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Dear Ron

This months Nautical News features - another successful Boys & Girls Club fishing trip, Eco Fest raises money for Environmental Learning Center, Save the Lagoon goes to school, Nina & Pina visit Vero Beach, and as if all this wasn't enough we report on the Jimmy Buffett Party, AND the Ladies Luncheon. The VBPS adds 6 new members. ~ *Cmdr. R. Sheridan*

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Boys and Girls Club goes fishing - pictures by Joe Mumaw - article by Sue Hamel-Miller

On Saturday March 7 at 8 am, Captains arrived at the Power Squadron building to take the members of The Boys & Girls Club boating and fishing. The morning started by being fitted with Personal Flotation Devices and hearing boating safety information, which they were quizzed on after their lunch. Prizes were awarded for catching the most fish, the least number of fish, and the biggest fish. Good time was had by all.



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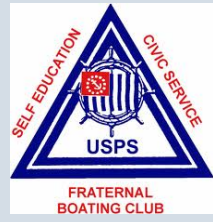


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Eco Fest - by Bob Scully

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VBPS Executive Officer, Mary Wohlstein is proud to announce that VBPS provided support during the ELC event on March 1, 2015 at EcoFest. VBPS volunteers grilled, sold and served food and all proceeds were donated to ELC at the end of the day. This year we will be presenting ELC with a check for \$780.



Vero Beach Power Squadron (VBPS) provides community support to various organizations in and around Vero Beach, especially to organizations that deal with youth and the marine environment.

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Save The Lagoon Committee - Toby Jarmin, S

We had a great oyster mat assembly event at The Willow School(April 11). We will have a similar event at St. Edward's School on May 20, and George Katilus will have an event at the Squadron building on April 25.



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Birthdays

Florence Geyer, Elaine	05/01
Patrick, Irena M.	05/01
Knoll, Linda N.	05/02
Pegelow, Martin A.	05/03
White, Barbara G.	05/03
Hargreaves, David W.	05/04
Koerner, Harry W.	05/08
Morris, Glendora	05/09
Cotton, Timothy S.	05/11
Weiler, Lee	05/12
Brumbaugh, James E.	05/13
Daniels, Margaret P.	05/14
Groom, Rebecca B.	05/14
Basler, Joseph G.	05/15
Rianhard, Lockwood	05/15
Cotton, Joan W.	05/16
Dykes, Kami J.	05/16
Troiano, Joseph A.	05/16
Gallagher, Maxine M.	05/17
Harvey, Thomas G.	05/17
Mc Gann, Jeffrey M.	05/17
Reimer, Sandy S.	05/17
Brooks, Dawn	05/19
Oehler, Barbara Anne	05/21
Risley, Jennie E.	05/23
Becker, Kathy	05/24
Cormier, Martha L.	05/24
Derman, Donald A.	05/27
Ingwersen Jr., Martin L.	05/28
Knoll, Jay C.	05/28

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Commander - Cdr Robert Sheridan, AP



Greetings to all

I am amazed at how many activities and events were backed into this last couple of months several courses several events several boating activities the list of things we're doing just keeps getting longer.



A big event this first part of the year was working with the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce on the visit by the and Nina and Pinta. Thanks to all the people that volunteered and especially to our Executive Officer Mary Wohlstein who put it all together. This initial contact with the chamber appears to be an opening for continued cooperation on various civic activities.

As always Toby Jarman is again very busy with various organizations in his continued work on Save the Lagoon Committee, specifically the making and placing of oyster mats in the Indian River. His committee is moving forward with expanded expectations and the continued development of other volunteer groups to assist in this effort.

Our administrative officer Ellis Simon has been putting together some great social events the latest being the Jimmy Buffett party. It was a tremendous success as was the previous poker run and he has some more planned in the near future. I would urge our membership to attend these get-together's as they provide a lot of social interaction and are a lot of fun.

Lieut. Cmdr. Doug Jacoby has had a very successful beginning of the year with the various courses he has offered including training for various new groups that have asked the squadron to provide boating safety information. One of these groups that is our particular interest is the Vero Beach High School Boys and Girls Rowing Team. Doug is also working to get the Boy Scouts involved in our safety programs, which we hope will lead to a Sea Scouts program.

We will be ending the month of April with the D8 spring conference in Boca Raton on the 24th

through the 26th. All of our members are certainly invited and encouraged to attend. Our squadron will be hosting a hospitality suite on Friday evening the 24th.

At the conclusion of the meeting several of our members will be cruising to Banana Bay in the keys and are scheduled to return May 7th. We will provide pictures and information to the membership upon our return.

It should be noted, that our presentation to the Vero Beach City Council for new lease will be on 19 May in the consul chambers at 1800 hrs. I would sincerely appreciate any and all support that we can get for this meeting. I think it would be very productive if we had a large membership contingent on site.

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

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Executive Officer - Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S



Spring is here and the VBPS calendar is as busy as ever!

This month we have the Annual Poster Contest scheduled for May 11 at 7pm before the General Membership meeting at 7:30pm. Please come out and show your support to these students who have worked so hard to create some fabulous posters.

May 16 to the 22nd is Safe Boating Week. Chris Caldwell and Doug Jacoby are working on some events that will take place during that week. Watch for updates on those activities.



Thanks to the hard work of Dan Thomas and the Planning Committee, we have been invited to present our lease renewal proposal to Vero Beach City Council on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30pm. This renewal is important to the Squadron so we can continue the Civic, Education, and Social activities that are vital to the success of the VBPS.

On a housekeeping note, 60 of our Squadron chairs are scheduled to be professionally cleaned on May 13. This is the first step in our "Spring cleaning" efforts. Volunteers will be needed to clean the metal parts of the chairs after the fabric cleaning is complete.

Thanks to all who supported the "Nina and Pinta" visit in March. Charlie Wilson, President of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, visited the Squadron Building during a recent FNS and presented the Squadron with a free membership to the VB Chamber of Commerce and Certificates of Appreciation to all who donated their time in support of that event. Commander Robert Sheridan and I also discussed with Mr. Wilson future events that VBPS may partner with them in support of our great community.

Because of your ongoing support to all of the VBPS activities, we can continue to be Vero Beach Proud!

You're Executive Officer, Commander Elect,

Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S

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Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP



The 2015 winter series of courses have ended. This educational season served 33 for seamanship, advanced and elective courses. ABC served 43 through April. We also conducted a special course for firearm safety with 5 students and a water safety seminar for 30 members of the Vero Beach Junior Rowing program. Special thanks to our certified instructors for their time, skill and commitment delivering a very successful program this winter.



During the Vero Beach Boat Show, we had 22 visitors sign up for information regarding our training programs. Based on their interests, I see a continuing demand for public training and potentially new members. Information on both education and membership has been supplied to everyone on the sign up list.

Lawless, Robert J.	05/28
Groom, Randall T.	05/30
Huber, Maureen	05/30
Barrett, Tom	05/31
Holthaus, Carl E.	06/01
Chambers, Lucas M.	06/02
Chambers, Samuel W.	06/02
Wilkinson, Hoyetta	06/02
Carr, Ione G.	06/03
Farrell, Louis P.	06/04
Farris, Kat R.	06/05
Tripaldi, Zachary	06/05
Zielsdorf, Frances J.	06/05
Guyette, Carolyn	06/07
Pastirchak, Carol	06/07
Dewitt, Julie	06/09
Ziemba, Barbara H.	06/09
Hyer, Jean W.	06/10
Mathewson, Maureen A.	06/10
Pastirchak, Vernon	06/11
Lavigne, William J.	06/13
Cimino, Carolyn A.	06/14
Colby, Susan Kay	06/15
Lake, Peter B.	06/15
Carlin, Richard Thomas	06/16
Brown, Peter W.	06/17
Ruhr, Diane M.	06/17
Callaghan, Evan N.	06/18
Lembeck, Terry	06/18
Lewis, Robert	06/19
VanParys, Margaret M.	06/19
Platania, Joseph K.	06/21
VanParys, Louis A.	06/21
Kahn, Michael E.	06/22

As of this month, we have several students signed up for our On The Water, Boat Operator's Certificate (Inland Navigator) program. This program is scheduled for later May. Please check out the information and sign up in the Squadron building.

Self-education is a special, important value to members of the US Power Squadron. The Vero Beach Power Squadron is quite fortunate to have an excellent capacity to meet our needs. If you own and/or operate a boat, relevant, quality education is an important component of boating enjoyment. If you are a passenger on a boat, consider boating education as an additional way to enjoy the passage and help the crew. As you slip through the summer and think about the fall, please consider our coming fall course line up... education is important, motivating and enjoyable! If you haven't yet, start your education with the coming ABC courses ...May 16, July 12 and November 14.

You can send me an email anytime at ... eud@verobeachpowersquadron.com ...we want to understand your interests, your ideas about self-education here at VBPS.

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP
Education Officer

Kiefer, Margaret B.	06/22
Marino, Gianna	06/22
Bennett, Susan J.	06/23
Hindley, Judith	06/23
Renzema, Donna	06/23
Becker, Roy A.	06/24
Green, Terry	06/24
Heaphy, Michael J.	06/24
Carlin, Ena Barbara	06/26
Decerbo, Charles A.	06/27
Goldman, Serene K.	06/27
Peterson, Gerald B.	06/27
Callaghan, Rory S.	06/28
Pegelow, Jacqueline A.	06/29
Yunker, Merritt W.	06/30

2014-2015
Successful Winter Course Achievement

ABC **Instructor: Larry Lott**

December, January and March Classes 43 students

Seamanship **Instructor: Nancy Husbands**

Barbara Butts, Caroline Castle, Paul Castle, Bill LaViolette,
Tamara Smith, Wayne Smith

Piloting **Instructor: Dick Myers**

Sandra Marin-Reay, James Reay, Charles Decerbo

Advanced Piloting **Instructor: Al Ebstein**

Deborah Bayless, Charles Decerbo

Marine Communications **Instructor: Dick Myers**

Kevin Brogan, Dick Myers

Marine Electrical Systems **Instructor: Larry Lott**

Dick Myers, Bob Scully

Engine Maintenance **Instructor: Bill Yunker**

Martha Friberg, Harley Ritchardson, Susan Ritchardson,
Thomas Mahone

Sail **Instructor: David Connolly**

Kevin Brogan, Bill LaViolette, Deborah Mahone,
Thomas Mahone

Weather **Instructor: David Connolly**

Charles Decerbo, Marc Renzema

Congratulations to all course students and a special Thank You to all Instructors and their teams...

April 28,2015

Activities

May Activities

- Paddle Group-Sat. 2nd-Blue Cypress Lake @ 9AM --Toby Jarman
- Derby Day/Cinco De Mayo Dinner - Sat. 2nd @ 5PM --Judy Peschio
- Bowling Group at Vero Bowl, - Sunday 3rd @ 5:45--Nora Lichty
- Executive Committee Meeting - Monday 11th @ 6PM--Bob Sheridan
- General Membership Meeting + poster contest - Mon. 11th@ 7 & 7:30PM--Cdr. Sheridan/ Mary Wohlstein
- Lunch Cruise-Wednesday 13th @ 11:30 AM Squid Lips-- Dick Myers
- America's Boating Course - Saturday 16th @ 9 to 4:30PM-- Larry Lott
- National Safe Boating Week-- from Sat 16th to Fri 22nd-- Mary Wohlstein
- VBPS LEASE RENEWAL REQUEST--Tues. 19th at VB City Council Chambers @ 6:30 PM
- Book Club Lunch @ VBVC - Wed. 20th @ 12:30PM--Carole Brubaker
- Memorial Day Dinner- Monday 25th @ 5PM-- Marg Kiefer_
- Boat "Beach-up" - Sat. 30th at IR-6, East of Green 67 @ 11AM--Joe Troiano

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June Activities

Safety

YES, YOU DO NEED THAT MUCH ANCHOR LINE

In last week's edition of our local newspaper there was a short story regarding two men that left three children in an anchored 26 foot craft while the men went diving in the nearby waters. While they were under water, the anchor of the boat broke loose and the craft with the children on board drifted away. Fortunately, a passing boater picked up the divers, and the Coast Guard rescued the children.

All too often boaters fail to recognize the amount of anchor line and/or chain (rode) required to hold a secure anchorage. Any time a boat can drift along with its anchor on the bottom and fail to have the anchor catch hold, you know there was not sufficient rode.

The United States Power Squadrons® recommend an anchor rode that is equal to seven to ten times the water depth plus the height above water of the point where the anchor is attached to the vessel. Seven is the multiplier in calm seas and ten is required in windy days. So please believe the 7 to 10 ratio guidelines for anchor rode and make sure you have sufficient for your situation.

Lt. Bill Hempel
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Paddle Group-Sat. 6th-Queens Island North Trail @ 9AM --Toby Jarman

Bowling Group at Vero Bowl, 14th Ave - Sunday 7th @ 5:45PM--Nora Lichty

Executive meeting- Monday 1st time-- TBA--Cdr. Bob Sheridan

General Meeting - Monday 8th @ 7:30PM --Bob Sheridan

Lunch /Mini Cruise - Harbortown Marina--Wednesday 24th @ 11-Dick Myers

Boat "Beach Up" - Sat. 27th at SL-6, East of Green 173 @ 11AM --Joe Troiano

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Ladies Luncheon - Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S

3rd Annual Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show raised almost \$900 to benefit VNA Hospice.



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We Had Visitors, Nina & Pinta - Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S



Replicas of Columbus' 13th century ships the Nina and Pinta visited Vero Beach, FL for six days this February. Over 12,000 people visited the ships during their stay. Thirty seven members of the Vero Beach Power Squadron helped handle the parking and ticketing. Mary Wohlstein, VBPS executive officer said they were motivated by public service and all came forward within a day of being called to assist.

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Annual Jimmy Buffett Party



New Members



Patrick and Regine Sullivan



Myrna Olsen



Fred Shriner



Bruce & Laurie
Trippet

Chaplains Corner

Well it's true ... I'm getting older. Some of you say, 'It will never happen to me,' others say, 'welcome to the club!' ... all I can say is listen to my prayer ...

Lord, help me to remember to be nicer to older people.

Let me take time out for them and make them feel special.

Remind me that I am on the same journey. Just a different spot on the river.

Each day takes me closer to the time when I may stand alone on the dock just hoping that
someone will notice
and say, "would you like to sail with me?"

Let me learn from the wisdom of others and be enriched by their experience.

Let me see through the eyes of others while I can still see.

Let me be a blessing to those who have been a blessing to me.

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Thanks to all of the contributors, again. And again it's amazing, this edition is bigger than the last, maybe the summer months will give us all a break? Enjoy.

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

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