

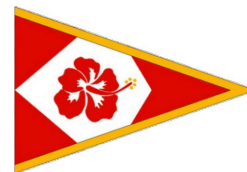


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Dear

This edition, Kayaking, a special Memorial Day Remembrance, 8 new members. Poster contest winner. The Chaplain out does himself, a must read! And plenty of pictures.

~ Dick Myers - Commander

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Commander - Dick Myers, S



I just got back from the D8 rendezvous. Our squadron was very well represented, and our past commanders Mary Wohistein and the now present commander of D8, Janet Leh, did a great job of putting it together. One thing that I did notice, most of the people there are the same faces that have been coming to these events over and over. Not a great amount of new faces. The common thread between all the squadrons seems to be diminishing older members and not a lot of new members. There was a lot of talk about the name change from Power Squadron to Americas Boating Club. I for one think this is step in the right direction. After all, if you tell someone that you belong to the Power Squadron, they would probably think that you were involved with supplying power, maybe Solar? I did a lot of thinking and talking to various people, and just as when you go to a psychiatrist, they don't solve your problem just guided your thinking in the right direction.

So this is what I have come up with, and my thoughts on why it can keep older members, increase new members, support our goal of boating education, insure that we will have the funds to keep our building in good shape and make improvements to make our squadron number one.

We have the advantage of having our own building and we really do underutilize it. We have 9 dinners a year, always well attended, ABC classes 6 times a year and education classes offered by USPS. The rest of the time it is used once a week for a few people to socialize on Fridays. I



Your Bridge

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Quick Links



Our Web Site



District 8



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propose that we do away with Friday night socials and have a Squadron dinner club. It would be a simple fare, cost about \$7.50 per person; you could come in, hit the buffet line, grab or bring a wine and sit down for a relaxing time with fellow members. You would have an inexpensive enjoyable evening and be supporting our Club. This would be limited to members only; guests would have a limited time to attend before membership would be required. If this went over well, we could use the extra funds to supplement our ABC cost, repair and expand our patio, get Wi-Fi, and might even get round dinner tables for the burgee room. If it went over really well, we could hire a member to run it; but to start, I would do it on a trial base, with four squadron members helping out and receiving free dinners for their efforts. Because of the bar, we do have a certified and inspected kitchen, commercial dishwasher, full set of plates and silverware.

This, of course, will have to be approved by our executive board; so if you like the sound of coming Friday nights for a good dinner, not having to bring anything except a few dollars and have the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting your club, contact your officers and attend the next Executive Meeting on Monday, August 13 at 6pm.

Thank you, Dick Myers, Commander

Poster Contest - Dan Thomas

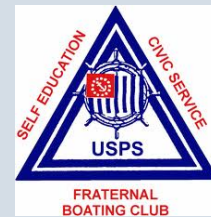
Local Youth wins National Poster Contest

A young man from Fellsmere Elementary School created a poster after participating in a safe boating class at his school. Past Commander Daniel Thomas of the Vero Beach Power Squadron conducted a safe boating class with a classroom of 2nd grade students in the Fellsmere Elementary School. Each of the students created posters that emphasized the theme " All boaters are Welcome to the Neighborhood". Many great posters were created, but one was selected as best (within the age 6 to 8 age range). Jose Salas created a great poster and it was judged best for the Vero Beach Contest. His creation travelled to the Power Squadron's National Conference where it was judged against entries from 31 other Power Squadron Districts (nearly 400 squadrons) and it was judged 2nd in the Nation in his age range.



Jose was presented with a well-earned red ribbon and a check for \$100.00 by P/C Thomas and his School Principal, Ramon Echeverria in his classroom. Jose's poster shows that all boaters (small boats,

large boats, sail boats, power boats, canoes, etc. are all welcome to the boating neighborhood). Thank you Jose for your message.



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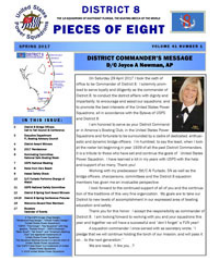
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Memorial Day 2018
Remembered



Pieces of Eight - on Home page

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Kayaking with the Manatees



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Beach-up and Clean-up



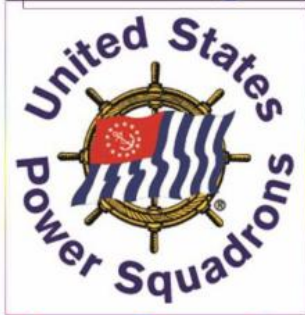
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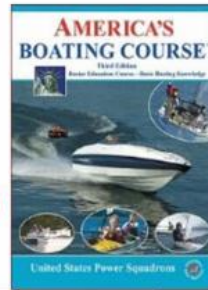


ABC Classes - Robert Scully

Boating Class 2018



Cost : \$40



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

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New Members



Tim and Rita Hermes



Glen Mathia and DeSales Vogt



Dan and Monica Richardson



Bob and Donna Martin



On the Water Training - Bob Scully

In February we held an on the water (OWT) session with Doug Jacoby, Kevin Brogan, Dan Reay and John Luca. Instructors were Bob Scully and John Spilman. Doug and Kevin have completed the program. Dan and John have a few more items that need to be accomplished for completion. Note that the OWT consists of classroom work and then actual boating, hence on the water !

The June OWT 2 hour classroom presentation was June 16. Students are Tony Faresich, Barbara Rose and Patty Ashby. Instructor was Bob Scully.

The on water training scheduled for June 20 will be rescheduled. The boat steering is frozen and the battery was dead. Wayne Smith will deal with correcting the condition. Thank you Wayne.

Classroom sessions (2 hours) can be arranged in August and September for anyone who has an interest. Contact Bob Scully. The next scheduled on water segment is October 13 and Saturday December 8 at 9 am at VBPS.

Additional on water dates can be arranged based on individual needs when our instructors return. Dan Thomas and John Spilman, IN Certified Instructors are out of town for the summer.

Dan Reay has volunteered to manage GypSea Rover (17 Ft Boston Whaler) when he is in town. He is gone for the summer and I am looking for another volunteer to take on that task in his absence.

GypSea Rover can be used on the beach up days by VBPS members with executive committee approval. If you would like to take her out let Bob Scully know so that he can share your name for approval with the Exec Committee. Boat beach ups are scheduled for the last Saturday of the month. These are great days to get some boating hands on experience. Some would call it a jump start. There is no credit given and no test. It's just an opportunity to get on the water with fellow boaters.

VBPS members (John Luca and Larry Keifer) have volunteered their boats and will take VBPS members along as well on beach up events. You will need to call them and make your own arrangements for the applicable weekends.

In closing I would like to encourage all our members to take advantage of this members benefit.

Inland Navigator Instructor Certification 2018

I have a few individuals (those underlined above) who would like to become OWT Certified Instructors. I plan to invite our D8 IN Instructor Trainer, D/Lt/C Richard Pfenniger SN, when he is available for training. No date has been arranged at this time.

Future instructors will need to have completed all requirements on the passport and be certified as an Inland Navigator (IN) before you can become an IN instructor.

D/Lt (P/C) Bob Scully SN



Chaplains Corner

'Loose lips sink ships'



It is a saying coined for security purposes in the military but it goes beyond that. In fact, the most dangerous weapon in all humanity is the beast that lives in that den behind your tongue. The tongue can be compared to a flame of fire that if unbridled can be full of wickedness and has the potential to poison every part of the body and all who hear the word. On the other hand, it can be used for the good to communicate compassion and good news. The tongue is a 'tool' and like all tools it must be used and cared for properly. As you work around your boat or yard and are confronted with a task you must select and use the proper tool to get the job done. It takes thought. So be wise before you open that cavity between your nose and your chin. Remember, loose lips sink ships.

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



Hope you read the Chaplains contribution in this edition, good reading.

My tech tip involves your smart tv. Don't have one yet, you may want to still read my tip.

There is an app that has been widely distributed on "Smart TV's" it's called **Samba Interactive TV**. This app is a super spy! It tracks everything you do with your smart tv, and more. Shows you watch, subscriptions you may have, like Netflix, etc.

What makes **Samba** the most insidious is the fact that it is now a part of your house network.

Most house networks(wifi) offer you a level of protection because you are on a "secure" network, behind a firewall. Because your smart tv is on that "secure" side of the firewall **Samba** can spy on any device that is attached to the network. Cell phones, laptops, iPads, etc.

Check your smart tv and see if the **Samba Interactive TV** on it.

tip:I suggest you delete Samba Interactive TV.

You can read the original article [here](#) .

Thanks

Ron Miller
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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 right into your personal calendar.

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