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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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## Birding group

**By Anne Sachs,**

On Thursday, March 17th at about 7:45 am we got word that our Momma Bird, Carolyn Cimino, was down with the flu and could not take us on our planned trip to the TM Goodwin Waterfowl Management area in Fellsmere, Florida. Several of us "chicks" and one new birder decided to fly the coop and try this adventure on our own. So we met at our usual disembarkment area, consolidated cars and headed up I-95 to Fellsmere to start our adventure.

To our delight, we could see the nesting Roseate Spoonbills on the spoil island visible from the parking lot, even before heading out to the interior of the marsh area. In addition to the Spoonbills, we saw other birds intermingled in various stages of attending to their nests or chicks. To our delight and surprise, one of us spotted a pair of Black Crowned Night Heron nesting in plain view on one of the branches. These birds are usually very hard to find in the marsh. So collectively we saw the Spoonbills, Night Herons, Snowy Egrets, Anhingas, and the Tri Color Herons and an Osprey before leaving the parking lot.

As we drove into the park, we saw many American Coots, Common Moorhens, a flock of Limpkins as well as the solitary Limpkins, Great Blue Heron, Cattle Egrets, Turkey and Black Vultures, an American Kestrel, a Kingfisher, Red-Winged Black birds, Boat Tailed Grackles, White as well as Glossy Ibis, Black Skimmers, Royal Terns, other Sea Terns, Anhingas, lesser yellowlegs, Palm Warblers, Yellow Rump Warblers and other warblers and birds, this "Bird Nerd" has not yet gotten a handle on.



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black crowned night heron pair

For as many times as we have been out to TM Goodwin, we've never encountered the number of alligators as we did that day. We saw over a hundred doing what alligators do in the various ponds we visited.

Then as "Chickies" will do when they leave their parents' nest, we took a road not travelled. We saw a flock of about one hundred White Pelicans on one of the ponds. We usually see them flying in formation above our heads. Among the Pelicans we spotted several Black Necked Stilts and Long Billed Dowitchers, a dead "jerked" fish forgotten by something, and later, a



© Kat Ferris  
long-billed dowitchers

Marsh Rabbit. During this diversion, we came upon an observation deck. We climbed the three stories, arthritic knees or bad backs screaming, but we made it to the top. On the stairs we saw scat, bones and feathers from previous vulture meals and various other bird droppings. At the top of the observation deck we saw a beautiful vista of the Stick Marsh more alligators and more birds.

The day itself was glorious. Splattered Clouds provided welcomed shade. The temperature, in the low 70's and the comfortable breeze made it a perfect morning to be out in the "River of Grass" (as the Everglades is also known). After all our wonderful "finds," and there were many more that were not covered, we needed nourishment.

We got back into our cars and headed out to Squid Lips in Sebastian. It was St Patti's Day and many of the patrons were dressed in various degrees of "Irish." The corned beef and cabbage was plentiful. After eating, we looked over the docks and into the water and "what do you know" a really beautiful, young Green Sea Turtle was right by the dock waving its fins at us.



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sea turtle

While at Squid Lips we saw Cormorants, Laughing Sea gulls and other gulls, Sea Terns, and an Anhinga spattered here and there. We watched an Osprey catch a fish and carry it back to its nest which we spotted when we pulled into the parking lot across the street from Squid Lips. Later, when departing, we saw the same Osprey eating its catch. So after our eyes and tummies were full of Mother Nature's bounty, we said farewell and headed home to our roosts. It surely was a splendid day.

We checked up on Momma Bird to make sure she was feeling better. She was, so it was a good ending to a perfect day. Our hearts and minds were refreshed and ready for another adventure soon. We "Chickies" are confident, we can wander off again, but we do like our Momma Bird with us more. Thank you Carolyn for our new skills. Thank you Kat, for your quick eye and extraordinary ID skills compared to the rest of us and Cathy and Herb, Donna, Dee, and Becky for joining me on this adventure into the Stick Marsh.

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

### [SAVE THE LAGOON COMMITTEE](#)

On March 19, 2016, the Friends of the Spoil Islands and the St. Lucie Oyster Restoration Group sponsored the 3rd Annual Spoil Island Preservation Day on Wesley Island (SL-17), Fort Pierce. Participants included elected officials, State and Local government agency representatives, and civic groups. VBPS Educational Officer, Doug Jacoby, and his wife Michelle, Susie & Rich Ritchardson, and Toby Jarman represented the Vero Beach Power Squadron.

The purpose of the event was to acknowledge our wonderful natural treasure, the Indian River Lagoon, and the 98 spoil islands in the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserve. The program consisted of talks on spoil island history, efforts to save and improve the spoil islands, and projects to improve lagoon water quality.

Susie, Rich and Toby provided boat transportation of participants to and from the island.



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### Calendar

#### [May Activities](#)

Boat Cruise to the Abacos  
-starting around May 1<sup>st</sup>-- Hugh Aaron/ Ron Miller

Derby Day Dinner - Saturday 7th -  
Time 4:30PM--Carol Brubaker,  
Brenda Sheridan, Mary Wohlstein

Executive & General Membership  
Meeting- Mon. 9th@ 6:00  
&7:30PM-- Mary Wohlstein



Poster contest results and prizes to the kids--Mon 9th @ 7:30PM--Dan Thomas (new)

Bowling Group at Vero Bowl - Tuesday 10th @ 6:15PM--Nora Lichty

Paddle Group--Saturday 14th--Blue Cypress Lake @ 9AM--Toby Jarman (date changed)

Book Club Lunch @ VBYC - Wednesday 18th @ 12:30PM --Carole Brubaker

America's Boating Course - Saturday 21st @ 9 to 4:30PM - Larry Lott

National Safe Boating Week-- from Sat 21st to Fri 27th --Tamara Smith

Lunch Cruise--Wednesday 25th @ 11:30 AM @ Harbortown Marina-- Hugh Aaron

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Boat "Beach-up" - Saturday 28th - location SL-2 @ 11AM --Joe Troiano

Memorial Day Dinner - Monday 30th @ 5PM --Joanne Michini

**Commander** - Cdr Mary Wohlstein, S



**DISTRICT 8 (D-8) SPRING CONFERENCE NEWS AND OTHER HAPPENINGS AROUND THE SQUADRON**

Last month I attended the District 8 (D8) Spring Conference held in West Palm Beach along with several other members of the Bridge, Committee Chairs, and folks from the General Membership.



A Council Meeting was held on Friday afternoon where all the Squadron Commanders were asked to give a short presentation on their proudest accomplishment and also where they might need help from the District. In my presentation I reported that late last year we were granted a 25 year lease on our building from the City of Vero Beach after a presentation to City Council where 80 of our members were in attendance. This lease allows us to provide continuing education to the Squadron and Public, gives us a place to respond to our civic duties and also to conduct our social events. I also mentioned that we now have opened the building to the community to conduct programs if they do not have existing buildings or places to meet.

I agreed with several of the other Squadron Commanders when they stated that we need brand name recognition starting at the National level. I personally have been at the Boat Show or other group settings where I have been asked "What does the Power Squadron do?" National recognizes this as a shortfall and has agreed to beef up their advertising campaign.

Friday night, VBPS hosted a hospitality suite, which gave us the opportunity to "grip and grin" as the National Chief Louis Ojada calls it.



**June Activities**

Paddle Group -Sat. 4th--Sebastian River @ 9AM -Toby Jarman

Executive/General Membership Meeting - Monday 13th @ 6 & 7:30 PM --Mary Wohlstein

Bowling Group at Vero Bowl - Tuesday 14th @ 6:15 PM-- Nora Lichty

Lunch /Mini Cruise - Harbortown Marina--Wednesday 22nd @ 11:30-- Hugh Aaron

Boat "Beach Up" - Sat. 25th -location SL-2 @ 11AM--Joe Troiano

**Birthdays**



Saturday morning several workshops were conducted, one being Co-op Charting led by our P/C (Past Commander) Bill Heimbaugh. I attended OT in 3 (meaning Operations Training in 3 hours). This seminar proved to be very informative and I would like to incorporate some of the information in our New Employee Orientation as well as conduct a free seminar for our members.

Saturday afternoon a conference was held to hear reports from the District Bridge, present awards to the Squadrons, and to swear in the new District Bridge. Our own P/C Janet Leh is now the District 8 Administrative Officer. Thanks to all who attended the Conference and I know Janet appreciates your support and is counting on your continuing support in the coming year. Pictures from the conference can be found on the VBPS website under photos.

The next event scheduled for District 8 is the Summer Rendezvous at the Marriott on South Hutchinson Island on July 15-17. You can attend this event by car or by boat and it is a great opportunity to meet other members of the District 8 family which now has 1349 active members. More details on the event and how to register to attend to follow.

You may have noticed some changes around the Squadron Building. Thanks to the generosity of Bob and Barb Scully we now have a new stove in our "galley". John Spilman and George Schieber have installed an additional cabinet and John personally built the butcher block top for the new cabinet. My sincere thanks to all of you.

Other changes coming in the near future include repair to the building near the air conditioning unit.

Safe travels to those who are leaving us if only for a short period of time and I look forward to seeing you when you return. I sincerely thank all of you for your continued support - you make my job as Commander an enjoyable one.

We are Vero Beach Proud!

Commander, Mary Wohlstein

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

**Summer is upon us in beautiful Vero Beach.**



The seas calm down, the river is busy with boaters...my favorite time of the year.

I have just recently returned from the D8 Conference in Palm Beach, a very informative and wonderful experience. Two dozen VBPS members attended the District Change of Watch where our past commander Janet Leh was sworn in as Administrative Officer of D8. VBPS hosted a hospitality room Friday night where a lot of ideas and information were exchanged.



We had a very successful Ecofest Booth at the Environmental Learning Center in March organized by Ed Carr. A large symbolic check for \$1354.50 was presented to an ELC representative, Heather by the VBPS Bridge and volunteers for a photo op.

Also in March, Boys and Girls Fishing had over eight boats taking thirty children fishing catching many different species of fish organized by Dick Carlin. Judy Peschio organized a wonderful lunch for all the children, counselors and volunteers. Ronnie and Kathy Bobin from Pompano Beach donated fishing rods and reels as gifts for the children.

John Spillman organized the first Boat Show of the year promoting education and boating safety. A generous list of potential future members was acquired as well as many signing up for the ABC Class.

In May, from Saturday the 21st to Friday the 27th, National Safe Boating week will be upon us again. Safety begins with a well maintained boat. This is a good time to change impellers, oil, filters and check belts, fire extinguishers, life vests, lights, windshield wipers, flares, horn, bilge pumps etc. Any of our Vessel Safety Examiners would be glad to inspect your vessel any time as well....always a good idea!

Activities this week will include our ABC Class, vessel safety checks and a life vest demonstration at the boat ramp by our Power Squadron building on Friday May 27th at 4:00pm. Please come and join us before our Friday social!

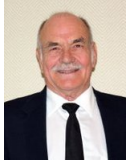
Thank you,  
Tamara Smith  
Executive Officer

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Florence Geyer, Elaine	05/01
Patrick, Irena M.	05/01
Ebstein, Lawrence J., S	05/02
Pegelow, Martin A., S	05/03
White, Barbara G.	05/03
Hargreaves, David W.	05/04
Koerner, Harry W.	05/08
Cotton, Timothy S., S	05/11
Brumbaugh, James E.	05/13
Daniels, Margaret P.	05/14
Groom, Rebecca B., S	05/14
Basler, Joseph G.	05/15
Rianhard, Lockwood, SN	05/15
Cotton, Joan W.	05/16
Dykes, Kami J.	05/16
Troiano, Joseph A., S	05/16
Harvey, Thomas G., JN	05/17
Mc Gann, Jeffrey M.	05/17
Reimer, Sandy S.	05/17
Heckman, Robert J.	05/18
Oehler, Barbara Anne	05/21
Risley, Jennie E.	05/23
Becker, Kathy	05/24
Cormier, Martha L.	05/24
Derman, Donald A., S	05/27
Ingwersen Jr., Martin L.	05/28
Lawless, Robert J., S	05/28
Locke, Kathleen W.	05/28
Groom, Randall T.	05/30
Huber, Maureen	05/30

Barrett, Tom, S 05/31

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



**Welcome to summer!**

Summer is my favorite time of year down here in our sunny state of Florida. The snowbirds have all left, and while I do enjoy their company while they are here, in the summer months the traffic is lighter, no one seems to be in a rush to get somewhere, golf prices go way down as do restaurant prices. All the beach side stores have their sales, and the fishing gets really good. So I would like to wish all of our snowbird friends a safe trip going back up north, and you all come back again you hear?



The supper Fridays have been going well, attendance is high, and I have received a lot of compliments on the dinners. One thing that I have to reiterate though, supper Fridays are not a replacement to our free Friday night socials, rather in addition to. If you would prefer to just enjoy the FNS and not partake in the supper, we are all glad to have you there. If by some chance you just forgot about the supper, and would like to join in, there is a good chance we can accommodate you. While the squadron doesn't lose any money on the supper Fridays, supper Fridays are not meant as a fund raising event. The goal of supper Friday is my way of thanking every one for all you do for the Squadron. By supporting our squadron as you do, the squadron can continue our goals of safe boating education, community assistance, getting people introduced to boating and insuring that our members enjoy and are proud to be members of the Power Squadron.

As of this writing, some of our upcoming dinner fund raising events are Derby day, May 7th, Memorial day dinner, May 30th, and Independence day, July 4th. I plan to have another Supper Friday on June 27th. I would love to see everyone at all of these events. Till Next Time. Dick.

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**

Congratulations to the following students for successful completion of courses this winter.... And also a special thank you to these instructors.

**SEAMANSHIP...** Cathy Ceglady, Hugh Aaron, Scott Fisher, Larry Epstein, Jim Sangiardi, Lynn Brockway, David Hornchek and Laura Aaron. Instructor: *Jim Ward, JN*



**PILOTING...** Susie Ritchardson Instructor: *Dick Myers, JN*

**ADVANCED PILOTING...** Rich Ritchardson Instructor: *Al Epstein, SN*

**ENGINE MAINTENANCE...** Paul Sullivan, Charles DeCerbo, Hugh Aaron, Harry Koerner, and Bill LaViolette Instructor: *Bill Yunker*

**MARINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS ...** Harry Koerner, Patrick Nugent  
Instructor: *Larry Lott, AP*

**INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT ...** Jim Reay, Ed Soltysiak, John Luca, Doug Jacoby and Ken Simone Instructor: *Dan Thomas, SN*

We remain very fortunate to have the talent of excellent instructors in our Squadron. We have capacity to offer more courses if there is demand. Our plan is to offer the following additional courses this summer if there is demand. Enrollment for these summer course offerings for Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting will be announced soon.

There are some very good changes developing for the USPS Practical On The Water training program. Bob Scully, SN who is the lead for this program here in the Squadron will be announcing these later this spring. The improved program will make it easier to gain real on the water experience and should be of broad interest to the members. Stand by...

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP  
Education Officer

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**ECO Fest**

Holthaus, Carl E.	06/01
Chambers, Lucas M.	06/02
Chambers, Samuel W.	06/02
Wilkinson, Hoyetta	06/02
Carr, Lone G.	06/03
Farrell, Louis P., AP	06/04
Farris, Kat R.	06/05
Zielsdorf, Frances J.	06/05
Guyette, Carolyn	06/07
Pastirchak, Carol, P	06/07
Dewitt, Julie	06/09
Ziemba, Barbara H.	06/09
Hyer, Jean W., S	06/10
Mathewson, Maureen A., JN	06/10
Pastirchak, Vernon, AP	06/11
Parmley, Sharon M.	06/12
Lavigne, William J., P	06/13
Cimino, Carolyn A.	06/14
Colby, Susan Kay, AP	06/15
Lake, Peter B.	06/15
Carlin, Richard Thomas, S	06/16
Brown, Peter W., AP	06/17
Parmley, James J.	06/17
Ruhr, Diane M., S	06/17
Callaghan, Evan N.	06/18
Lembeck, Terry, S	06/18
Lewis, Robert, S	06/19
Kiefer, Margaret B.	06/22
Marino, Gianna	06/22
Bennett, Susan J.	06/23

Renzema, Donna	06/23
Becker, Roy A.	06/24
Carlin, Ena Barbara	06/26
Decerbo, Charles A., AP	06/27
Peterson, Gerald B.	06/27
Callaghan, Rory S.	06/28
Pegelow, Jacqueline A.	06/29
Yunker, Merritt W.	06/30

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**More Boys & Girls fishing**



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**Margaritaville Party**





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**ABC Classes - Robert Scully**



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 March 12, 2016  
 May 21, 2016  
 July 9, 2016  
 September 10, 2016  
 November 12, 2016

**New Members**



Tom and Diane Neligon



Stoney Powers



Laurie Herman



Joey Dobbs



Bob Prizito



Frank Hineline

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### Chaplains Corner

#### **Just contemplating ....**

I really do not know why it is that all of us are so committed to boating and the sea, except I think it is because in addition to the fact that the sea changes and that intrigues us, and the light of the water penetrates us, and our ships have changed through the years and that interests us, it is because we all came from the sea. FACT: if we are healthy all of us have in our veins the same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and therefore we have that common element in our blood, in our sweat and in our tears. It is through this precise equation that we are tied to each other and all of creation. It is more that boats ... and when we engage the sea or just ponder it's existence - whether it involves cruising or fishing or just taking in the majesty of it all - we are reconnecting ourselves not just to each other but also the unity we share with our creator. We should celebrate and proclaim this phenomenon to all would listen.

That is the way this Chaplain thinks.

Questions and comments:  
Lt/Chaplain Tom Jones

SGM F.T. Jones III

The Great American Storyteller  
United States Army, Public Affairs (Ret)

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OK, another Nautical News has hit the press. As always a lot of interesting stories and pictures. If you're not getting enough excitement in your life, just join the party. There's something for everyone.....

**Thanks,**  
Ron Miller  
Publisher, Nautical News - Vero Beach Power Squadron

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