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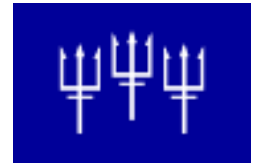




## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

Cdr Robert G. Scully, JN

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**Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,**

**VBPS General Meetings** -Your upcoming general meetings are 4/9, 5/14 and 6/11. We have interesting guest speakers so don't miss out. Your March 12 guest speaker was Indian River County Sheriff's Office Shirley Rosemond, Victim Assistance. The agenda is as described by Roberts Rules and can be found in the Operations Training Program manual. Minutes are posted on the bulletin boards for member review after each meeting.

**District 8 Conference** - The Spring Conference dates are 4/27, 28 & 29 in the Marriott at Boca Center. Reservation forms are included in the Nautical News and online at [http://www.uspsd8.com/Event.php?event\\_id=43](http://www.uspsd8.com/Event.php?event_id=43). Vero Beach Power Squadron, Pompano Beach Power Squadron and Port St Lucie Power Squadron will co-host a hospitality suite on Friday evening from 1730 to 1930. Please join us. This is a great opportunity to mingle with other boaters and make new friends.

**Sebastian Inlet Sail and Power Squadron (<http://sebastianinletps.org/>)** - Our friends in Sebastian had a Change of Watch at the Reflections Clubhouse Saturday March 3, 2012. The new SISPS bridge is - Cdr David W. Albury, P; Executive Officer Lt/C Walter A Seppala, III, S; Educational Officer Lt/C Michael N. Jackson, AP; Administrative Officer Lt/C Jay Kalish; Secretary P/C Lynne Brown, P and Treasurer Lt/C Tammy Pasetchnik. Congratulations to all.

**USPS Annual Meeting** - A weeklong meeting in January was held at the Hyatt in Jacksonville, FL. There was an Expo all week and the ship stores had lots of great deals. Youth Poster Contest art was displayed for all to see. USPS Leadership Development held training classes "Transition from Warrior to Chieftain" for Administration Officers, Executive Officers and Commanders. Your Executive Officer and Commander took advantage of the opportunity and received certificates of completion. Approximately 800 USPS members attended the Saturday meeting from around the US, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and Japan. The proceedings installed the 2012 USPS National Bridge, the Governing Board and many gave reports on USPS business. Numerous individuals, squadrons and districts were recognized for contributions to the USPS. Congratulations to VBPS members PC John Spilman, SN and Jo Zeisler, who received Life Membership Awards with 25 merit marks, each.

**Burgees** - Two burgees have been added to the VBPS collection. The donations are from P/C Robert Lawless S, Susquehannock Sail and Power Squadron District 5 [Harrisburg, PA](#) and P/C Roger Breunig, AP of Meriden Power Squadron District 1, Meriden, CT. Both burgees are red, white and blue. One sports the letter S and the later shows a white anchor in a red triangle

**Turning the Tide** - <http://www.ircstormwater.com/Newsletters/Newsletter0312.pdf> is the link to the IRC Monthly Newsletter, which is a publication from Indian River County's Clean Stormwater Program editor Diane Wilson, our January guest speaker. If you would like to get on her email distribution drop her a note at [dwilson@ircgov.com](mailto:dwilson@ircgov.com)

**Your Commander, Robert G. Scully, JN**

# Happy Birthday VBPS Members

## April 2012 Birthdays

Alan Ebstein	04/01
Charles Pittman	04/01
Maxine Walsh	04/02
Mike Alderman	04/03
Mike Wohlstein	04/03
Jack Jordan	04/05
Dale Seiberling	04/06
Charlie Jacobs	04/07
Marty Nosal	04/08
Bill Walker	04/10
Warren Schauer	04/11
Jane Knauss	04/15
John Reed	04/15
Celia Reynolds	04/16
Gary West	04/16
Edward Green	04/18
Malcolm Rowand	04/18
Karen Sobon	04/18
Bill Bryant	04/19
Judy Ward	04/19
Leslie Blair	04/23
Scott Ledingham	04/24
Richard Barattini	04/25
Roger Breunig	04/25
Mary Wohlstein	04/26
Robert George	04/27
Maureen Albrecht	04/28
Barbara Ebstein	04/29
Neil Huber	04/29
Jim Robincheck	04/29
Gloria Schulke	04/30



## May 2012 Birthdays

Irena Patrick	05/01
Barbara Ruth	05/03
David Hargreaves	05/04
Alice Kruitin	05/04
Harry (HB) Koerner	05/08
Glendora Morris	05/09
Perry Jeffords	05/10
Marnie Sullivan	05/10
Tim Cotton	05/11
Lee Weiler	05/12
Jim Brumbaugh	05/13
Richard Patton	05/13
Maggie Daniels	05/14
Jacques Goulet	05/14
Joe Basler	05/15
Joan Clark	05/15
Tom Finch	05/15
Lock Rianhard	05/15
Joan Cotton	05/16
Joe Troiano	05/16
Karen Roberts	05/17
Tom Harvey	05/17
Doug Gough	05/18
Carole Joslin	05/19
Barbara Reed	05/20
Barbara Anne Oehler	05/21
Martha Cormier	05/24
Wally Leopold	05/25
Alice Leshar	05/25
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Robert Lawless	05/28
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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends:

A big THANK YOU to Lt. Richard Carlin, S and all of you who helped make another Boys and Girls Club Fishing Outing a big success. If you measure success by the size the kids' smiles—pat yourselves on the back! We've heard from the people at the Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County that this is their favorite event of the year. What a great partnership.

Another successful and fun event was the annual Eco-Fest at the Environmental Learning Center. Our Squadron provides the burgers and hot dogs, and sells them to event participants which numbered over 1,500 this year. The proceeds, which were more than \$900 this year, go to support the ELC. Thank you P/C Ed Carr, SN and your team of volunteers, who sold tickets, cooked and served a bunch of burgers and hot dogs. Mm, mm good!

And, a hearty thank you to Lt. Glenn Rose, S for organizing our participation in the Vero Beach Boat Show which will be held on 31 March and 1 April. Thanks to all of you who have signed up to staff our booth to promote the value of membership in our Squadron and for encouraging people to sign up for our boating education courses.

We encourage you to attend the District 8 Poster Contest Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 7 April at 1130 at the Vero Beach Yacht Club. P/C Woody Boarman, AP is the driver behind this wonderful contest. It's so rewarding to see the expressions on the students' faces when they are being recognized for their creativity in designing boating safety posters.

And on Saturday, 14 April, we will have our Squadron booth at the annual Hibiscus Festival to promote our boating courses and membership in the Squadron. We need volunteers to help staff the booth, so here's your opportunity to be part of the big event.

If you plan to attend the District 8 Spring Conference, P/C Bill Heimbaugh, S will do a presentation on Cooperative Charting. Information on this conference is located on Page 11 of this issue.

We will kick off National Safe Boating Week, 19-25 May with an ABC class. More information will be coming from our Safety Officer, P/C Dan Thomas, SN, who is organizing this year's activities. Dan also reports that our 10 Vessel Safety Check examiners have completed 42 VSC's year-to-date.

If you see articles in local newspapers about our Squadron's activities, thank our Public Relations Officer, Lt. Sue Hamel, AP for her diligent work at keeping us in the news.

And, under the leadership of Lt. George Thurman, we have an active group out playing golf. There just might be a bit of socializing going on as well!

Safe Boating to you all from your Executive Officer,  
Lt/Cdr Judy Peschio, P

**Editor's Note:**  
**All articles and reports for the**  
**June - July 2012 Nautical News should be**  
**turned in by 15 May. *THANK YOU!!***



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As you all know, educating the public to be Safe Boaters and educating our own members is one of the main reasons the Power Squadron exists. The following is a run down of where we are in accomplishing this for the 2011 - 2012 Education year. All advanced grade courses were completed and Elective Courses are underway. We have three members that just achieved the grade of AP, clap your hands for Mike Alderman, Warren Miller, and Lynne Brown.

Sign up sheets for all our favorite Seminars are posted. These Seminars are great for those of us that want to brush up on a given subject but do not want to take an entire course. They are 2hrs long and there is no exam. Early in Feb. we had a two day "On The Water" training session conducted by certified USPS instructors. This is a work in progress and shows signs of great value. Having said that, our very own Capt. Chris Caldwell has offered to conduct additional "On the Water Training " sessions for VBPS members. Be alert for an e-mail describing this training and take advantage of the finest training you will ever get anywhere.

In addition to our scheduled public boating courses , the VBPS will be teaching the 12 hr ABC3 course to Saint Edwards students this summer and this same course will be offered in all STEDS adult education programs.

Dan Thomas has re- certified many of our instructors and is scheduling a class to certify new instructors. We welcome all the instructors we can muster. If you have a special talent or background or just a desire to teach , we welcome you to join Dan's Instructor Development course.

Keep your eye on the Squadron Bulletin Board and be alert for special e-mails on Ed Dept subjects.

Lt/Cdr Alan R. Ebstein, SN

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



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**Joan Clark & George Bowman**



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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

As I write this article, I realize that we are almost through the first quarter of the year and, wow, what a busy year to date for our Squadron. Under the leadership of Lt. Kathie Thomas, P and her team, our membership continues to grow. Thanks to Kathie and her team for all the hard work they do.

Which brings us to Friday Night Socials which have become almost too much of a success, we have been forced to make a few changes. We now supply light snacks of popcorn and chips during the beginning of the month with the last weekend a potluck Friday where each member is asked to bring a small appetizer for themselves that can be shared with everyone. This seems to be working out fine but we still need hosts to setup the room, collect money, tend the bar and clean up, so please sign up on the sheet in the bar area.

During February and March, members enjoyed two dinners—The Founder's Day Steak Dinner and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Attendance was more than 100 members and guests. I want to thank all of you who helped me make the Founder's Day dinner such a great success. Thanks to Chairmen P/C Dan, SN and Lt. Kathie Thomas, P and the many volunteers who helped with the St. Patrick's Day event.

On 13 March, we had the largest raft-up to date with 22 boats, 102 members and guests. A job well done by Boating Activities Chairman P/C Jim Ward, AP. On 23 – 25 March we will have had our Mini Cruise to Hutchinson Island Marriot.

In April, we have the start of a bowling group chaired by Lt/C Nora Lichty S, a paddle kayaking group chaired by Lt. Toby Jarman and a movie group chaired by Lt. Gayle Duggan-Miller. Contact each chair for more information.

10 April starts our Southern or Northern Cruise. If you are interested, please contact PC Jim Ward, AP for information. On 15 April is the first annual Jimmy Buffet Potluck Dinner, chaired by Andrea Ferguson, S. This is an opportunity to bring your favorite appetizer, entrée or dessert. On 21 April will be another raft-up at Faber Cove.

### NEW MEMBERS



Bob & Fran Zielsdorf

In May, we have many events starting with Derby Day/Cinco De Mayo Celebration on 5 May. A Northern Mini Cruise is scheduled for 11 - 13 May. A Lunch Cruise to Squid Lips on 23 May and finishing May with the Past Commanders Memorial Day Breakfast.

Please remember this is your Squadron and through your participation, you will make all of our events a huge success and make us "Vero Beach Proud". Thank you!


Your Administrative Officer,  
Lt/Cdr Warren M. Miller, P

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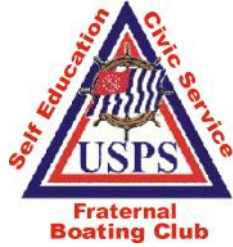
The question was posed to me by one of our inquisitive members, "what does it take to be a Chaplain in the Power Squadron?" The answer is, "I am not sure ... but I certainly enjoy doing it!" I guess the commander guides the ship with the assistance of his bridge and board and the Chaplain supposedly provides spiritual fuel for the journey. As chaplain I personally believe in the spirit of our mission both in terms of educational, public service, and social activities. I see God at work in these endeavors. Invariably the results of our activities are greater than the sum total of the efforts of each individual member. There is something mystical in synergy. I am not a converter to any specific ideology that explains how this works, rather the chaplain is a cheerleader encouraging members to give their best efforts to the organization. Note, whether giving an invocation or a specific blessing; it is all about asking and thanking for guidance, commitment, and results. The Vero Beach Power Squadron has a great heritage of service to this community and our members. We deserve a pat on the back. We can be 'Vero Beach Proud', but at the same time we have to humble ourselves to a spirit and synergy that will take us further in our endeavors. I'm all for it! How about you? For suggestions and comments: SGM 'Tom' Jones, Chaplain



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2012 COMING EVENTS (subject to change)			
DATE	APRIL	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/Cdr Warren Miller
Monday 2	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Bob Scully
Saturday 7	District 8 Poster Contest Awards Ceremony at the VBYC	1130	P/C Woody Boarman
Monday 9	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Bob Scully
Tuesday 10	Northern or Southern Cruise Begins	N/A	P/C Jim Ward
Saturday 14	Hibiscus Festival		Lt/Cdr Judy Peschio
Sunday 15	Jimmy Buffet Pot Luck	1700	Lt/Cdr Warren Miller
Saturday 21	Raft-Up at Faber Cove	1100	P/C Jim Ward
Fri. 27-Sun. 29	District 8 Spring Conference - Boca Raton Marriott	N/A	District Event
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Fr. 11-Sun. 13	Northern Mini-Cruise to Cocoa Village	N/A	P/C Jim Ward
Monday 14	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Bob Scully
Wednesday 16	Book Club Lunch @ the Vero Beach Yacht Club	1230	Lt. Carole Brubaker
Saturday 19	America's Boating Course	0900	Lt. Howard Daniels
Sat. 19-Fri. 25	National Safe Boating Week	N/A	P/C Dan Thomas
Wednesday 23	Lunch Cruise to Squid Lips (Sebastian)	1130	P/C Jim Ward
Monday 28	Past Commander's Memorial Day Breakfast	1000	Past Commanders