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Dear

In this edition; End of summer, hello Fall. Successful District 8 Rendezvous, and On the Water Training graduates 4 new instructors. ~ *Cmdr. T. Smith*

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District 8 Summer Rendezvous - 14-16 July 2017 - Pirate's Cove Resort & Marina, Stuart, FL



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Youth Sailing Foundation

Youth Sailing Foundation Hosts Summer Campers for Scholarship Week

This final week of the eight-week series of summer camps sponsored by Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County has been dedicated entirely to eager young sailors from the The Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County and the Homeless Children's Foundation. All thirteen participants are able to attend this popular program free of charge thanks to generous contributions from YSF donors, who provided scholarships for these and other campers this summer.



Commander - Cdr Tamara Smith, S



Fall is upon us and we are looking forward to our VBPS snowbirds returning shortly. The weather will be cooling off and we have plenty of fun boating activities planned. We have scheduled a lunch cruise and raft up in September and another raft up in October. We also have paddle group outings and beach ups planned. Lots of reasons to get out and use your boats!



Improvements to the squadron continue with the painting of the ladies bathroom by Carol Brubaker and "yours truly" painting the kitchen to give both a fresh new look. Members Dave Stephenson and Carol Brubaker headed up a donation process in which we acquired a stove and two refrigerators from Jetson Appliances. Andrea and Neil Ferguson have been working on a deep cleaning of the squadron making it look and smell fantastic. The garden group is keeping our new gardens looking great. Thank you to all our volunteers!

A chili cook-off is planned in October to raise funds for our On Water Training boat and program. Please plan to attend and volunteer for this important education program.

The D8 Fall Conference in Palm Beach is October 27-29 with many exciting demonstrations; such as fire and flares and seminars, including one about Cuba. Future D8 Commander Janet Leh and member Mary Wohlstein have been busy working to make this an exciting and informative event. Please plan to attend.

Some of our members still have concerns about the Club License. I would like to re-iterate that we are obtaining a Club License to give us the ability to purchase Liquor Liability Insurance that will protect our building, boat, assets and bridge members in the unfortunate event of an alcohol related lawsuit. We want to protect our squadron for future generations. Our focus of boating, safety, education, civic service and social are not being affected or changed in the least. We will have beer and wine available for purchase, but it is legal in the state of Florida to BYOB with a Club License. Please feel free to call me directly with any question or concerns.

The new and exciting buzz around the squadron is our new location for the Formal Christmas Party. We will be having it at the elegant and magnificent Grand Harbor Club on Saturday, December 2nd in the dining room overlooking the sprawling golf course. Raffle tickets are available for \$5 for a chance to win two tickets to this festive event which includes a tantalizing buffet, entertainment, valet parking and a cash bar. Black tie is optional and encouraged. Thank you to member Bill LaViolette for sponsoring us. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,
Tamara Smith
VBPS Commander



Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP

New Education Programs



As all USPS members recognize member educational opportunities are valuable membership benefits. We have two new programs this year I would to make you aware of now.



We have alerted you to the first one in recent months and now it is time to really take advantage of our **On The Water** training for **POWER VESSELS**. Bob Scully is launching this new On The Water training program now. 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.... **Or take advantage of this training to improve your skills as a crewmember or guest!**

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.**

We are pleased to announce that this winter we will be offering another **On The Water** training focused on **SAILING**. George Thurman is the program chair for this initiative. We have developed a cooperative program with the *Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County*. We will begin offering this course to students as an adjunct to our Sail Classroom Elective that David Connolly



Pieces of Eight - on Home page

teaches. As we move into the fall class registration period, more information and enrollment will be available... or contact George now for information.

ABC Courses

Start here if you have not yet taken or want to refresh your boating skills. The program chair for this course is John Spilman. We are offering three dates for this one day course between now and the end of the year... September 16 (at VBPS), October 7 (at Ft. Pierce Yacht Club) and November 11 (at VBPS). These classes are all open to the public as well as members...class fee is \$40. You can enroll via our website or email: info@verobeachpowersquadron.com or call 772-532-6893.

All **USPS Training Track** Course Enrollment SOON... keep an eye out for Squadron Building enrollment forms.... Beginning early October.

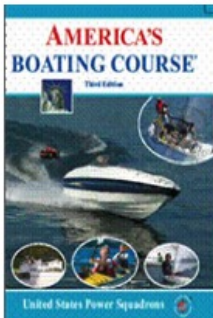
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ABC Classes - Robert Scully

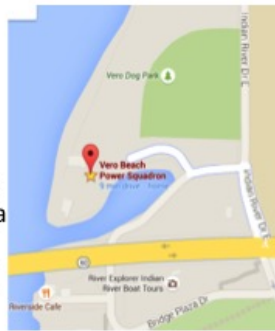


America's Boating Course 2017



Class dates
Jan 14
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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On Water Training - Robert Scully

On Water Training (OWT) Report June/July 2017

Vessel Movement/storage - Currently parked at VBPS. Is it possible to build a cover on site to house the boat? She is getting beat up by weather.

VBPS Member Training - This will begin again in October. The free OWT classes will be scheduled to coincide with beach-ups, raft ups and lunch cruises. This may encourage members to take advantage of the opportunity to get on the water.

Instructor Training - OWT Instructor Certification June training class held at VBPS. Bob Scully, Joe Troiano, Larry Lott and Chris Caldwell graduated.



Instructor candidates - Future instructor candidates are Doug Jacoby and John Luca.

Vessel Service Plan - A team will be identified to handle normal vessel service items and make sure that she is available when she is needed. See vessel maintenance.

Vessel Maintenance

1. Maintenance team to work issues on the boat as they surface. Develop an approach to list repair item, mechanic to repair, date for repair to be complete by and post data in vessel log book. Contact current instructors to define what they will do to help keep our lady working in a safe and seaworthy condition.
2. Looking at a new throttle/shift linkage
3. Trailer pole lights at \$130. Approved by EC to purchase.
4. Trailer brakes - line needs to be replaced.
5. Trailer lights need attention.
6. Spare tire - replace nuts that hold tire to trailer.

Membership, Marketing/Advertising and Public Relations

- a. Recommend we do presentation to VBPS at General Mtg.
- b. Generate articles will be written for Nautical News by those who have taken course.
- c. Videos and photographs should be posted to VBPS website.
- d. Recommend we take boat on trailer in and around trailer to promote education.

Regards,
D/Lt (P/C) Bob Scully, SN
VBPS Chair BOC OWT



New Members



Michael Chance, Jackie
and Alicia Kalhammer

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 Matise
Tom and Marilyn Rooney
Bruce Thornlow (associate member)
Susanne Crumpler
Robert La Lime
Richard Nichols (transfer)
Paul Fafeita
Michael Chance and Jackie Kalhammer
Alicia Kalhammer



Chaplains Corner

"On the North Sea"



Believe it or not, I am writing this article while sailing on the North Sea off the coast of Scotland. I am always impressed with how much water there is on the Earth (which is interesting because I have also experienced so many areas that are drought ridden). At any rate, today's voyage in the North Sea seems to keep me in sight of many oil platforms and the fleet of ships that service and protect them. Man certainly has been creative and diligent in capturing natural resources (especially in this potentially harsh environment). From a distance the rigs look like fragile structures but they fare well in all that the sea throws at them. There is an awe and mystery as one experiences the mighty works of our creator and the efforts of humankind to capitalize on his bounty. So here I sit ... and the best

I can do is contemplate and appreciate the view (and life) as it unfolds before my very eyes. Pretty neat!!!!

God Bless you all ...

Chaplain 'Tom' Jones, VBPS

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



Nothing stays the same, you are either moving forward or your going backwards. No staying still. Same with the Nautical News, we are changing. We are getting trimmer and slimmer, and best of all "current". The Nautical News will be published more often and with events that have just happened, not something that happened 2 months ago. This edition represents a start with our new online events calendar([see it here](#)). With the new calendar feature, if you already use Google Calendar, you can import VBPS calendar into your personal calendar. As we make changes in our calendar, you will have the updated information on your calendar.

Ron Miller
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