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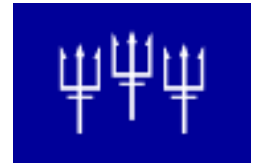




COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

As we start the new year, new decade, my message is simple.

Service and Fun!

The Vero Beach Power Squadron is a volunteer, non-profit organization that exists for service. We provide service to the private boating community through our Squadron Education Office, our Cooperative Charting Program and our Vessel Safety Check Program. These Vero Beach Power Squadron efforts help keep our local waters and those who enjoy them safe for all. We also provide service to our local community by supporting Vero Beach activities like the Hibiscus Festival and Vero Boat Show. We support charities like the Boys and Girls Club, the Homeless Family Shelter, the Youth Sailing Foundation, the USPS Poster Contest and of course "Goodies" for the Troops. These activities make our local community a better place to live.

Finally, we provide service to each other by volunteering on our committees and doing maintenance on our building and grounds. We also provide service to each other by hosting and helping out at our numerous social events though out the year. This allows us to enjoy our building and most of all each other.

None of us would be volunteering if we didn't enjoy it. The really fun part is doing these Services with each other. The camaraderie that we experience while hosting a Friday night social with another couple or taking a class with a fellow members is most enjoyable and fun!

So, in 2010, let's HAVE FUN supporting our Vero Beach Power Squadron.

Special Note: Thanks to Harold & Janet Leh for hosting the New Member Party at their home.

Your Commander,
Jim Ward

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Lt. Frank "Tom" Jones, III, S

"If you don't know where you are going you are liable to end up somewhere else!" Good advise albeit rather cryptic. I not only need to know where I am going; I also need to know how I am going to get there. As a student of Chapman's Handbook for Sailors, I am aware of certain skill sets that will facilitate my journey such as planning, navigating, management, maintenance and communication. If I leave on my voyage without the proper education, filled with unfounded confidence, I am being very foolish. Thus we have one of life's great lessons, "The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with great confidence." Proverbs 14:16.

This has been written not only to encourage the expansion of your nautical education but also to provide guidance for life in general. What more could you expect as advise from your Chaplain.

Questions and comments are encouraged: E-Mail fjones@peoplepc.com

SGM F.T. Jones III

Happy Birthday

February 2010 Birthdays

Janet Desmone	02/03
Preston Perrone	02/04
Jim Presely	02/04
Karen Boarman	02/05
Henry Ray	02/05
Larry Rice	02/05
Liz Finney	02/09
Peter Juliano	02/09
Leo Bassett	02/10
Don Mattern	02/11
Charles Parlin	02/12
Tom Chadwick	02/14
Kathy Farrell	02/15
Barbara Chadwick	02/18
Tom Davidson	02/18
Barbara Scully	02/18
Marty Werner	02/18
Raphael Cinelli	02/20
Sue White	02/20
Frank Bilotta	02/21
Bette Juliano	02/22
JoAnn Bassett	02/24
Bob McCurdy	02/24
Zondra Rush	02/25
Anne Murphy	02/26
Marge Fuller	02/27
Alice Hall	02/28



March 2010 Birthdays

Dorothy Ellis	03/06
Toni Leopold	03/08
Jim Kreider	03/09
Chris Pope	03/09
Joseph Krawiec	03/12
Bill Schulke	03/15
Dallas Stephens	03/15
Majid Khalaf	03/17
Robin MacTaggart	03/19
Joan Perrigo	03/19
Erv Roberts	03/19
Henry Krauss	03/21
Neil Vincent	03/21
Bobbi Walker	03/21
Ray Sullivan	03/22
Jim Stanley	03/24
Sis Gabrielsen	03/25
Sandie Breunig	03/26
Susan Hamel	03/28
John Brosnan	03/30
Tim Grabenbauer	03/30
Dan Lichty	03/30

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Hello Members, Associates and Friends,

This is going to be a very exciting year with Commander Jim Ward, P as our leader. We started out by having a spectacular Change of Watch with 117 in attendance. Thanks to P/C Robert "Woody" Boarman, AP and his wife, Lt. Karen for such a nice evening. It seemed to be one of the best. Look for our pictures in the January and February issues of the Vero Magazine. You will be Vero Beach Proud !

Our New Members Party was quite a success. Lt. Kathie Thomas, P and her crew did a great job informing prospective members and new members what the Power Squadron is all about. We are very fortunate to have Kathie as Chairman of our Membership Committee. She always gets the job done.

Lt. Richard Carlin,S is getting our fishing group together again, Weather permitting, we have a good group who enjoy trying to catch fish, I mean who catch fish every week. Please contact Dick if you would like to go. It is a lot of fun. He is going to try to go on Monday's so look for them out on the water. They always have a great time and we've heard a lot of good "fish" stories from Dick and his crew.

Also coming up is our Boys and Girls Club Fishing Day on February 20th. Lt. Richard Carlin, S is in charge and he always does a fine job making it a day to remember for the kids and us. Remember to sign up for this event so Dick knows how many boats to count on. Contact me if you can help in the kitchen. It is always a great Day.

Last is our Yard Sale. P/C John Spilman, SN and his wife Lt. Barbara, S are working very hard getting all the great "stuff" together. Please bring your "stuff" to the Power Squadron building and also volunteer to help on that day.

So you see, once again, we are very busy. Always watch for E-Mails and check the bulletin board to find out what is going on. Thank you!

Lt/C Janet L. Leh, S

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At the recent Change Of Watch, I was fortunate to have most of our instructors attend the function and I was able to call them to the front of the room and present them with the Certified Instructor pin that is available from National. Our Squadron is very lucky to have such dedicated teachers. When you see one of our Certified Instructors, please thank them for helping the Squadron to make all of our members and many, many other boat handlers so much more knowledgeable, skilled, and certainly much safer.

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Roberts	Erv	ABC Courses
Silvestrini	Vic	Navigator Course
Spilman	John	Engine Maint. & ABC
Ward	Jim	Boat Handling Seminar

Current and Upcoming Classes. We have started the Piloting Class (Walter Raynes), the AP Class (Al Ebstein). Both the Junior Navigation Course and Navigation Course are well under way. Nancy Husbands is planning for the Seamanship Class to begin January 19 and Howard Daniels is planning for the next weekend ABC class for Feb 13-14. If you hurry you can still sign up for numerous electives, including Engine Maintenance, Weather, Cruise Planning, and Marine Electrical Systems. Take a course, have fun and increase your knowledge and skills of all things nautical.

(Lt/C Dan's Report continues on Page 11)



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In 2010 - The 2010 calendar details another fun year coming our way. There will be numerous scheduled events, 52 Friday Night Socials, general meetings, dinner party's, BBQs, raft-ups, cruises (lunch and 3 day to 3 week) and more. For details you can stay current by looking at the calendar posted on our website www.verobeachps.com at any time, read what's coming up in the Nautical News, that comes out bi-monthly, listen for the announcements at the Friday Night Socials and sign up for events on "Boating Activities" clipboards posted in the clubhouse.

Serving You - I have the pleasure of serving on the bridge as the Administrative Officer for the year 2010, so I guess you will be hearing from me more than usual. My wife Barbara, Asst. Admin. Officer, promises to keep me in line and assist me, when asked nicely. These days it seems all I talk about when we are together is the VBPS. I promise her this too will pass. Janet Leh says it's an easy job and that I will have a great time doing it. Others have already offered their help by staying the course and continuing to do the job they did last year. Thanks to all who help keep our squadron moving ahead and especially to those who will be helping me do my part in the coming months. Your Friday Night Social Quarterbacks are Mary Lichty-Nelson, James Brown and Sue Hamel, Shirley and Ed Carr, and Barbara and John Spilman. The new members should get involved, take the challenge and sign up. If you have any questions contact any of the Quarterbacks.

Membership - This year Kathy Thomas, Janet Leh, Karen Boarman, Judy Ward and Mary Lichty-Nelson will be helping you help us grow the membership. To support our growth consider the following as you can make a difference. Bring a neighbor, friend or relative to a VBPS event. Give the Nautical News to a friend, neighbor, and relative or drop it at the doctor's office in the waiting room to share with others. You are the VBPS Public Relations voice so while you are waiting in line at the check out register while shopping at our local supermarkets start a conversation about boating, classes we teach and how much fun you had at the last event, with the person in front of you or behind you, and then invite them to a Friday Night Social. We can take it from there.

Entertainment - Harold Leh and Judy Ward head up the entertainment end of the VBPS. They are looking for ideas about who you would like to entertain you during the various events that require entertainment.

Community Service - There is an opportunity for us to provide a community service for the Indian River Youth Guidance group here in Vero. This is something new. I spoke with Tricia Mitchell, Youth Guidance, today (1/14) who wanted to take us up on our offer to participate with them and give some of the local kids an opportunity to spend some time on the river fishing or just taking a boat ride. You will be hearing from me about this in the coming months at the general meeting and in the Nautical News.

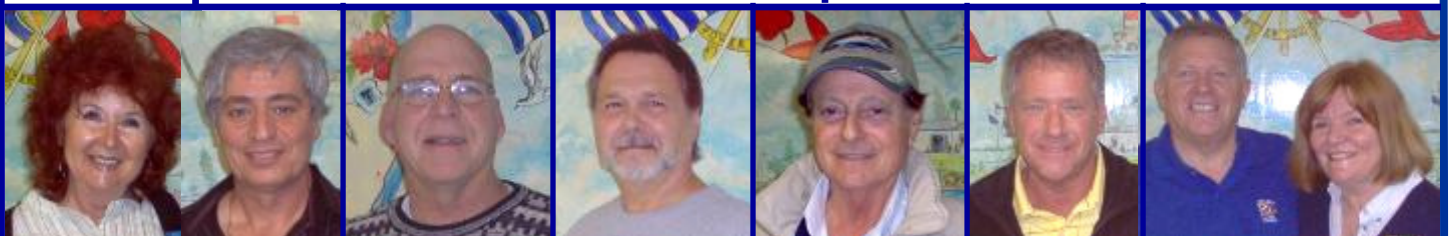
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The Vero Beach Power Squadron has become a prime supporter of the newly formed Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County.. We have provided funds to help with advertising and start-up costs for the organization along with purchasing a boat kit. Now we plan to construct the boat and have our name placed on the sides of the boat



(Vero Beach Power Squadron). Two of our more skilled craftsmen, John Spilman and Bob Scully will lead the efforts to construct our little Optimist dinghy. We will then make the boat available for needy children to use to learn to sail small boats safety and confidently.

ADDITIONAL HELP IS NEEDED

You can help this great adventure for children and parents in Vero Beach and Indian River County. The Foundation still needs volunteers to become "builder instructors" and for funds to help purchase needed supplies and equipment.

Two major facets of this program are unique. The first is that the Optimist dinghies are constructed of special plywood that has been very carefully cut out here in Vero Beach. There are no bolts or screws to hold it together. The boats will be held together totally by fiberglass and special environmentally and people friendly epoxies. The second major facet of the program is where a child and parent will build the boat in a cooperative venture with help from skilled and specially trained volunteers (could be YOU). Can you imagine the confidence that can build when



the child builds his/her own boat and then learns to sail it competitively? To lend your support (either with money or time) please contact Dan Thomas at dat-capecod@yahoo.com or 772 978-1701. **THANK YOU!**



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COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

DATE	FEBRUARY EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Bob Scully
Monday 1	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Jim Ward
Wed. 3 - Sun. 7	USPS Annual Meeting - Orlando	N/A	National Event
Monday 8	General Membership Meeting	1930	Jim Ward
Sat.13-Sun.14	America's Boating Course	0900	Howard Daniels
Sunday 14	Ladies Pot Luck @ Leh's	1300	Kathie Thomas
Saturday 20	Boys & Girls Clubs Fishing Day	0900	Dick Carlin
Sunday 21	Founder's Day Steak-Out	1700	Dennis Joslin
Saturday 27	Raft-Up @ Hole in the Wall (vessel safety checks)	1100	Scully / Leh

DATE	MARCH EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Monday 1	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Jim Ward
Saturday 6	Yard Sale	0700	Spilmans
Monday 8	General Membership Meeting	1930	Jim Ward
Sunday 14	St. Patrick's Day Dinner	1700	Thomas'
Tues,16-Fri.19	Northern Mini Cruise	N/A	Kathie Thomas
Sat. 27-Sun.28	Vero Beach Boat Show - Riverside Park	1000	Glenn Rose