

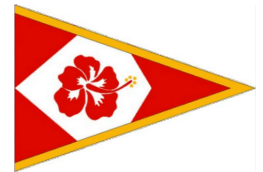


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Dear

As we approach the end of the year, we have to prepare for the holidays and changes in the VBPS. Most people hate change, but nothing stays the same. You are either going forward or you're going backwards. You are either getting old or getting younger. **What!** How do you get younger? We'll the 2020 bridge is going to be younger and they will undoubtedly be bringing change. I personally wish them well, because as a Squadron we have to change.

Another truism is that "you are either getting bigger or you're getting smaller". District 8 disfranchised a squadron recently, Hollywood, we don't want to go down that path. Bigger is better! Good luck class of 2020.

~ Ron Miller *Publisher*

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Mark your calendar

- December 2 - Annual meeting and election of officers.
 - December 8 - Formal Christmas party to be held at the Vero Beach Yacht Club, \$48 per person which includes a dinner, cash bar and music. Get your reservations in today!
 - December 13 - Casual Christmas party to be held at the Power Squadron building. \$15 per person which includes dinner, cash bar, fire pit and music. Pre-payment please. Get your reservations in today!
- To log onto the online events calendar ([go it here](#)).

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Your Bridge

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Seven-year Itch

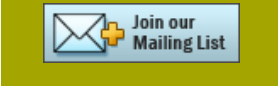


Past Commander Judy Peschio, Warren Miller, Robert Sheridan, Mary Wohlstein, Tamara Smith, Dick Myers, and Larry Ebstein. Seven commanders, seven years publishing the Nautical News.

The 2020 administration has a different style and as such should have their own way of presenting their story.

I think it's time for me to retire. I want to thank all the contributors who over the years made the Nautical News interesting. I'm not going to list them, as the list is long and ever-changing.

I have enjoyed being your publisher.
Ron Miller



Squadron in Pictures

2019 Halloween Party/Oktoberfest/Friday Night Social



November Birthdays

Shelley Anderson	11/06
Robert L. Sheridan	11/13
Eric A. Dykes	11/14
Robin A. desRosiers	11/15
Walter Raynes	11/16
Mary W. Rianhard	11/16
Catherine A. Sheehan	11/18
Timothy A. Hermes	11/22
George W. Schieber	11/26
Anne M. Magyar	11/28
Roy S. Thompson	11/28
John Robert Newton	11/29
Matthew P. Barth	11/30
Edwin Soltysiak	11/30

December Birthdays

Penny Martin	12/02
Paul G. Fuller	12/04
Charles Violi	12/04
Bede A. Bender	12/06
Katherine Ader Gregory	12/06
Richard K. Nichols	12/11
Patricia Powers	12/11
Richard E. Ray	12/11
Joy Radke Rose	12/12
Laurie M. Trippet	12/13
Bonnie J. Myers	12/14
Carole L. Brubaker	12/15
Nora Lichty	12/25
Barry L. Mixon	12/26
Dida Hagan	12/27
Neil E. Ferguson	12/29
John R. Spilman	12/30
James Daniel Reay	12/31



January Birthdays



Mirabel Fanders	01/01
Donald Helm	01/04
Ellis D. Simon	01/04
Glenn Rose	01/05
Jean R. Thompson	01/05
Virginia E. Yunker	01/07
Ronald Duprey	01/12
Sandra T. Hargreaves	01/18
Ron A. Miller	01/18
Jan Mooney	01/18
Larry F. Kiefer	01/19
Linda L. Barberi	01/22
Lisa Rose	01/22
Wayne M. Smith	01/22
Peter J. Gemble	01/25
Jo Ann Jarman	01/25
Marsha Middleton	01/28
Douglas B. Jacoby	01/29



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Vero Beach Parade



Pieces of Eight - on Home page

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The squadron boat served as our entry in the Vero Beach Centennial parade. With a helping hand from George T and Steve K, who worked in the background to clean and hitch the boat to the trailing car. With Bonnie M. at the helm of the car. Penny M. Riding shotgun with Nora L. And Barbara R. Riding the tailgate seats. Waving out of the sun roof we had Danny L. and waving to the crowds from the boat as we paraded by, Cathy S. who did a fine job of waving while your's truly belted out a few chords of Popeye the sailor man. Fortunately the rain almost held off, and we were recognized by quite a few people along the way.

Kayaking @ Queens Island



for more pic including the originals go [here](#)



Youth Sailing Veterans Day Regatta - Stu Keiller



November 14, 2019
Youth Sailing Foundation Sails to Victory
in 3rd Annual Veterans Day Regatta

VERO BEACH, FL - Youth Sailing Foundation hosted its 3rd Annual Veterans Day Regatta on Sunday, November 10th at the city's water treatment facility just south of the 17th Street Bridge. It was the largest gathering of racing sailboats in the history of Vero Beach. On a beautiful "chamber of commerce day" with blue skies and a perfect east-northeast breeze, YSF swept the top three places in the Opti Gold class and earned an impressive 2nd place out of 27 in the prestigious Olympic Class 420's.

With 63 boats representing 11 sailing clubs from as far away as Clearwater and the Upper Keys, the competition was intense with just seconds separating boats as they crossed the finish line. A total of 90 sailors were out on the Indian River Lagoon for two and half hours of racing.

Twenty-seven 420's and 9 Open Skiffs sailed a long course south of the bridge, while 27 Opti's sailed a shorter triangle course just to its north. About 100 spectators were treated to a close-up view of the Opti's maneuvering at the start just off shore, along with a beautiful panoramic view of the larger fleet across the lagoon.

YSF's elite Shelby Racing Team had a clean sweep of the Opti Gold fleet, with Nick Crull taking top honors followed by Peter Swanson and Michael Ladd.

The Olympic Class 420's completed five races over the 2-mile triangle course. Race starts were exciting with dozens of boats maneuvering in close quarters at high speeds to gain a favorable position on the line and a flying start at the gun. When all the scores were tallied, skipper Adrian Winkelman and crew Nico Tave of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center took first place, followed closely by YSF's own Mylee Smith and crew Kate Bounassi, who sailed the best regatta of their young careers, leaving 25 boats in their wake.

Staging a regatta of this scope requires a great deal of planning and coordination. With safety paramount, each course had 3 safety boats plus the race committee boat, all manned by experienced and qualified YSF volunteers. The Kiwanis Club of Vero-Treasure Coast cooked and served 300 hamburgers and hotdogs to hungry competitors and parents. Well over 25 YSF volunteers prepared for weeks in advance and helped with race-day activities. The launch, racing, and recovery came off like clockwork with all the young sailors demonstrating incredible sailing skills and seamanship. The scoring team had final results certified and posted within a few minutes of the final race.

As the late afternoon awards ceremony concluded, the atmosphere was celebratory as competitors, parents and volunteers all departed with a well-earned sense of accomplishment after a great event on a beautiful day.



New Members - Welcome



David Meekison



Chaplains Corner - Tom Jones



And you thought I was just a wind bag!

I am an old sailor and a kite flyer, as such; I have become an astute observer of the wind. Consider the kite flyer. He must take in hand the string of his kite and run until the kite lifts up into the sky. In essence you have created my own wind. But, the kite will never continue to fly if there is no wind. You cannot run forever! A beginning sailor often thinks that it the wind pushing the boat that makes it go. True, but it makes it go slow because the resistance of wind hitting the front of the sail offsets the power of the wind behind the sail. So we learn that by sailing on an angle into the wind we can minimize the frontal resistance and use the wind coming out of the sail to propel the boat forward. An engineer could hand you a book explaining how this works but an 'old sailor' could show you in ten minutes. The point is that in life you have to understand, in a world of wind and resistance, how to take advantage of the challenges that face you. It takes patience, observation, and listening to an old sailors advise. Usually his stories are pretty good also.

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



Hope you continue to enjoying our 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. I use it all the time!

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