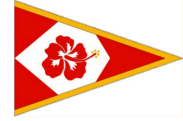




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**Dear**

January is a new beginning. In January we say goodbye to our old Bridge and hello to the new.

In this edition; Our Commander, has some final words as she retires. Our education office Doug Jacoby is also stepping aside.

The squadron in pictures, features the the formal and informal Christmas parties, and the ladies luncheon ~ *Ron Miller - Publisher*

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*Our 2017 Commander in Pictures*



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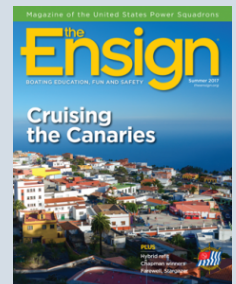
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Commander - Cdr Tamara Smith, S



Thank you for putting your faith in me and entrusting me with the great honor of serving as your Vero Beach Power Squadron Commander for 2017.

We, the bridge, our Executive Committee and the members have made monumental changes this year by resolving a controversial four year old issue and by doing so we have protected our future bridge members and the assets of this squadron.

In an effort to improve member retention and attract new members, we focused on accomplishing numerous improvements to our biggest asset- our own building, but our work is never done. As I have always said, we are located on the water with one of the most beautiful views in one of the most beautiful towns in Florida- Vero Beach!



I have been very fortunate for the overwhelming support of my wonderful husband ("Commandude"), bridge, committee members and special friends and fortunate to have worked

with all the members of this great organization to accomplish so much!

The future is bright and promising for the VBPS! Our education, civic and fellowship divisions are working together as one team to achieve maximum results!

Please join me in welcoming and supporting our new incoming bridge and committees!

Thank you,  
Commander Tamara Smith, S  
VBPS Commander



Pieces of Eight  
- on Home page

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



As you likely are aware, this will be my last NN article as I am resigning from the VBPS Bridge after three years as the SEO. I want to thank Jerry Casey as our ASEO for his valuable service and skill as a member of the team. Richard Sheehan is the new incoming SEO and I welcome his enthusiasm and commitment. Transition is underway with great optimism.

Over the past three years, here are the student numbers for the Squadron:



	2015	2016	2017
ABC (Public Boating Class)	72	78	71 *
Advanced and Elective Classes (Members)	33	29	17

\* September Class canceled ...IRMA

The ABC program remains important and consistent in being a resource for our community. You can see there has been a drop off in the member classes. Within that trend, I find there is strength with the entry level Seamanship Classes. I believe this bodes well for the follow on classes such as Piloting and Advanced Piloting. There is a drop in the traditional navigation classes. We believe the increasing use of electronic instruments on board is a significant reason as traditional manual methods are being relied on less and less. We are planning increasing offerings with seminars to provide more focused skills in navigation to our membership.

The last few years saw the creation of a Squadron On The Water training program created and chaired by Bob Scully. 2018 will be the first full year of availability of this program to our Squadron. Now that we have our own training vessel, donated by members Lois and Jerry Casey, members can pursue actual hands on boat operation. Members have long requested this and we have a terrific resource now.

I would suggest that our Education program is proceeding ok. I believe additional planned offerings and a fresh approach that the new team is contemplating will improve the recent trends... our Education program is a valuable benefit of membership. Along with new educational "products" from National, I am optimistic.

Lastly, I want to thank our instructors for their skill and commitment in providing excellent classroom experiences. Efforts in class preparation as well as "teaching time" is an important resource these folks offer to us all.

Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP  
Education Officer

*Squadron in Pictures*

**Formal Christmas Party**



[More Pictures](#)

[Informal Christmas Party](#)

[more Boys & Girls fishing](#)



Formal Christmas Party - District 8 Guest



Air Boat Ride

[Ladies Lunch](#)



*ABC Classes - Robert Scully*



**Vero Beach**

301 Acacia Road,  
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**Boating Class 2018**

- January 13
- March 10
- May 19
- July 14
- September 15
- November 10




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*New Members*

***Please welcome the following new***



Frank and Carol Gavin

**members who joined the Vero Beach Power Squadron since January:**

**Class of 2018**

- Regina Zack
- Arthur LeBlanc
- Sandi and Bob Zeliadt
- Susan and Jack Kramer
- Bruce and Ruth Campbell
- Christopher and Cynthia Guerrieri
- Dan\_I and Beverly Boone
- Tony Faresich and Barbara Rose
- Robin and William desRosiers
- Kevin and Susan Janssen
- Jay and Evelyn Haberland  
(associate members)
- Anne LaViolette
- Frank and Carol Gavin



Tony Faresich and Barbara Rose



Kevin and Susan Janssen

They just moved from California and will be getting a 21 ft. power boat.

His interests: Sales/ Technology, public Relations, newsletter, communications, membership and Hospitality. Hers: hospitality.



Paul Fafeita



Dan\_I and Beverly Boone

He is a lawyer and interested in membership. Her interests: communications. They have a 21 ft. power boat.



Jack Kramer

He is interested in Education, PR and Hospitality and interested in teaching. She is interested in photography and membership.



Sandi and Bob Zeliadt



Regina Zack



### Chaplains Corner

#### **TEAMWORK**



Vince Lombardi believed in talent, training, and discipline. Yet when asked what he considered to be the number-one quality for winning, the legendary coach said 'teamwork.' For each player to care about the others, he said, was the difference between mediocrity and greatness.

Have you ever noticed how geese always fly together in a V-formation? Scientists claim that the lift each bird receives in this formation from the others flapping wings adds at least 71 percent to the range they'd have if each bird flew alone.

Wouldn't you think we humans would have as much sense as a goose?

In sports, life, and even our corporate endeavors it takes more than 'wanna succeed' to actually win. It takes teamwork and those who cannot get along rarely move very far.

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)





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As we get ready to say goodbye to our departing Bridge members, we should reflect on what a great job they all did in 2017. It was fun to watch Tammy come into her own and take charge. This year had some big accomplishments under her leadership.

Our A/O also came into his own. New to the Power Squadron, Larry took charge of his assigned tasks, and did them well.

Stay tuned for a special edition featuring the Change of Watch, and our new Bridge.

Thanks

Ron Miller

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

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.

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