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R/C Howard Yoas, SN Presents Award to VBPS Cdr Janet Leh, P



Cdr Leh Addresses D/8 Membership



R/C Yoas Presents Co-Op Charting Award to P/C Bill Heimbaugh



P/C Dan Thomas, SN Receives District Chapman Award



D/C Gary L. Ferguson, JN



P/C Jim Ward, AP & R/C Nigel Hagreaves, SN Solving the Problems of the World



Lt Leh Accepts Co-Op Charting Award for VBPS



Lt. Harold & Cdr Janet Leh Remember the Jitterbug?



Lt. Harold Leh, AP, P/C Bill Heimbaugh, S & Lt/ Cdr Judy Peschio, P



R/C Howard Yoas, SN & Mary Piermont



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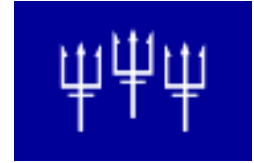
VBPS 2011 HALLOWEEN PARTY -- 30 OCTOBER





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

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Hello VBPS members, Associates and Friends,

The Holidays have arrived! I am sure everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and will enjoy the Christmas Season. Being around family, friends and extending your helping hand to those less fortunate is most important at this time.

This will be the final message after serving 3 years as AO, XO and Commander and I want to say, "Thank you". Your Bridge worked very hard and made my job look easy. This Squadron made a difference with Education, attending meetings, helping the troops, volunteering and helping our community know who we are and what we do. Safe boating makes fun boating. Oh yes, we did have fun! Our raft-ups can't be beat! You encouraged our community to come to us and learn.

We held on to being the largest squadron in District 8 even tho we lost too many key members: Shirley Carr, P/C George Reid, Marty Holtz, Tom Chadwich, Bill Stephenson, Joan Perrigo and Robert Sobieski. These were all very important members who contributed greatly to our club. They will always be remembered.

Our Change of Watch is Sunday, January 8, 2012. Please attend and extend your hand to the new Commander, Bob Scully, JN. I am sure he is going to do great things to help us shine and be proud.

Also, don't miss my final party, The Commanders Friday Social, on January 6, 2012. Please come, enjoy and allow me to say thank you. You deserve it! You should all be "Vero Beach Proud".

The Youth Sailing Committee has asked me to remind you that they will have an open house on Jan.16th and a fundraiser at the Vero Beach Yacht Club on Feb.19th.

Thank you. Commander Janet L. Leh, P

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

"If I had known it would be like this, I probably never would have done it." Have you ever said it? "If I knew then what I know now I would have done things differently." That is another one. These statements generally fringe on negativity but I would encourage you to look for a silver lining in the cloud of bad decisions.

I once was getting ready to start a sailing trip from the foot of the Detroit River to Sandusky, Ohio across Lake Erie. It was a Friday night just before sundown. It had been raining all day and more had been forecast for the night. My choices were to sail all night and be able to spend the entire day (Saturday) at the Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, spend the night and return on Sunday; or delay the trip until Saturday morning, arrive mid-afternoon and not be able to utilize the full-day admission price; or I suppose I could have parked the boat and driven to the park by car. (... but what good is it to have a boat if you don't use it?)

To make a short story even shorter, I left that evening with my sailing companion in our 21' day sailor. The wind was right at our head so we had to motor sail for at least three miles until we could take a favorable heading. Of course the winds became more torrential and the waves were without direction (as they often are on Lake Erie). Mind you, in those days we sailed minus loran or GPS using only a compass and dead reckoning. There was no visibility so we could not see the freighter channel markers and so loud we could not hear bells or whistles. I knew my compass headings but had no idea how much forward progress I had made ... it was slow. I was anxious to make my turn to the next heading and be able to get a better bite on the wind. When we finally did turn there was more than enough wind to make progress on the correct heading even though I wasn't sure of my starting point. Well the winds increased and increased some more until we reefed our sails to the bear minimum. We were in a gale.

Then it stopped! Not a bit of wind, zero visibility fog, 15 foot swells coming from all directions, and the boat became very unstable as it rolled off each one. We couldn't motor because the prop would have been out of the water most of the time. I was afraid we were a lost cause. Struggling on deck we dropped and tied off every piece of canvas. We went below deck which was just to benches and a porta-potti, tied down every opening and every loose item and tried to sleep it off. Now, those of you who are sailors know that a sailboat in this configuration will generally not tip because of the low center of gravity, but it is one heck of a ride and does lend itself to a few prayers. I don't know if we slept or passed out but we awoke to two things, sun and blue skies in the window and the sound of a siren coming from a Canadian Coast Guard vessel that was set to board us as an abandoned boat approaching the rocky Canadian shore. They were quite surprised when we popped out of the hatch looking like rejects from Davy Jones locker. Initially they were threatened to write us up for being in Canadian waters without registering but after they heard our story they were quite jovial and found it rather amusing ... Heh. Back to the premise of 'If I had know it would have been like this I wouldn't have started' and 'finding the cloud with the silver lining;' ... Well, I got to tell the story and you can take it from there.

SGM F.T. Jones III

Happy Birthday VBPS Members

December 2011 Birthdays

Emmy Stickle	12/03
Ellis Simon	12/04
Robert Borelli	12/05
Roberta Dougherty	12/05
John Gill	12/05
Kay Ader	12/06
Matt Mathewson	12/06
Max Calland	12/07
Ed Dreher	12/08
Julie Horchler	12/10
Alan Cook	12/12
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
Carole Brubaker	12/15
Tanner Goulet	12/16
Bill Heimbaugh	12/19
Barbara Winn	12/20
George Scott	12/21
David Connolly	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 2012 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
Don Helm	01/04
Glenn Rose	01/05
Jean Thompson	01/05
Tom Maddalla	01/06
Ed Davis	01/07
Virginia Yunker	01/07
David Walton	01/08
Doug Winn	01/10
Dick Winger	01/12
Ryan Roberson	01/14
Phil Tatarowicz	01/17
Sandy Hargreaves	01/18
Jan Mooney	01/18
Janet Price	01/19
Caroline Bargren	01/20
Marianne Davidson	01/20
Jim Ford	01/20
Bruce Bell	01/21
Linda Barberi	01/22
Suzanne Jacobs	01/22
Sumner Lapp	01/22
Wayne Smith	01/22
Pat Haydu	01/23
Tom Dougherty	01/24
JoAnn Jarman	01/25

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Bob & Deborah Borelli 3	Dave & Sandy Hargreaves 1	Bonnie & Dick Myers 10
Jim Breslin 4	Dick & Pat Haydu 9	Pat Neligan 3
Roger & Sandie Breunig 3	Bill Heimbaugh 2	Bill & Mary Lou Nicholas 1
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Greetings Members, Associates and Friends,

Life Jacket Recall - Mustang Survival has issued a important recall for certain Inflatable Life Jackets. Go to <http://www.usps.org/national/safety/> and click on the Urgent!

Boy's & Girl's Club of Indian River County Fishing Day –Lt. Richard Carlin, P, our Fishing Group Chairman, appreciates all the support VBPS volunteers provided at the 12 November event and would like to encourage new members to get involved next year.

Special Thanks to (1) The Back Country (<http://www.verobackcountry.com/>) for providing discount purchases for event prizes and (2) Ronnie Babin who traveled from Pompano Beach with “Rolling Stone” and his wife Kathy, to participate. They also brought pens and T-shirts as handouts for the kids, which were donated by Grady-White.

Boat Show – Thanks to all from Lt. Glenn Rose, S. Those who sign up to work the booth help promote the VBPS at the shows and make his job easier. Glenn will continue as Boat Show Chair for 2012 while he trains his replacement. That’s a hint! See Glenn if you have an interest in taking on the challenge.

Vero Beach Rotary Flea Market – The VBPS has signed up to work a booth Saturday 12/10/11 at the flea market. A signup sheet will be posted for volunteers required in 2-hour increments to help promote VBPS and the upcoming ABC Boating Class.

District 8 Update – This is a link to their web page <http://www.uspsd8.com/index.php>. They also have a Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/USPS-District-8/225852064137919>. If you would like to catch up on what’s happening at D8 you may want to read Pieces of Eight, which is their newsletter.

Operations Manual - The April 2011 release of the Operations, Membership, Secretary's, Treasurer's and Squadron Development manuals are published and on-line (<http://www.usps.org/national/om/>).

Farewell Note - This is my Last NN input as your VBPS Executive Officer. It has been a learning experience and I appreciate those who have enlightened me on the workings of this fine organization. Thanks to all Executive Officers, the Executive Committee and the members who made life with the VBPS interesting.

We all know that the Vero Beach Power Squadron is a non-profit boating safety education organization and that our main goal is to provide safe boating education to the public here in Vero Beach. We are also a very social organization and have lots of great events that bring many of us together as a team. We provide support to the community as well as to our troops overseas. We are a successful squadron and we have lots of fun because of the volunteers who give to make it what it is.

Always remember that “boating is fun we will show you how”. Be safe on the water, take more classes and spread the word. We are always looking for new members and you don’t need to own a boat to be a member.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Your Executive Officer, Lt/C Robert G. Scully, JN



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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

Once again we are back in the Education Dept's busy season. Almost all of our Advanced grade classes have started along with Engine Maint. (an Elective course). Our instructors are as excited about teaching as ever but wish the number of students taking courses would increase. Teaching a class is a monumental effort and to have two or three students show up is a bit of a disappointment.

Seamanship was put off till Jan 12, 2012 due to lack of interest.

The second "One Day" ABC3 class was a success with 11 students in attendance and all did very well thanks to our many dedicated instructors.

On Feb. 2nd, 3rd. and 4th 2012, on the water boat handling training in a 20' center console will occur and all interested must contact Dan Thomas ASAP. Let's have some fun!!

A New Initiative

As many of you know, we have been trying to increase the number of students in our ABC3 classes and have had some success. Just recently, through the efforts of two of our members (Les Rogers and Lt/C Bob Scully, JN), St. Edwards School and Vero's Adult and Community Education School have expressed an interest in having the VBPS conduct classes for them. Our Exec. Committee endorsed this initiative and the Ed. Dept will move forward. In order to conduct these classes, I will be looking for additional instructors from our VBPS members. Start now by taking the Instructor Development and Training courses offered by P/C Dan Thomas.

Happy Holidays,
Lt/C Al Ebstein, SN





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Hello VBPS Members and Associates:

Thanks to the fine efforts of P/C Jim and Lt.Judy Ward, chairs of Friday Night Socials during October, November and December, we have hosts for almost every week through the end of the year. You still have an opportunity to do your share as a host - check the sign-up sheet above the bar area. Thanks to everyone who participated as hosts and chairs - your efforts are so important to the success of these functions. We have some very generous members who have hosted six socials throughout the year. Wow, that is fantastic! Attendance indicates that many of our seasonal friends are beginning to return - welcome back!

Speaking of eating, the Christmas Party will be the final and the thirteenth meal event of the year! Whether it's breakfast, lunch or a dinner event, we definitely enjoy the excellent food and camaraderie at Squadron meals. In October, many members enjoyed the Shrimp Boil organized by P/C Ed Dreher who comes all the way from Jacksonville, FL to do this event. The Halloween Pot Luck was another fun party. In November, almost 90 people feasted on BBQ pork and chicken at the Annual Pork Roast. A big thank you to all of you who volunteered to help make these dinner events go so smoothly. As you know, there is a lot of work involved, and the many helping hands make a big difference! Thank you.

Under the leadership of Lt.Kathie Thomas with help from Lt.Toby Jarman, your Squadron's membership continues to grow. Since January 1, membership has grown by 55 new members plus 6 transfers and 7 reinstatements for a total membership of 361. It is evident that the best form of advertising for new members is word of mouth—32 of our existing members brought in new members. Thanks to all who continue to spread the word about a great Squadron.

Boating activities for the year ended with a raft-up on November 6 at Hole-in-the-Wall, and it was described as the "best ever". Eight boats participated, and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Lt.George Scott for chairing boating activities this year.

Welcome New Members



Bill & Terry Lembeck

At the November General Membership Meeting, participants enjoyed a presentation about foul weather and floatation suits from members Lts. Chris and Alyse Caldwell, which was very helpful safety information.

5 December is the Annual Membership Meeting and you are all encouraged to attend.

This is my last article as Administrative Officer and I want to thank every one who helped make this a great year as AO. It's been fun.

May you all enjoy the Holiday Season.

Regards from your Administrative Officer,
LtCdr Judy Peschio, P



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Gus & Linda Barberi's Granddaughter, Brooke, Captain of the Penn State Cheerleaders



Hole in the Wall Raft-Up 6 November 2011

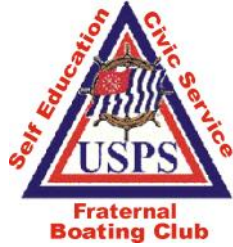




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COMING EVENTS (subject to change)			
DATE	DECEMBER EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/Cdr Judy Peschio
Thursday 1	Ladies Lunch @ the "Y Not" Restaurant	Noon	Lt. Kathie Thomas
Thursday 1	Last Day for 2011 Vessel Safety Checks	N/A	P/C Dan Thomas
Friday 2	Vero Beach Christmas Boat Parade	1830	Vero Beach Event
Monday 5	Annual Executive/General Meetings - Election of Officers*	1900/1930	Cdr Janet Leh
Sunday 11	Christmas Dinner Dance - VB Yacht Club	1700	Lt/Cdr Judy Peschio
Sunday 25	Merry Christmas	All Day	Mr. & Mrs. Claus
DATE	JANUARY 2012 EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/Cdr Judy Peschio
Monday 2	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Janet Leh
Friday 6	Commander's Party	1730	Cdr Janet Leh
Sunday 8	2012 Change of Watch - VB Yacht Club	1700	Cdr Elect Bob Scully
Monday 9	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Bob Scully
Monday 15	New Member Party @ Lehs	1300	Lt. Kathie Thomas
Saturday 21	Lunch Cruise @ Harbortown	1130	P/C Jim Ward

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