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Dear

It's that time of the year again, voting for our new bridge. The Squadron in pictures ~ *Cmdr. M. Wohlstein*

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Annual Meeting - 2017 Bridge and By-Law Changes

Vero Beach Power Squadron 2017 Nominating Slate

	<u>2016 Holder</u>	<u>2017 Candidate</u>
Bridge and assistants		
Commander	Mary Wohlstein, S	Tamara Smith, S
Executive Officer	Tamara Smith, S	Richard Myers, JN
Educational Officer	Douglas Jacoby, AP	Douglas Jacoby, AP
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Ass't Educational	Jeremiah Casey, AP	Jeremiah Casey, AP
Ass't Administrative Officer	Larry Ebstein, P	Christopher Fay
Ass't Secretary	Judy Stephens	Kay Campbell
Ass't Treasurer	Patrick Sullivan	Patrick Sullivan
Executive Committee		
	P/C John Spilman, SN	P/C Mary Wohlstein, S
	P/C Bob Scully, SN	P/C Robert Scully, SN
	Toby Jarman, S	Susie Ritchardson, P
	P/C Bob Sheridan, AP	P/C James Ward, JN
	P/C Warren Miller, AP	Carol Pastirchak, P
	David Hornchek, P	David Hornchek, P
	Susan Ritchardson, S	Stephen Resta
	Kathie Thomas, P (Alternate)	
	Laura Aaron (Alternate)	
Auditing		
	Marg Kiefer 2016	Henry McKay, P (2017)
	Henry McKay, P 2017	Mike Ruhr, S (2018)
	Mike Ruhr, S 2018	Laurie Trippet (2019)
Nominating Committee		
	P/C Bob Sheridan, AP-2018	Alyse Caldwell, AP (2017)
	Mary Hill-2018	Judith Ward (2018)
	Alyse Caldwell, AP-2017	P/C Mary Wohlstein, S (2019)
	Kathie Thomas, P -2016	
	P/C Judith Peschio, P -2016	
Rules Committee		
	George Thurman -2016	Ken Hill (2017)
	Ken Hill -2017	P/C Jim Ward, JN (2018)
	P/C Jim Ward, JN -2018	William Lavigne, P (2019)

Respectfully submitted by Nominating Committee members:

- Alyse Caldwell
- Mary Hill
- Kathie Thomas
- Bob Sheridan
- Judy Peschio

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR CURRENT BY-LAWS

CURRENT

Section 5.4 There shall be an **Executive Committee** also known as Board of Directors consisting of the elected bridge officers, the most recent past commander willing and able to serve and six active members from the general membership of this squadron. Members-at-large and said past commander shall be elected to this committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 11.

PROPOSED

Section 5.4 There shall be an **Executive Committee** also known as Board of Directors consisting of the elected bridge officers, the most recent past commander willing and able to serve and six active members from the general



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Birthdays

November

membership of this squadron. At least three shall be senior members. The Nominating Committee shall also nominate two alternate members from the active membership. Members-at-large and said past commander shall be elected to this committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 11.

CURRENT

Section 5.5 There shall be a **Nominating Committee**, consisting of a chairman and two other members, one of whom shall be elected by the active members at the annual meeting each year for a term of three years.

PROPOSED

Section 5.5 There shall be a **Nominating Committee**, consisting of the immediate past commander, remaining on the committee for 2 additional years and five other members, one of whom shall be elected by the active members at the annual meeting each year for a term of three years. The chairman shall be elected by the committee from among its members. The chairman shall start reporting progress to the Executive Committee not later than the June Executive Committee each year. No member of this committee whose term is expiring shall be re-nominated to this committee or any elective office during the bridge year following service on this committee.

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Commander - Cdr Mary Wohlstein, S



It's fall in Florida and the colors of the license plates are changing. Welcome back snowbirds!

Our new sign has been installed in the front of our building and meets the USPS National Branding Standards. Thanks go out to John Spilman and Bob Scully for their efforts to install the sign and spruce up the frame. They will also be refurbishing the old sign for installation in the back yard where boaters can see it as they approach the City Marina.



This month we will celebrate some very important holidays.

November 11 is Veteran's Day - thank you to all of our Veterans for their service to our country.

November 17 is Vero Beach Power Squadron's 60th birthday. We will celebrate with a presentation by P/C Bob Scully on some of the history of our club at the November 14 General Membership Meeting. Immediately following the meeting we will enjoy a birthday cake in celebration of our 60th year.

November 24 is Thanksgiving, a time for all of us to join together with family and friends and give thanks for all that we have.

December will also be a busy month. The VBPS Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, December 5 at 7:30pm. Your attendance is encouraged because we need a quorum to approve the 2017 Bridge Officers and also to approve 2 new by-law changes. The proposed by-law changes will be sent to you via e:mail prior to the meeting as well as the proposed slate for the 2017 Bridge Officers.

At the Fall D-8 Conference, 2 VBPS members were presented with awards. Rich Ritchardson received an award for Educational Proficiency and Kathie Thomas received a certificate/award for Membership Retention. Congratulations Rich and Kathie.

Nominations for 2016 Merit Marks have been submitted to USPS Headquarters for approval. A member must have donated a minimum of 10 volunteer hours to the VBPS to be considered for a merit mark. Thanks to our Merit Mark Chairpersons, Ellis and Marilyn Simon, for preparing this important document.

Mike and I wish all of you a happy, safe, and healthy Holiday Season.

As always, We are Vero Beach Proud!

Commander, Mary Wohlstein, S

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Executive Officer - Lt/C Tamara Smith, S

West, Maureen K.	11/03
Meade, Cheryl L.	11/04
White, Robert E., SN	11/04
Ingwersen, Martin L.	11/05
Rouse, Chelsea C.	11/08
Newton, Deirdre	11/11
Sheridan, Robert L., AP	11/13
Castle, Ella C.	11/14
Dykes, Eric A.	11/14
Bath, Robert M.	11/16
Hill, Mary R.	11/16
Raynes, Walter, AP	11/16
Rianhard, Mary W.	11/16
Hornchek, David, P	11/17
Sheehan, Catherine A.	11/18
Zilg, John W., JN	11/23
Lichty-Nelson, Mary L., S	11/25
Renzema, Marc W., S	11/25
Schieber, George W.	11/26
Magyar, Anne M., AP	11/28
Thompson, Roy S., JN	11/28
Newton, John Robert	11/29
Barth, Matthew P.	11/30
Soltysiak, Edwin, N	11/30

December

Martin, Penny	12/02
Gregory, Katherine Ader	12/06
Chatterton, Paul A.	12/11
Rose, Joy Radke, S	12/12
Malin, Robert A., P	12/13
Trippet, Laurie M.	12/13
Fay, Christopher P.	12/14
Myers, Bonnie J., AP	12/14
Brubaker, Carole L.	12/15
Castle, Caroline S., S	12/15
Zeisler, Joan B.	12/17
Heimbaugh, Bill, S	12/20
Connolly, David P., SN	12/23
Hoogterp, Daniel	12/24
Powers, John A.	12/24
Lichty, Nora, P	12/25
Scully, Barbara G., S	12/27
Callaghan, Jane D.	12/28
Ferguson, Neil E., S	12/29
MacTaggart, Barry, AP	12/29
Spilman, John R., SN	12/30
Reay, James Daniel, P	12/31

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Fall is in the air welcoming our snowbirds back into town!



I hope everyone weathered Hurricane Matthew without any major damage. A special "Thank you" to our Safety Officer Chris Caldwell for his informative email with tips on how to prepare for "Matthew"!

The coming months are busy for the Vero Beach Power Squadron with many events and activities in which we need volunteers!



Boys and Girls Club Fishing Outing coordinated by Dick Carlin, was held on Saturday October 29th. Ten Captains and fourteen Co-Captains donated their time and boats to take the thirty children fishing.

Many "Thanks" to the fifty volunteers including Dick Carlin, Judy Peschio and her kitchen staff, John Spillman and the grill masters, our Captains and Co-Captains and Ronnie and Kathy Babin for donating the fishing rod outfits used for prizes! Many different species and sizes of fish were caught in what was a very successful day! This was an excellent way to make a difference in the life of a child!

Our second annual Vero Beach Boat Show is scheduled for Saturday November 19th and Sunday November 20th from 10 am- 4 pm.

Members are needed to man the Vero Beach Power Squadron Booth at the Boat Show. Please contact John Spillman for details.

The Vero Beach Christmas Land Parade is Saturday December 3rd at 6 pm. Our squadron participates with cars, boats on trailers and members promoting our club to the community. Please contact me to get involved with this fun holiday event!

Remember to also mark your calendar for our Change of Watch taking place on Sunday January 15th at the Vero Beach Yacht Club.

Get involved, make a difference, have fun, support your incoming bridge and "Thank" the retiring bridge for a job well done!

Have a wonderful holiday season!
Tamara Smith
Executive Officer

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Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP



We had a successful summer course series and I expect we will continue course offerings each summer.

Next up... November 12... **America's Boating Course (ABC)** is being offered at the Squadron building. This is the first course to take as you begin you USPS boating education. Still space for students ... sign up: edu@verobeachpowersquadron.com



Now on to the winter course program.

This year I am pleased to let you know that we will have a full slate of course offerings. Usually these courses are scheduled beginning in January. Due to instructor availability, one or two courses will begin late this year. Each course schedule will be established by the course instructor after the student roster is established.

The enrollment period will begin November first and end early December. There will be a sign up sheet for each course on the Education Department board in the Squadron Building. Additionally you may sign up by sending an email to me at: edu@verobeachpowersquadron.com

The following Advanced grade courses will be offered: **Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation.** The following Elective courses will be offered: **Engine Maintenance, Marine Communication, Marine Electrical Systems, Weather, Sail, and Cruise and Cruise Planning.**

Our **On The Water** course featuring a focus on **Boat Operator Certification as Inland Navigator Level Achievement** will be available as well. This course is a series of skill and knowledge levels that are earned through classroom as well as actual boat operation.

To learn more about our all of our courses please visit this link from the USPS National website: <http://www.usps.org/index.php/boating-courses>

Remember the last issue of Nautical News?? The District 8 Chief Commander GRADE CHALLENGE process? Pursue the Advanced courses in sequence and earn a grade to follow your name !!

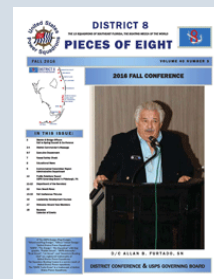
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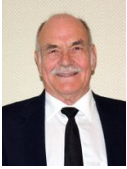
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Ensign - Winter2016



Pieces of Eight - Fall 2016



I have to say this has been an interesting year. One of the goals of our power squadron is member retention. As you probably know, we are losing members faster than we are gaining them. This is not confined to our squadron, it is a problem throughout just about all Squadrons. National has made up a list as to what can be done about member retention, and these ideas are very good.



My own ideas involve making our power squadron an interesting and fun place to be. We are very fortunate in having our building. We can have our parties, our Friday night socials, classes, entertain the boys and girls club, and other functions that make us proud to be members of the Power Squadron, and especially the Vero Beach Power Squadron.

I personally have a lot of fun, gain a lot of satisfaction and enjoy being involved with a lot of the functions our squadron has to offer. From boating to reading a Book, our squadron offers just about anything that you might find interesting and fun. All that is required of you is to get involved.

Do you like to party? We have some good ones coming up, Formal Christmas, informal Christmas, Change of watch. We just did Halloween and Oktoberfest. We did have to cancel this year's pork roast, mostly because the same people are putting on all the parties, so as I mentioned, get involved.

Speaking of parties, I will be doing another \$5 dinner. Tentatively I am looking at November 18, and the theme of the Dinner will be Mus'go night. As always, you are free to come and socialize at the Friday night social without having dinner.

I have to say that to cover the fact that the Friday Night Social is free, you bring your own treats and liquid refreshment, but if you like, bring \$5 instead and avoid the hassle. See you all there, and I'm

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and Joyous Holiday season!

Lt/C Richard Myers, JN
Administration Officer

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The Squadron in Pictures



Clockwise: Our newest and youngest member, Ella Castle, raft-up, our new sign, Halloween party, Mary accepts, and District 8 goodies.

ABC Classes - Robert Scully



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January 16, 2016
March 12, 2016
May 21, 2016
July 9, 2016
September 10, 2016
November 12, 2016

Happy Birthday Marty - 97



New Members



Bob and Kathy
Noonan

Please welcome the following new members who joined the Vero Beach Power Squadron since January 2016:

Laurence Herman (transferred from Michigan)
Ron Ruggiero
Gina Johnson
Walter and Kathleen Locke
Ken Simone
Tom & Diane Neligon
Ella Castle (daughter of Paul and Caroline Castle)
Robert Bath
Stoney Powers
Frank & Deirdre Hineline
Bob & Nancy Prizito
Phillip, Allyson & Matthew Barth
Herb Henricks



Christopher Fay and
Chelsea Rourse

Rose Marie & Bill Knickman
Michael & Kay Campbell
Tim & Susan Fenstermaker
Dan & Catherine Noonan (transferred from
Milwaukee)
Kay & Mike Cambell



Ron and Tish Drago

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Chaplains Corner

Be a lifelong learner!

Commit yourself to being a lifelong learner and your life will never be without purpose. Regardless of how old you are there is always something intriguing to learn and the opportunity to do so. I might add, in addition to good physical and mental health; being an ageless learner keeps your life enthralling until the day you die. However; you just cannot sit back and let learning come to you, it has to be pursued. The USPS offers a wide variety of classes, some of which interest you and others do not and those are probably the most rewarding because they take you down new avenues of learning. ... and don't stop at classes, we learn from other activities such as bird watching, kayaking, or different service venues. For instance, four years ago I knew nothing about 'Oyster Culture' but there you have it. Thanks Toby, I backed into that ... and from that it expanded into working with the ARC. Same with Cooperative Charting, what started out as 'a day on the water' put me on a whole new learning curve. Working on 'Safety Posters' introduced me to an aspect of Child psychology and education. Am I a 'learnaholic' ... not at all but once you get into the habit of trying new things (at least once) the process and rewards become part of your 'purpose in life.'

'Live long and prosper' Spock

SGM F.T. Jones III
The Great American Storyteller
United States Army, Public Affairs (Ret)

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As we say goodbye to our old bridge and welcome our new bridge, it's important to remember that the retiring bridge is not disappearing, most are just retasking. The theme of the last Nautical News was a reaching out to members to volunteer. If as a squadron we want to be a viberant entity we have to balance the desire to have interesting events with volunteering. If we all do our part the job is easy!

Thanks

Ron Miller

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