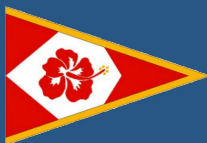


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Vero Beach Power Squadron

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Come for the Boating Education . . . Stay for the Friends

Dear Susan

This months Nautical News features - your election of the 2015 Bridge, Save the Lagoon, 10 new members and the past months in pictures. As we pass into 2015. ~ *Cmdr. W. Miller*

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Your 2015 Slate of Officers - Judy Peschio, P

VERO BEACH POWER SQUADRON 2015 BRIDGE

The Vero Beach Power Squadron Bridge for 2015 was voted on and approved, December 8, 2014.

Your 2015 Bridge

Office	2015
Bridge	
Commander	Bob Sheridan, AP
Executive Officer	Mary Wohlstein, S
Educational Officer	Doug Jacoby, AP
Administrative Officer	Ellis Simon, SN
Secretary	Susan Hamel, P
Treasurer	Susan Ritchardson, S
Asst Educational Officer	Dick Myers, JN
Asst Admin Officer	Tammy Smith
Asst Secretary	Brenda Sheridan
Asst Treasurer	Judy Ward
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Exec Committee (plus Bridge)	
Regular	Jim Ward, JN
Regular	John Spilman, SN
Regular	Kathie Thomas, P
Regular	Toby Jarman, S
Regular	Warren Miller, AP
Regular	Judy Ward

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District 8



USPC



Regular Bob Scully, N
 Alternate Judy Peschio, P
 Alternate Janet Leh, P

Auditing Committee
 #1 Frank Bilotta, S 2015
 #2 Marg Kiefer, 2016
 #3 Henry McKay, P 2017

Nominating Committee
 #1 Bob Scully, N 2015
 #2 Jan Mooney, 2015
 #3 Judy Peschio, P 2016
 #4 Kathie Thomas, P 2016
 #5 Warren Miller, AP 2017
 #6 Alyse Caldwell 2017

Rules Committee
 #1 Bill Lembeck, S 2015
 #2 George Thurman, 2016
 #3 Ken Hill 2017

2014 Nominating Committee

Chair P/C Judy Peschio, P
 P/C Bob Scully, N
 P/C Janet Leh, P
 Lt Kathie Thomas, P
 Lt Jan Mooney
 Alyse Caldwell, AP

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Save The Lagoon Committee - Toby Jarmin, S

January is always a good month to look back on what we accomplished in the prior year, plan where we are going in the future, and give a sincere "Thank You" to the numerous members who participated.

Focusing primarily on expanding the Lagoon's oyster populations in 2014, about 130 VBPS members spent over 3,100 hours on Save the Lagoon activities! As the year went on, we expanded our in-house oyster mat assembly efforts by focusing on students involvement with numerous young people from Vero Beach High School, Gifford Middle School, Saint Edwards School, The Willow School, Boys & Girls Clubs of Vero Beach, Sebastian & Fellsmere, the Gifford Youth Activity Center, the Boys & Cub Scouts, and a local girls rowing club.

In March 2014, our members, including those from our Paddle Group, laid 1,200 mats in the Lagoon, and we plan to lay a similar number in 2015. In addition, we participated in the 7th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup and developed a plan to integrate spoil island cleanups in our monthly power boat beach ups.

Realizing that VBPS cannot solve all of the Lagoon's problems, we developed another goal of replication. In this regard, we testified before the Sebastian Natural Resources Board and the Sebastian City Council which voted to adopt their own oyster expansion project. Further, Bob Scully established an Environmental Committee at the USPS District 8 level which will promote programs similar to our Save the Lagoon Committee in 13 other Squadrons from Sebastian through the Florida Keys. Finally, Sandy Souder was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Ocean Research and Conservation Association (ORCA) to focus on grant application and other fund raising activities to address environmental problems in the Lagoon and other Florida waterways.

Now for the future. Our Save the Lagoon Committee will have a three-pronged strategy during 2015. First, we will continue to use our members and young people from the groups described above to assemble oyster mats as a means of expanding the Lagoon's oyster population. This year, we will focus on laying mats in the Lagoon just north of Grand Harbor.

Second, we will focus more on the spoil islands. In late 2014, Commander Warren Miller signed documents with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to co-adopt, with the Moorings Yacht Club, spoil island number SL-03 due east of the FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute entrance canal. In addition, the Squadron will join the new Friends of Spoil Islands (FOSI) which is a community support organization of FDEP and whose goals include island cleanup, promotion of recreational use, and elimination of exotic & maintenance of indigenous plants and trees.



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Third, starting with Vero Beach High School, our Squadron will establish partnerships with area schools' environmental clubs. The purpose of these partnerships is to extend what is taught in the classroom with the real world by taking Club members out on our boats. Possible field trip topics include water quality testing by students and new water testing equipment and web-based data collection used by ORCA (Kilroys) and Harbor Branch (LOBOs)

As you can see, 2015 will be an exciting year for the Save the Lagoon Committee. I again want to thank everyone who participated last year. Please contact me if you would like to be part of this important work in the new year.

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Commander- Cdr Warren Miller, AP



Dear Vero Beach Power Squadron Members Associates and Friends

Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. To all who attended any of our 2 Christmas Parties and our News Year's Eve Party, I hope everyone had as good a time as I did. To all who came to support the new 2015 Bridge at this year's Change of Watch, Thank-You. Your continued participation is what makes Vero Beach Power Squadron so special. I know the 2015 Bridge will receive all the support that you have given me this last year. I look forward to seeing many of you

at our many upcoming events for 2015.

Again I would like to Thank-You all for allowing me to be your Commander, and always be Vero Beach Strong.

Safe Boating and Best Regards,
Commander, Warren Miller AP

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Executive Officer - Lt/C Robert Sheridan, AP



We are in to the New Year and I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy new year. I believe this next year will be fantastic for our Squadron and its members. A lot of activities are planned and I look forward to continuing with our growth and civic involvement!

I want to repeat my sincere appreciation and thanks to all of the Executive Officer's chairs, committee leaders and volunteers who all contributed to a busy, successful 2014!



To begin, thanks to Lt. (P/C) Bill Heimbaugh, S for leading the Cooperative Charting program this year. Nationally, USPS Cooperative Charting volunteers contribute annually an estimated 15 - 20 million dollars' worth of services to our Federal Government through the Cooperative Charting reporting program. The team meets weekly to do ICW depth measurements between Melbourne and Ft. Pierce, which are then reported to NOAA. This information is used to update nautical and small craft charts. The team also looks for damaged or misplaced navigational aids. Thanks Cooperative Charting volunteers for your fine work.

It should be noted that that this group placed number "1" in District 8 this year and "13th" in the nation!

Thanks to Lt. Richard Carlin, S for organizing the successful Boys and Girls fishing event. We had a fun, productive and educational experience. The kids caught many fish, learned boating safety and had a great lunch!

P/C Bob Scully for helping to organize and participate in various events and particularly the boat shows. These events bring in new members and people interested in taking our courses. He has been especially helpful in coordinating information between the District and the Vero Beach Power Squadron.

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Our Calendar's

Birthdays

Our Public Relations Officer, Lt. Sue Hamel, P continues to promote Squadron events and classes with press releases, media interviews and posters. In addition to these activities she produced and presented a scrap book on the VBPS which placed 1st in District.

Lt. Chris, AP and Lt. Alyse, AP Caldwell for their great safety tips at the general meetings and support for continued education through demonstrations and lectures. The on hand demonstration of life raft deployment was extremely well done and a tremendous learning experience!

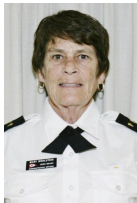
P/C Dan Thomas, SN and his group were responsible for doing the Vessel safety checks which also tends to bring in new members and spread our name throughout the boating community. The last I had heard was 114 VSC's for the year!

The accomplishments of Lt. Toby and Lt Jo Ann Jarman with the "Save the Lagoon Committee" have been presented to you throughout the year and due to their dedication and efforts the VBPS is known throughout the High Schools and various Boys and Girls Clubs as being on the forefront of helping to clean the Lagoon and sponsoring environmental activities and learning about our Indian River environment. In addition, they have embarked on adopting a spoil island for care and enjoyment!

You're Executive Officer, Commander Elect,
Lt/C Robert Sheridan, AP

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Administration Officer - Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S



Happy New Year

Welcome to the New Year Vero Beach Power Squadron Members. Hopefully the New Year finds you happy and healthy with fond memories of time spent with family and friends over the holidays.



2014 was a very exciting year for me. I had the opportunity to work with many of our new members and also senior members planning and executing numerous socials that were planned throughout the year. I thank you all for your support.

2015 is a new year for me to meet many of our new members and senior members but with a different job description. This year I will be responsible for all of our outside activities to include Boys and Girls Club, Environmental Learning Center, Boat Shows, Public Relations, Charity Events, Vessel Safety Checks and Co-op Charting just to name a few. I hope I can count on all of you for your continued support in my new position.

Vero Beach Power Squadron is a volunteer organization and your support is essential in making 2015 a great year.

Happy New Year to all from Mike and me.

We are Vero Beach Proud!

Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S
Executive Officer - Elect

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Safety - Chris Caldwell, AP

[Vero Beach Power Squadron Life-raft Demo](#)



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Becker, Ferdinand	01/01
Davis, Joseph M.	01/01
Fanders, Mirabel, P P/C	01/01
MacLeod-Bilotta, Patricia	01/03
Rebik, Thomas L.	01/03
Ziembra, Michael D.	01/03
Helm, Donald	01/04
Simon, Ellis D., SN Lt	01/04
Rose, Glenn, S	01/05
Thompson, Jean R.	01/05
Maddalla, Thomas W.	01/06
Brooks, Robert J.	01/07
Davis, Edmund R., SN P/Lt/C	01/07
Yunker, Virginia E.	01/07
Tucker, John H., P	01/08
Blados, Colleen M.	01/11
Winger, Richard G.	01/12
Archer, Raleigh R., S	01/15
Hargreaves, Sandra T.	01/18
Miller, Ron A.	01/18
Mooney, Jan, Lt	01/18
Kiefer, Larry F.	01/19
Bargren, Caroline F.	01/20
Barberi, Linda L., S	01/22
Jacobs, Suzanne	01/22
Kennedy, Eileen M.	01/22
Smith, Wayne M.	01/22
Gallagher, Paul J.	01/25
Jarman, Jo Ann	01/25
Chatterton, Judith A.	01/28

Reimer, Dale A.	01/28
Jacoby, Douglas B., AP	01/29
Troiano, Lois L., S	01/29

Chris Caldwell - VBPS Safety Officer

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New Members



Skip Ingwersen



Patrick Lahey



Laura & Hugh Aaron



Joy Lurken



Jay & Linda Knoll



Bobbie Sward



Ann & Jim Catchick

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In Pictures

Boys & Girls Club Fishing Outing

Butts, Barbara W.	02/03
Hutchinson Jr., N. Roger, P	02/04
Ray Jr., Henry W., S	02/05
Switzer, James E., S	02/06
Peterson, William A., AP P/C	02/08
Vauter, Richard P.	02/08
Finney, Mary Elizabeth	02/09
Juliano, Peter E., S	02/09
Powers, Michalene S.	02/09
Mattern, Donald E., AP	02/11
Farrell, Kathryn M., P	02/15
Jarosak, Joan A.	02/15
Bayless, Deborah M., P	02/17
Chadwick, Barbara L., P	02/18
Rebik, Nancy A.	02/18
Scully, Robert, N P/C	02/18
Wangen, Pat M.	02/18
Casey, Jeremiah P., AP P/C	02/20
Bilotta, Frank, S	02/21
Ferguson, Andrea C., S	02/22
Juliano, Bette M.	02/22
Rush, Zondra	02/25
Cousins, Doris E.	02/27
Fuller, Margaret P., P	02/27

January 2015 Activities

Event - Contact

Friday Night Socials - Every Friday - Continuous Through year @5:30PM - Ellis Simon

Paddle Group-Sat. 3rd-Queen's Island South trail @ 9AM - Toby Jarman

Bowling Group @ Vero Bowl, 14th Ave - Sunday 4th @ 5:45PM - Nora Lichty

Executive Committee Meeting - Monday 5th @ 7PM - Warren Miller

Marine Electronics Class Begins - Wed. 7th @ 9:30 to 12N - Larry Lott

Seamanship Class begins- Thursday 8th @ 7 to 9 PM - Nancy Husbands

Change of Watch @ VBYC - Sunday 11th @5PM - James Ward

General Membership Meeting - Monday 12th @ 7:30PM - Bob Sheridan

Engine Maintenance Class Begins - Monday 12th @ 10 to 12N - Bill Yunker

Birding Group starts-Tuesday



Lady's Christmas Party

13th @ 8:30 AM - Carolyn Cimino

Marine Communications begins Wednesday 14th @ 1 to 3PM - Larry Silver

Piloting Class Begins - Thursday 15th @10 to 12N - Dick Myers

America's Boating Course - Saturday 17th @ 9 to 4:30PM Larry Lott

Biking Group-Saturday 17th @ 10 AM meeting @Mulligans - Donna Hutchison

New Member Orientation-Monday 19th at squadron from 7 to 9PM - Dan & Kathie Thomas

Cruise Planning-begins Tuesday 20th @ 1PM to 3PM - Jim Ward

Book Club Lunch- Wednesday 21st - Vero Beach Yacht Club @ 12:30PM - Carole Brubaker

USPS Annual National Meeting @ Jacksonville - Wed 21st to 25th National Event

Raft Up-Hole in the Wall- Saturday 24th @ 11AM Dick Myers

Ye Olde Friends Social - Monday 26th @ 5:30PM Kathie Thomas

Advanced Piloting - begins Thursday 29th @ 1PM to 3 PM Al Ebstein

Boating Beach-Up -Sat. 31st--IR-1, SW Red 62 @ 11AM Joe Troiano

February

Executive Committee Meeting - time & date TBD - Bob Sheridan

Paddle Group-Saturday 7th-Pelican Island @ 9AM - Toby Jarman

Bowling Group @ Vero Bowl, 14th Ave - Sunday 8th @ 5:45 PM - Nora Lichty

General Membership Meeting - Monday 9th @ 7:30 PM - Bob Sheridan

Founders Day Dinner - Sunday 15th @ 5 PM Ellis Simon

Lunch Cruise -location TBA - Wednesday 18th @ 11:30 AM - Dick Myers

Ladies' Lunch & Fashion Show (for VNA) @VBYC--Sat. 21st @11:30 AM - Mary Wohlstein

Ye Olde Friends Social - Monday 23rd @ 5:30 PM - Kathie Thomas



[Christmas Party at the VB Yacht Club](#)

Boating Beach-Up -Sat. 28th
at SL-2, E. of Red 170 @11 AM
- Joe Troiano

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Chaplains Corner

What is a Chaplain?

I have been the VBPS Chaplain for over five years now. On more than one occasion I have been asked, 'Just what is it that a Chaplain does?'

Well, to alleviate fears; it is easier to reply what I as a Chaplain don't do. I don't use the position (which is a Commanders Appointment) as a platform for evangelism. Oh, I can talk about God but I am much more effective reflecting on common values which we all hopefully share. As your Chaplain I have conducted memorial services, performed invocations, and done a nominal amount counseling. In all VBPS activities I think it important that our members are reminded of our moral tone and corporate responsibilities to the organization and each other. A Chaplain must have an eager ear, hopefully an impartial viewpoint, and not be afraid to share the 'straight and narrow path' that leads to a productive fellowship and community service oriented organization.

Personally, I committed to serve and wish the same for you.

For more information contact:
SGM Tom Jones, Chaplain

SGM F.T. Jones III

The Great American Storyteller
United States Army, Public Affairs

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In Memory

Memorial



P/C Robert (Bob) McCurdy SN, passed away December 11 after a brave battle with cancer. He was Commander of the VBPS in 2008-2009 and also taught the weather course for many years.

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Thanks to all of the contributors. December was a very busy month as was 2014. Wishing you all a joyous New Year. As we leave the old behind and embrace the new. You will see most of it here at the VBPS Nautical News.

Sincerely,
Ron Miller
Publisher, Nautical News - Vero Beach Power Squadron

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