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VERO BEACH POWER SQUADRON



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2020 Change of Watch



P/C Robert Sheridan, AP, Master of Ceremonies brought the 64th Annual Change of Watch to order at approximately 6 PM on 25 January 2020. The Vero Beach Power Squadron was the selected location for this ceremony. Presentation of the Colors were by P/C Daniel Thomas, SN and Steve Harkins, N, while the introduction of Bridge Officers was by P/C Robert Sheridan, AP. Cdr Wayne Smith, P led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of Honored Guests. P/C Lawrence Ebstein, P delivered his retiring statement and dismissed the 2019 Bridge. D/Lt/C Tamara Smith, P installed Cdr Wayne Smith, P and delivered his flag of office.

Cdr Smith responded with his short acceptance speech. Following Cdr Smith was Chaplin Lt Frank Jones with his dinner invocation that covered prayers for the incoming bridge and those dining at the Clubhouse. Dinner was expertly prepared by Carole Brubaker.

More images of the CoW on page 06



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*Our
Commander's
Message*

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Hello VBPS members and welcome to what is sure to be another exciting year.

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I'd like to start by welcoming all of our new members. I encourage those who have been here longer to introduce yourselves to our newest members. (see page 8) Our squadron is a very diverse group when you begin to consider where members are from – coast to coast, types of boating and cruising they've accomplished – power and sail, kayaks to pleasure yachts, careers – ship's captains to airline pilots, military and civilian service. We are sure to find people with common interests and experiences.

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We have planned a calendar to keep us busy. The National USPS meeting will be held in Ponte Vedra, Florida from February 9th through 15th.

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Our class schedule is chock full of opportunities to advance your boating education. I hope to include a few "field trips" that aren't shown on the calendar, so watch your constant contact emails for notices. Just a few hints.....boatbuilding factory tours, airboat tours, fossil tours and kayaking with the manatees in Crystal River could all come to fruition this year. Lastly, I want to thank all who attended the Change of Watch.

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I know we broke the mold and left room to improve, but it felt good to be at our squadron location. Your attendance was appreciated by me personally and thank you for supporting this fundraising event.

See you at the Squadron!

Cdr Wayne Smith, P



Executive Officer's Report



Welcome to all new and existing members to another year of education, volunteering and fun with America's Boating Club of Vero Beach, as known as, Vero Beach Power Squadron also known as America's Boating Club.

The 2020 Calendar on page 14 is packed full of activities for all to enjoy.

Here are a few dates this year to mark on your calendars for volunteering.

The Vero Beach Boat Show, which will be held in April and November, and the Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup, which is usually held in July.

The new Commander, Wayne Smith, P and myself are looking forward to a very exciting memorable year.

Lt/C Andrea C. Ferguson, P



District 8 Spring Conference Let's Plan Ahead!

Date Start: Friday, 24 April

Date Ending: Sunday, 26 April

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton

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Palm Beach Gardens, FL

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VBPS Award Winners for 2019



P/C GEORGE C. AID MERIT AWARD

Contribution to Boating Education

P/C Henry (Hank) Krauss, SN

CLYDE WALLACE SLEETH AWARD

Service to the Vero Beach Power Squadron

1st/Lt Tim Fenstermaker, N

CHARLES F. CHAPMAN AWARD

Teacher of the year

P/C Henry (Hank) Krauss, SN

NEW MEMBER AWARD

Service to the Vero Beach Power Squadron

Mary Ann Springall

Michael Springall

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

25 Merit Marks

Beverly Ford, AP

25 YEARS OF USPS MEMBERSHIP

Mary W. Rianhard

Shirley Becker

2019 SENIOR MEMBERS

5 Merit Marks earned

Penny Martin

P/Lt/C Douglas Jacoby, AP

Harry G. Oehler



National USPS Information

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting 9-15 February 2020 Ponte Vedra, Florida

Two America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic members are moving up the National Bridge: R/C Ralph Bernard, AP will be the National Administrative Officer and R/C Bill McManimen, III, SN will be the National Educational Officer.

Come on down and support them and our District Commander, Walter Neese, SN. Hotel and event registrations along with the schedule of events are on the USPS web page; www.usps.org.



Hotel Information

Sawgrass Marriott Resort

This is the main meeting Hotel

Hotel Web Site

1000 PGA Tour Boulevard

Ponte Vedra Beach FL 32082

Telephone: 800-457-4653 904-285-7777

Rate: \$169.00

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New Members' Dinner



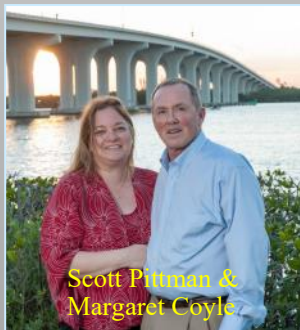
The New Members' Dinner took place on Monday, 20 January at 1750.

Thanks to the membership committee and participants for the excellent selections of entrees and desserts.

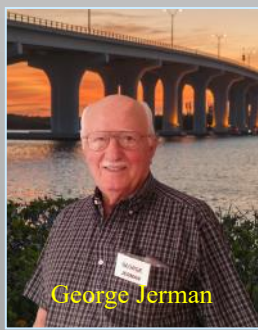
Thanks, also to our experienced bartending crew. Meeting and greeting the following wonderful folks was as much fun as the tasty dinner.



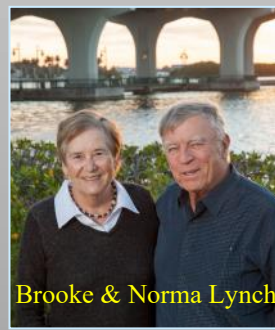
Marilyn & John Gizzi



Scott Pittman & Margaret Coyle



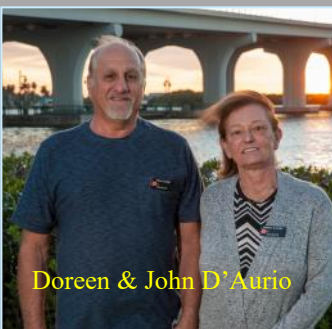
George Jerman



Brooke & Norma Lynch



Donald & Margaret Pyne



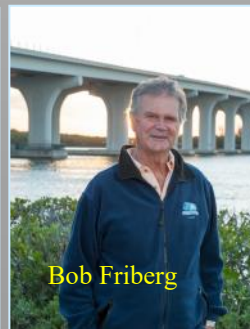
Doreen & John D'Aurio



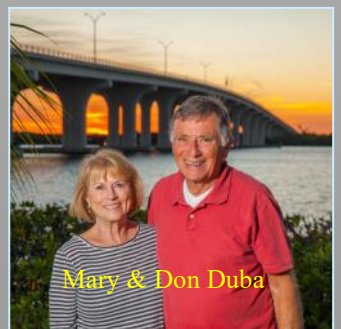
George & Doris Derifield



Margaret & Clay Stroud



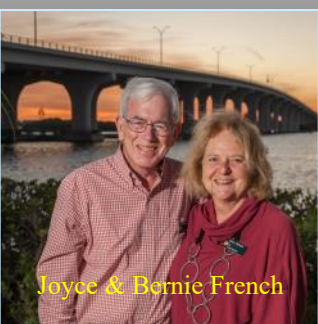
Bob Friberg



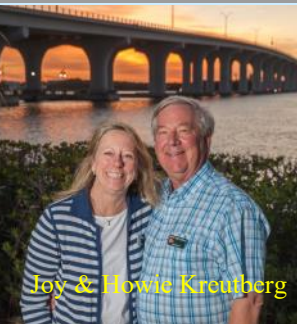
Mary & Don Duba



Susan & Clyde Gordon



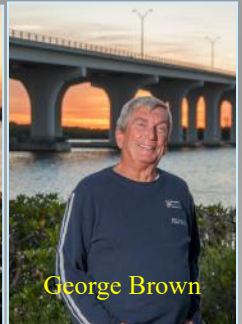
Joyce & Bernie French



Joy & Howie Kreutberg



Linda & Curtis Matthews



George Brown



Friday Social Hour (s)



Every Friday, Rain or Shine, the Vero Beach Power Squadron has an open bar and members bring their delicious snacks for all to enjoy. We usually see between 20-50 members or soon-to-be members typically arrive after 5:30 and leave around 7:30 or 8. Conversations are traditionally centered around the marine trade, one's latest trip to the Bahamas, rebuilding your engine, finding crew, kayaking to an IR island, or just finding out your table mate's name and where they are from. Some leave the snack table area and start a game of SCAT. This game has brought a lot of attention to many of the newer members and guests. A fun game, literally inspired by only luck and some thoughtful play, was introduced to VBPS by Kay and Steve Harkins last year. When NN interviewed Steve, he said the game isn't new, but very different than the one offered in Germany. He also said he has been playing it for over forty years and hasn't figured a winning formula quite yet. Isn't it great when Steve allows others to win!





The **Merrill P. Barber Bridge** is a concrete arch bridge that spans the Indian River Intracoastal Waterway in Indian River County, Florida. The bridge was built by Odebrecht Contractors of Florida, Inc. and was completed in 1995. A fishing pier is constructed below the bridge on the east side.

The bridge is named for Merrill P. Barber, the mayor of Vero Beach from 1947 to 1949, and member of the Florida Senate from the 12th District from 1954 to 1958 and from the 29th District from 1963 to 1968.

The bridge has a total length of 3,834 feet (1,169 m) with a main span of 100 feet (30 m). The vertical clearance is 65 ft.

The bridge replaced the old Barber Bridge, built in 1951, which was concrete and had a steel bascule span. This bridge was in constant state of disrepair and was removed, barged out to sea and sunk to become a reef. The steel bascule span was purchased by Disney and is in Orlando at the Walt Disney World theme park.

A normal sight of terrific sunsets from the backyard of the Vero Beach Power Squadron's Clubhouse, "Barber Bridge" is truly a reminder of the beauty of Vero Beach.



Boat Education Mandates are Coming

Education, the need and value of mandatory boating education specifically, is apparently gaining some quiet traction in some of the state legislatures across the country.

The incidences of boating related fatalities continue to rise across many parts of our nation. Florida requires any boat operator born after January 1, 1988 to have an operator's certificate. These regulations have been around for many years and were set in place to create an increased level of on-water knowledge and safety awareness on the part of the boating public. Most states have some form of mandatory boating education laws. Has it helped? The frequency and severity of water-related accidents continues to be an ongoing problem, but education certainly hasn't hurt. Age phasing may take a decade or more with the final objective being - mandatory education for all boaters regardless of age and/or experience.



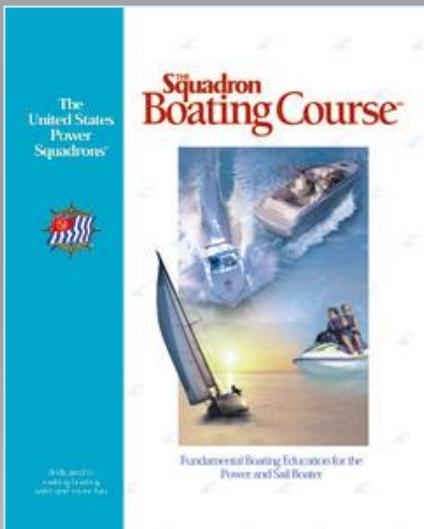
P/C Donald Engler, AP

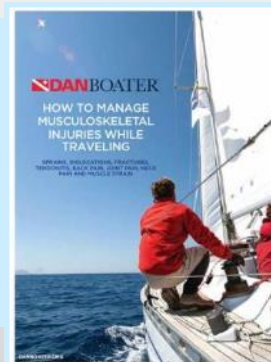
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February Birthdays

Gibbon, Theresa	February 1 st	Springall, Mary Ann	February 17 th
Butts, Barbara W	February 3 rd	Coleman, Peggy	February 18 th
Ray Jr., Henry W	February 5 th	Scully Robert	February 18 th
Finney, Mary Elizabeth	February 9 th	Wangen, Pat M.	February 18 th
Engler, Susan	February 11 th	Casey, Jeremiah P.	February 20 th
Janssen, Susan	February 11 th	Ferguson, Andrea C.	February 22 nd
Mattern, Donald E.	February 11 th	Cousins, Doris E.	February 27 th
Bowden, S. Lee	February 15 th	Fenstermaker, Susan C.	February 27 th
Wolford, Alan	February 16 th	Fuller, Margaret P.	February 27 th

Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County USPS Award

The Youth Sailing Foundation of IRC has been awarded a \$7,500.00 grant from the United States Power Squadrons Education Fund. YSF is only 10 years old and was started by our own Charlie Pope who quickly engaged many members of our squadron to volunteer. The grant will fund one of their 20 member sailing "squadrons" for one 10 week term of instruction and will be presented on Monday, February 3rd at 4 PM (rain date will be February 6th). It will be presented by R/C Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN, a member of the six member grant committee at the USPS National level and also a past commander of VBPS. This is highly unusual for an organization outside the 400 local Power Squadrons to receive this award and reflects the many past and ongoing volunteer hours by members of the VBPS and others.



All members of the VBPS are encouraged to attend the short ceremony on the YSF waterfront location, as the children from the Beachland Sharks Squadron will launch their boats during the ceremony. YSF teaches over 150 Elementary through High School students a week with after school programs and weekend classes at no charge. The press will be invited and this is a great PR opportunity for our local squadron to take some of the credit for this great program.

The location of the Youth Sailing Foundation is located just south of the Alma Lee Lloyd Bridge (17th street Bridge) in the fenced in area connected to the Sewage Treatment plant. There are launching ramps on the Indian River Lagoon. The gate will be open during the ceremony.

P/C Daniel Thomas, SN and Kathie Thomas, P





VBPS FEBRUARY 2020 ACTIVITIES

Friday Night Socials – EVERY FRIDAY @ 5:30 PM

Paddle Group—Saturday 1st @ 8:45 AM—Ten Mile Creek—Toby Jarman

Ladies' lunch—Monday 3rd @ The Green Marlin—@ 11:30 AM--Hoy Wilkinson

USPS grant award for Youth Sailing of IRC—Monday 3rd @ 4 PM --
Youth Sailing building beside 17th Street Bridge

Seamanship/Boat Handling course starting—Tuesday 4th @ 1:30 PM—Dan Thomas

Engine Maintenance Course starting soon. If interested, contact Bill Yunker

Mahjong Group @ Squadron Bldg—Every Wednesday @ 1 PM—Anne Marie Cormier

Executive Board Meeting—Monday 10th @ 6 PM—Cdr. Wayne Smith

General Membership Meeting – Monday 10th @ 7:30 PM--Cdr. Wayne Smith

USPS annual Meeting at Ponte Vedra Beach, FL from 2/9 to 2/15th--National USPS Event

America's Boating Course – Saturday 15th @ 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM--Richard Sheehan

Founder's Day Dinner—Sunday the 16th @ 5:30 PM—(Note change of date)
—Tamara Smith/ Carol Brubaker

Ye Olde Friends Social—Monday 24th @ 5:30 pm—Dan & Kathie Thomas

Boat "Beach-Up" --Saturday 29th @ 11 AM-- location TBD--Toby Jarman

Italian "Leap Year" Dinner—Saturday 29th @ 5:30 PM--Susan Fenstermaker

