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Dear

In this edition; A new look for our building, the Nina and Pinta pay a visit, and we say goodbye to a dear friend. ~ *Cmdr. T. Smith*

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New Landscaping brought to you by the Garden of Indian River - Sue Hamel-Miller

Indian River Garden Club helps out VBPS

"Beautiful." "What a difference!" were some of the comments heard before the presentation of a plaque given by the Garden Club of Indian River to the Vero Beach Power Squadron (VBPS).



Your Bridge

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The VBPS Building is a 2017 recipient of a new and updated landscape from the IRGC. VBPS commander, Tamara Smith, spoke to the Garden Club after realizing the squadron grounds were past due for a spruce-up. The Garden Club did landscape the VBPS building many years ago.

Working with Diggs Gardens, the Garden Club provided beautiful new beds of perennials, shrubs and palms that now surround the property. "We like to give back to the Vero community" said Spencer Perteous, owner of Diggs, noting that during the two days of planting his company donated all labor costs.

The members of the VBPS love the new look and are grateful to the Garden Club and Diggs landscape for all their work.

Youth Sailing Foundation

Youth Sailing Foundation Kicks off Summer Camp at Quail Valley River Club

Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County is conducting eight one-week sessions to teach children ages 8-13 to learn to sail in the world-famous Opti pram. In the classroom kids are taught safety, boat nomenclature and basic maneuvers. On the water, the thrill of piloting one's own boat provides lots of fun and a feeling of accomplishment.

For several summers the immensely popular program has been held at the Moorings Yacht & Country Club, which will again host campers from June 26 to August 4. This year a new venue has been added in response to increasing demand, and the inaugural session at Quail Valley River Club is taking place June 5 to June 23. Judging by the first week, the camp is a hit with kids and parents alike.



Camp Director Donathan Williams is joined by US Sailing-certified staff members and trained volunteers, all of whom have themselves learned to sail at Youth Sailing Foundation. Local sponsors Fidelity Investments and New Vision Eye Center have once again provided valuable support.



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Calendar

July 2017

Independence Day BBQ - Tuesday 4th @ 6PM (plus VB fireworks)--Cdr. Tamara Smith

America's Boating Course - Saturday 8th @ 9 to 4:30PM -- Bob Scully & Jerry Casey

D8 Rendezvous & cruise -14th thru 16th @ Pirates Cove, Stuart--District activity

Ladies Book Club@ VB Yacht Club - Wednesday 19th @ 12:30PM --Carole Brubaker

In addition to its summer camp program, Youth Sailing Foundation offers free sailing instruction to Indian River County resident children ages 9-18 from September to April. While acquiring skills particular to the sport, kids also gain an increased sense of independence, responsibility and self-confidence, all while having a blast out on the Indian River Lagoon.

For more information visit www.ysfirc.org or call 772-492-3243.

--Eleanor Dixon, YSF staff



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Commander - Cdr Tamara Smith, S



Summer has arrived!

Improvements to the Power Squadron building continue with the painting of the Burgee Room and Classroom. VBPS member, Carol Brubaker, created a Garden Committee to meet once a month at the club to maintain and improve our new gardens. Many thanks to all our volunteers! I plan to have a VBPS "clean-up day" in which volunteers paint, trim palm trees, remove trash from the perimeter, etc. with a pizza party to follow. As always, charity begins at home! This is a great way to earn merit marks!



The weather and water is beautiful in the summer and I encourage our members to get out and use their boats. We have three very nice, wonderful boating activities planned for the summer. The first is our District 8 Summer Rendezvous to Pirates Cove in Stuart July 14-16. Whether going by boat or car, our new D8

Commander Joyce Newman has many wonderful activities planned. A raft-up is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26 12:00 at a new/old location SL-8 "Fish Haven Cove". Lastly, a Mini-cruise to Grand Harbor the weekend of August 18-20 has been a favorite event at the squadron. Hope to see lots of participation in our summer activities.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the squadron! Have a fun, safe and healthy summer!

Cdr Tamara Smith, S
Commander

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Executive Officer - Lt/C Richard Myers, JN



We just got back from a cruise to Cocoa Villa with the Fort Pierce Yacht Club. Before that we were on a cruise to Alaska aboard the Princess cruise line. Both trips were wonderful, with memories to last a lifetime. Ok, you say great, but what does that have to do with the Power Squadron? Simple, both trips were in the company knowledgeable Power Squadron members who helped plan the trips and provided insight to making the trips great. There is a lot to be said for our motto "come for the education, stay for the friends". If you get involved, there is a lot of undercurrent going on with Squadron Members.



Speaking of getting involved, V.B.P.S. gets involved with a lot of Community functions. There is the Waterway cleanup a three county affair, The Boys and Girls Fishing, we helped out at the Nina Pinta visit, and of course our main function, Education. Speaking of education, we were on the radio with "the Mayor of the Airways" for safe boating week. I don't know how many people heard our message, wear your life jacket and take a safe boating course, but it sure was fun.

Our whole Squadron is fun, we have so many wonderful volunteers making our squadron headquarters a place to be proud of, someone is always coming up with a fun activity, plus there is

Raft-up--Wed 26th @ SL 8 -Fish Haven Cove @ 12 N.--Wayne S. & Susie R

Indian River Waterway Cleanup- Sat. 29th-- Dick Myers

Boat "Beach-Up" - Sat 29th-location SL-8 @ 11AM --Joe Troiano (note new location)

August 2017

Executive Committee Meeting - Monday 14th @ 6 PM-- Cdr. Tamara Smith

General Membership Meeting - Monday 14th @ 7:30PM --Cdr. Tamara Smith

Grand Harbor Mini Cruise-- Weekend 18th to 20th details to follow --Wayne S. & Susie R.

Boat "Beach-up"- Tues 29th -Location SL-13 @ 11AM--Joe Troiano (note new date & location)

Birthdays

July

district and national always planning an event. I myself am looking forward to the District Rendezvous at pirates Cove.

Have a Great Summer!

Thanks, See you around the Squadron.

Dick
Executive Officer

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Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP



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

Seamanship... Jim Ward JN, Instructor
Gunnar Andersen
Bruce Trippet
Norman Booth
Kathy Duprey
Ron Duprey



Piloting ... Dick Myers JN, Instructor
Tim Fenstermaker
Marine Communication... Dick Myers JN, Instructor
Charlie DeCerbo

The summer Advanced Course series is starting this month. Based on demand, we are offering Seamanship, Marine Communications and Engine Maintenance. Look for our next course season to be announced mid- October.

NEW program now available....One of the most important, valuable and exciting programs is just about ready for launch. Bob Scully is launching our new **On The Water** training program in July. We have secured the District resources to certify OTW Training Certifiers that will be available to offer this program on a continuous basis through out the year. This course is focused on both classroom and actual on the water boat operation training. When completed you will have gained practical skills as well as completed several of the requirements for an "IN" (Boat Operator Certification- Inland) rating as part of your personal USPS skill grade.

Now that we have our own instruction boat, we can offer the program locally and frequently. Due to the support of the USPS HQ, this course is offered free to all members.

Like all of our course offerings, all members should take a look at what is available to you and consider improving your boating skills. This On the Water program is a terrific opportunity. Contact Bob Scully or Doug Jacoby call or email.... It's here for you... take advantage !

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP
Education Officer

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Administration Officer - Lt/C Larry Ebstein, P



Goings around the Squadron this Spring

We had a successful Memorial Day. BBQ Hamburgers, hot dogs and coleslaw with macaroni salad on the side, hosted by Tim and Susan Fenstermaker, with a legion of helpers.

We had a ceremony to honor all our veterans who have sacrificed all for our country with Bonnie and Dick Myers playing the National Anthem as well as taps.

We had a mini cruise to Melbourne and Cocoa Beach on the 8th thru the 12th, and a lunch cruise to Capt Hiram's in Sebastian.



The Indian River Lagoon cleanup is scheduled for July 29th as well as Beach Up on the same day.

Carr, Edward J.	07/02
Ford, Ivan M.	07/05
Lewis, Stacey J.	07/06
Pillorge, George J.	07/08
Treat, Terry J.	07/08
Turner, Alvin E.	07/09
Thomas, Daniel A.	07/10
Luca, John A.	07/13
Fafeita, Paul R.	07/14
Magyar, Julius L.	07/14
Peschio, Judith A.	07/14
Barth, Allyson H.	07/17
Dale, Ken	07/17
Neville, Mary A.	07/17
Spilman, Barbara	07/17
Barrett, Patricia	07/18
Perrigo, John M.	07/18
Caldwell, Alyse	07/19
Auer, Eleanor	07/22
TREAT, Christi F.	07/22
Longmire, Peter H.	07/23
Cimino, Carmin F.	07/25
Gerber, Gregory E.	07/25
Miller, Warren M.	07/25
Ashby, Patricia A.	07/29
Beckmann, Dale	07/29
Fuller, James M.	07/29
Lavigne, Carol A.	07/29
Sangirardi, James	07/30
Murphy, Patricia	07/31

August

4th of July celebration coming on Tues, The 4th (go figure) It is being hosted by our commander Tamara Smith and her group off Pals, the menu is going to be Smoked Beef watermelon salad and other goodies. Fireworks after supplied by the City of Vero Beach.

D8 Rendezvous at Pirates Cove, Stuart the 14th -16th .

August is a little slower for us, no parties or dinners scheduled' but we have a membership meeting on the 14th of Aug at 7:30.

See you all on the 4th and later in Aug at the membership meeting looking toward Sept and Labor Day more to come on Fall events.

Everyone have a safe, and fun Summer.

Lt/C Lawrence Ebstein, P
Administrative Officer

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Nina & Pinta - Stan Levin

The Nina and the Pinta made their Vero Beach visit one to remember. Besides providing visitors an opportunity to tour the ships, the crew gave them a taste of what it was like to cross the Atlantic, not really knowing where they would end up, aboard these small vessels. The below decks were crammed with provisions for two years. The crew slept on top of the deck, in all conditions.



I spoke with one of the volunteer crew who told me that he visited the ships and asked how one gets to sail with them. A few days later he left on the voyage. "Where else can someone with no sailing experience, join an expedition on the spot."

Weather was perfect for their visit in Vero Beach and volunteers from the Vero Beach Power Squadron helped with crowd control, also offering free vessel inspections and life vests for small children visiting the ships.

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Vero Mayor Laura Moss presented the captains with keys to the city at a welcome celebration. Volunteers were invited to a catered table of wine and finger foods.



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Spring 2017

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Squadron in Pictures

DISTRICT 8
PIECES OF EIGHT
 DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE
 By/With A Norman, CP
 The theme for 2017 is "Piecing the puzzle of boating together..."

Pieces of Eight - Spring 2017

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Safe Boating -Squadron Building



Poster Contest



7 if by land 2 if by sea

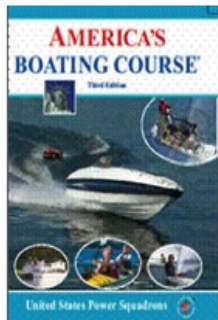
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ABC Classes - Robert Scully**UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**Come for the Boating Education . . . Stay for the FriendsSM

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America's Boating Course 2017



Class dates

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Mar 11

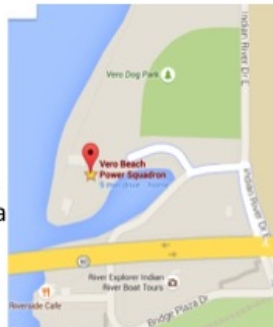
May 20

July 8

Sept 16

Nov 11

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Material cost : \$35

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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:

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 Matisse

Tom and Marilyn Rooney

Bruce Thornlow (associate member)

Susanne Crumpler

Robert La Lime

Richard Nichols (transfer)

Paul Fafeita

[Top](#)**We lost a member and a good friend - Mary Lichty-Nelson****Remembered and Missed**

Mary Lichty, of Vero Beach, FL passed away Wednesday June 14, 2017 after a courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and the complications of a bone marrow transplant.

Mary fought very hard for over a year and would like to thank all the doctors and nurses in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Florida Women's Hospital in Orlando, FL. Mary's wishes were to be cremated and her ashes scattered at sea via The Neptune Society. No services per her request. Gifts of remembrance may be made to the VNA Hospice House, 901 37th St. Vero Beach, FL 32960

Born November 25, 1946 in Flushing, NY was the daughter of Maurice and Roberta Lichty of Norway, Iowa and Glasgow, Scotland, and was a high school graduate who spent over 45 years as a well-respected hair dresser in New York, California, and Florida.

Survivors include two sons - Joseph Rodgers and wife Irene of Bayville, NY and Douglas Rodgers and wife Eileen, Grandchildren Avery and Finnian Rodgers of Oyster Bay, NY. Brother Daniel Lichty and wife Nora of Vero Beach, FL. Several nieces and nephews, sister in law Fran Lichty, of Sacramento, CA, long-time dear friend Hoy Wilkinson of Vero Beach, FL, and many other family members and friends in New York, California, and Florida.

Mary enjoyed extensive travel to Europe and throughout the United States. She enjoyed cruises, Jazz music, and loved to dance. Mary was a member of the Vero Beach Power Squadron boating club and had many close friends in the squadron. Mary had a terrific sense of humor, always loved a good joke, had a fantastic laugh and with her red hair lit up every room she was in. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. We will all miss her terrific smile.

[Top](#)**Chaplains Corner****Great Gifts from Up-North**

What do you give someone as a gift if they already have double of everything they need and no room in their house for new items they really do not need. Our Children (up in Michigan) have figured it out. Tickets to plays and other events in and around Vero Beach. This year we saw Chicago, Mame, the Christians and Saturday Night Fever at the Riverside Theatre. We also saw 'Making God Laugh' at the Players Guild. All free because they were gifts. The only problem left to us was parking but early arrival solves that. We did have to switch some dates around to fit our changing schedules but that also was pretty easy. Grand kids sent us a gift cards for the Movies also ... that was pretty inexpensive for them and well appreciated. We are diligent in sending the kids reviews of the plays and movies so they get a double dose of appreciation. As for the future, we have sent the list of next years plays and events to everyone (Up North)for their review. Of course, our real wish would be for them to come down to Florida and attend the plays with us but you take what you can get.

God Bless you all ...

Chaplain 'Tom' Jones, VBPS

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

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I'd like to dedicate this edition of the Nautical News to our friend Mary. Mary spent the last year heroically fighting her disease, mostly alone in Orlando. In the end she came home to her friends

and family to say goodbye. Mary left us the way she lived her life, with grace.

Ron Miller

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