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Authorities Always on Alert, but Arrests for BUI are Rare

By Alexandra Seltzer, The Palm Beach Post, January 13, 2011

Mandy Romeu, 42, of Deerfield Beach, was charged with boating under the influence-manslaughter in May. His Boynton Beach friend was thrown from a boat after a night of drinking and later died at a hospital. Romeu's blood-alcohol level was well above the legal limit.

Cheryl Griffin, a Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office deputy, lost her right arm after driving her boat while drunk in June and crashing into two wood pilings. Her blood-alcohol level was .177 percent, more than twice the .08 legal limit.

Despite such events, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Lt. Annie Plastic says there aren't many drunk drivers in the waters. In 2009, FWC arrested four people for boating under the influence. In 2010, FWC arrested 11. The Palm Beach Sheriff's Office could not provide BUI arrest information Thursday, but officials said the number is small.

"People are being smarter about designating a driver to drive the boat," Plastic said.

On typical weekends, there are seven FWC boats patrolling the waters in Palm Beach County.

If an officer suspects BUI, he or she will look for indicators such as slurred speech, dropping a registration, or having trouble locating a life jacket. Then they will do a sobriety test on the boat. If there is reason to believe that the person is drunk, the boater is put through field sobriety tests — the same type given to drunk car drivers — on land.

"We definitely check quite a bit of people," Plastic said.

On July 4, 400 vessels were inspected and about 1,000 people were interviewed, but not one was arrested for BUI.

"Are there just a bunch of drunk boaters around there not getting caught?" Plastic said. "I don't think that's the case." She said behavior that would seem to be a sign of drunk boating is sometimes due to boating inexperience.

A boater convicted of BUI for the first time faces a fine of \$500 to \$1,000 and up to six months in jail. Seriously injuring someone while boating under the influence is a third-degree felony with a sentence of up to five years in prison. BUI manslaughter is a second-degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

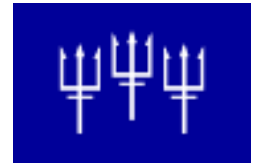
ADDITIONAL CHANGE OF WATCH PHOTOS





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends — (below is my acceptance speech)

Well, this just goes to show one thing. A Princess can actually become a Commander.

LIFE IS GOOD!!

I just have a few things I'd like to say. As you saw, there were National, District 8 and Vero Beach Squadron Officers standing next to me as I was being administered the oath of office. It was important for me to show you how we all come together as one organization. These are members working on projects all year long in order to make all our functions run smoothly towards one goal. Making boating safe. We can all make a difference by supporting them.

BOATING IS FUN, LET US SHOW YOU HOW!

You will hear that a lot during the year. Our children love boating; our grandchildren love boating; we have an Aunt who is 90 and up until 3 years ago when our Uncle passed away, they loved boating on the Chesapeake Bay and did it for 60 years. Oh, she said to tell you that boating has certainly changed over those 60 years but always for the good. Are ready for this? She told me they had so many boats for their raft-ups, they couldn't visit everyone — and that is a quote.

I'm sure everyone has great stories to tell about their boating experiences. I know Woody and Harold have some very scary tales to tell. That is why our organization is so important to all boaters. Not only do we support, promote and teach safe boating, we have a good time doing it, so we may all have great stories to tell. We are also heavily involved with community service.

Two years ago when I realized I was in line for the Vero Beach Commandership, I didn't really know too many members. But I was very fortunate since I was learning names quickly with my helper. I would nudge her at many events and say "who is that?" She would answer me either by telling their name or she would say "I already told you once girlfriend." So I am dedicating this year to my girlfriend, Krysta Ballaron, and I promise to attempt to learn every member's name. Trust me, just ask Harold, that will be quite a challenge.

At this time, I would like you to meet my family who have traveled from PA just to support me. Some of them just left here last week-end and are back again. That's what you call a loving support system. And, of course, you all know Harold. Will all my family members please stand. I would like to say thank you to my family and especially to Harold — just in case I ignore you, get a little bossy sometimes or forget to call home. My oh my that sound familiar. I do love you all and Harold — you only have to salute me once a day.

Now will you all please stand and raise your right hand. This is way to easy — you have just volunteered to help with the Friday Night Socials. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Squadron Bulletin Board. Thanks in advance to all who volunteer.

Your New Commander,
Janet L. Leh, P

Happy Birthday VBPS Members

February 2011 Birthdays

Preston Perrone	02/04
Karen Boarman	02/05
Howard Doyle	02/05
Henry Ray	02/05
Liz Finney	02/09
Peter Juliano	02/09
Mikki Powers	02/09
Leo Bassett	02/10
Don Mattern	02/11
Tom Chadwick	02/14
Kathy Farrell	02/15
Barbara Chadwick	02/18
Tom Davidson	02/18
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Raphael Cinelli	02/20
Frank Bilotta	02/21
Robert Stickle	02/21
Andrea Ferguson	02/22
Bette Juliano	02/22
JoAnn Bassett	02/24
Bob McCurdy	02/24
Zondra Rush	02/25
Anne Murphy	02/26
Suesan Simone	02/26
Marge Fuller	02/27
Alice Hall	02/28



March 2011 Birthdays

Dorothy Ellis	03/06
Toni Leopold	03/08
Jim Kreider	03/09
Chris Pope	03/09
Joseph Krawiec	03/12
Mike Ruhr	03/15
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
Bobbi Walker	03/21
Ray Sullivan	03/22
Jim Stanley	03/24
Sis Gabrielsen	03/25
Sandie Breunig	03/26
Susan Hamel	03/28
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Tim Grabenbauer	03/30
Dan Lichty	03/30
Donna Alderman	03/31

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Greetings Members, Associates and Friends,

Thanks to all who made the Change of Watch an exhilarating success!

I look forward to serving as your Executive Officer. Janet says my job will be a piece of cake. As an elected Bridge Officer, the Executive Officer, that's me, is responsible for the functions described as "external affairs". He should be well acquainted with the Operations Manual and have taken Operations Training within the last four years. Here is a little on duties/assignments/responsibilities and expectations...

1. Answers to the membership and Commander. In the absence of the Commander, the Executive Officer temporarily assumes the duties of the Commander.
2. May be assigned other duties by the Commander but primarily supervises the following committees: Boat Show, Cooperative Charting, Liaison Legislative, Public Relations, Radio Technical, Safety and Vessel Safety Check.
3. Is a member, ex-officio, of all committees of the Executive Department and is responsible for seeing that they function properly in accordance with the policy and authority of USPS.
4. Is encouraged to attend all district council meetings and is expected to attend all district conference meetings and any other the Commander may assign. It is also helpful to attend National meetings when possible
5. At the end of his/her term, turn over to his successor all reports, records and communications and documents pertaining to the squadron.
6. Should be able to properly report at meetings, provide leadership, and be prepared to assume the role of Commander.

Is responsible for making sure merit mark hours are submitted on a timely basis.

Source - <http://www.usps.org/national/ot/documents/SquadronJobGuide2009.pdf>

There is a lot of information available to members in the VBPS 2011 Roster so please pickup your copy at the VBPS building. We have a website (www.verobeachps.com) where you can find out about education classes, the current bridge, old photos of past events and the Nautical News.

As the Public Relations Officer I dabble in the social media arena on the Internet so we can be found on Facebook. We have a blogspot (<http://vbps2010.blogspot.com/>). For boating education try <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Boating-Education-Vero-Beach/185639358113430>.

At USPS website <http://www.usps.org/> there is a tab titled PRO-LOG. This site is the USPS PR and Marketing Log Book. There are a lot of good ideas that can help us in 2011 continue to make this organization Vero's Finest. Lastly a word on USPS SailAngle - SailAngle.com was conceived by experienced boaters to appeal specifically to the needs of boaters and promises to be "The Ultimate Boating Community." For more go to <http://www.sailangle.com/index/about-us>

Regards,
Your XO, Lt/C Bob Scully, AP



EDUCATION OFFICER

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In the last Nautical News, P/C Dan Thomas,SN introduced me as the incoming SEO. You should also know that Dan will be guiding me in his new position of Asst. SEO and that is a good thing as the Education of Squadron members and the Public is primarily what we are all about. A review of the course outlines for Americas Boating Course (ABC), Seamanship (S), and Piloting (P) has led us to the conclusion that these courses should be taken in that order. Therefore, from this time forward, ABC will be a prerequisite for S, and S will be a prerequisite for P. Accordingly, the timing of these course offerings throughout the year will support this required sequence.

SCHEDULED AND ONGOING CLASSES

America's Boating Course: (Lt.Howard Daniels,S) will be conducted on 12 & 13 February, 16 & 17 April, 18 & 19 June, 10 & 11 September and 26 & 27 November.

Seamanship: (Lt.Nancy Husbands,AP) will be conducted in March & October.

Piloting: (Lt.Walter Raynes,AP) will start on 12 January at 5:30 PM.

Advanced Piloting: (Lt/C Al Ebstein,SN) will start on 13 January at 10:00 AM.

Junior Navigator: (P/C Matt Mathewson,SN) underway.

Navigator: (P/C Hank Krauss,SN) underway.

Elective Courses: Sail & Weather (Lt.Dave Connolly,JN) Cruise Planning (Lt.Mike Wohlstein)
Engine Maint. (P/C John Spilman,SN) Marine Electronics (Lt.Jim Kreider,JN)

The above classes will be offered January through April

The Seminar Series: Using GPS, Reading a Nautical Chart, Boat Handling Under Power, On Board Weather Forecasting, Using VHF / DSC Radio, Rules of The Road and Paddle Smart will all be offered January through April.

PR & First Aid: (Lt.Ken Simone) offered either separately or in conjunction with Partner in Command.

Partner In Command: (P/C Woody Boarman,AP)

Sign Up Sheets can be found on the Squadron Bulletin Board.

Take a course or two — become more knowledgeable, skilled and safer on the water.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Lt.Frank"Tom"Jones,III, S

"To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did. When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better."

These are two great concepts that encourage us to 'never give up and be all that we can be.' The words are applicable not only to individuals but also to organizations. In order to progress, we need a vision. In the corporate world this would be called a mission statement and it is more than just a road map. In order to implement the plan, we must have faith that we can and will accomplish our goals. To keep that faith alive as an organization we have to be about the business of encouraging one another and especially our leaders. A great future can be had but first we must 'see it, believe it, and achieve it!'

SGM F.T. Jones, III
Chaplain, VBPS



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Greetings to all:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve as your Administrative Officer for 2011 and I thank all of you who supported this decision.

We have launched into another event filled year—check out the 2011 Calendar of Events. It takes a team to accomplish all that the VBPS does, so meet the committee chairs who will support me in taking on the tasks of AO.

Mary Lichty-Nelson serves as Assistant AO. There is no defined job description for Mary, just think of it as a jack-of-all-trades for inside operations. She picks up my duties when I'm not available.

George Scott serves as the Chairman of Boating Activities. The first Jan. event is the lunch cruise to Squid Lips, and as of this writing, it sounds like there will be a lot of catfish food used (George is providing pellets to feed the catfish while we dine on the outdoor patio). Other outings will include raft-ups, a couple of mini-cruises, a West coast cruise and several more lunch cruises. Bill Heimbaugh is organizing the annual Poker Run scheduled for January 29. This event promises to be fun—poker, boating, prizes, food and drink.

Kathie Thomas continues to serve as the Chairman of Membership Involvement, and supporting her in these activities are Sandy Raynes, Toby Jarman, Judy Ward and Mary Lichty-Nelson. Last year was a stellar year for bringing in new members—we intend to keep the momentum going.

Dan Thomas will chair Operations Training. The first session will be held sometime in Feb.

Friday Night Social Chairs are key to recruiting hosts for the weekly Friday night socials. Thanks to Janet and Harold Leh (Jan-Feb), Fred and Liz Finney (Mar), John and Mikki Powers (April), Bill and Jan Price (May-June), Charlie and Chris Pope (July), Mary Lichty-Nelson (Aug – Sept) and Jim and Judy Ward (Oct – Dec). You can do your part by signing up to host one of these fun socials. The sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

We launched into the New Year with a big celebration, the annual Change of Watch which drew more than 160 members and guests. A special thanks to Woody and Karen Boarman for all of their work to arrange seating and doing all of the other logistics involved behind the scenes. The Commander's Party which was held 7 January and if you base success on the number of attendees, this was a sell-out. Standing room only, so it was very easy to get to know fellow members. Thanks Jim and Judy for providing plenty of food, drink and a good time.

The New Member Party held at Janet and Harold Leh's home was another success with 65 people attending. Thanks to everyone who made this a fun event for new members and a special thank you to Janet and Harold for opening their home for the party.

Many if you heard Gayl Nye speak to us at the January General Meeting. Gayl provided information about the new CPR guidelines, and demonstrated how to use the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) which is kept in our building. It was helpful information, and there were a lot of questions. In February, the speaker will be Sandra Rawls talking about the Old Vero Ice Age.

Coming up in February is the Boys and Girls Club Fishing Outing organized by Dick Carlin, the Founder's Day Dinner and a raft-up.

I look forward to getting to know all of you and I encourage you to get involved in some of the activities scheduled for this year.


Regards,
Lt/C Judy Peschio

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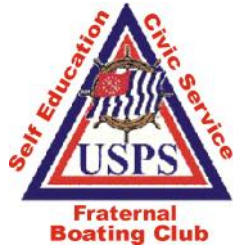
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COMING EVENTS (subject to change)			
DATE	FEBRUARY EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Judy Peschio
Tues.1 - Sun.6	USPS Annual Meeting @ Coronado Springs, Disney World	N/A	National Event
Monday 7	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Janet Leh
Sat.12 & Sun.13	America's Boating Course	0900	Lt. Howard Daniels
Sunday 13	Ladies Pot Luck Luncheon @ Leh's	1300	Lt. Kathie Thomas
Monday 14	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Janet Leh
Saturday 19	Boy's & Girl's Club Fishin' Day	0830	Lt. Dick Carlin
Sunday 20	Founder's Day Dinner	1700	Lt/C Judy Peschio
Saturday 26	Raft-Up @ Hole in the Wall - VSC's will be conducted	1100	Lt. George Scott
Sunday 27	Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron Change of Watch-VBYC	1700	Lt/C Marnie Sullivan
DATE	MARCH EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Judy Peschio
Saturday 5	Annual Yard Sale	0600-1300	Co-Op Charting
Sunday 6	Eco-Fest @ the Environmental Center, Wabasso	TBA	P/C Ed Carr
Monday 7	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Janet Leh
Sunday 13	St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Bocce Ball @ 1500)	1700	P/C Dan & Lt. Kathie
Monday 14	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Janet Leh
Fri.18 - Sun.20	Southern Mini Cruise to Hutchinson Island Marriott	N/A	Lt. George Scott