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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE ANNUAL MEETING

The proposed date of this year's annual meeting was Monday, 2 December. That is the Monday following Thanksgiving and since that holiday is a week later than usual, we could have better attendance at our annual meeting if we held the meeting on the following Monday, 9 Dec. Even though this date is the night after our Christmas party, it might assure that more of our members will be in town.

Also, Article 9, Section 9.4 of the By-Laws states that "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 EC, at least 30 days prior to such meeting". (See Pages 2 & 11 of this newsletter.) The November EC meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup>, so moving the annual meeting to 9 Dec. assures us of having 30 days to get the slate out to members, and gives us up until 4 Nov. to approve this slate at the EC level.

### Blessing of the Fleet Planned Nov. 17 at the Vero Beach Yacht Club

The Vero Beach Yacht Club will conduct its annual Blessing of the Fleet at 11:30 AM on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Clergy representing various denominations will conduct the blessing.

The procession and blessing are open to the public. VBPS boaters are invited to participate in this long-held traditional ceremony.

Participants will gather at 11:30 AM north of the Barber Bridge between Intracoastal Waterway markers 137 and 139. P/C Alan Ebstein, SN aboard "The Annex" will coordinate the boats. Boat to boat communication will be on Channel 72. After passing the Clergy boat, which will be on the Yacht Club dock, boaters will continue North past the club before turning around to return back to the ICW.

It is customary for passengers to throw flower pedals toward the clergy boat as they pass.

For further information about joining in the Blessing of the Fleet, contact the Vero Beach Yacht Club at [772] 231-2211.

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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

**NOMINEES FOR BRIDGE OFFICERS**

Commander .....	Lt/Cdr Warren M. Miller, AP
Executive Officer .....	Lt/Cdr Robert L. Sheridan, AP
Educational Officer .....	Lt/Cdr Alan R. Ebstein, SN
Administrative Officer .....	1st Lt. Mary Wohlstein, S
Secretary .....	Lt. Susan Hamel, P
Treasurer .....	Susan Ritchardson, S

(Nominees list is continued on Page 11)



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

Cdr Judith A. Peschio, P  
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Dear Members, Associates and Friends,

You can be proud of your squadron, as we were well represented with thirteen member delegates at the recent D8 Fall Conference held in Boca. A special thank you goes to Kathie Thomas for organizing the Friday night hospitality room jointly shared by Pompano Beach Power and Sail, Coral Ridge Sail and Power, St. Lucie River and Vero Beach Power Squadron. There was plenty of good food and much conversation among our friends from other D8 squadrons.

Kathie Thomas, Bill Heimbaugh and Bob Scully led break-out session presentations and Dan Thomas serves on the D8 Nominating Committee. Some other highlights were: Ellis Simon and Charles Pittman were awarded 50 year member plaques and Captain Chris and Alyse Caldwell took second place out of three nominees for the D8 Chapman Award.

VBPS received another big surprise at the Governing Board meeting held in early September where we received the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for the USPS Member Involvement Retention Award. Thanks to Toby Jarman for submitting the application which placed us at the top of more than 400 squadrons for this prestigious award.

Congratulations to Al Ebstein, Ed Carr and Mirabel Fanders who have all received their 25 year member pins this year. This represents a strong and loyal commitment to the organization.

Your Bridge Officers are busy compiling annual merit marks so if you would like to make sure that you qualify for a merit mark, now is the time to get involved in one of the many remaining events for this year. If you have any questions about this award process, or how you qualify, you can contact me at [japeschio@gmail.com](mailto:japeschio@gmail.com).

We are beginning to see our seasonal friends returning and we welcome you back to the squadron. One big event coming up is the annual Christmas Dinner Dance on December 8 at the Vero Beach Yacht Club. Invitations will be coming out soon, so watch for the email, or you can pick one up at our building. Prepaid reservations are required, and we have limited seating, so sign up early.

Thank you all for your part in making VBPS such a great place to be.

Commander Judy Peschio, P

### Editor's Note:

All articles and reports for the  
Jan – Feb 2014 Nautical News should  
be turned in by 15 December.

**THANK YOU!!**

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and/or Corrections  
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# Happy Birthday VBPS Members & Associates

## November 2013 Birthdays

Bruce McIntyre	11/03
Maureen West	11/03
Robert White	11/04
Marty Ingwersen	11/05
David Werner	11/06
Arnold Persinger	11/08
Maryanne Boettjer	11/09
Don Hyer	11/09
Dee Newton	11/11
Bob Sheridan	11/13
Eric Dykes	11/14
Arlene Thurman	11/14
Mary Hill	11/16
Walter Raynes	11/16
Mary Rianhard	11/16
David Hornchek	11/17
Catherine Sheehan	11/18
Jack Kruiten	11/21
Paul King	11/22
Mike Wisniewski	11/23
Bill Zilg	11/23
Mary Lichty-Nelson	11/25
George Schieber	11/26
Robert Bubello	11/27
Dorothea Clarke	11/28
Anne Magyar	11/28
Roy Thompson	11/28
John Newton	11/29
Bonnie Shelton	11/29
Barbara Fisher	11/30
Edwin Soltysiak	11/30



## December 2013 Birthdays

John Flavin	12/02
Steve Auston	12/04
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
Charles Giambalvo	12/09
Yvonne Tso	12/09
Julie Horchler	12/10
David Hutchison	12/10
Paul Chatterton	12/11
Alan Durkin	12/11
Joy Radke Rose	12/12
Robert Malin	12/13
Lourdes Marie Rogers	12/13
Bonnie Myers	12/14
Carole Brubaker	12/15
Karen Hickey	12/15
Jo Zeisler	12/17
Bill Heimbaugh	12/20
Sandy Souder	12/20
David Connolly	12/23
John Powers	12/24
Nora Lichty	12/25
Karen Giambalvo	12/27
Barbara Scully	12/27
Neil Ferguson	12/29
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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, P/C Jack Kruiton, AP, P/C Bob Scully N, P/C Bob White SN, Caroline Bargin, Dick Weiler S, Don Derman S, Don Mattern AP, Frank Jones S, P/Lt/C Lock Rianhard SN, P/C rodger Breunig AP, Bill Nicholas JN 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](mailto:billh1710@comcast.net).**

**Thanks to Lt. Richard Carlin, S for organizing the successful Boys and Girls fishing event. We had a fun, productive and educational experience. The kids caught many fish, learned boating safety and enjoyed a great lunch. Thanks to all who volunteered their boats and time to ensure the kids had a great time. We do have one more Boys and Girls fishing event coming on Nov. 16, Its never to late to get involved.**

**P/C Dan Thomas, SN reports that his team of vessel safety check examiners have completed 117 VSC's year-to-date which is a 20% increase over last year. 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 23-24. P/C Bob Scully N has done a fantastic job organizing these events. These events bring in new members and people interested in taking our courses. Thanks to Bob and his team of volunteers who help staff the Squadron booth.**

**Coming up on December 7 is the annual Vero Beach Christmas Street Parade. Last year we had 2 boats and many marchers and a group of cars, all decorated for the holidays. After the parade we all returned to the Squadron building for a after party. Everyone had a great time. I look forward to doing it again this year.**

**Our Public Relations Officer, Lt. Sue Hamel, P continues to promote Squadron events and classes with press releases, media interviews and posters. I can't say enough about the job she and her team has done. Thanks Sue, for a fine job.**

**A special thanks to Jan Mooney for organizing a group of 40 members who volunteered to assist with the annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup. They provided over 200 hours of work to help keep our waterways clean. Thanks to Jan and all of you who supported her in this event.**

**When I compiled the total number of hours volunteered by all of you for the committees reporting to the Executive Officer, it's a over 700 hours. 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/C Warren Miller AP**



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**Hello All You Lucky Vero Beach Power Squadron Members,**

This Fall and Winter we will offer more **free** seminars -- watch for all member e-mails announcing these seminars.

We will also continue our On The Water (OTW) Training in mid Feb. with the boat obtained through a Coast Guard Grant. Contact Dan Thomas to schedule your training.

**Exciting New News**

The Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County (YSFIRC) has recently acquired several larger sail boats that lend themselves to OTW sail training for adults as well as children.

YSFIRC will make these boats available to the VBPS as an adjunct to our Sail Course which starts on Nov. 29th. Signing up for the Sail Course is required to take advantage of this **free** sail OTW training. Contact Al Ebstein if you would like to sign up for Sail. Let's have some more fun.

**Elective and Advanced Course Schedules**

Navigator -- Nov. 5th      Advanced Piloting -- Nov.19th      Weather -- Nov. 27th  
 Sail -- Nov. 29th              Piloting -- Jan. 9th              Cruise Planning -- Feb. 3rd

Contact Al Ebstein [aebstein@bellsouth.net](mailto:aebstein@bellsouth.net) to sign up for a course or sign up on the Squadron Education bulletin board.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



**Kathy & Andy Davila**



**Larry Hovey**



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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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October is National Fire Safety Month. Being a former Fire Fighter and Fire Prevention Officer for the Lost Acres Fire Department of Granby, CT. fire safety is very important to me. I would like to remind everyone about the danger of fire; especially on a boat. When you are on the water the Fire Department may not be close by.

Fire extinguishers are a very important safety item. Although not all motorboats are required to carry a fire extinguisher, it is highly recommended that you do. There are numerous types and sizes of extinguishers but each one has to be U. S. Coast Guard approved.

Fire Extinguishers are classified by letters and numbers according to the class and size fire they can put out. The letter, (A, B, C, or D) indicates the class of fire. The number is a measure of the capacity of the extinguisher - the larger the number, the greater the capacity of extinguishing material to put out a fire. "A" is for combustible solids like wood. "B" is for flammable liquids such as gasoline. "C" is for electrical fires."D" is for combustible metals like magnesium.

Make sure to inspect your fire extinguishers monthly to make sure they are properly stored, charged and undamaged.

- Portable extinguishers should be mounted where they are readily accessible.
- Check the gauge to make sure the extinguisher is still charged.
- Check the seals to make sure they have not been tampered with.
- Replace cracked or broken hoses and keep nozzles free from obstruction.
- Weigh extinguishers to assure that they meet the minimum weight stated on the label.

Once you use a fire extinguisher, you should either have it recharged, if it is rechargeable or replaced if it is a disposable type. **In any event, always make sure that your extinguisher label indicates that it is a U.S. Coast Guard approved marine type device.**

An onboard fire is a serious event. If the fire cannot be controlled, where do you go except in the water? The fire triangle consists of fuel, oxygen and heat. All three must be present to start a fire, and the removal of any single one can extinguish a fire.

Fuels, such as gasoline and propane, can be very dangerous if precautions are not taken. The fumes of these fuels are heavier than air and tend to collect in the cabin, bilge and other lower areas of the boat. It is essential that you keep these areas clean and free of trash because they naturally are surrounded by oxygen all that is necessary to start a fire is heat. This could come from something as simple as a spark from an ignition component. All you did was turn the key to start the engine and boom.

You should read and understand the instructions on your fire extinguisher(s). If a fire starts, you should be prepared and not hesitate. Grab the fire extinguisher, activate it, and direct it at the base of the flames using short bursts and sweeping it from side to side.

**If underway and a fire starts, stop the boat and position it in such a manner that the fire is downwind. Order everyone to put on lifejackets. If possible, try to turn off the fuel source to the fire. Grab the extinguishers and control the fire.**

**WHEN USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER REMEMBER P.A.S.S. PULL THE PIN, AIM AT THE BASE OF THE FIRE, SQUEEZE THE HANDLE ,SWEEP SIDE TO SIDE.**

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Lt/Cdr Joe Troiano, S

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Asst. Secretary .....	Brenda Sheridan
Asst. Treasurer .....	Michael Risley

**NOMINEES FOR ELECTED COMMITTEES**

**Executive Committee**

6 Bridge Officers	1st Lt. Barbara Ebstein, S (Alternate)
Lt. Toby L. Jarman	P/C Janet L. Leh, P (Alternate)
Cdr Judith A. Peschio, P	Cdr Robert G. Scully, N
P/C John R. Spilman, SN	Lt. Kathie Thomas, P
P/C James A. Ward, JN	Lt. Judith G. Ward

**Auditing Committee**

Kenneth Hill .....	Term expires December 2014
Frank Bilotta .....	Term expires December 2015
Marg Kiefer .....	Term expires December 2016

**Nominating Committee**

P/C Janet L. Leh, P .....	Term expires December 2014
Lt. Alyse Caldwell, AP .....	Term expires December 2014
Cdr Robert G. Scully, N .....	Term expires December 2015
Lt. Jan Mooney .....	Term expires December 2015
Cdr Judith Peschio, P .....	Term expires December 2016
Lt. Kathy Thomas, P .....	Term expires December 2016

**Rules Committee**

Terry Lembeck, S .....	Term expires December 2013
P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN .....	Term expires December 2014
Lt. George Thurman .....	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 9 December 2013.

**Your Nominating Committee**

P/C James A. Ward, JN - Chairman	Lt. Jan Mooney
P/C Robert G. Scully, N	P/C Janet L. Leh, P
P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN	

**WELCOME MORE NEW MEMBERS**



**Scott & Barbara Fisher**



**Terry & Karen Hickey**



**Sally Aiken**



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2013 COMING EVENTS (subject to change)			
DATE	NOVEMBER	TIME	CONTACT
Saturday 2	Raft-Up (Location TBA)	1100	Lt. Mike Wohlstein
Sunday 3	Bowling Group @ Vero Bowl, 14th Avenue	1845	Lt. Nora Lichty
Monday 4	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Judy Peschio
Saturday 9	Paddle Group Outing - Round Island Park, A1A	0900	Lt. Toby Jarman
Sunday 10	VBPS Dinner Event	1700	Lt/Cdr Joe Troiano
Monday 11	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Judy Peschio
Saturday 16	Boy's & Girl's Club Fishing Outing	0800	Lt. Dick Carlin
Wednesday 20	Book Club Lunch @ the Vero Beach Yacht Club	1230	Lt. Carole Brubaker
Sat. 23 & Sun. 24	Vero Beach Boat Show	0900	P/C Bob Scully
Monday 25	Olde Friends Group Social	1730 - 1930	Lt. Kathie Thomas
DATE	DECEMBER	TIME	CONTACT
Sunday 3	Bowling Group @ Vero Bowl, 14th Avenue	1845	Lt. Nora Lichty
Saturday 7	America's Boating Course	0900 - 1700	Lt. Larry Lott
Friday 6	Vero Beach Christmas Boat Parade	1830	Vero Beach Event
Saturday 7	Vero Beach Christmas Street Parade	TBA	Vero Beach Event
Sunday 8	Christmas Dinner Dance @ Vero Beach Yacht Club	1700	Lt/Cdr Joe Troiano
Monday 9	<u>Annual</u> Exec / General Membership Meetings	1900 / 1930	Cdr Judy Peschio
Wednesday 25	Merry Christmas	N/A	Mr. & Mrs. S. Claus
Tuesday 31	New Year's Eve Pot Luck Dinner	1800	Lt. Kathie Thomas