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This months Nautical News features - 2015 Bridge Nominations, our Fall in pictures, news on Save the Lagoon, invite to District 8 spring conference. ~ *Cmdr. R. Sheridan*

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2015 Bridge Nominations

Your 2015 Slate of Officers - Warren Miller, AP

Vero Beach Power Squadron 2015 Nominees

The 2015 Nominating Committee has met several times this year. The committee is pleased to present the following list of Squadron nominees for 2016 to the membership for your consideration.

The membership will be asked for a vote of approval of this slate at the December 7th Annual Meeting.

Bridge and assistants	2015 Holder	2016 Candidate
Commander	P/C Bob Sheridan, AP	Mary Wohlstein, S
Executive Officer	Mary Wohlstein, S	Tammy Smith, S
Educational Officer	Douglas Jacoby, AP	Douglas Jacoby, AP
Administrative Officer	Ellis Simon, SN	Richard Myers, JN
Secretary	Sue Hamel Miller, P	Terry Lembeck, S
Treasurer	Susan Ritchardson, S	Rob Kane, SN
Ass't Educational Officer	Larry Lott, AP	Jeremiah Casey, AP



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Ass't Administrative Officer	Tammy Smith	Larry Ebstein
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Ass't Treasurer	Judy Ward	Patrick Sullivan



Executive Committee

Regular Member	P/C John Spilman, SN	P/C John Spilman, SN
Regular Member	P/C Bob Scully, SN	P/C Bob Scully, SN
Regular Member	Toby Jarman, S	Toby Jarman, S
Regular Member	Kathie Thomas ,P	P/C Bob Sheridan, AP
Regular Member	P/C Warren Miller, AP	P/C Warren Miller, AP
Regular Member	Judy Ward	David Hornchek
Regular Member	P/C Jim Ward, JN	Susan Ritchardson, S
Alternate	P/C Judy Peschio, P	Kathie Thomas ,P
Alternate	P/C Janet Leh,P	Laura Aaron



Auditing

#1	Frank Bilotta,S	Mike Ruhr, S
#2	Henry McKay, P	Henry McKay, P
#3	Marg Kiefer	Marg Kiefer

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Nominating Committee

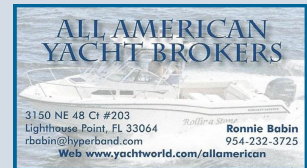
#1 Chairman	P/C Warren Miller, AP	P/C Bob Sheridan, AP
#2	Alyse Caldwell, AP	Mary Hill
#3	Kathie Thomas, P	P/C Warren Miller, AP
#4	P/C Judy Peschio, P	Alyse Caldwell, AP
#5	Jan Mooney	Kathie Thomas, P
#6	P/C Bob Scully, SN	P/C Judy Peschio, P



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Rules Committee

#1	Bill Lembeck,S	P/C Jim Ward, JN
#2	Ken Hill	Ken Hill
#3	George Thurman, AP	George Thurman ,AP



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Respectively submitted by the 2015 Nominating Committee,
 Chair P/C Warren Miller, AP
 P/C Bob Scully, N P/C
 P/C Judy Peschio, P
 Lt Kathie Thomas, P
 Lt Jan Mooney
 Alyse Caldwell, AP



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Save The Lagoon Committee - Toby Jaman, S

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Our Committee had three events since the last Nautical News publication. The first was our pilot project with the Vero Beach High School Environmental Club. On September 11, we took five students and the Club Teacher-Sponsor to SL-02 and SL-03 (VBPS' adopted island) near Round Island Park. Club members investigated both islands' erosion levels, vegetation and wildlife to develop year-long project study plans. As shown in the following photo, they also deployed seine nets and identified many living creatures in the Lagoon including various fish species, crabs, and shrimp.



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Calendar



On October 10, we held our third oyster mat assembly event since June at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC). As shown below, students were again very enthusiastic, productive and fun-loving. We have two additional ELC events scheduled in January 2016.

Finally, on October 20, we did some major work on our adopted island (SL-03). Due to the rains in the summer growing season, the trails on our island were heavily over-grown. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection came to our rescue with a bush mower, shown below, that re-established the trails. Working with co-adopters from the Moorings Yacht & Country Club, we also trimmed trees and bushes on the trails and removed trash. Come by the Island to enjoy the beach and the vegetation, including many beautiful flowers. It is located east of red marker 172 across from Harbor Branch.



If you would like to get involved in Save the Lagoon activities, please contact Toby Jarman at toby@moonriveriii.com.

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Commander - Cdr Robert Sheridan, AP

Greetings to all

I had mentioned that we would be reviewing the lease to determine if it was

November Activities

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

Executive Committee Meeting - Monday 2nd @ 7PM-- Bob Sheridan

Raft Up - Wednesday 4th @ 11:30 (at Hole in the Wall)-- Dick Myers

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

Boys & Girls Club Fishing Outing - Saturday 7th @ 8:30 AM-- Dick Carlin

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

New Member Orientation-- Thurs.12th from 7 to 9 PM-- Dan & Kathie Thomas

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

Pork Roast Dinner - Sunday 15th @ 5PM-- Judy Peschio

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

Vero Beach Boat Show (booth) - Sat. 21st & Sun. 22nd--10 to 4PM-- Bob Scully

Boat "Beach Up" - Sat. 28th @ IR-13, SW Red 70+ @ 11AM --Joe Troiano

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

December Activities

Vero Beach Boat Parade - Probable date: Friday 4th @ 6PM

Paddle Group-Saturday 5th at Wabasso Bridge @ 9AM - Toby Jarman

VB Christmas Land Parade & Chili Pot Luck - Saturday 5th @ 5PM - Mary Wohlstein

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

Annual Gen. Membership & Exec. Meeting - Monday 7th @ 6PM/7:30PM- Bob



sufficient to allow for our continued growth and expansion! Initially the lease was written for a term of 15, 5 & 5 and did not include authorization to construct docks on our facility. We successfully negotiated with the City to change the term of the lease to 25 years and to get approval from the city for construction of docks at the Power Squadron!



The only drawback to the lease is that we are required to carry flood insurance and I am looking at various options in an attempt to minimize our out of pocket expenses! I attempted to negotiate with the City to allow us to self insure, unfortunately this was not accepted, if the cost is prohibitive I will readdress the issue with the City.

We have started to look at ways to improve our building and we will set up a committee to explore all possibilities. I have promoted for a considerable amount of time the purchase of a Beer and Wine License for the Power Squadron to support our future activities and growth, this is a work in progress and hopefully I will be successful before my term expires. All of the Squadrons in District 8 do provide alcoholic beverages to their members, any growth that we may want to pursue is directly related to cash flow and the fund raising that we have in place at this time is not sufficient!

We have a lot of exciting events coming up and I suggest that you monitor our educational courses being presented this fall and, in addition, pay close attention to the activities that L/C Mary Wohlstein is working on at this time! I have been working with Mary on several new projects and we have been asked by the City and the Chamber to assist them in various endeavors. This is great for our exposure to the public and helps to solidify our relationship with the Vero Beach Community.

I want to inform the entire membership that the Vero Beach Power Squadron is appreciated and valued by the City of Vero Beach, for our previous work, our current work, and our future endeavors! It has been a distinct pleasure to work with the City Attorney, the City Manager, and all other City Officials that I have had the pleasure to work with in developing our common goals. This is totally due to the quality of our membership and your unwavering commitment to boating, Education, and Civic Endeavors!

I am extremely proud of all of you and our Squadron, as always Vero Beach Proud!

Commander, Robert Sheridan, AP

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Executive Officer - Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S



The last 10 months has been a whirlwind of activity at the VBPS and as we approach the holiday season there are no signs that things are slowing down. The snowbirds are starting to reappear in Vero Beach and we welcome them back.

In September we held our very first baby shower at the VBPS. The proud parents to be, Caroline and Paul Castle, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Baby Girl Castle sometime in November.



On November 7 we are hosting the 2nd Boys and Girls Fishing Outing for 2015. Dick Carlin is looking for volunteers to help out at this event. Help is needed with boats, assistance on the boats, and volunteers in the kitchen to feed the children after the event.

The Vero Beach Boat Show will be held in Riverside Park on November 21 and 22. VBPS will have a booth at the event to promote safe boating and also to advertise our upcoming educational classes. Bob Scully has posted a signup sheet in the Squadron for volunteers to "man" the booth. A special flash pfd mob is planned to take place during the Boat Show. Watch for more details.

The Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce and the City of Vero Beach have asked the VBPS to cosponsor the inwater Christmas Boat Parade scheduled for December 4. I am taking the lead to invite interested boaters to participate in this event. My goal is to have 25 boats participate which would be a significant improvement over last years participation of 4 boats. There is no cost to participate. The Vero Beach Yacht Club has generously donated 3 free slips for overnight dockage on a first come, first served basis for participants who may be bringing their boats from out of town. If you are interested in participating in this event please contact me at m_wohlstein@yahoo.com.

Sheridan

Ladies' Holiday Lunch-Tue. 8th @ 12:30PM @ Osceola Bistro - Hoy Wilkinson

VBPS Christmas Party @ Yacht Club- Sunday 13th @ 5PM - Ellis Simon

Casual Christmas Party (in lieu of Friday Social)-Fri. 18th @ 5:30 PM-Tammy Smith

Christmas Day-no Friday Social on Dec. 25th

Boat Beach Up--Sat. 26th at SL-13, East of Green 179 @ 11AM- Joe Troiano

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

New Year's Eve Pot Luck Party - Thursday 31st @ 6PM - Kathie Thomas

January 2016

Change of Watch at VBYC - Sunday 17th @ 5PM -Jim/ Judy Ward

Birthdays

Immediately following the inwater Christmas Boat Parade on December 5 is the Annual Christmas Parade held on Ocean Drive. In the past we have had at least 1 boat in the parade and last year included an antique car and an assortment of Miatas. If you would like to participate in the event please contact me.

Some improvements have been made at the Squadron Building with more to follow next year. We have installed a new awning over the back porch to replace the sagging tattered one that was previously there. The damaged screen on the front porch has also been replaced. Thanks to Dave Stephenson and Carole Brubaker for overseeing the installation of the new awning and screen replacement. The Planning Committee will be meeting to discuss further improvements to our Squadron Building.

I have just finished compiling the merit mark hours for outside activities for 2015. Thank you to the over 100 members who donated more than 700 hours of their time to these events. I appreciate your continued support to these important community events. I could never do this on my own but as a team we are awesome!

We are Vero Beach proud.

Lt/C Mary Wohlstein, S
Executive Officer

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Administrative Officer - Lt/C Ellis Simon, S



The administrative department is responsible for the internal affairs of the squadron. As such it has the responsibility for some 60 social activities during the year. 50 of these are the Friday night socials.

The Friday night social is for the members. It is the time to get together with friends and chat. It is free. All you have to do is bring a snack or hors d'oeuvre for about 12 people. Something special from your kitchen is great but a simple chips and dip or small pizza is equally welcome. Bring your own favorite drinks.



We have expanded the hours of the Friday night social to accommodate those who cannot make the 5:30 starting time. The social runs as late as people want to talk, but you are free to leave whenever you wish. There is no formal program.

So come on out and enjoy the evening. Every Friday night, 5:30 on, at the squadron building.

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

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Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP



The Winter 2016 Course Enrollment effort is well underway. We have certified instructors standing by to enroll students.

The process is easy... simply sign up on the appropriate sheet on the ED board at the Squadron building or send an email to the SEO at edu@verobeachpowersquadron.com



Additionally on the ED board, you will find a description of the USPS Training Track for basic, advanced and elective courses. If you are new to our program, we recommend you start with our one-day basic boating course, ABC (America's Boating Course). With the completion of this course, you will have met the requirements to obtain your Florida Safe Boating Identification Card.... Great for new boat owners and all crew or guests on boats.

Advanced Courses are listed as well. These will enhance your boating knowledge, skill and enjoyment with boating. These are to be taken in the sequence listed and are available now.

We also offer several Elective courses that can be taken in any order... courses that allow you to gain deeper skill in particular areas. See the ED board.

This Winter we are pleased to offer a new program to teach on the water skills that can lead to a Boat Operator Certificate for Inland Navigation. You can also sign up for this.

Hope to see you in class.

West, Maureen K.	11/03
White, Robert E.	11/04
Ingwersen, Martin L.	11/05
Newton, Deirdre	11/11
Sheridan, Robert L.	11/13
Dykes, Eric A.	11/14
Thurman, Arlene	11/14
Hill, Mary R.	11/16
Raynes, Walter	11/16
Rianhard, Mary W.	11/16
Hornchek, David	11/17
Kahn, Madalyn A.	11/18
Sheehan, Catherine A.	11/18
Shriner, Fred W.	11/21
Wisniewski, John M.	11/23
Zilg, John W.	11/23
Lichty-Nelson, Mary L.	11/25
Renzema, Marc W.	11/25
Schieber, George W.	11/26
Kahn, Nadine A.	11/28
Magyar, Anne M.	11/28
Thompson, Roy S.	11/28
Newton, John Robert	11/29
Fisher, Barbara A.	11/30
Soltysiak, Edwin	11/30

Last two months in pictures

the Castle's Baby Shower



Chili Cook Off to benefit The Youth Sailing Foundation



October Fest

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Martin, Penny	12/02
Tripaldi, Paul A.	12/02
Top Ader, Katherine	12/06
Hutchison, David	12/10
Chatterton, Paul A.	12/11
Rose, Joy Radke	12/12
Tripaldi, Tina	12/12
Malin, Robert A.	12/13
Trippet, Laurie M.	12/13
Myers, Bonnie J.	12/14
Brubaker, Carole L.	12/15
Castle, Caroline S.	12/15
Zeisler, Joan B.	12/17
Heimbaugh, Bill	12/20
Connolly, David P.	12/23
Hoogterp, Daniel	12/24
Powers, John A.	12/24
Lichy, Nora	12/25
Scully, Barbara G.	12/27
Callaghan, Jane D.	12/28
Ferguson, Neil E.	12/29
Pasquarella, Joagnes	12/29
Spilman, John R.	12/30
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New Members



Jim and Sharon Parmley



Beverly Stafford Dillon

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"Old Lunckerhead"

My Grandfather used to tell the story of a fish that inhabited the lake behind our family cottage in Northern, Michigan named 'Old Lunckerhead.' If you ever latched on to this fish you were bound to lose your bait, lure, and perhaps other things. "Lunckerhead" would not play your line, he didn't have to. He was so big and strong that he would just pull on it until it snapped or he chewed through it. When we went fishing we would always try to avoid contact

with 'the Great Leviathon' because we wanted to catch fish not get caught by one. I think I saw the big fish. He would be cruising off the end of our dock in the early morning just at sunrise when the lake was still calm and clear. He appeared just as my Grandfather described him being about three feet long and as thick as my upper leg. He was pretty unphased by his surroundings. He just swam by like he was on patrol. I often thought he might be blind because he ignored the shore minnows and other things I would throw towards him. He would just swim by. You know, my Grandfather always kept this huge lure in his tackle box that he had purchased to catch "Old Lunkerhead" but he never used it because the line we normally used could not handle the weight of the lure. 'Maybe someday!.

Once when I had grown older, after my Grandfather had passed away; I was at the lake and noticed a commotion at the public launch site a few lots away from our cottage. Some SCUBA divers had been searching for a snowmobile that had reportedly fell through the ice during the previous winter. They hadn't found the snowmobile yet but they told of a huge submerged log they had seen on the bottom of the lake that had over 300 lures, stringers, and other fishing paraphernalia attached to it. Well, for me, that pretty much closed the book and mystery of "Old Lunkerhead." ... or did it?

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I asked for more pictures and I definitely got them. Hope you enjoy!

Thanks,
Ron Miller
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