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This months Nautical News features - The new Bridge is installed, Ladies have a fashion show, 5 new members ~ *Cmdr. M. Wohlstein*

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### Change of Watch - January 17, 2016



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**Save The Lagoon Committee** - Toby Jarman, S

**SAVE THE LAGOON COMMITTEE**

It's official! Effective January 1, VBPS is co-adopter of St. Lucie County spoil island #2 (SL-02) just south of Round Island Park and east of the Intracoastal Waterway red marker 170-A. To celebrate, we combined the monthly "Beach Up" on Saturday January 29 with an island clean up/picnic. In all, nine boats attended with over 30 people. We collected eight bags of trash, and with beautiful weather, we enjoyed hiking around the island, eating great food, and sunning ourselves on the beautiful island beach. To meet our co-adoption agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserve, we will keep our island clean of trash and other litter. We will also establish trails and remove exotic trees and plants and replace them with indigenous ones.

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**Calendar**



Save the Lagoon Committee members David Hornchek, Eileen Kennedy, Hugh & Laura Aaron, Jerry Casey, Joe Troiano and I conducted two oyster mat making events at the Environmental Center (ELC): the first on January 9 for ELC participants, and the second on January 13 for an Indian River Land Trust sponsored activity for Gifford Youth Achievement Center members. In addition, since May 2015, The Arc clients (adults with special needs) have assembled over 2,600 oyster mats!

If you would like to get involved with Save the Lagoon activities, please contact Toby at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com) or call him at 757-374-5598. Since many of our Committee members have boats, you do not need a boat to participate-you just need a burning desire to improve and protect our amazing Indian River Lagoon.

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**Commander** - Cdr Mary Wohlstein, S



**Spring is here and great things are blossoming at the VBPS**

Some of you may remember or participated in the "Focus Groups" conducted in 2014 by George Thurman. At the February General Membership Meeting, Dan Thomas gave a status report on the items that were listed as "A1 priority" in the Strategic Marketing Plan developed in 2014. For those of you who were not able to attend the meeting, items listed as A1 and results include:



Develop On-The-Water Training Program.

Bob Scully has developed and conducted several sessions of on-the-water training.

Develop an orientation program for new members.

To date 84 new members have participated in a 2 hour "New Member Orientation Program".

Conduct additional seminars.

Captains Chris and Alyse Caldwell have conducted numerous free seminars.

Another free seminar on "Birding" will be conducted by Carolyn Cimino on March 9.

Secure a new 25 year lease for our building.

Task completed. New 25 year lease signed in November 2015 thanks to the efforts of Dan

**MARCH ACTIVITIES**

**Paddle Group**-Saturday 5th-Queens Island @ 9AM--Toby Jarman

**Eco-Fest Booth** @ Environmental Learning Ctr - Sunday 6th 11 AM to 4 PM-- Ed Carr

**Bowling Group** @ Vero Bowl - Tuesday 8th @ 6:15 PM--Nora Lichty

**Seminar (free)**--Florida's Birds & Habitat--Wed.9th @ 7 PM--Carolyn Cimino

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

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** - Sunday 13th @ 5PM--Kathie & Dan Thomas

**Executive Meeting**-Monday 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM--Mary Wohlstein

**General Membership Meeting**--Monday 14th @ 7:30 -Mary Wohlstein

NOTE--poster contest awards will be postponed to a later date

**Book Club Lunch** (location TBA) - Wednesday 16th @ 12:30PM --Carole Brubaker

**Boys & Girls Club Fishing Outing** - Saturday 19th @ 8:30AM--Dick Carlin

**Boat "Beach Up"** - Saturday 26th @ **SL-2** @ 11AM--Joe Troiano

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

**Raft-Up**--Wednesday 30th @**Hole in the Wall**-11:30 AM--Hugh Aaron

**APRIL ACTIVITIES**

**Paddle Group**-Sat. 2nd-Fritz Island North @ 9AM- Toby Jarman

**Vero Beach Boat Show with Booth** - Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd @ 10 to 4PM-- John Spilman

**Mini Cruise** to Palm Coast- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>-- Hugh Aaron

**District 8 Spring Conference**@ Embassy Suites PGA - Fri 8th to 10th--District Event

Improve instructor competency.

One additional important item (not A1) was implemented.

The Planning Committee will continue to meet on a regular basis to address other improvements such as sound attenuation in the building, repair of the air conditioning unit, and roof repair. I will continue to keep you updated on the outcome of these meetings.

Last month I sent out an invitation to all members to attend the D8 Conference in Palm Beach Gardens scheduled for April 8 and 9. I hope you have considered attending this important conference. It is a great way to spend time with fellow members and friends of District 8. In addition, our P/C Janet Leh will be sworn in at the District Business Meeting on Saturday afternoon as the District 8 Administrative Officer.

Other activities around the Squadron in cooperation with the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce include the initial planning stages of the Piratefest scheduled for July 29-31 at Riverside Park. We have been asked to provide volunteers for the adult beverage truck and also to plan a Pirate Boat Parade for the closing ceremonies of the event.

The 4th Annual Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show to benefit VNA Hospice was a huge success with 120 guests in attendance and \$900 being raised for VNA Hospice. One addition this year was guest appearances by the VBPS "Chippendales" (I knew that would get your attention!) Special thanks to all who participated whether you were behind the scenes, out on the runway, or enjoying the show. Very special thanks to Tom Barrett who donated his time once again this year to provide the music during the show.

It's that time of the year again where we are starting to bid a fond farewell to our "Snowbirds". Thank you for jumping in and volunteering your time for a variety of activities while you were here. I wish you safe travels, an enjoyable summer in your "alternate" location, and I look forward to seeing you again when you return.

We are Vero Beach Proud!

Commander, Mary Wohlstein

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**Executive Officer** - Lt/C Tamara Smith, S

**Bring on the New Year- a most important year for volunteers.**



As Executive Officer, I attended the Cooperative Charting Committee Meeting, an integral part of the Power Squadron. What is CO-OP Charting I asked? A wonderful, dedicated group of members, led by Bill Heimbaugh, S D/Lt, who take depth readings outside of the ICW covering the territory of Sebastian, Vero Beach and Fort Pierce. The readings are then downloaded off the GPS to a computer and sent to NOAA to maintain and update accurate depth readings of our coastal waters for continued boating safety. We had a very nice lunch at the VBYC, and handed out many awards to the group members and discussed future plans. Some of which include, Bill is looking to plot the Fort Pierce area waters with our new volunteer Joe Troiano and would also like to create a kayak group that would assist in charting our coastal waters as well. Bill will be conducting a workshop on CO-OP charting at the District 8 Conference on Saturday morning. We could always use more volunteers for this important group.

The VBPS is sponsoring the Eco-Fest Booth again at the Environmental Learning Center on Sunday March 6th from 11-4 pm. Our chair Ed Carr has an excellent group of volunteers who sell hamburgers and hot dogs, all proceeds are donated to the ELC. Please stop by and support our booth.

On Saturday March 19 at 8:30 am, the VBPS Boys and Girls Fishing Event will be led by Dick Carlin. Volunteers with boats are still needed to take the kids fishing and to help with the lunch prepared for the kids and volunteers after. A great way to touch the life of a child and make a difference.

**Executive/General Membership Meetings** - Monday 11th @6PM & 7:30PM -- Mary Wohlstein

**Bowling Group** at Vero Bowl - Tuesday 12th @ 6:15 PM-- Nora Lichty

**Annual Poker Run** - Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> with rain date Sun. 17<sup>th</sup>--Hugh Aaron

**New Member Orientation** - Monday 18th @ squadron from 7 to 9 PM-- Dan & Kathie Thomas

**Jimmy Buffet Party** - Saturday 23rd @ 5PM--Christine & John Luca

**Ye Olde Friends Social** - Monday 25th @ 5:30PM-- Kathie Thomas

**Boat "Beach-Up"** -Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> - SL-2 @ 11AM-- Joe Troiano

Birthdays

Our first Vero Beach Boat Show booth for this year is Saturday April 2nd and Sunday April 3rd from 10-4 pm led by John Spillman.

I would like to give a welcome and congratulations to our new Vessel Safety Officer- Doug Jacoby who has already started performing Vessel Safety Checks with our group led by Dan Thomas.

Thank you and Happy Spring!  
Executive Officer  
Tamara Smith

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**Administrative Officer** - Lt/C Richard Myers, JN



### Greetings all

Thank you for asking me to be your 2016 Administrative Officer (AO); I will do my best to meet your expectations. So far, this has been an interesting assignment. I find myself at the bottom of the list in a long line of exceptional people that have held this position before me, all willing to lend a hand and guide me through this year. I want to thank all of you for your help, and I look forward to your help and guidance throughout the year. Speaking of thank yous, I was asked the other day if the bridge or our instructors receive any compensation for their work. I am happy to inform you that most of us are very well paid for our efforts. You our members provide us our paychecks every time you say thanks for a job well done, volunteer in one of our squadron functions, and simply support our efforts by your participation at our fund raisers.



Speaking of fund raisers, where does all the money raised go? Most of it goes to support our building, some goes to support our community functions, and a small part of it goes into the general fund for future use and contingencies. One of my tasks as AO is to raise the funds necessary to support our squadron, and do it in a fashion that we all enjoy and have some fun along the way. That has been my idea for the end of the month special Fridays. Taco night had 74 paid participants, spaghetti night the total shot up to 96. I guess we all like Spaghetti. On both nights the help I had was phenomenal, and the extra effort by Joanne Michini was very much appreciated by me and all of you who enjoyed her spaghetti and meat ball sauce. I intend to continue special (or should I call them supper) Fridays, as long as the date doesn't conflict with any other normal squadron functions. The goal behind special Fridays is for you our members to go to the club and enjoy a balanced dinner without any hassle, then be able to hang around for a while to enjoy everybody's company. I would like, though, to bring up the price a bit; at \$5 per, we are just about breaking even, and having to work at doing that. So unless we do a hot dog night, how about \$15 per couple and \$8 for single? (Find a friend and save 50 cents!). I promise to keep the quality of the dinner at the same level you have been enjoying. Remember, the Friday night social regardless if it is supper night or not, is always open to everyone; just bring your own snacks. Speaking of snacks, anyone who signs up to help at the Friday night social is excused from bringing a dish to share. Sorry, if you sign up for supper Friday, you will still have to buy your dinner or bring your own. I hope that doesn't discourage anyone. It's been said that I need all the help I can get. So that's it for now, I am looking forward to seeing you all at our various fund raisers and functions.

Lt/C Dick Myers, JN  
Admin Officer

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**Education Officer** - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP



### **Power Squadron Membership.... Boating Education.... Boating Knowledge**

All members intuitively feel that understanding your " boating " activity can make a real difference to the enjoyment of a boating day whether you are a boat owner, operator, crew or passenger!

Knowledge and experience at all levels will go a long way to a "good day on the water". Certainly we all strive for those days...



We all know that Self Education is a primary mission of the squadron and its members. The Squadron is built for achieving this mission. Your Self Education is a key to your boating day enjoyment. As a Squadron Member you have an efficient, proven

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valuable Training Track available to you.

The Squadron offers many advanced skill classes... but perhaps you are not ready for that level. I want to emphasize the education journey has a beginning and your Squadron offers this to you: The ABC Course and The Seamanship Course

Six times each year Larry Lott and his instructor team conduct a full day basic boating course known as ABC... America's Boating Course...a great place to start. As a Squadron member, this is the place to get the basics... certainly very important at all levels, but urgently important if you own/operate a boat and need entry level understanding.

Interested... see information on our website at: <http://www.verobeachpowersquadron.com/MediaReleases/abc%20classes%202016.pdf> or email me, Doug, at [edu@verobeachpowersquadron.com](mailto:edu@verobeachpowersquadron.com)

The next course in the USPS Training Track is the Seamanship Course. This course builds on the material in ABC to a greater degree. Jim Ward and his instructor team are completing the winter course now... based on demand; we are planning a second Seamanship course a bit later in the year. We will let you know of the schedule. If you have interest, again email me at the above address. Meanwhile, complete the ABC program and you will be ready for this upcoming Seamanship course.

This is all available for you....

So consider taking advantage of your Squadron program, become a safe, educated owner/operator/crew or passenger... you will enjoy many "good days on the water".

Hope to see you in class.

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP  
Education Officer

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**VBPS Fashion Show**



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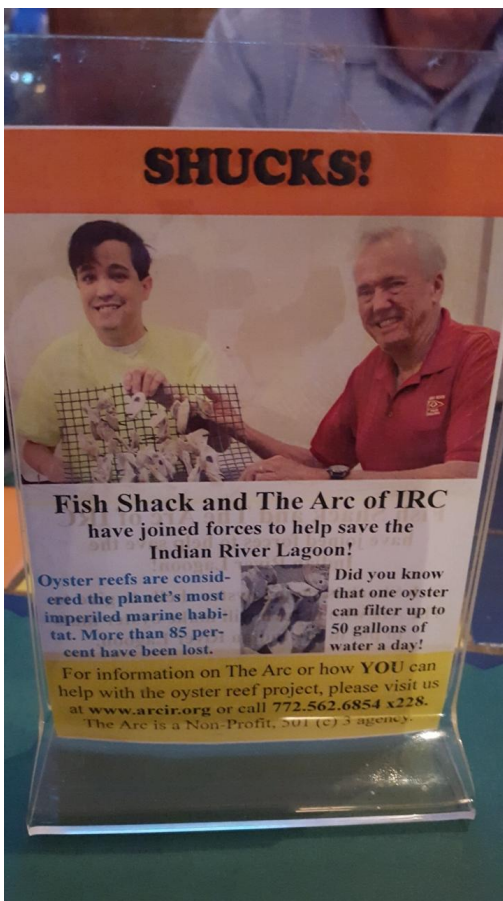
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**More Save the Lagoon**



Hi all,

The Vero Beach Power Squadron (VBPS) partnered with the Coastal Conservation of America (CCA) and the Sunrise Rotary Club in 2013 to assemble oyster mats. After initially assembling mats with its own members, VBPS later included numerous area school students and members of various organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Environmental Learning Center, and the Gifford Youth Achievement Center.

To achieve its goal of replication, VBPS recently trained The Arc clients (adults with special needs) in oyster mat assembly. The Arc is now semi-autonomous in drilling shells and making oyster mats with VBPS, Sunrise Rotary and CCA funding materials, identifying Lagoon site selection, applying for permits, and laying the mats in the Lagoon. The Arc has received donations from many generous donors and, as shown in the attached photo, partnered with Vero Beach's Fish Shack restaurant to raise funds for piece-rate wages for The Arc clients. As a footnote, although Arc clients receive wages for other activities such as setting tables at assisted living facilities, this is the first Arc employment project involving an environmental project.

All the best,  
Toby

**New Members**





Stephen Resta



Walter and Kathleen Locke



Ronald Ruggiero



Ken Simone

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### Chaplains Corner

#### **TO ALL WHO SURVIVED THE 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's!**

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes. Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-base paints. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets. As infants & children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes. Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day was always a special treat. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar and, we weren't overweight.

How did we survive? Because we were always outside playing...that's why! We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And, we were O.K. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride them down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem. We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's and X-boxes. There were no video games, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVD's, no surround-sound or CD's, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet and no chat rooms. WE HAD FRIENDS, And we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever. We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls. Although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them. Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best Risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. Congratulations!

Thank God we survived! Well, at least that is how I look at it! ... but then I am a Chaplain.

Questions and comments:  
Lt/Chaplain Tom Jones

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The Great American Storyteller  
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There are a changes in the wind. If you don't believe me just go one of Dick Myers special dinners.

**Thanks,**  
Ron Miller  
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