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**Dear**

In this edition; More change as we prepare for 2018 and or new bridge. We say good bye to two dear friend. The squadron in pictures, features the Halloween party and the District 8 Conference ~ *Cmdr. T. Smith*

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### ***The 2018 Vero Beach Power Squadron Bridge Nominees***



#### **Your Bridge**

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#### **Quick Links**



Our Web Site



OFFICE	2017 HOLDER	2018 HOLDER
<b>BRIDGE</b>		
Commander	Tamara Smith, S	Richard Myers, JN
Executive Officer	Richard Myers, JN	Larry Ebstein, P
Educational Officer	Doug Jacoby, AP	Richard Sheehan, AP
Administrative Officer	Larry Ebstein, P	Michael Chance
Secretary	Terry Lembeck, S	Joanne Michini
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<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE + BRIDGE</b>		
Regular	P/C Mary Wohlstein, S	P/C Mary Wohlstein, S
Regular	P/C Robert Scully, SN	Tamara Smith, S
Regular	Andrea Ferguson	Sue Hamel-Miller, P
Regular	P/C James Ward, JN	Penny Martin
Regular	Carol Pastirchak, P	Carol Pastirchak, P
Regular	David Hornchek, P	David Hornchek, P
Regular	John Luca, S	John Luca, S
Alternate	Penny Martin	Ellis Simon, SN
Alternate	Vern Pastirchak, AP	Vern Pastirchak, AP
<b>AUDITING COMMITTEE</b>		
#1	Henry McKay, P (2017)	Mike Wohlstein, AP (2018)
#2	Mike Ruhr, S (2018)	Laurie Trippet (2019)
#3	Laurie Trippet (2019)	P/C James Ward, JN (2020)
<b>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</b>		
#1	P/C Mary Wohlstein, S (2019)	P/C Mary Wohlstein, S (2019)
#2	P/C Robert Sheridan, AP (2018)	P/C Robert Sheridan, AP (2018)
#3	Judith Ward (2017)	Charles Pope, P (2018)
#4	Bruce Trippet (2017)	Jane Stansfield (2019)
#5	Dan Reay, P (2017)	Bonnie Myers, AP (2020)
#6		Tamara Smith, S (2020)
<b>RULES COMMITTEE</b>		
#1	Ken Hill (2017)	P/C James Ward, JN (2018)
#2	P/C James Ward, JN (2018)	William Lavigne, P (2019)
#3	William Lavigne, P (2019)	Ellis Simon, SN (2020)
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>		
#1	Charlie DeCerbo, AP (2017)	John Luca, S (2018)
#2	John Luca, S (2018)	Ed Soltysiak, N (2019)
#3	Ed Soltysiak, N (2019)	Vern Pastirchak, AP (2020)

Respectfully Submitted,

P/C Mary Wohlstein, S Chairman  
 P/C Robert Sheridan, AP  
 Judith Ward  
 Bruce Trippet  
 Dan Reay, P

**Youth Sailing Foundation**

**Beachland Sharks Cruise to Vero Beach Harbor**

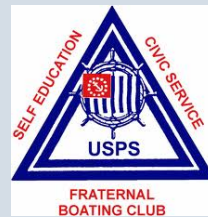
Broad Reaching northbound on the Indian River Lagoon in a Stur Dee Cat 17'



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Beachland Sharks having fun sailing Mariner 19' to Vero Beach Harbor



Beachland Sharks cruise past moored yacht in Vero Beach Harbor in Mariner 19' #2



**Commander - Cdr Tamara Smith, S**



The weather is cooling off, socials and boating activities are heating up as we welcome back our snowbirds! Instead of the usual newsletter article, I thought the membership may enjoy reading the yearly D8 Conference Report that Commanders are required to present at the Fall D8 Conference. Enjoy!

**Vero Beach Power Squadron Fall D8 Conference Report**



The year 2017 started off with a "bang" for the VBPS when we were honored by the attendance of C/C Louie Ojeda and his wife, Dot at our Change of Watch along with many other National and District attendees including Al Furtado and Joyce Newman. For the past five years, our squadron had been experiencing a controversial issue, the serving and consumption of alcohol in our building, which I vowed to research and resolve before the end of my term. After consulting with a Florida state lawyer and USPS lawyer, Michael Friedman, we have voted to obtain a club liquor license and liquor liability insurance. In the process, we have also obtained a state health inspection certificate. These measures will protect the Bridge and assets of our squadron.

**Socials:**

VBPS continues hosting a Friday Night Social every week as well as a themed dinner once a month. Our committees have been popular with the members offering paddling, biking, golfing, bird watching and a book club.

VBPS is also hosting a presentation and book signing by the author of "Black Sails 1715", Allen Balogh. Our Birthday Cake Friday Night Social, the second Friday of each month, is still a popular event. We have chosen a new location for our Formal Christmas Party, which has been well received and should prove to be the event of the year. The boating activities group continues with raft-ups, lunch cruises, a squadron Airboat ride, island beach-up luncheons and mini-cruises. There are many events for cruising boats as well as day boats.

**Community Activities:**

Approximately fifteen members of the Vero Beach Power Squadron have volunteered over 1000 hours so far this year to our Indian River Youth Sailing program. We hosted a booth at the Treasure Coast Waterway Clean-up with a location in Vero handing out supplies and collecting trash. We have also hosted booths at the Vero Beach Boat Show, the Nina & Pinta replicas and West Marine to promote membership, classes and Vessel Safety Checks. Our second annual Boys & Girls Fishing Event will take place in November providing 30 children a boating safety lesson, a day on the water fishing and a lunch afterwards at our building. This is a great way to promote future boating to our youth.

**Education:**

Our squadron has held three ABC classes since April, two additional classes were cancelled due to Hurricane Irma. Reaching out to the community, we held a class at a local private school and will be offering a class to a local Yacht Club.



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We offered a complete series of Advanced Courses and Electives during our summer series and will do so again in our 2017-2018 winter series. We have experienced a decrease of members in pursuit of education. On the positive side, last year's donation of a boat, which now proudly displays USPS's OWT logo, allows us to build our On the Water Training Program. We have established a new OTW Sail Program to compliment our Sail course beginning this winter. Also, this winter, we are introducing a new series of seminars focused on the USPS Electronic Navigation course.

While it is disappointing to see the enrollment decline in classic USPS courses, I believe our new learning classes (OTW Power, OTW Sail and Electronic Navigation seminars) will bring new interest in boating education. The hands on training in modern navigation techniques will stimulate new skills needed. We have a newly purchased computer and a full complement of instructors ready to go.

#### Membership:

We have an active and vibrant squadron of around 320 members and enjoy well attended monthly dinners and Friday Night Socials. Like every other squadron, we have trouble retaining members. We have made numerous improvements to our fifty year old building this year, such as new gardens, appliances, window treatments and paint to help combat this issue. Membership has experienced a slight decline, but morale is up.

Thank you,  
Tamara Smith  
VBPS Commander



### **Executive Officer - Lt/C Richard Myers, JN**



Well here we are at the end of another year. Looking over the past few years, I can't help but notice that our Power Squadron is, well I guess I could say changing, but I like the word evolving. Some of our members are getting older and no longer able to boat and participate as they used to. Others are leaving because we are evolving, and don't like the new direction we are taking. Then there is the group that is just there, they pay for their membership year after year, but don't get involved in anything, or just a few things that they like. This is not just a Vero Beach Squadron problem, national recognizes that we have to break out of our comfort zone in order to keep the Power Squadron going. One thing that will happen over the course of time will be the rebranding of our name to America's Boating Club. Some of their suggestions range from starting a paddle board group to Friday night Bingo. I am not an old timer with our Squadron, but one of the things that attracted me to our club was how much everyone was involved, the amount of boating activity that was going on, and how everyone wanted to help out. I'm not sure what changed, but I do know we can't blame it on our past Bridge. One thing that I have noticed is that the few are making the waves that lay out the path for the many to tread. I was so disappointed that the nominating committee had a hard time finding candidates for the bridge and other

important openings. I'm sure it wasn't because they couldn't find qualified candidates; it was just because for some reason our membership just isn't as involved as they used to be.

So what is the solution? I would love to have a meeting with the 150-200 members that pay their dues but don't get involved. What is it You would like to see happen with our Squadron? Maybe the 200 plus members that will read this will put there two cents worth in. Next Year, unless you vote me out I will be you're squadron commander. My cell Number is 772-643-5318. Please put that number in your cell phone directory. If you have a suggestion, or even a complaint, please text me. I will answer all. What I will be looking at is what makes other clubs successful. Maybe dinner parties, heftier dues so you can feel that you want to get your money's worth, (our dues schedule is a steal for what you are getting), and yes, we will be trying out Bingo.

I am looking forward to next year; I sincerely hope you will be, too.Thanks, See you around the Squadron.

Dick  
Executive Officer



### **Education Officer - Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP**

#### ***ONLINE USPS Education Resources... now available***

How about a little web surfing on the USPS HQ Education site . Take a few minutes and learn what is available in terms of new easy access online education programs... the ABC course, Digital Media Library "How To" videos, Seminars and Webinars.

Consider the November 14 webinar on Ocean Currents, Tides and Navigation. A two hour webinar that evening. The fee \$20. If you cannot attend on the 14th... you have access to



listen to the broadcast for several months afterwards... very convenient.  
Sign up at USPS.org.

ABC classes ....scheduled

Our next ABC course will be Saturday, November 11. 9-4:30. Space is available. Contact John Spilman or Doug Jacoby.

2018 ABC Class dates released:

January13, March 10, May 19, July 14, September 15, November 10

Please tell your boating friends, guests and crew about this course... its available to the public !!



Enrollment for Winter Courses.... OPEN

As we begin to think about the Holiday Season rushing towards us with lots to do... stop and consider giving yourself, or anyone, the gift of Boating Education! The enrollment period is now open for all 11 (a full slate) of our USPS boating education courses. You can sign up in the Squadron building Education bulletin board or through the VBPS website. The postings in the Squadron building describe each course and list the very attractive member course fees. The enrollment period will end December 15. Please give me a call if you have any questions or to enroll through a phone call. 978-578-5099.

On The Water Training .... READY

Bob Scully has recently launched the new On The Water training program. Our training boat is now fully serviced and operational. Special thanks to Wayne Smith, Bob Scully and Dick Myers. We have secured the District resources to certify OTW Training Certifiers that are available now 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!

Due to the support of the USPS HQ, this course is offered FREE to all members.

Education Department Computer Resources ... ADDED CAPABILITY

VBPS has purchased a new classroom laptop computer. This replaces our older unit with one that has the capability to utilize many of the newer teaching features that are embedded in the course material from HQ. Thanks to Ron Miller for commissioning this new computer with the needed upgraded software.

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP  
Education Officer



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## ***Squadron in Pictures***

### **Halloween Party**



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**District 8 in West Palm**



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**ABC Classes - Robert Scully**



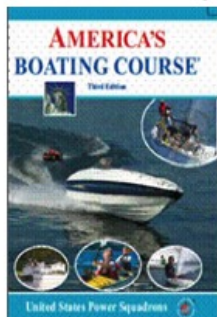
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**Class dates**

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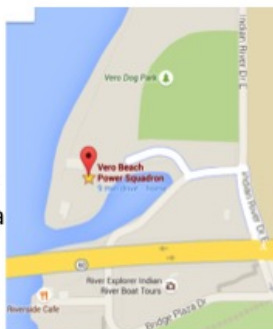
May 20

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.



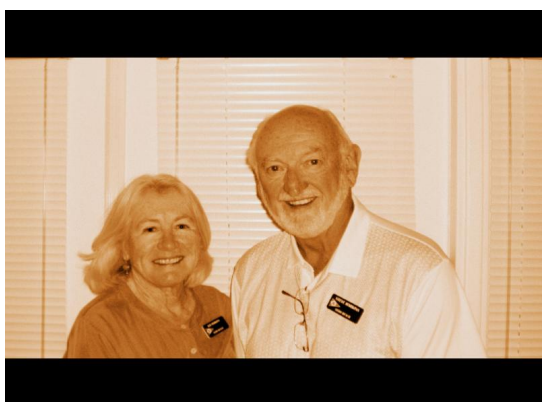
Material cost : \$35  
Time: 9 AM – 5 PM

Class location: 301 Acacia Road, VB, Fl 32963

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

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**New Members**



Steve and Kay Harkins

**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

Steve and Kay Harkins



## Remembering

*We lost two very dedicated members of the Vero Beach Power Squadron in the last couple of weeks.*



Bill Heimbaugh



Marty Ingwersen

Martin Lewis Ingwersen known to most as "Marty" passed peacefully away Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach at the age of 97.



## Chaplains Corner

### 'Dolphins'



Sometimes it is fun to learn something of 'no practical value.' why ... 'because you just never know ...'

So Dolphins, or sea hogs as they were often called by early mariners, may often have been looked upon as a bad omen. Why? Well the mouths of most varieties of dolphins (or porpoises) resemble that of a swine. This perception may have offered substance to the belief that after the evil spirits entered a heard of swine at the lake of Genesaret, and ran off a cliff into the sea, they were transformed into porpoises. As the years passed, the belief that the appearance of dolphins foretold tempests gradually subsided and was greatly overshadowed by ancient and contemporary recorded incidents of a dolphins friendliness and rescues of good mariners. Lucky for us, because we see so many dolphins in and around Vero Beach.

Never the less, if you are out on the water, the beer is running out, and the dolphins start dancing around your vessel, you might want to pull this story out of your quiver and impress your guests. Oh, and as your Chaplain I would hope that you would relate the Biblical story of of the 'Gerasene Demonic' (Matt 8: 28-34). ...'because you just never know ...'

God Bless you all ...

SGM 'Tom' Jones, Chaplain VBPS

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

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. Same with the Nautical News, we are changing. We are getting trimmer and slimmer, and best of all "current". Starting in January, with our new bridge in place the Nautical News will be published more often and with events that have just happened, not something that happened 2 months ago.

Hope you are enjoying our new online events calendar( [see it here](#) ). One nice feature is, if you already use Google Calendar, you can import the events calendar into your personal calendar.

Ron Miller

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