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VBPS 2011 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/C Janet L. Leh, S

Educational Officer - Lt/C Alan R. Ebstein, SN

Secretary - Lt. Nora Lichty

Executive Officer - Lt/C Robert G. Scully, AP

Administrative Officer - Judith A. Peschio, S

Treasurer - 1st Lt. Peter W. Brown, P

ASSISTANTS TO BRIDGE OFFICERS

Asst.Ed. Officer - P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN

Asst. Secretary - Barbara Ebstein

Asst.Admin. Officer - Lt. Mary Lichty-Nelson, S

Asst. Treasurer - William E. Curtis, S

NOMINEES FOR ELECTED COMMITTEES

Executive Committee (includes 6 Bridge Officers)

P/C William Heimbaugh, S

Lt. Judith G. Ward

Lt. Bruce R. Bell, SN -- Alternate

Lt. Mary Lichty-Nelson, S

P/C Robert E. White, SN

Lt. Roy S. Thompson, JN -- Alternate

Lt. Glenn Rose, S

Cdr James A. Ward, AP

Lt. John W. Zilg, JN

Auditing Committee

Lt. Beverly A. Ford, AP - Term expires Dec 2011

Lt/C James J. Kreider, JN - Term expires December 2013

Lt. Vernon Pastirchak, P - Term expires Dec 2012

Nominating Committee

P/C Robert F. McCurdy, SN - Term expires Dec 2011

P/C William Heimbaugh, S - Term expires December 2012

Cdr James A. Ward, AP Term expires Dec 2013

Lt. Mary Lichty-Nelson, S - Term expires Dec 2011

Lt. Carolyn L. Macmillan - Term expires Dec 2012

P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN - Term expires Dec 2013

Rules Committee

Lt. Austin Walsh, AP - Term expires Dec 2011

P/C Edward J. Carr, SN - Term expires Dec 2013

Lt. John R. Newton - Term expires Dec 2012

This Election of Bridge Officers and Committee Members will take place at the Vero Beach Power Squadron Annual Meeting slated for 1930 on 6 December 2010.

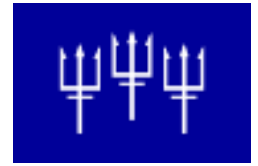
P/C Robert F. McCurdy, SN - Nominating Committee Chairman



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

Cdr James A. Ward, AP

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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

Well it's that time of the year again, baseball is winding down, football is now in play and the Vero Beach Power Squadron members who chose to spend their summers up north are beginning to return. You "northerners" will notice a lot of new faces. Lt. Kathie Thomas, P and her Membership Committee have been hard at work. Our membership has swelled by 16% since the beginning of the year to 327. If you see a new face, introduce yourself and be sure to make them feel welcome into our Vero Beach Power Squadron family. One of them may be a future commander.

Unfortunately this increase in membership numbers includes some who have left our ranks during the year. Most notably, P/D/C Joe Leitz, SN will be missed by all. Joe was one of our leaders and left our Vero Beach Power Squadron a better place. I would like to thank P/C John Spilman, SN, and P/C Dan Thomas, SN who volunteered to fill Joe's shoes as the head of Building Maintenance and teach Operations Training respectively. Also, the rest of us Vessel Examiners will have to pick up the load as Joe was always our leader in the number of vessels inspected. On November 13th following a memorial service at St Helen Catholic Church at 10:00 AM there will be a reception at 1:00PM at our VBPS building. Further details will be provided at a later date.

Finally, I would like to address boating safety. In the newspaper this morning there was an article that stated in part:

- "73% of drowning victims could swim. However, state investigators confirmed only 11% of boating victims were wearing a personal flotation device." **So wear your PFD!**
- "86% of boating victims were Florida residents."
- "89% of boaters involved in a fatality on the water had no boat operator education."
- "There is a direct correlation between the training a boat operator receives and his ability to operate a vessel safely. One of the key findings in "2007 Recreational Boating Statistics"-a report produced jointly by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Coast Guard – is that only 14 percent of (boating) deaths (nationwide) occurred on vessels where the operator had received boating-safety instruction."

Each of us have access to high quality boating education for essentially the cost of materials. Because of where we live, whether you own a boat or not, most of us participate in boating activities. For your own safety and the safety of others onboard, I encourage each of you to take one of our classes. It is also a great way to get to know members other than at a social function.....and **its fun!**

Stay Safe!

Your Commander,

Jim Ward, AP

Happy Birthday VBPS Members

October 2010 Birthdays

Judy Gill	10/02
Helena Parker	10/02
Terry Patrick	10/03
Ruth Ritter	10/04
Sylvia McCurdy	10/05
Carole Kreider	10/09
Tom Jones	10/10
Patrick Nelligan	10/11
David Vogt	10/11
Howard Daniels	10/13
Kathie Dougherty	10/14
Bill Nicholas	10/14
Lynne Brown	10/15
Barbara Feldman	10/15
Larry Lott	10/15
Leonard Frosina	10/21
Janet Pieratt	10/22
Judi Wisniewski	10/22
Alex Fritz	10/24
Sandy Raynes	10/24
John Burnham	10/26
Cynthia Perrone	10/26
Charlie Pope	10/26
Janet Leh	10/31



November 2010 Birthdays

Bruce McIntyre	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
Arlene Brosnan	11/12
Joan Curtis	11/13
Arlene Thurman	11/14
Walter Raynes	11/16
Mary Rianhard	11/16
Jack Kruiten	11/21
Cheryle Mackie	11/22
August Barberi	11/23
Mike Wisniewski	11/23
Bill Zilg	11/23
Mary Lichty-Nelson	11/25
Robert Bubello	11/27
James Curtin	11/27
Dorothea Clarke	11/28
Anne Magyar	11/28
Roy Thompson	11/28
Dan Dodson	11/29
John Newton	11/29
Mike Wilson	11/29

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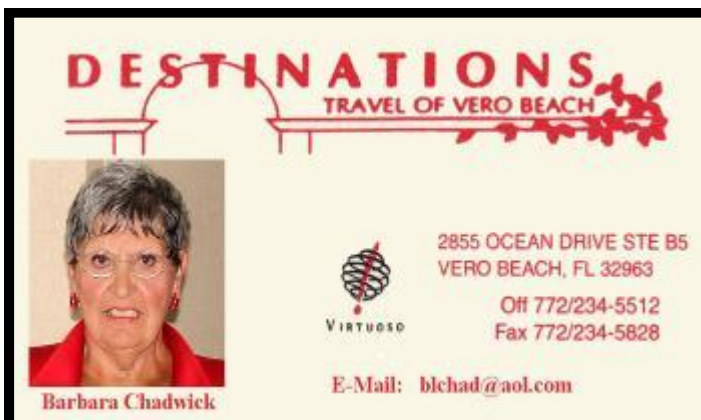
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Autumn Greetings to All,

Attending the USPS Governing Board Meeting in Bellevue, WA. was quite an experience. There were a lot of familiar faces and a lot of new friends we met. I accepted our 3rd place award for The Outstanding Selden 2010 P/C/C William Selden, IV, SN Membership Involvement Retention Award. You as members should be Vero Beach Proud for the great job you did enlisting new members and then, of course, handing them over to our Membership Involvement Chairman, Lt. Katherine Thomas, P. She has done a wonderful job and I was honored to accept this award for her. We were awarded a certificate and a check for \$100.00. Thank you all!!

P/C William Heimbaugh, S, Caroline Bargren, Harold and I will be hosting this years Halloween Party which will be on Sunday, October 31. Please sign up early. There will be prizes for the best dressed and also some surprises in store. There will be a lot of info to come by E-Mail. Good luck with your costumes !!!

The next Vero Beach Boat Show will be November 20 and 21. Sign up sheet will be posted by Lt. Glenn Rose,S.

Speaking of Glenn, as you know, the Rose's and the Leh's attended the USPS Governing Board Meeting in Bellevue, WA. We spent one month on a road trip and it was great. We started off at the Orlando Airport with Joy practically getting strip searched. It was not what we expected. Do we look like criminals? Glenn was our planner and guide and driver. We wouldn't let Harold drive due to the fact he fell asleep as soon as he got in the car !! We took a horse and buggy ride thru the wine country, went horseback riding on the beach, did some wine tasting, rode in a hot air balloon, stayed in a haunted light house on a cliff, drove up winding narrow roads with no guard rails to see Mt. Rainier and Mt St. Helen's, visited the Naked Winery, and then there was the ziplining at Whistler Mt where the Olympics were held which should tell the how high we had to go to hang on for five rides to get down the Mt. Harold and Glenn hung upside down, Joy let go and it looked like she was flying free. I, on the other hand, hung on for dear life!! I know my hair is whiter. If you need a wonderful guide and a great trip planner, please call Glenn!



Your Executive Officer
 Lt/C Janet L. Leh, P

Princess Leh sweeping up after another successful VBPS party Work, Work, Work — Does she ever sleep?

This gentleman has been awarded the honor of having the "Best Smile of the Year". One problem — since we have no clue as to the identity of this person — we can not make the presentation of this prestigious award. Sorry!



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In my last report I described the recently revised Seamanship Course. I hope that many members have decided to participate in the stimulating and informative classes. For those who wish a nautical challenge, we have scheduled both a Junior Navigation Course and a Navigation (advanced celestial navigation) Course. Both of these courses have been recently updated and are currently the best of their type available today **at any price.**

Matt Mathewson will be starting his classes in JN beginning **Sept. 28** at 9:00 A.M. in his home. Don't worry if you miss the first class, he will work with you to catch up quickly. We are very fortunate to have Matt's talents with us. Give him or me a call or Email him to tell him of your desire to participate (or to get additional info on this great course). You can get your sextant and other materials from me.

Hank Krauss has scheduled N classes, in our Squadron Building, beginning **November 4** at 9:30 A.M. Hank is a talented instructor who will make the N course understandable and fun. He is so good that he helped me to complete the course successfully. That was a challenge for him. If I can do it, you can too. I had a lot of fun learning about the new computer programs that form the backbone of this course (celestial sights are practiced as a backup for GPS and other electronic navigation devises). Contact Hank (Email is best) or me to get more info on this course or to sign up.

These two courses are challenging and FUN. Remember, we have to uphold the tradition of Power Squadron Members being the most informed and skilled boat operators on the waters today. **How skilled and knowledgeable are you????**

GOOD NEWS FLASH

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We all remember the Seamanship Course — well now we have instituted major revisions to this course and we are calling it "**THE FUNDAMENTALS of BOAT HANDLING and SEAMANSHIP**". The major revisions are the incorporation of **on the water training** and we are **opening this course to the public.** This course is being offered to VBPS members for \$40 and to the public for \$90. The dates have been set for Nov. 11, 16, 18, 30, Dec. 2, 7 and 9. With the addition of the on the water training aspect, we feel that many of you that have or have not taken Seamanship will sign-up for this new look course. P/C Dan

Membership Corner - New Member Photos Chairman - Lt. Kathie Thomas, P



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Friday Night Socials – Ed and Shirley thank you all who have signed up to host the FNS during the past few months. Spilman and Scully (John, Barb, Bob and Barb) will coordinate the next quarter. We are looking forward to your support in October, November and December. Please contact us with any questions about being a FNS Host.

Labor Day Philly Cheese Steak Cookout – Thanks to all who supported this year’s event, which went well, in spite of the downpour. The sign-up count was 103 but not everyone came due to the heavy rain that lasted for most of the dinner.

Lt/C Janet Leh and Lt. Harold Leh donated and shipped the steak, which was flown in from PA. Coleslaw by Maureen Mathewson.

Members involved bringing this event to you.... The Organizers - Howard and Maggie Daniels. The Support Team - Jim and Judy Ward, Bill Heinbaugh, Carolyn Macmillian, Walter and Sandy Raynes, Jan Bush and Mikki Powers.

District 8 Fall Conference – The noted event is scheduled for Sept 24, 25 and 26 and is being held at the Marriott Hotel in Boca Raton. For more details http://www.uspsd8.com/eventdocs/201007121315120.conferencesheet.pdf?event_id=39. For details about D8 check out - <http://www.uspsd8.com/index.php>

Coming your way - Just a reminder. The events coming your way are always included in the Nautical News, which is sent out to all the members via email. Some hardcopies are printed by Woody and left at the VBPS facility for those who wish to take one. All events coming up are posted on the last page of the publication.

Additionally there is a calendar tab on our website www.verobeachps.com that will provide the same data.

Water Activities – On Saturday July 24 we had a raft up at Redneck Riviera. Captain Neil Ferguson on boat “With-a-squeeze” was the anchor vessel. Other vessels on the water include Mermaid, Miller Time, Blue Dog, Sea Smoke, Trixie and Barking Grouper. I hear that they have pictures, which will be shared with us soon. The photographers will be sending pictures for Woody to post to our website.

Burgee Search – Looking for more to hang on the walls at the clubhouse. Anyone who has a burgee that they would like to donate let me know. Please identify where it came from. We will be happy to hang your burgee up for all to see.

**Your Administration Officer,
Lt/Cdr Bob Scully, AP**

New Member Photos

The Murray Jungle at Penn State



Chris & Alyse Caldwell

Marty Ingwersen

The Boys & JoePa

**The Murray Jungle at the RV
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Thanks to our Squadron Educational Officer, **P/C Dan Thomas, SN**, his cadre of instructors and **you who have taken advantage of our educational opportunities**, your Vero Beach Power Squadron was recognized by District 8 leadership for its **Excellence in Education** by finishing 1st in 4 of the 5 educational award categories. We received:

- 1st for the “Prince Henry Award for Proficiency in JN & N”
- 1st for the “Harry J. Mehrer Award for Proficiency in S, AP & CP”
- 1st for the “N Club of South Florida Award”
- 1st the “Saul Sabad Award for Overall Educational Achievement”

In addition, **Lt. Bruce R. Bell, SN**, **Lt/C Alan R. Ebstein, SN** and **P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN**, were each presented a Certificate of Educational Achievement for **“Having successfully completed all Educational Courses”**.

Also, **Lt. David P. Connolly, N**, **Lt/C James J. Kreider, JN**, **Lt. Harold R. Leh Jr., AP**, **Lt/C Robert G. Scully, AP** and **Cdr. James A. Ward, AP** were each presented a Certificate of Educational Proficiency **“In recognition of successful completion of the grade of Advanced Piloting or higher and three elective courses”**.

P/C Henry “Hank” Krauss, SN was recognized as Vero Beach Power Squadron’s nominee for the **D/8 Chapman Award (Excellence in Teaching)** (one of 6 for the District) and for **50 years of Membership** in the United States Power Squadrons.

On another note, based on the 2nd quarter statistics released by District 8, our membership swelled to **327**. That puts us tied with Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron for the largest membership in the District. Thanks to the hard work of **Lt. Katherine I Thomas, P**, the Membership Committee, and those who brought in new prospective members.

Last, but not least, our entrances in the **Boarman USPS Youth Poster Contest** beat out the other District 8 submittals and placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each age category. Congratulations to all our artists!
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EDITOR’S NOTE: On behalf of the VBPS membership, I would like to **THANK** all those members who attended the D8 Fall Conference and especially our Commander, **Jim Ward, AP**, for submitting this **EXCELLENT** report on the wonderful successes of your squadron.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER Lt. Frank “Tom” Jones, III, S

Bev and I are still in Michigan (and of course, miss all of you) and have reached that point in life where we have become our parents parents. Both of my parents have Dementia and Alzheimer's and are in a nursing home in Dearborn, Michigan. Many of you have been or will be in this situation at one point in time. It is so different than being a parent or grandparent to your own offspring. When we help our children it is like making an investment in the future and it is our prayer that we see those investments come to fruition. As our children grow older it is our joy to help them take advantage of where they are and to expose them to the opportunities that lay before them. We wish them the best and pray for their success at whatever level it occurs. The greatest thing we can hope for is that our children are no longer dependent on us and can face the world standing on their own two feet. Sometimes it grieves us that our children don't appreciate all we have done for them but wasn't it the same with our own parents when we were younger. Now comes the time when our parents need our support. We are not legally obligated to do anything for them ... but we do because we love them and remember the investment they put into our lives. How we approach this varies but the 'mental obligation' remains the same. We will see you all in January. Lt 'Tom' Jones, Chaplain VBPS fjones@peoplepc.com



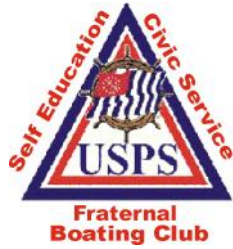
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COMING EVENTS (subject to change)			
DATE	OCTOBER EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Bob Scully
Saturday 2	Raft-Up @ Hole-in-the-Wall	1100	Lt/C Scully/Lt Leh
Monday 4	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Jim Ward
Sunday 10	Shrimp Boil	1700	P/C Ed Dreher
Monday 11	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Jim Ward
Tuesday 12	West Coast and Northern Cruise Begins	N/A	Cdr Ward/Jack Knauss
Sat.16 & Sun.17	America's Boating Course	0900	Lt Howard Daniels
Saturday 30	Halloween Party (costumes please)- Squadron Building	1700	The Lehs
DATE	NOVEMBER EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Bob Scully
Monday 1	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Jim Ward
Monday 8	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Jim Ward
Thursday 11	Fundamentals of Boat Handling & Seamanship - 7 nights	1900	P/C Dan Thomas
Saturday 13	P/D/C Joseph F. Leitz, SN Memorial Service - Squadron Bldg.	1300	Cdr Jim Ward
Sunday 14	Blessing of the Fleet - VBYC	TBA	Mike Wisniewski
Sunday 14	Brooks Annual Pork Roast Dinner	1700	Jack & Jane Knauss
Wednesday 17	Raft-Up - Location TBA	1100	Lt/C Scully/Lt Leh
Sat. 20 & Sun.21	Vero Beach Boat Show - Riverside Park	0900	Lt Glenn Rose