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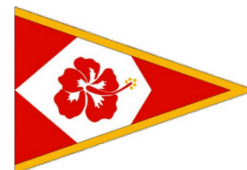


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Dear

This edition is dedicated to our newest members, after all they are the future of our squadron. A big shout-out has to go out to Kathie Thomas and the rest of the membership committee. Great job. Oh and new members, **welcome aboard**.

The squadron in pictures, features the the Ladies Luncheon, a raft up, two dinners, and two lunches ~ *Dick Myers - Commander*

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New Members



Warren and Wendy Von Schuch

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

Nov. 1, 2017

- Steve and Kay Harkins Nov. 2017
- Frank and Carol Gavin
- Anne LaViolette
- Jay and Evelyn Haberland
- Kevin and Susan Janssen
- Robin and William desRosiers
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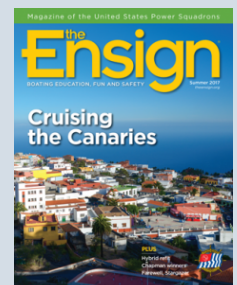
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Regina Zack
Jim and Patricia Powers
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Tom and Maureen Tate
Peter and Charlene Icart

Marsha and Allen Middleton Mar. 2018



Tom and Maureen Tate



Peter and Charlene Icart



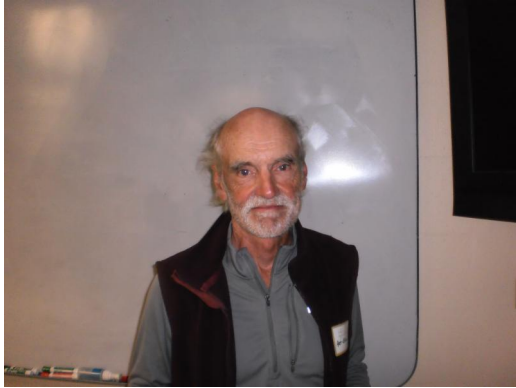
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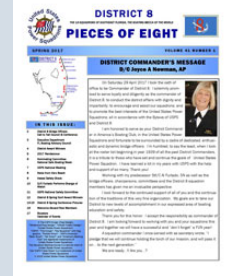
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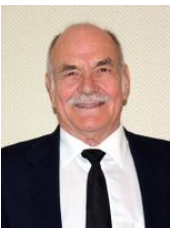
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Commander - Cdr Richard Myers, S

Commanders Report



I just got back from the USPS annual meeting in Orlando. A few items stuck out, one of which was the amount of members running around on power scooters, and the lack of our Squadrons participation. I guess the conclusion I can come to is that the Power Squadron is aging out. This is quite evident by the push for a branding change, dual branding now, over to a complete change to America's Boating club. This will happen, National sold out all of it's clothing with the old brand at 70% off at the meeting. There are 28000 members of the power Squadron but there is a lot more potential members of the younger generation who own kayaks and paddle boards. It was mentioned that there is a department store that in season sells about 75 kayaks and paddle boards, not per day, but per hour. This is the younger group that we are setting our sights on to become new members. It has become apparent that these younger groups are environmentally concerned with clean water to boat on and be in. Toward this end America's

Boating Club has become concerned with water quality. They invited NAMEPA (North American Marine Environment Protection Association) to exhibit at the meeting. There is now an executive department called Environmental, it shares the same status as Safety, Marketing, Public Affairs, National Meetings and Cooperative Charting. I received a request from national to outline what our squadron is doing to protect our waterways. To be honest, I probably will not respond. In truth, the answer is not much now. We used to, but now the answer for most of us is not much. We still boat somewhat, but don't go in the water because it is not safe. We fish but don't eat the fish we catch.

I am a bit frustrated by the dirty water we have to boat on. I miss the days when we would have 10 to 15 boats on a raft up, people swimming in the water clear enough to see the bottom, or at



least 5-6 feet down. There has to be a solution to our environmental woes. The water quality has deteriorated so much in the last 5 years that no one wants to go in. At our last raft up, we had a good turn out, but no one except me and a Fort Pierce Y.C. member went in. I was disappointed that the water was pea green, zero visibility. I have seen clearer water from a septic overflow discharge. As a squadron we can't solve or do much about poor water quality, but I feel we should support any organization or effort to clean up our waterways, or at least not hinder. This is not just my opinion, National thinks the survival of America's Boating Club, aka, The Power Squadron depends on it. We need younger members, younger members want clean water. I would like to see our Squadron have the We Can attitude, and do whatever we can to keep our squadron on the forefront of the Power squadron ideals. We are lucky to have the personnel that care enough for our Squadron to voice their opinion and pitch in and get things done.

Thank you, wishing you safe boating and clean water for us to enjoy.

Richard Myers, Commander
Vero Beach Power Squadron



Executive Officer - Lt/C Larry Ebstein



Hard to believe it's already March.

We just completed two events, Boys and Girls fishing and the annual EcoFest.

First off, I want to thank everyone that helped pull those off, from the boat owners to the folks grilling and setting up, we could not have those events without all the great help, sometimes the people who organize get credit for a good outcome but it's really the people volunteering to do the work who are responsible for a great outcome.



The EcoFest went off without much of a hitch, I will claim credit for the one gaff that occurred, having forgotten where I put the plates napkins and chips but other than that it was smooth, my car however got a good workout running back to get the forgotten important item. Everyone else performed flawlessly.

I'm putting in a plug for the upcoming Spring Boat Show, need helpers to man the booth, we will have our boat there to show off On the Water Training, and lately the boat show has allowed many new members the opportunity to be part of our great Boating Club.

Thanks for all the help and, see you around the Squadron.

Lawrence Ebstein Lt/C
Executive Officer, VBPS



Squadron in Pictures

Raft-up - February 21



photo by Ellis Simon

Ladies Fashion Show and Luncheon - February 17



photos by Ron Miller

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Cobb's Landing - January 24



photos - Bonnie Myers

Founders Day and Carols Swearing in - February 3



photos by Carolyn Miranda-Gavin

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St Patrick's Day - March 17



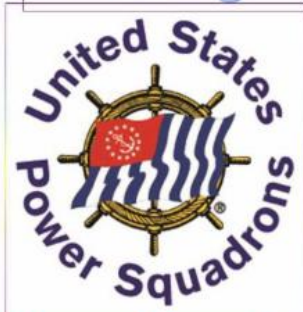
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ABC Classes - Robert Scully

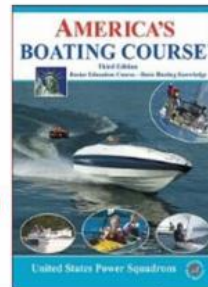
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- March 10
- May 19
- July 14
- September 15
- November 10




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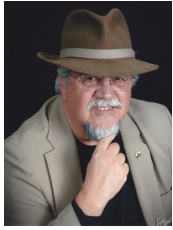
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Chaplains Corner



'Another year'

We are well into another year. As for last year, never dwell on what we did or did not do or extol the virtues of our accomplishments. Our achievements speak for themselves without assistance! As for the year ahead, we should focus on our objectives and continue to ask for God's blessing and inspiration. We should get up each morning and not complain about yesterday but rather set right out on what we can do today. Don't complain, just lead the way!

One more item and apology. At the recent 'Change of Watch' I failed to note one of our members who passed away last year. Add Siegfred Boettjer to the list of P/C Marlene Brooks, Carl Holthaus, Maureen Huber, Marty Ingwersen, Mary Lichty-Nelson and P/C Bill Heimbaugh. 'May we remember the cut of their jib and the strength of their wake.' They were all a part of making us 'Vero Proud!'

Lt/SGM F.T. Jones III
VBPS Chaplain

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



How about an IT tip? Passwords! Don't they drive you crazy. Try this, create two passwords. One for your really secure accounts, like banks and investments. The second for everything else. Take three random words, that you will remember and combine them. if there is an "O(oh)" change it to "0(zero)". If there is an "S" change it to "\$". Use a uppercase somewhere randomly in the password and always include numbers. Example: keEpy0ur\$hirt0n. 14 characters, one upper case "E", two numbers "O (zero)" and "\$". This should satisfy almost all password needs.

Thanks

Ron Miller
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