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YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION of INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

By Nicole Rodriguez

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County is helping teens and children with aspirations of owning and operating their own sailboats. On Sunday, 6 June they achieved their goal when the foundation launched its first fleet of hand made dinghies at the Vero Beach Municipal Marina with the youngsters at the helm. “We launched five finished boats with children aboard,” said Dan Thomas, vice chairman of the foundation. Youths can participate in a week-long sailing course to learn the ins and outs of water safety and navigating their own vessel.

The Youth Sailing Foundation, which started earlier this year, promotes and operates a sustainable sailing program for local youths, ages 6 to 16, using 8-foot-long Optimist Sailing Dinghy. The building program gives kids creative control of the construction process. Overseen by parents and experts in the field, children assemble a pre-cut okume plywood boat kit. It takes children about 40 hours, spanning two or three months, to complete the 77-pound dinghy. The kits cost about \$1,400 which include spars, rigging and a sail. “By building these dinghies, the kids develop a good sense of camaraderie and accomplishment,” Thomas said. “It’s so exciting to see the look on the kids’ faces once they’ve completed the dinghy and are out on the water.” Vero Beach resident Troy Visser and his son, Randy, 9, built a dinghy through the program and Randy’s sister, Julia, 12, will soon start construction on her own dinghy after she saw how much fun her father and brother had. “They are so excited to start classes,” Visser said of his two children. “They are very interested in learning how to sail.”

Organizations such as the Vero Beach Yacht Club and Vero Beach Power Squadron donate money for grants for children who cannot afford to buy their own kits. “We don’t want to leave any child out,” said Charlie Pope, foundation chairman. “We want to create a bonding experience for all the children and their parents. That’s our goal, and it’s worked out so well.”

The sailing classes will be taught by certified professionals. Youth will learn all about teamwork, wind patterns, paddling and racing techniques, water safety and how to care for and maintain their boats. They will also learn how to recover if their dinghy should capsize.

The instruction the children will receive usually costs several hundred dollars, but donations from businesses and residents made it free. Students only have to purchase a \$15 textbook.

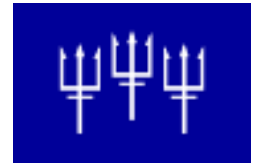
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

Cdr James A. Ward, AP

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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

As we approach the holiday season, I believe we are completing another very successful year at our Vero Beach Power Squadron. I wish to thank the Bridge, the Executive Committee, all the Committee Chairpersons and Committee members and all of you members for making this year such a success.

One way we can judge our success was our recently submitted our "Doing It Right" (DIR) 2010 Award Worksheet to National in which we are judged in 25 categories. The goal is to be able to answer "yes" to 15 questions/categories in 2010, 16 in 2011, 18 in 2012 and 20 in 2013. If a squadron meets these goals, it will be able to display a "Doing It Right" logo on its newsletter. I reviewed the worksheet with your Executive Committee and I am happy to report that we answered "YES" 23 times. The first of two questions we answered "no" to was "Recruit 50% of its new members from your ABC3 Classes or Seminars?" We missed this one because you are bringing in so many friends and neighbors that we have grown year-to-date by over 17%! The other question we answered "no" to was "Attend your District Fall Conference with 80% of your delegates?" We only had 62% of our delegates. You see, as our membership increases we get more delegates. There was also a twenty-sixth question concerning any additional activity that should be considered for credit. Here we explained how your VBPS maintains a high profile within the community. We listed the town events and charitable organizations we support. We also described how we use the Boarman USPS National Youth Poster Contest to help let the community know what we are all about.

There was another question/category that I would like to see added to the DIR program. It was something we discussed way back last January at the Change of Watch. That is "Did we have FUN this year while we were helping to make boating safe, supporting our community and supporting each other at our squadron activities?" The answer needs to be YES for us to have had a truly successful year.

Since this is the last article I will be writing for the "Nautical News" as your Commander I want to sincerely thank each of you for your support this year and ask to support your new Bridge and Committees in 2011.

Thanks – IT'S BEEN FUN!

Your Commander - Jim

Editor's Note: All articles and reports for the February - March Nautical News should be turned in by 15 January. *THANK YOU!!*

Happy Birthday VBPS Members

December 2010 Birthdays

Ellis Simon	12/04
Robert Borelli	12/05
Roberta Dougherty	12/05
John Gill	12/05
Matt Mathewson	12/06
Ed Dreher	12/08
Julie Horchler	12/10
Sharon Raphaeli	12/12
Joy Radke Rose	12/12
Robert Malin	12/13
Ron Pieratt	12/13
Lourdes Marie Rogers	12/13
Bonnie Myers	12/13
Edwin Reynolds	12/14
Jo Zeisler	12/14
Bill Heimbaugh	12/19
Barbara Winn	12/20
Elizabeth Melnick	12/20
Lori Marandola	12/21
George Scott	12/21
David Connolly	12/23
Grant Gardner	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
Ann Mitchell	12/30
John Spilman	12/30



January 2011 Birthdays

Mirabel Fanders	01/01
Les Rogers	01/01
Sue Kepler	01/02
Gary Kepler	01/03
Pat MacLeod-Bilotta	01/03
Tom Rebik	01/03
George DeGeorge	01/04
Don Helm	01/04
Glenn Rose	01/05
Jean Thompson	01/05
Tom Maddalla	01/06
Marlene Brooks	01/07
Ed Davis	01/07
Virginia Yunker	01/07
David Walton	01/08
Doug Winn	01/10
Raleigh Archer	01/15
Marshall Holtz	01/16
Kitty Karavedes	01/17
Phil Tatarowicz	01/17
Sandy Hargreaves	01/18
Jan Paul	01/18
Janet Price	01/19
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Seasons Greetings to All,

The holiday season has already begun and our squadron has certainly become very active. We are looking forward to the Annual Meeting, the Holiday Dinner Dance, our Ladies Christmas Lunch at the Vero Beach Yacht Club and the Vero Beach Boat Parade which all leads us up to the Change of Watch. See the back page for the dates and times. I certainly hope to see all of you at these very important and exciting events. Reservations are a must so **PLEASE** place them early.

Our Co-op Charting Group has been very active. Actually, they have done a great job this year so I have convinced Lt. Harold R. Leh, Jr. AP to once again lead these extraordinary men next year. Thank you dear, oh, I mean Harold.

Our Vessel Safety Check Chairman, P/C Jack Kruiten, AP, has done a fine job with his committee all year. They have been working very hard to make our boats safe and to also teach us about safety on the water. Many of our group return to their summer homes and inspect boats there. They are always working.

By the time you read this, Lt. Glenn Rose, S, will have completed his second Vero Beach Boat Show this year. He has done a fine job setting up our booth and making sure all the volunteers are prepared. Again, boating safety, new members!! So I thank you Glenn for accepting this position next year. Who said getting people to volunteer is hard?

As you can tell, this will be my last article as your Executive Officer. Thank you for all you help and support, making my job very easy and rewarding. I am certainly looking forward to next year!

Your Executive Officer,
 Janet

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This will be my last submittal as your Squadron Educational Officer. As your SEO for the past four years, I have had the privilege of helping Squadron members and the general public receive the finest education pertaining to boating/sailing and all maritime activities.

Our instructors have done a really great job of preparing excellent lessons and delivering them in a professional manner. Our National HQ has developed comprehensive and up-to-date courses and our instructors have made them even better.

I want to welcome our new (once he is elected) Squadron Educational Officer. You already know him as our hard working Squadron Treasurer - Lt/Cdr Al Ebstein, SN. Al is an experienced boater and sailor who, along with all of his activities with our Power Squadron and The Youth Sailing Foundation, is active with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Welcome Al as our new SEO and do yourself a huge favor by taking a VBPS course. All of our courses have been updated, so it is no excuse to say "I took that course many years ago".

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your SEO for these past years.

Lt/C (P/C) Dan Thomas, SN

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Greetings Members and Friends,

Things are heating up at the VBPS. Many of our members are returning to enjoy the warmer climate here in Florida. If you have been away, here is a brief idea on what's been happening at VBPS.

Over 100 members and guests attended the Shrimp Boil hosted by PC Ed Dreher, AP. The fare - South Carolina's favorite mixture of shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes combined with beer, wine and sodas. It was a grand affair and we hope Ed does it again next year. The Halloween Pot Luck Party (10/31/10) some said was the best Halloween get together so far. This year Janet and Harold Leh orchestrated the festivity. Most members in attendance were in costume. Prizes were awarded for best costumes.

Special thanks to Larry and Judy Lott, Cdr. Jim and Lt. Judy Ward, Lt/C Janet and Lt. Harold Leh, Jan Paul, Barbara Scully, Sheree and Doug Gough, Charlie and Chris Pope and P/C John Spilman, SN. They were the support team who put time in at the booth on 11-6 & 11-7 promoting the VBPS at the Rotary Club Nautical Flea Market at Riverside Park. Proudly displayed next to the booth was the VBPS Optimist Dingy, which was also displayed at the general meeting held on 11/9.

A reception was held in honor of Past District Commander Joe Leitz, Senior Navigator on Saturday 11-13, who passed recently. Joe was, among other things well known as Vero's TOP Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Inspector with over 1000 VSC's under his belt. He did a lot for the VBPS over the many years and will be missed.

Jane and Jack Knauss hosted the Brooks Pork Roast, with support from fellow VBPS members (Spilman, Carr, Joslin, Leh, Ebstein, Wisniewski, Scott, Reinhart, Peschio, and McCurdy). Scrumptious appetizers provided by the attendees were consumed during the happy hour. The main course consisted of pork roast grilled and smoked on an open fire to perfection.

Friday Night Social quarter hosts, Mary Lichty-Nelson, Sue Hamel and Jim Brown, Ed and Shirley Carr, and John and Barb Spilman, are to be commended for their efforts, in encouraging the members to step up to the plate and give it their all, so we could indulge on the [hors d'oeuvres](#) while we socialized with our beverage of choice.

Notable general meeting guest speakers included Charlie Pope on "Omni Dinghy"; John Gill on "Locking Thru"; Patrick Lahey on "Triton Mini Subs"; a video "Cruising with the VBPS" narrated by Barbara Epstein; "Artifacts in the Ocean" by Captain Bob; a short talk on the "Sheriffs Marine Division looks for volunteers"; and "Wooden Boat manufacturing" by Matt and Maureen Mathewson.

Coming your way is the Holiday Dinner Dance at the VBYC on 12/12/2010 and, of course, the Change of Watch scheduled for 1/9/2011, also at the VBYC.

Thank Marilyn and P/R/C Ellis D. Simon SN and George Scott for the latest additions to the burgee pool.

As this is the last Nautical News for the year I would like to wish all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. Thank you all who helped me during the year. It has been a pleasure serving Vero's Finest as the 2010 Admin Officer.


Regards,

Lt/C Bob Scully,

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Matt, Bob and Harold Obtaining Sights



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER Lt. Frank "Tom" Jones, III, S

Always remember to say 'Thank You!'. Something special happens when we make that simple appreciative gesture. It makes a moment or action something special. Don't wait for a special day or ceremony to say thank you. If you 'bundle' or think you can accumulate your 'thank you's' it actually makes them less meaningful. Discipline yourself to say 'thank you' now, while the iron is hot. If you have fallen behind in your 'thank you's', write a note, not E-Mail; but a personal handwritten note or better yet 'eye-ball to eye-ball.' Make that call, it is never to late to say to make someone feel appreciated. It will pay off in the long run.

For those of you interested, there is a parable in the Bible that talks about this, Luke 17:11-19. In that spirit, please include God in your 'thank you's.' Thank You for your time and attention!

Chaplain/SGM F.T. Jones III

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COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

DATE	DECEMBER EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Bob Scully
Friday 3	Annual Vero Beach Christmas Boat Parade	1830	Vero Beach Event
Saturday 4	Mass for Dale Kridlo @ St. Helen's Catholic Church*	1000	Cdr Jim Ward
Monday 6	Annual Executive/General Meetings-Voting on Officers **	1900/1930	Cdr Jim Ward
Sunday 12	Holiday Dinner Dance @ the VBYC	1700	Lt/C Bob Scully
Saturday 25	Merry Christmas		
DATE	JANUARY EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Bob Scully
Monday 3	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Jim Ward
Friday 7	Commander's Party	1730	Cdr Jim Ward
Sunday 9	Change of Watch @ the VBYC	1700	Lt/C Bob Scully
Monday 10	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Janet Leh

* Dale Kridlo is the son of Michelle Dale who was killed in Afghanistan on 6 Nov. Ken & Michelle Dale are members of the Vero Beach Power Squadron.

**The Annual General Membership Meeting is the most important meeting of the year. Please plan to attend!