Neil Ferguson, S
Sunday 9	Christmas Dinner Dance at the Vero Beach Yacht Club	1700	Lt/Cdr Warren Miller
Tuesday 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS	All Day	Santa Claus