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**Dear Ron**

This months Nautical News features - our summer in pictures, as always a great article from Mr. Jarmin on Save the Lagoon. ~ *Cmdr. R. Sheridan*

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### Summer of 2015



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**Forth of July Parade & Party**

John & Christine Luca and Linda Durso and Carmine Raffa volunteered their pontoon boat. and

The Brits finally surrendered, via their ambassadors, Paul & Caroline Castle. (Paul and Caroline Castle hosted our annual Independence Day party. On Friday September 25th, Mary Wohlstein is hosting a baby shower for the happy couple. Come to the Friday night social and join the party.)

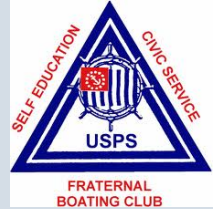


**Pirates Fest 2015, at Riverside Park**

V.B.P.S. manned the beer tent for Vero Chamber of Commerce. No shortage of volunteers! Oh! Volunteers raised \$1,150.00 for the V.B.P.S.

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**Annual Treasure Coast Cleanup.**

Friends of the Spoil Islands (FOSI) said that a total of 27 55-gallon bags of trash and recyclables were removed from SL-15. Kudos to all the Paddle Group members and guests who participated.

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Save The Lagoon Committee - Toby Jarmin, S

**SAVE THE LAGOON**

The oyster mat program is alive and well. The Arc clients of adults with developmental needs continue to make high quality mats. Starting in May of this year, The Arc is already nearing the 1,000 mark with about 900 mats!



Further, Arc Executive Director, Chuck Bradley, and I met with Sebastian Mayor Richard Gillmor to discuss Sebastian's recently funded oyster expansion program. This meeting set the stage for an upcoming agreement whereby, in addition to our project, The Arc also will provide oyster mats for Sebastian's segment of the Indian River Lagoon. This is a major contribution to VBPS' goal of replication.

The photo below shows that oyster mats laid last year have produced our first crop of new oysters in the Moorings and Round Island sections of the Lagoon. Special thanks to the 100+ VBPS volunteers who have contributed to our project.

**Calendar**

**September Activities 2015**

**Bowling Group at Vero Bowl**  
- Sunday 6th @ 5:45PM --Nora Lichty

**Labor Day Picnic** - Monday 7th @ 4PM --P/C Warren Miller & Joe Troiano (note the new time)

**America's Boating Course** - Saturday 12th @ 9 to 4:30PM -- Larry Lott

**Executive/General Membership Meeting** - Monday 14th @ 6 & 7:30PM-- Bob Sheridan

**Book Club Group @ VBYS** - Wednesday 16th @ 12:30PM-- Carole Brubaker

**Fall D8 Conference/Boca Raton Marriott** - Fri 18, Sat 19, Sun 20th--District Event

**Chili Cookoff Fundraiser for Youth Sailing Organization** - Saturday 19th @ 5PM--Chris Pope

**Friday Social & Baby Shower for Caroline & Paul Castle**-- Friday @ 5:30 PM--Mary Wohlstein

**Boat "Beach Up"** - Saturday 26th @ IR-11, SW of Green 69 @11AM-- Joe Troiano

**Oktoberfest**--Sunday 27th @ 4 PM--Carole Brubaker & Dave Stephenson (note new date & time)

**Ye Olde Friends Social**-- Monday 28th @ 5:30 pm-- Kathie Thomas

**OCTOBER ACTIVITIES 2015**

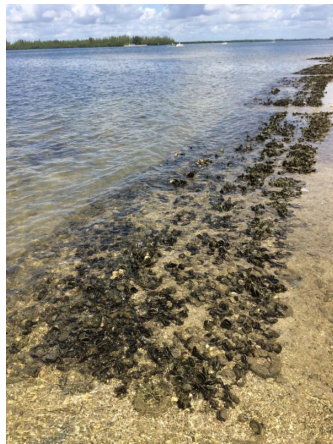
**Paddle Group**-Sat. 3rd-Islands around Gifford Cut (paddle & picnic) @ 9AM --Joe Troiano stepping in for Toby (**note new location**)

**Bowling Group** @ Vero Bowl - Sunday 4th @ 5:45PM--Nora Lichty

**Executive Committee Meeting** - Monday 12th @ 6PM--Cdr Bob Sheridan

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

**Spoil Island Clean-up (SL-**



As reported earlier, we will lay additional mats in two locations northwest of the Grand Harbor Marina channel. Our partner, Sunrise Rotary Club of Vero Beach, received required permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) but is still waiting for the permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers. Based on this delay, we will lay our mats in March 2016 and the following summer.

Other Save the Lagoon activities include spoil islands and high school environmental clubs. As part of the 8th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup, Committee members cleaned up our adopted island, SL-3 near Harbor Branch, and plans to perform another cleanup and mow our island's trails with DEP and co-adopter Moorings Yacht and Country Club personnel.

Finally, VBPS soon will launch a pilot project whereby we will work with local high school science teachers who will develop teaching modules focused on Indian River Lagoon issues. We will later provide boat transportation to take Environmental Club students out to the Lagoon to see, in the real world, what is taught in the classroom. Our first event is scheduled for the second week of September.

If you would like to get involved in Save the Lagoon activities, please contact Toby Jarman at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com).

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Commander - Cdr Robert Sheridan, AP



**Greetings to all**

I hope everyone has enjoyed a great Summer and will share some of their adventures with the remainder of us at our various socials and events. We do have a Labor Day Party coming up and the Octoberfest, both should be great.



A special shout to our XO Lt/C Mary Wohlstein for all the work and organization to put together the Veterans Day Parade and the Pirates Fest, for those of you who volunteered, a big thanks!  
It was a really a great time and we managed to make some money for the Squadron.

We should be reviewing the lease in the next month and will be having several meetings to develop our future plans and growth. We have a good amount of input and really some great ideas. We are renewing our efforts with the Sea Scouts, education and training, on the water training, and of course various civic activities. We are still looking at the possibility of providing Beer and Wine at our socials and at our various celebrations, having a few problems and bumps in the road with that one, will keep you informed.

Watch for the new schedule of classes and training to be offered, they have been put together and schedules should be out soon. National is contemplating changes in Instructor Training and will unveil it at the National in San Diego. I will be attending and be looking at this along with the other projects and programs they are going to discuss. The meeting is scheduled for the end of August so I will report the information in the next Nautical News and at our general meetings. Any items deemed to be of particular value to our Squadron will be forwarded by me via email.

I hope you will all join us at the Squadron and attend our activities through the end of the year, it will be good camaraderie and a lot of fun. Check for the joint cruises in the near future!

**3)**--Tuesday 20th from 9:30 to 12:30--Toby Jarman

**Boat "Beach Up"** - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> @ SL-7, East of Red 174 @11AM--Joe Troiano

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

**Halloween Pot Luck Party** (in lieu of Fri Social)--Friday@ 5:30--Barb Fisher

**Birthdays**

Hamilton, Edward C.	09/01
Ritchardson, Harley P.	09/01
Kane, Robert A.	09/03
Morici, Joseph	09/03
Zielsdorf, Robert L.	09/04
Longmire, Margaret C.	09/05
Peterson, Sheryl-lynn	09/07
Thurman Jr., George F.	09/07
Turner, Pilar E.	09/07
Holthaus, Maureen K.	09/08
Lott, Judy	09/08
Quick, Ken	09/08
Myers, Richard L.	09/09
Helfferich, Lynn A.	09/13
Leary, Howard R.	09/14
Mitchell, Thomas S.	09/14
Buhl, Timothy R.	09/15
Bush, Jan S.	09/15
Peschio, Thomas D.	09/15
Jarman, Toby L.	09/16
Leh Jr., Harold Robert	09/19
Sheehan, Richard P.	09/20
Haigis, Stephen R.	09/23
Husbands, Nancy M.	09/25
Macmillan, Carolyn L.	09/25
McGovern, Mary J.	09/26
Smith, Tamara L.	09/26
Feldman, Jeffrey S.	09/27
Casey, Lois B.	09/28
Chambers, Tricia G.	09/28
Jacoby, Michelle	09/29
Silvestrini, Victor	09/29
Young, Pamela J.	09/30

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

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Executive Officer - Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S



This summer was very busy at the Vero Beach Power Squadron.

Members of the VBPS participated in the First Annual Veterans Parade sponsored by the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce on July 3. The Power Squadron had a float in the parade, Marty Ingwersen was a Guest of Honor sporting around in a yellow convertible, and several members were on Cardinal Drive directing crowd and float activities. VBPS were the sponsors for the Coast Guard in the Parade.



On July 25, 30 members of the VBPS participated in the 8th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup.

A Thank You BBQ was held at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club for all who participated from Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties. Our own Steve Haigis was responsible for preparing the 80 pounds of pork that was served to the guests.

On July 31, August 1, and August 2, members of the VBPS came out to support the First Annual Pirate-fest sponsored by the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce. Members worked on the beverage truck and collected \$150 in tips alone. The Second Annual Pirate-fest is scheduled to take place Under the Oaks on July 29-31, 2016.

All together in the month of July, members of the VBPS donated 413 hours of their time to support these important Community Events. I would like to add my personal thanks to all the VBPS volunteers.

We are Vero Beach Proud!

Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S  
Executive Officer

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Administrative Officer - Lt/C Ellis Simon, S



The Friday Night Social is a time when VBPS members can get together over drinks and snacks and talk about anything dear to your heart. All members are invited.

It works this way. You bring your own bottle and a snack to be shared. The snack should be enough for 10 or 12 people. Examples are corn chips and salsa, a small pizza, deviled eggs, crackers and cheese, etc. Admission for members is free. The party starts at 5:30 PM and ends at 7:00 PM. Popular mixers and soft drinks are available for 50 cents a can.



So come on out to the squadron building and have a fun evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

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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. The Squadron Education program is rapidly evolving for the coming fall-winter season. We are planning several seminars. At this time two are on the schedule... January 14...Cruising the Bahamas and February 18... A Broad View of Vessel Safety  
As we get closer, more info to come.



McKay Jr., Henry E.	10/01
Durso, Linda M.	10/02
Silver, Peggy	10/02
Patrick, W. Terry	10/03
Mumaw, Joseph W.	10/04
Sheridan, Brenda J.	10/04
Bryant, Patricia A.	10/08
Brumbaugh, Barbara H.	10/09
Hoogterp, Danielle D.	10/09
Sullivan, Regine	10/09
Trippet, Bruce K.	10/09
Jones III, Frank (Tom)	10/10
Stanford, Jane	10/10
Vogt, David F.	10/11
Yzaguirre, Richard	10/11
Bowman, Frank R.	10/12
Ritchardson, Susan V.	10/12
Daniels, Howard R.	10/13
Callaghan, Gillian N.	10/14
Nicholas, William L.	10/14
Feldman, Barbara A.	10/15
Lott, Larry	10/15
Schieber, Joann K.	10/15
Hill, Kenneth M.	10/17
Neville, Rey A.	10/17
Stephenson, David C.	10/17
Gerber, Karen J.	10/20
Frosina, Leonard J.	10/21
Wisniewski, Judi S.	10/22
Fisher, Michelle	10/23
Henninger, Diane	10/23
Luca, Christine J.	10/23
Dobbs, Joey L.	10/24
Fritz, Alex	10/24
Raynes, Sandy	10/24
Pope, Charles D.	10/26
Callaghan, Francis B.	10/27
Kiss, George R.	10/29
Kahn, Michael C.	10/31
Leh, Janet L.	10/31

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In addition to a full schedule (six classes) of the ABC3 Basic Boating Course, we are planning to offer the same suite of courses as last year:

Advanced Grade Courses... Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation.

Elective Courses... Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communication Systems, Sail and Weather

Course enrollment sign up sheets will be posted by the end of September in the Squadron Building.

Additionally, we are considering offering the Marine Electronic Navigation Course... not given last year. This will depend on student interest and recruiting the instructor. Stay tuned.

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP  
Education Officer



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## Safety

### **Boating Safety Stats**

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, 610 people died in recreational boating accidents in 2014. This marks the second-lowest number of yearly boating fatalities on record.

The National Association of Boating Law Administrators offers three basic tips a boater can follow to be safer on the water.

Take a boating safety course. Where instruction was known, only 12 percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had earned a nationally approved boating safety education certificate.

Wear a life jacket. Where cause of death was known, 78 percent of fatal boating accident victims had drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 84 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

Don't consume alcohol before or while boating. "When you add alcohol to boating, your senses and judgment can be seriously affected. Your reflexes, balance, coordination and alertness will deteriorate, along with your ability to deal with speed, other boats and threatening weather. You are setting yourself up for a boating accident," said Eleanor Mariani, NASBLA president. Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in nearly one-fourth of deaths.

Each boat operator holds the key to boating safety. Unfortunately, you can't always rely on another boater's abilities

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## New Members



Greg and Mary Barnes



Joanne Michini

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## Chaplains Corner

**Past, 'National Day of Prayer' W/COOP Charting**

One of my pleasures in Vero is attending the weekly VBPS Cooperative Charting Group meetings. I would like to report that the entire conversation for the meetings revolve around water depth and bouy's but the fact is that the number one topic is 'what's for lunch?' Never the less, these are a bunch of great guys who you might not see around the building that often, however; their interest in club activities operates very effectively in the shadows. Their interests vary and have changed over the years. As your Chaplain I am glad to report that they were in unity on the 'National Day of Prayer' as we joined 'in spirit' thousands of others in America who gathered and reflected on the concept that we ought to pray for our cities, states, and country thru both turbulent and steady times. We were thankful for (and support) our local police, fire fighters and first responders. The Cooperative Charting Group is all about service, but they understand and confess that it takes more than muscle and a boat to make tings happen. A little bit of faith and time out for a prayer is the back bone of progress. ... followed by a hearty lunch, of course!

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This summer was anything but dull. 4th of July party & parade, Pirates-fest, Treasure Coast Cleanup, Loggerhead party. Wow.

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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