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In this edition; Boys and Girls Fishing Outing, Youth Sailing Foundation wins big, words from our bridge. Jean Clark updates our signature mural, tons of pictures and 4 new members. Ellis Simon wins award for 50 Merit marks at District. ~ *Cmdr. T. Smith*

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Quick Links

Boy & Girls Fishing - Stanton M Levin

Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County Fishing Day

This past Saturday(April 22) the Vero Beach Power Squadron hosted a fishing outing for the Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County. The buses arrived after 8AM and the kids headed toward whichever boat they were assigned. At approximately 8:30 the boats departed and headed to the spots they thought would bring in the most fish. I went out as first mate on a boat captained by Bill LaViolette and his wife Ann. We had four kids and went fishing. The kids started catching fish almost immediately. They caught Mangrove Snapper, King Mackerel, and one really ugly fish of unknown species. After several hours on the river we returned to the squadron building for a cookout. When lunch ended a contest ensued in which prizes were handed out for the biggest fish, the most fish, the smallest fish, and the ugliest fish. Prizes included fishing rods with reels, and T-shirts. All the kids agreed that they had a terrific time and they looked forward to fishing day next year.



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Youth Sailing Foundation

Youth Sailing Foundation High School Sailors in Clean Sweep At Melbourne Yacht Club Spring Regatta

VERO BEACH - April 25, 2017 -- Twelve Youth Sailing Foundation (YSF) high school sailors competed in last weekend's Melbourne Yacht Club Spring Regatta. Sponsored by the Melbourne Yacht Club, the regatta was sailed in 14-foot Club 420 two-person racing sloops on the Indian River Lagoon in Melbourne, Florida. Seven races were sailed under varying wind and weather conditions over the two-day event. Blustery conditions with winds gusting to over 20 knots on Saturday gave way to great sailing weather on Sunday.

Skipper Alden Finley, Captain of the Vero Beach Varsity Sailing Team, led the team to a clean sweep of the top three finishes. Findley and crew Maria McGuire captured first place overall - a final victory in Alden's high school sailing career. He will graduate from Vero Beach High School in May and go on to sail for the University of Miami. Alden learned to sail at YSF, starting in 8-foot Opti prams six years ago and quickly advancing to the 14-foot Club 420. He was instrumental in establishing and organizing the varsity team. At the awards presentation this weekend, reflecting on his last race for Vero Beach, Findley said: "The audience was awed at the diversity of our team. As both male and female skippers were announcing their crew, I was both humbled and proud to hear laughter from those in attendance because the team represented so many countries and backgrounds." A fitting legacy for a young man who helped build wonderful camaraderie among the sailors of the Vero Beach Varsity Sailing Team.

Skipper Brendan Williams and crew Sean Onorato took second place, and Skipper Holly Gandolfo (Captain Elect) and crew Nita Holloway took third. Rounding out the team, Skipper Clem Goffart and crew Lisa Moscoso came in fifth overall, while Skippers Johnmark Gaponiuk, Virginia Zedda and Bryan DeJesus Camacho along with newcomers Jacob Gingras and Harlie Hillary made respectable showings.

The team from Vero Beach was accompanied by YSF Sailing Director Mary Morgan, YSF Board Member and Sailing Program Chair George Hinman, parent and YSF Summer Sailing Camp Director Donathan Williams, and parents Paula and Rich Findley.

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Calendar
May 2017

Paddle Group--Saturday 6th--
Blue Cypress Lake @ 9 AM--
Toby Jarman

Derby Day/Cinco De Mayo Dinner -
Saturday 6th @ 5 PM--
-Larry Ebstein

Executive Meeting--
Mon. 8th @ 6:00 PM--
Cdr. Tamara Smith

Poster Contest--
Mon. 8th @ 7:00 PM--
Dan Thomas

General Membership Meeting--Monday 8th
@ 7:30 PM--Cdr. Tamara Smith

Biking group--Sat. 13th @ 9:30 AM (meet at Golden Sands Park)--**note change of date**-- Walt Locke



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Commander - Cdr Tamara Smith, S



Hello to all VBPS members and their families!

Our snowbird members are leaving, we will miss them and wish them a safe season!

I have just returned from a very successful and informative D8 Spring Conference where Kathy Thomas was awarded with the "D8 Member of the Year Award". I extend congratulations to her and appreciate her passion and devotion to our squadron.



The year has gotten off to a great start with our themed dinners, FNS's and the new Birthday Cake FNS, the second Friday of each month. Our committee's have been very active offering lots of new activities and venues for raft-ups, lunch cruises, paddling, biking, golfing, bird watching and the book club. The two tours of the Pursuit Factory were very enlightening, 45 participants enjoyed a beautiful waterfront lunch afterward.

The community activities have been plentiful with the medallion presentation to 80 clients in the ARC Oyster Mat Program, the VNA fashion show, Environmental Learning Center, booths at West Marine, Vero Beach Boat Show and The Nina & Pinta replicas. Due to the 260 hours our squadron volunteered for The Nina & Pinta, City Hall awarded VBPS a Proclamation from the Mayor of Vero Beach. Our yard sale raised funds to support our OWT boat with the donations from our members and a successful Boys and Girls Fishing Event in April. Special "Thanks" to all our members who volunteer so selflessly.

The education department has been very busy as well with a 66% increase in our ABC class, course offerings expanded to outside local organizations such as; yacht clubs, private schools and boy scouts, advanced summer courses and our new OWT/BOC program.

We have been the recipient of two wonderful donations. Jean Clark, the 89 year old artist of our 37 year old painting in the education room, spent two long weeks donating her time and materials to completely touch up and update the painting to make it new again. The Indian River Garden Club has also generously donated a landscape design, materials, and installation of all new beautiful refreshed gardens around our VBPS building.



Book Club Lunch @ Italian Grill (note chg of location) - Wednesday 17th @ 12:30PM--Carole Brubaker

Boat Trip to FL West coast--Fri. 19th to approx.Tues 23rd-- Wayne Smith. & Susie Richardson.

America's Boating Course - Saturday 20th @ 9 to 4:30 PM-- John Spilman

National Safe Boating Week-- from Sat 20th to Fri 26th-- Dick Myers

On the Water Training-Saturday 27th starting @ 9AM-- Bob Scully

Boat "Beach-up" - Wed. 24th at SL8 @ 11AM--(note change of date & Location)- Joe Troiano

Memorial Day Dinner- Monday 29th @ 5PM--TBD

June 2017

Paddle Group-Sat. 3rd- Sebastian River @ 9AM --Toby Jarman

Executive Meeting - Monday 12th @ 6 PM--Cdr. Tamara Smith

General Membership Meeting - Monday 12th @ 7:30 PM --Cdr. Tamara Smith

Possible boating activity-- TBD-- Wayne S. & Susie R.

Boat "Beach Up" - Sat. 24th -location TBD @ 11AM --Joe Troiano

Birthdays

In the coming months, again, our VBPS recently re-certified educators are offering fantastic advanced summer courses. Through the summer months, we have three wonderful boating trips coming up for both day boats and cruisers. In May a trip to Fort Myers by way of Okeechobee, in June a cruise to Melbourne and Cocoa Beach and the D8 Summer Rendezvous to Pirates Cove in Manatee Pocket, Stuart in July.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Squadron! Have a fun, safe and healthy Spring!

Tamara Smith, S
Commander

Executive Officer - Lt/C Richard Myers, JN



I have to start out this article with a big thank you to all of you who volunteered to help out during the Nina Pinta visit. We had life jackets available for children and adults as needed. While the boats were brought here by the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce and the town of Vero beach, the almost 250 hours of volunteer time by the Vero Beach power Squadron played a very important part to the success of the Nina Pinta visit. Our efforts did not go unnoticed by the Chamber or the town. Considering that our Squadron headquarters are owned by the town, and leased to us for a token amount, our participation in this type of event is essential. As a side note, we did get a few leads for new members and a few boat inspections.



Our new publicity group is off to a great start, partly due to the help of our former publicity chairman Bob Scully. Thank you Bob, and I am looking forward to more great articles from Penny Martin, Sue Miller, Kay Campbell and Stan Levin.

While we are on the subject of volunteerism, I was recently asked by another club to do a \$5 Super Friday. If you remember, I did five \$5 supper Fridays at the Squadron last year. I thoroughly enjoyed putting on the dinners; our squadron members stepped up in mass to help, and a lot of you personally came up and told me how much you enjoyed the evening. Your volunteer attitude, willingness to help and be involved is what makes the Vero Beach Power Squadron a successful organization. It is also the reason that whoever hosts a V.B.P.S. Function doesn't have to worry if everything will turn out ok. What I am alluding to is it would be nice if a few more of you volunteers would volunteer to host a party. It is really a great learning experience, and you will get a lot of help. If you are wondering about the other Club thing, I worked all day preparing Chili stuffed baked potatoes, with all the trimmings for 50 people. I had no help, maybe because I didn't ask, but then again, no one told me I should. That does not happen at our Squadron. And Yes, I will gladly do a \$5 Chile stuffed baked potato with all the fixings at the Squadron, But I doubt that I would do it again anywhere else unless I knew for sure that I would have the help that I get at our Squadron.

I am looking forward to a great summer. We have Raft ups planned, a trip across Okeechobee, an evening at Grand Harbor, the Waterway clean up, our usual fare of holiday parties and the D8 rendezvous at Manatee Pocket.

Thanks, See you around the Squadron.

Dick
Executive Officer

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Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP



Summer is almost here and for members who will be in the area, our summer course enrollment period is open ... April 15-May 15. Sign up in the Squadron Building or call me... 978-578-5099 or email... edu@verobeachpowersquadron.com

We had a successful summer program last year so we are offering a terrific slate of courses again this year with these experienced instructors:

Seamanship..... ..Jim Ward

May

Florence Geyer, Elaine	05/01
Patrick, Irena M.	05/01
Ebstein, Lawrence J.	05/02
White, Barbara G.	05/03
Hargreaves, David W.	05/04
Duprey, Kathleen	05/07
Morris, Glendora	05/09
Cotton, Timothy S.	05/11
Brumbaugh, James E.	05/13
Matise, Joseph	05/13
Daniels, Margaret P.	05/14
Groom, Rebecca B.	05/14
Knickman, Bill	05/14
Basler, Joseph G.	05/15
Rianhard, Lockwood	05/15
Cotton, Joan W.	05/16
Dykes, Kami J.	05/16
Troiano, Joseph A.	05/16
Conahan, Patrick J.	05/17
Harvey, Thomas G.	05/17
Reimer, Sandy S.	05/17
Oehler, Barbara Anne	05/21
Derman, Donald A.	05/27
Ingwersen Jr., Martin L.	05/28
Lawless, Robert J.	05/28
Locke, Kathleen W.	05/28
Groom, Randall T.	05/30
Barrett, Tom	05/31

June



Piloting.....Dick Myers
 Advanced Piloting.....Al Ebstein
 Jr. Navigation Hank Krauss
 Marine Communication.... Dick Myers
 Engine Maintenance..... Bill Yunker

Of course please consider taking our (Member Only) FREE "On The Water" training course on our new training boat. Schedules are flexible ... contact Bob Scully: 772-453-4966

Our public ABC Course, managed by Chairman, John Spilman has had a strong start this year with 30 students to date. This program course is the first in our USPS Training Track. Our next class is Saturday, May 20. This course is a great way to get introductory understanding of safe boating whether you are an operator or passenger. Please promote this course to any and all boaters! Thank you.

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP
 Education Officer

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Administration Officer - Lt/C Larry Ebstein, P



It's the beginning of May Summer season is just about on us. Various members are leaving for vacation or for the summer in cooler climes, we wish them a safe and happy time.

The Squadron just had our Derby Day Party, it was at the very least interesting we wound up with Dick Myers announcing the race while using his cell phone, we had the TV working until 10 minutes before the race then Murphy's Law took hold everyone had a good time though, leaves us plenty of opportunity for tweaking in the future.



May 2017 Events
 Coming up later in May will be our Memorial Day remembrance of our military member's service and sacrifice.

Other events through the next 2 months are;

Biking Group on the Sat May 13th call Walt Locke

Book Club luncheon on the may 17th at the Italian Grill @12:30 see Carol Brubaker

Boat trip to Florida West Coast leaving on Fri May 19th Wayne Smith & Susie Richardson are handling the details, for more info give them a call

ABC Course on Sat the 20th of May 9:00AM to 4:30PM John Spilman in charge

National Boat Safety week from Sat may 20th to Fri May 26th Dick Myers

On the water training set for the 27th Bob Scully in charge

Boat Beach up set for the Saturday the 27th at SL-2 See Joe Troiano for details

June 2017 Events;

Paddle group Set for Sat 13th Sebastian River 9AM contact Toby Jarman
 Executive/general membership meeting on Monday June 12th

Lunch/Mini Cruise on the 14th details TBD

Boat "Beach up" Sat the 29th Location SL-2

Lt/C Lawrence Ebstein, P
 Administrative Officer

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Boele, Brian	06/01
Holthaus, Carl E.	06/01
Chambers, Lucas M.	06/02
Chambers, Samuel W.	06/02
Wilkinson, Hoyetta	06/02
Carr, Ione G.	06/03
Farrell, Louis P.	06/04
Zielsdorf, Frances J.	06/05
Pastirchak, Carol	06/07
Tilt, Mary Stuart	06/07
Ziemba, Barbara H.	06/09
Hyer, Jean W.	06/10
Mathewson, Maureen A.	06/10
Pastirchak, Vernon	06/11
Hillyard, John W.	06/12
Campbell, Kay E.	06/13
Lavigne, William J.	06/13
Cimino, Carolyn A.	06/14
Colby, Susan Kay	06/15
Lake, Peter B.	06/15
Carlin, Richard Thomas	06/16
Brown, Peter W.	06/17
Callaghan, Evan N.	06/18
Lembeck, Terry	06/18
Lewis, Robert	06/19
Kiefer, Margaret B.	06/22
Marino, Gianna	06/22
Bennett, Susan J.	06/23
Renzema, Donna	06/23
Heaphy, Michael J.	06/24
Anderson, John G.	06/26
Carlin, Ena Barbara	06/26
Decerbo, Charles A.	06/27
Peterson, Gerald B.	06/27
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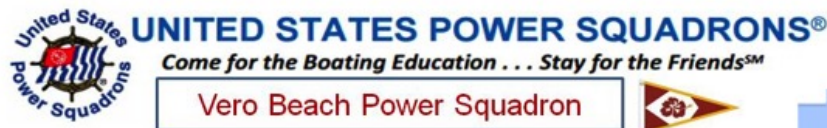


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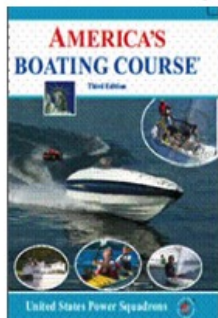


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ABC Classes - Robert Scully



America's Boating Course 2017



Class dates

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Mar 11

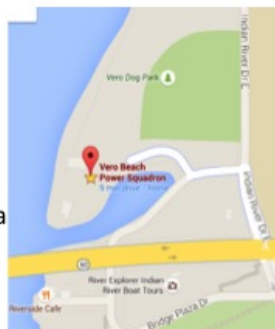
May 20

July 8

Sept 16

Nov 11

Learn boat handling, aids to navigation and navigation rules, how to trailer a boat, knots and life saving equipment. Get your "Florida Safe Boating" ID card. If you were born after Jan 1, 1988 this class will meet the requirements to get your operators license which you now need in Florida to operate a boat. Some insurance companies offer discounts if you have completed a boating course.



Material cost : \$35

Time: 9 AM – 5 PM

Class location: 301 Acacia Road, VB, Fl 32963

Contact: John Spilman at 772-567-0408 or email safeboatingclassVBPS@gmx.com or register online at <http://www.verobeachpowersquadron.com/education.html>

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New Members

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



Gary Durato



Susanne Crumpler

- John and Melissa Hillyard
- Robert and Ellen Sika (associate members)
- Michael and Mary Sayer
- John Ferguson
- Donald and Susan Engler (associate members)
- Gary and Susan Durato
- Bede and Mary Kay Bender
- Joseph Matise
- Tom and Marilyn Rooney
- Bruce Thornlow (associate member)
- Susanne Crumpler
- Robert La Lime
- Richard Nichols (transfer)



Robert La Lime



Richard Nichols

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Chaplains Corner

What does the Chaplain say about Prayer?



Prayer is an interesting concept. Contrary to the opinion of many, it is not a shopping or wish list given to a higher authority. Prayer is a confirmation of our wants and desires but in no way does it guarantee results. If it were so we would all be lottery winners. In an appropriate context, prayer acknowledges a higher power and reminds one of "God's loving presence." One must trust God to know and understand our needs and fulfill them in a way that is most beneficial (often times to our surprise and dismay). That 'God is Good' is the basis of our faith. It is our obligation to thank Him, often times in advance, for all the blessings and answered prayers we have received, past, present and future.

Questions and comments:

Chaplain 'Tom' Jones, VBPS

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

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Another robust edition of the Nautical News. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. We have tons of pictures in this edition.

Thanks
Ron Miller
[Publisher, Nautical News](#) - Vero Beach Power Squadron

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