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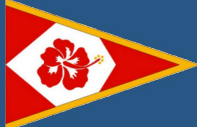
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Dear Susan


This months Nautical News features - your new Bridge gets down to work, one of our own is "Educator of the Year" for the state of Florida, Save the Lagoon takes on a spoil island, 12 new members and a new District 8 section. ~ *Cmdr. R. Sheridan*

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Change of Watch - pictures by Joe Mumaw

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Florida Educator of the Year - by Sue Hamel-Miller

Vero Beach Power Squadron member Daniel Thomas received the Florida Boating Educator Award for 2014. The award is part of the NASBLA certification and award program recognizing outstanding excellence in teaching boating safety education both on the water and in the classroom. Thomas has extensive hours of teaching in the classroom for his VBPS as well as many hours volunteering as Education Director and instructor for the Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County. VBPS supports the Youth Sailing Foundation by teaching youngsters and adults sailing techniques. Thomas also volunteered his time as Training Sergeant and Special Deputy for the Indian River County Sheriff Marine Unit. VBPS also participates in the USPS Boaman National Youth Poster Contest. Thomas enjoys teaching our local youth boating safety. The youth then draw a poster that depicts what they have learned.



The award presentation took place at the Vero Beach Yacht Club and was part of the Change of Watch festivities. Captain Thomas Shipp of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, FLWCC, Division of Law Enforcement made the presentation. Also present was Brian Rehlwinkel, Boating Safety Coordination for FLWCC and V/C Peter Wm. Mitchelson, SN, National Secretary, of the United States Power Squadrons. All four are pictured in the above photo and offered their congratulations to P/C Thomas for his efforts and award.

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Save The Lagoon Committee - Toby Jarmin, S

The committee was off to a great start for 2015. Thanks to everyone who participated in our weekly Tuesday morning oyster shell drilling and mat making events at the Squadron building. We also provided technical assistance and training to a Sebastian Eagle Scout who is kick-starting the Sebastian Natural Resources Board oyster mat project. Further we held a mat making event at the Vero Beach Junior High School Freshman Learning Center. By the end of February, we completed 280 mats!

Now for breaking news! We are in the early stages of starting an oyster mat project at The Arc which provides programs and support for their special needs adult clients. Once financial support is secured from grants and donors, The Arc clients will receive wages for completed mats which also will provide them with self-esteem as they contribute to water quality solutions to our troubled Lagoon. In the meantime, we have had several meetings and training sessions with The Arc Board of directors and staff employees. As shown in the photos of the first oyster mat assembly event, we are very impressed by the clients abilities and enthusiasm.

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And last but not least, the Committee had a clean-up day on our newly adopted Spoil Island SL-3 (see photos of our hard working crew). Working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and co-adopter Moorings Yacht and Country Club, we re-established over-grown trails, removed exotic trees and plants, and planted indigenous mangroves trees.

Please contact Toby Jarman (jotoby@moonriveriii.com) if you would like to get involved with our fun loving



Committee members who are really making a difference in our Lagoon. In addition to members who want to role up their sleeves and help, we particularly need volunteers who have pontoon and deck boats.

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 Robert Sheridan, AP



Greetings to all

The new year is here and it certainly did not take long for everyone to get started. I certainly want to thank all of our members who are continuing with their various chairs and volunteer activities, they all were very dedicated and active, helping to make VBPS a proud and well respected organization in the Indian River communities.



We have several programs coming in the near future and would like to get as many members as possible to participate in these activities! We have the Boat Show fast approaching, and the Vero Beach Cruise to the Keys is coming soon, everyone interested contact Dick or sign up at the Squadron. We will also have our Indian River Boys and Girls Club fishing outing, this is always a rewarding and fun event. Dr. Carlin is the chair for this event and is looking for boats and mates to assist. I am sure that anyone who volunteers for this outing will enjoy it tremendously.

We also have the Save the Lagoon Committee which is chaired by Toby Jarman and is well under way. I am sure that you have all received his correspondence on the progress of preparing Oyster Mats for the Lagoon. He has requested volunteers to continue helping with this program and continues to expand this entire program. We are expanding our efforts in public relations and educational programs. We are working very hard on our presentation to renew our lease with the city.

There are considerably more programs being considered for this year to help the Lagoon and to become involved in other civic activities. You will find posted in your member roster a great group of Chairs, look the programs over and if one or more appeals to you please contact that group chairperson or me. All of these programs desire more volunteers and would like more members to get involved.

I am really pleased with the way this year has started and I am looking forward to making this one of the best years for our Squadron.

As always Vero Beach Proud!
Commander, Robert Sheridan, AP

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Pratt, Samuel S.	03/05
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Adler, Hale	03/08
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Pope, Chris, P	03/09
Aaron, Hugh E.	03/10
Ader, Cameron J.	03/10
Chicoine, William G.	03/11
Updyke, James	03/11
Gregory, Gus	03/12
Koenecke, Susan M.	03/12
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Goldman, Ralph R.	03/14
Brogan, Pat W.	03/15
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Stephens, Dallas John, SN P/C	03/15
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Rath, Richard G.	03/20
Krauss, Henry R., SN P/C	03/21
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Lawless, Teresa	03/23
Hamel, Susan L., P L/C	03/28
Blados, Edwin F.	03/29
Friberg, Martha	03/30

Lichty, Dan, S	03/30
Alderman, Donna M.	03/31
Kudriavetz, Stephen P.	03/31



Who would believe it is already March? This year is just flying by.

The 3rd Annual Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show put on by the VBPS to benefit VNA Hospice was held on February 21 at the VBVC. The 91 guests in attendance enjoyed music by Tom Barrett, a delicious lunch, and a lively fashion show with ladies from the Squadron as the models and a special guest modeling appearance by our Commander. The event raised almost \$900 for VNA Hospice up from \$600 in 2014 and \$300 in 2013. Thank you to all who supported this worthwhile event.



Coming up on March 1 from 1pm-4pm is the Eco-Fest at the Environmental Learning Center led by Ed Carr. This annual event raises money for the ELC. Please come out and support this event.

On March 7, VBPS is hosting the first of two annual Indian River Boys and Girls Club fishing outing led by Dr. Richard Carlin. Volunteers are needed to supply boats, assist on the boats, and also to help out with the luncheon for the children following the event. If you are able to help, please contact Dr. Richard Carlin or Judy Peschio.

On March 31 (back by popular demand) an outing to the Victory Cruise Ship has been planned. The cost is \$39.00 per person and includes bus transportation from VBPS to Port Canaveral and return, \$20.00 in free slot play and a buffet lunch. Reservations can be made by sending a check to Mike Wohlstein, 541 Breakwater Terrace, Sebastian, FL 32958 by March 17. No reservations will be accepted without an accompanying check.

The Vero Beach Spring Boat Show will be held on April 11 and 12. VBPS will have a booth at the show and volunteers will be needed to man the booth. If you able to help please contact Bob Scully.

As you can see, the Spring will be very busy for Vero Beach Power Squadron with many events planned for both inside and outside the Squadron. This is a volunteer organization and your help and support is always needed and appreciated.

We are Vero Beach Proud!

You're Executive Officer, Commander Elect,

Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S

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Administration Officer - Lt. (P/R/C) Ellis D. Simon, SN



The Administrative Department is responsible for all the internal activities of Vero Beach Power Squadron. This includes activities that benefit our members, like raft ups, beach ups, dinners and Friday Night Socials. Additionally, there are many special interest groups.

You, as a member, can reference the Calendar on the VBPS website to get the squadron-wide events. Each of the special interest groups has a mailing list just for that group.

There is a social each Friday evening at the VBPS building. This social starts at 5:30 PM. It is free to all members, but you are expected to bring an appetizer dish for 12. You also should bring your own drinks. Soft drinks may be purchased at the social. This popular event brings 60 to 80 members out each week. It is a very good way to meet other members.



Special interest groups include Bowling, Movies, Book Club, Biking, Bird Watching, Kayaking, and Beach Ups.

Our upcoming special weekend events include a Saint Patrick's Dinner, a Poker Run, a Jimmy Buffet Dinner, a Casino Cruise, and much more.

We have enough activities to overwhelm you. But you have to make the first move. We look forward to seeing you.

Lt. (P.R.C.) Ellis D.Simon, SN
Admin Officer

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Ebstein, Alan R., SN P/C	04/01
Chambers, William H., P	04/02
Marin-reay, Sandra, S	04/02
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Nosal, Martin	04/08
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Burnett, Jane E.	04/15
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West, Gary	04/16
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Barattini, Richard D.	04/25
Kahn, Joshua L.	04/25
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Hovey, Lawrence B.	04/27
Davila, Kathy, S	04/29
Ebstein, Barbara, AP Lt	04/29
Huber, Neil V., P	04/29
Lahey, Patrick J.	04/29
Vauter, Bonnie J.	04/29

Activities

March 2015

Eco-Fest - Booth @ Environmental Learning Ctr - Sun. 1st(11-4PM) - Ed Carr

Bowling Group @ Vero Bowl - Sunday 1st @ 5:45PM - Nora Lichty

Paddle Group-Sat. 7th - Sebastian River @ 9AM -Toby Jarman

Boys & Girls Club Fishing -Sat. 7th @ Squadron - 8AM -Dick Carlin

Crystal River Kayak & Manatee Trip - March 6th, 7th & 8th - Wayne & Tammy Smith

Executive Committee Meeting - Monday 9th @ 6PM - Bob

Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP



As your new SEO, the first thing I must do is to thank Al Ebstein for his commitment to insuring a successful transition for me into this role. Effective and efficient, greatly appreciated.



Our current winter series of courses is underway. We have 9 courses running at this time. ...Enrollment of 33 students. I want to recognize and thank all of our volunteer instructors for another year of commitment to our education program... an important component of our mission as a Squadron.

Another public boating basics course, ABC, was held by Larry Lott and his team of instructors in January with 13 students... all successfully passed the program. Next course is scheduled for March 16.

In order to add capacity and greater flexibility in scheduling the use of our classrooms, we have outfitted both classrooms with the same AV/computer capability. Members donated some equipment as well some purchases were made. Thank you.

Bob Scully is preparing a USPS Boat Operator Certification program to begin in March. The initial certification will be focused on the rating of Inland Navigator. Check out the USPS website for additional program objectives and information... Watch for local enrollment info...

May 16-22 is the 2015 National Boating Safety Week. Stay tuned for upcoming events.

Safer Boating through Education and Experience... it's here for you.

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP
Education Officer

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Safety - Chris Caldwell, AP

We recently had a fire at a Friday Night Social. A few members smelled smoke so Bob Scully and I walked around trying to discover the source. We finally noticed the smoke pot was smoldering. Apparently, someone dropped a cigarette into the smoke pot and other materials started a small fire. We used a few glasses of water to quench the smoldering embers and solved the problem.

Think about your boat, home or Squadron House. Where are the fire extinguishers? Are they accessible and in date? Most important, do YOU know how to use them?

Spend a minute and take a look in your boat, home or Squadron to see where the Fire Extinguishers are located. Are they visible? If not, why? By law if they are located in a cabinet or behind closed doors they should be labelled Fire Extinguisher Inside.

But wait there's more! Have you read the inspection label and pressure gauge on your fire extinguisher? Is your extinguisher full and pressurized, ready for use? Do you know how to use it and put out a fire? National USPS has an interactive video fire extinguisher video to practice. As the Boy Scouts say, Be Prepared!

BONUS: Join us at the District 8 Conference. Exciting! Interactive! Dynamic 90 minute Safety Seminar you will NOT forget! Pre register for this FREE session so we will have enough handouts and bring your favorite PFD, Life Jacket or Inflatable PFD. Pre-Register by emailing chris@captainchrisyachtservices.com or give us a call 772-205-1859. See you on the water!

Chris Caldwell - VBPS Safety Officer

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District 8 News - D/Lt (P/C) Robert Scully, N

Twice a year (spring and fall) your District 8 schedules conferences.

Membership involvement is the key to healthy growth so you are invited and encouraged to attend your district and your national conferences. Your involvement promotes the future of your squadron and USPS, so we suggest you get engaged more and promote VBPS, District 8 and USPS.

On our website on the home page just below the VBPS burgee you will find a D8 burgee (blue flag, white anchor red 8) that you can click on and it will take you to the district website

Sheridan

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

America's Boating Course - Saturday 14th @ 9 to 4:30PM - Larry Lott

Biking Group - Saturday 14th @ 10AM--Donna Hutchison

St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Sun. 15th @ 5PM - Kathie & Dan Thomas

Book Club Lunch @ VBPC - Wed. 18th @ 12:30PM - Carole Brubaker

Fire arm Safety Course - Wed. 18th @ 1 to 4PM @ Squadron - Bill Yunker

Annual Poker Run - Saturday 21st @ 10AM - Myers/Wohlstein

Poker Run (Rain Date) - Sunday 22nd @ 10AM - Myers/Wohlstein

New Member Orientation-Mon. 23rd at squadron - 7 to 9 PM - Dan & Kathie

Boating "Beach Up" - Saturday 28th @ IR-5, E of Red 66A @ 11AM - Joe Troiano

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

Victory Casino Cruise - Tues 31st - includes transportation - Mike Wohlstein

April

Raft Up - Wednesday 1st @ 11AM (location TBA) - Dick Myers

Paddle Group-Sat. 4th-Fritz Island North @ 9AM - Toby Jarman

Bowling Group at Vero Bowl - Sunday 5th @ 5:45PM - Nora Lichty

Jimmy Buffet Party - Saturday 11th @ 5PM

(<http://www.uspsd8.org/>). Once you are at the D8 site on the right side of the screen you will find a blue tab that is identified with "Upcoming Events." Click on the data shown April 24-26, 2015 D/8 Spring Conference Weekend to get to the reservation form and the weekend agenda <http://www.uspsd8.org/eventdocs/201501131303070.Spring2015.pdf>. This year the event will be at the Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Cir Boca Raton FL 33486. This will also be the weekend for the D8 Change of Watch.

Try it! You may enjoy it!

D/Lt (P/C) Robert Scully, N

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New Members



Rick & Lois Bowman



Michael & Brenda Kahn



Mark & Connie Becker



Kat Farris



Joy Hebert



Fran & Gillian Callaghan



Bob & Pam Jones

Vero Beach Boat Show with Booth - Sat 11 & Sun 12 @ 10 to 4PM- Bob Scully

Exec. Comm. Meeting - Monday 13th @ 6PM - Cdr. Bob Sheridan

General Membership Meeting - Monday 13th @ 7:30PM - Cdr. Bob Sheridan

District 8 Spring Conference@ Marriott Boca Raton - Fri 24-26th - District Event

Boat "Beach-Up" - Sat. 25th at SL-3, SE of Green 171@ 11AM - Joe Troiano

Ye Olde Friends Social - Monday 27th @ 5:30PM - Kathie Thomas

VBPS Boat trip to the keys - April 22nd thru May 7th - Dick Myers

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Senior Members Award



New Members party @ the Jarman's

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Chaplains Corner

Invocation Commentary: 2015 Change of Watch

Time marches on. When I first joined the Power Squadron I was impressed by the large amount of people who brought me into their circle of friendship. Many took me under their wings to teach me the ropes, nurture my dedication to the organizations objectives, and give me the opportunity to learn. As time went on, many of these wonderful people (men and women) have fallen by the wayside ... but isn't that the way life goes? You start life knowing nothing been then you find a mentor. first your parents, then your teachers ... you learn, you experience and then you move on ... then you are in a new situation and know nothing again and another mentor comes along, and so on and so forth ' and and somewhere along the line you become a mentor yourself. It is an amazing process.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize those persons/mentors who have been part of our organization and have passed along. The list is long, so this year I note: Anna Mattern, Seaman Don Hyer, Pilot Bruce MacIntyre, P/C Ed Dryer, P/C Senior Navigator Matt Mathewson, and especially P/C Senior Navigator Bob McCurdy. Not a week goes by when my wife Beverly doesn't ask me, 'what the weather is going to be today?' ... and invariably I reply, 'well, according to Bob McCurdy ... (whatever) ... and always add those famous words 'take a look out of the window!' ... and so it goes, great people, past and present; have made a great foundation and history for our organization.

In the words of the Infamous Woodman, 'we certainly can be Vero Proud! (yesterday, today, and tomorrow).'

For more information contact:

SGM Tom Jones, Chaplain

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Thanks to all of the contributors, again. It's amazing, every edition of the Nautical News gets bigger and more interesting than the last. With new contributions from Bob Scully and our new Bridge, the next year is going to be fun.

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Sincerely,

Ron Miller

Publisher, Nautical News - Vero Beach Power Squadron

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