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VERO BEACH POWER SQUADRON



THE NAUTICAL NEWS

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Our 64th Year

March - April 2020



Italian Night Dinner



It "*Takes A Squadron*" to pull off a successful event and on Saturday night, 29 February, 2020 we did! 78 people were served an Italian meal that was given two thumbs up by several of our members of Italian heritage. Although it was a ton of work that was accomplished by many, it was a rewarding and learning experience.



Here are the people who made it happen:
Team Planning, Prep, Shopping, Cook, etc : Marilyn Gizzi, Kay Harkins, Barbara Rose, & Susan Fenstermaker

Decorations: Chairperson Brenda Sheridan, Bev Ford, AP, & Anne Marie Cormier

Floral Arrangement Patty Ashby, S.

Bar: Tamara Smith, P, Andrea Ferguson, P, Neil Ferguson, P, & Tim Fenstermaker, N

Prep & Set-up: Patty Ashby, S, Ann Marie Cormier, Marsha Middleton, Bonnie Myers, AP, Sandy Reay, P, Ruth Skornicka, Wayne Smith, P

Servers: Sue Engler, P, John Gizzi, Steve Harkins, N, & Marsha Middleton

Front Desk: Jean Thompson & Hoy Wilkinson

Clean-up: Sue Engler, P, Marlana Fuller, Paul Fuller, S, & Wayne Smith, P.



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*Our
Commander's
Message*

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February was a great month at VBPS. In case you missed these events, the Founder's Day Dinner and Italian Night were fabulous. Many thanks to those who supported these events and especially to our hosts and many helpers.

Education Officer

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USPS members now have a new benefit called DAN Boater. Refer to page 12 in this newsletter. DAN Boater is a travel safety association that provides tips on travel safety, first aid information in the field, and emergency medical evacuation or repatriation. If you are more than 50 miles from home traveling by car, boat, train or plane, you can call the 24/7 medical assistance line for advice, medical care in your area, or evacuation if necessary. Don't forget to download and print your DAN membership card.

Secretary

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Our District 8 Spring conference is coming up in April at Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens. You should have received the on-line registration form via email; if you haven't, go to pages 10 & 11 in this newsletter and print out both pages. Payment can now be made by credit card or check.

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The conference will include a Murder Mystery Night, Change of Watch, a Banquet Dinner, a Keynote speaker from Harbor Branch, roundtable discussions, great seminars and more.

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VBPS's famous St. Patrick's Day Dinner is coming on Sunday 15 March. Sign up early and don't be left out!

Best regards,

Cdr Wayne Smith, P



Executive Officer's Report



Bob McCabe of the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce recently contacted me regarding another visit by the hand-made *replicas* of the *Nina and the Pinta* that were sailed by Christopher Columbus in 1492. These ships will be in Vero Beach on 10 April through the 19 April. Bob is once again asking the Power Squadron for help during their stay. Bob will be our speaker at the 9 March, General Membership Meeting to tell us more about the ships and exactly what we can do to help. I hope everyone will come to the meeting to show our support.

Also, the Spring Boat Show will be held on Saturday, 4 April and Sunday, 5 April. There will be a signup sheet at the squadron for anyone that wants to help with the Boat Show. This is a fun activity that gives us a forum to enlighten the boating public of the good things that we do including educational, civic, and social activities.

Lt/C Andrea C. Ferguson, P
Executive Officer



District 8 Spring Conference Sign-Up Sheets on pages 10-11

Date Start: Friday, 24 April

Date Ending: Sunday, 26 April

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton

4350 PGA Boulevard

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

(561) 662-1000

palmbeachgardens.embsuites.com



VBPS Safe Driver Course

The Education Department plans to offer a 6 hour Safe Driver Course to members on Tuesday April 7th, starting at 0930. There will be a sign up sheet at the Squadron Clubhouse or you can email vbps.educate@gmail.com to register. The cost is \$20 and will include a light lunch. This course is limited to 30 students at this time, but we will make arrangements if



more members are interested. The instructor will be Jane McClellan.

The AARP Smart Driver™ course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. Over nine in 10 course participants report changing at least one key driving behavior

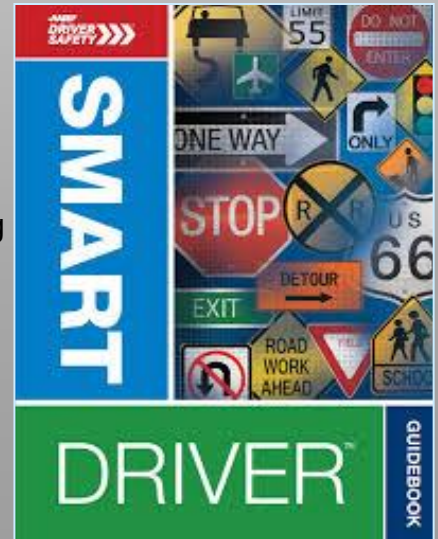
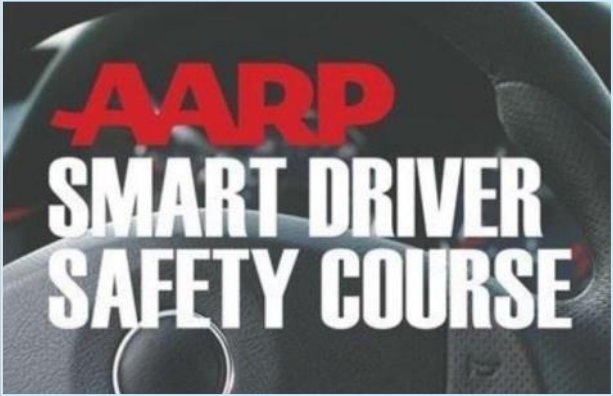
for the better as a result of what they learned in the course and over eight in ten participants felt that information they learned in the course has prevented them from being in a

crash. AARP membership is not required to take the course.



In Florida, car insurance companies must offer insurance discounts to people completing a classroom-based, state-approved driver-improvement course. Discounts may vary based on the participant's age, driving record and other fac-

tors, and all participants are encouraged to check with their insurance agent.



Lt/C Richard P. Sheehan, AP
Educational Officer





Paddle Groups News & Views

If the weather permits, the Paddle Group has combined kayak outings with the Vero Beach Yacht Club the first Saturday of every month. The goal is to go to a different location each time to provide a wide variety of beautiful locales.

And Saturday February 8th was no exception when the Group went to Ten Mile Creek and launched at White City Park at 1801 West Midway Road Fort Pierce. It's interesting to note that Ten Mile Creek is actually an extension of the north fork of the St. Lucie River which meets the ocean near Hobe Sound and Stuart.



On this day, 33 kayakers witnessed gorgeous scenery and wildlife including many birds, turtles and a few alligators (mostly small). Following a two-hour paddle, the group had a picnic lunch in the Park overlooking a lake.



If you are interested in joining future kayak outings contact Toby Jarman at:
jotoby@moonriveriii.com.





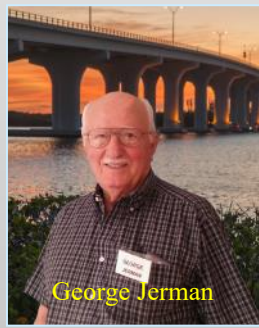
Please welcome our following new members in 2020



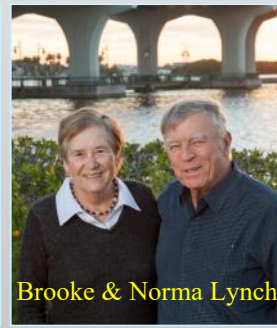
Marilyn & John Gizzi



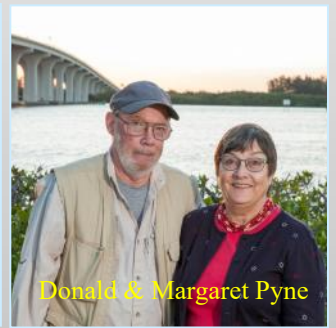
Scott Pittman & Margaret Coyle



George Jerman



Brooke & Norma Lynch



Donald & Margaret Pyne



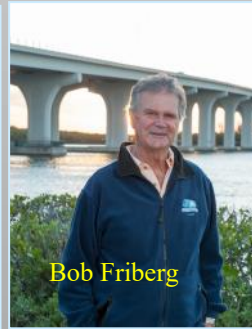
Doreen & John D'Aurio



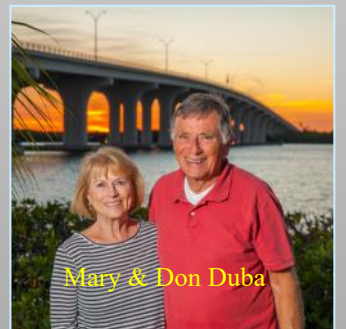
George & Doris Derifield



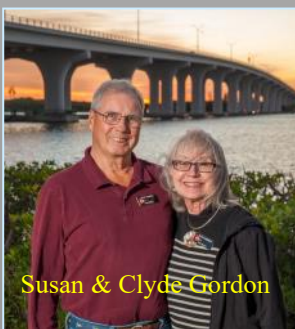
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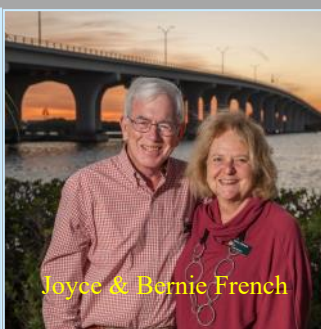
Bob Friberg



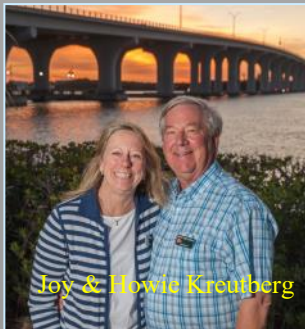
Mary & Don Duba



Susan & Clyde Gordon



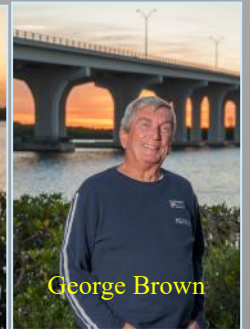
Joyce & Bernie French



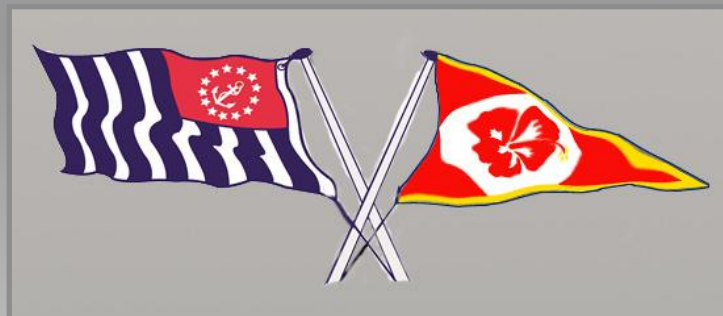
Joy & Howie Kreutberg



Linda & Curtis Matthews



George Brown





Welcome New Members



Ann Chagnon



Don Fischer and Cheryl Chester



Peggy Coleman

Please welcome our newest members when you see them on Friday night socials or many of our other activities.

*Bob and Judy Wilhide
Nick and Kate Dwyer
Are not pictured*



Gene Chuba and Laura Sweeny



Pam Jon and Pam Larrick



Bill Timm and Theresa Gibbon



Friday Social Hour (s)

Every Friday evening, rain or shine, the Vero Beach Power Squadron has an open cash 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.



As one enters the VBPS Clubhouse on Friday evenings, you will be greeted by one of these lovely ladies. Notwithstanding, these ladies are the larger part of volunteers that get the work done at Vero Beach Power Squadron. As this section of the newsletter matures, more faces will be included since the workers are many.





Each Edition of the **Nautical News** will display a new image of the “Barber Bridge” so our membership can share and enjoy. These are normal sights in the backyard of the Vero Beach Power Squadron’s Clubhouse, and is truly a reminder of the beauty of Vero Beach.

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.

This newer bridge replaced the old Barber Bridge, built in 1951, which was concrete and had a steel bascule span. The older 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.



2020 D8 Spring Change of Watch Conference

1830 FRIDAY EVENING MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS & PIZZA BUFFET \$35.00

Start this fun evening and kill the Friday hungers with a generous pizza buffet and then try to solve this wacky who-done-it as professional actors will try to stump you by continuously twisting the plot and characters!

Cash Bar.

Don't miss this!

Advance Reservation Required

1200 SATURDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON BUTCHER'S BLOCK BUFFET \$10.00

Assorted Field Greens with Two Dressings or Soup
Sliced Roast Beef, Turkey Breast, Honey Baked Ham
Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and Pickle Spears
Assorted Cheeses, Breads, Chips Cookies, Beverage

Advance Reservation Required Limited Seating

1700-1830 SATURDAY COMMANDER'S RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE PALM BEACH POWER SQUADRON

1830 SATURDAY CHANGE OF WATCH BANQUET \$48.00

Traditional Caesar Salad Romaine Spears, Focaccia Croutons,
Shaved Parmesan Cheese & Caesar Dressing
Choice of One

Sliced Tenderloin of Beef with Mushroom Peppercorn Sauce (Served on the Side)

Or

Chicken Roulade-Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Prosciutto & Provolone Topped with Dijon Cream Sauce

Scalloped Potatoes and Green Beans Almandine

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Red Velvet Cake

Cash Bar

Advance Reservation Required



DISTRICT 8

SPRING CHANGE OF WATCH CONFERENCE 24-26 APRIL 2020

Embassy Suites by Hilton

4350 PGA Boulevard Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
 Rates (incl. breakfast): \$142-King/\$147-2 Doubles
Deadline for rates: 13 April, Group Code D83
 561-622-1000/palmbeachgardens.embsuites.com

Registered Guests enjoy Complimentary Breakfast and Happy Hour
 in the Atrium

***NOTE: Make your room reservation directly with the hotel.
 Indicate your confirmation number on the conference registration
 form below and include conference payment with registration.**

Please let us know if you have a food allergy.

50/50 Raffle * Silent Auction

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

Registration: 2nd Floor Lobby.....1330-1600
Spring Council: Ballroom.....1400
Murder Mystery & Pizza Night: Verdea Dining Room
Advance Reservation Required.....1830-2030

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

First Timers, 2nd Floor Balcony.....0800
Seminar Program
New Members Through Jumpstart.....0830-0930
Boating Woman to Woman.....0830-0930
Ocean Dynamics & Modeling0830-0930
Round Table Discussions0945-1045
Keynote Presentation: Ballroom.....1100-1200
 Steve Burton, FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
Awards Lunch: Advance Reservation Required.....1200-1300
Conference Meeting:1330-1530
Commander's Reception: 4th Floor.....1700-1830
Change of Watch Banquet1830-2200
 Advance Reservation Required. Dinner, Live Music and
 Dancing, Cash Bar

SUNDAY 26 APRIL

Squadron Officers Meeting0830-1130
Squadron Educational Officers Meeting.....0830-1130

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

Friday & Sunday USPS/ABC polo shirts or Suitable Casual Attire
Saturday Day Uniform G, Suitable Attire
Saturday PM Bridge in Uniforms, Suitable Evening Attire

Complete and mail reservation form and check to D/Lt/C William Gillette, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West, FL 33040
 Note: **Conference Reservations must be received by 13 April**

CERT. NO	RANK	NAME		GRADE	Murder & Pizza \$35.00	Lunch \$10.00	Banquet \$48.00	TOTAL
Banquet Entrée Selection		Beef Tenderloin		Chicken Roulade				
ACCOMMODATION NIGHTS # _____ NIGHTS @ \$142/\$147 (*See note above)								
I confirm I have made a reservation with the hotel and my confirmation number is _____								
Is this your first time to attend a District 8 Conference Yes ___ No ___								

SQUADRON EMAIL



USPS--IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT DANBoater member benefits

USPS (America's Boating Club) has arranged for its active members who are fully paid on Jan 1, 2020 to have the option of enjoying DANBoater benefits free until your membership renewal dues date. After that, you will have the option to continue coverage for \$25.00 per single or family membership per year when you pay your dues online. Go to the USPS website and click on the link for DANBoater (www.usps.org/DANBoater) to get your personal details. To download your membership card, view your membership info booklet and DANBoater guides you will need your USPS cert "E" number and your personal USPS pin number.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT INFORMATION!! (DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD)

1) DANBoater will only accept payment of the \$25 by credit card. Due to confusion at the start of this transition, if you paid your dues by check or credit card after Jan. 1st, 2020, you may not have had the option of paying for this benefit. You will need to click on the above link or call USPS HQ to pay that amount by credit card. Anyone who paid their dues before 1/1/20 should be covered but please check your status at the link or call USPS HQ at #888-367-8777—Tammy Brown X228. Your personal pin number was sent with your membership card.

2) For **new members** who joined after 12/31/19, you will need to go to the USPS website and click on the DANBoater link (www.usps.org/DANBoater) and pay by credit card or call USPS HQ numbers above to process your credit card.

What does DANBoater benefits cover?

It provides 24/7/365 days of medical and travel emergency hotline. **It will not cover your medical treatment and does not replace your medical plan.** For many more details about this plan, see DANBoater.org/ABC/

24 hour worldwide medical information and assistance (before or during your trip) DANBoater maintains a global database of physicians and medical facilities to assist members during an emergency. The Emergency Medical Evacuation must be arranged by DANBoater. Their Emergency hotline is #1-919-667-9111.

Emergency medical evacuation (up to \$150,000), by land, water or air and includes medical transportation, medical treatment, medical services or medical supplies during Medical evacuation, if medically necessary. This is as long as the main purpose of your trip is recreational and you are more than 50 miles from your residence. It also covers transportation of a traveling companion, family members and dependent children. (as long as it is medically necessary)

Repatriation due to emergency for hospitalization and follow up care . Search and Rescue Expense reimbursement up to \$25,000 in any 12 month period. Plus much more.





Youth Sailing Foundation Receives Grant from US Power Squadrons Educational Fund

Youth Sailing Foundation was honored recently with a grant from the United States Power Squadrons Educational Fund in recognition and support of YSF's afterschool sailing instruction offered free to the children of Indian River County. Fund Trustee/Secretary Nigel Hargreaves presented a check for \$7,500 to YSF Chairman Pat Harris at a waterfront ceremony attended by members of the local Vero Beach Power Squadron and YSF volunteers.



Organizations from all over the country vie for ten to twelve educational grants made by USPS each year. According to Mr. Hargreaves, this award marks the first USPS grant to a non-member organization, a high honor for YSF, which will use the award to fund one of its four after school squadrons in Fall 2020. The grant recognizes the educational value of YSF's programs, which seek to instill character, confidence, and valuable life skills in local children regardless of means, background or circumstances.

During the award presentation, members of the Beachland Shark Squadron were actively rigging and launching off the beach under the supervision of YSF Assistant Sailing Director Kym Helwig. These 4th and 5th grade sailors received a personal introduction to Mr. Hargreaves and expressed their thanks to him and the Educational Fund.

USPS, known to many as America's Boating Club®, has over 24,000 members organized into more than 350 local squadrons across the country. Founded in 1914, the non-profit organization is dedicated to boating safety and education.

Youth Sailing Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit offering free sailing instruction to the children of Indian River County. This spring 175 sailors are enrolled in YSF programs, ranging from novice instruction to competitive scholastic sailing. The afterschool squadrons are drawn from several local public schools and represent all segments of the community, including many underserved families. To learn more, volunteer, or make a donation, please call 772-492-3243 or visit www.ysfirc.org.





March-April Birthdays

Ebstein, Bonnie	March 02	Ebstein, Alan R.	April 01
Gizzi, John F.	March 02	Reay, Sandra	April 02
Fischer, Donald	March 03	Skornicka, Ruth E.	April 04
Wilhide, Judy E.	March 03	Harkins, Kathleen	April 05
Schulke, William	March 05	Hermes, Rita A.	April 06
Ellis, Dorothy B.	March 06	Jacobs, Charles H.	April 07
Pope, Chris	March 09	Walker, William W.	April 10
Bender, Mary Kay	March 13	Jerman, George A.	April 11
Wangen, Michael J.	March 13	Dykes, Lincoln A.	April 15
Brogan, Pat W.	March 15	Ceglady, Catherine A.	April 17
Stephens, Dallas John	March 15	Leatherwood, Sherri D.	April 17
Drago, Ron F.	March 16	Duba, Donald R.	April 18
Stansfield, Jane T.	March 16	Ward, Judith G.	April 19
Simon, Marilyn A.	March 17	LaViolette, William	April 20
Oehler, Harry G.	March 18	Brown, George M.	April 24
Lewis, Maura	March 20	Barattini, Richard D.	April 25
Fuller, Marlana S.	March 21	Coyle, Margaret M.	April 27
Gordon, Susan I.	March 21	Harkins, Steve R.	April 26
Krauss, Henry R.	March 21	Ebstein, Barbara	April 29
Noonan, Daniel A.	March 21	Huber, Neil V.	April 29
Walker, Roberta N.	March 21	Berrigan, John T.	April 30
Lawless, Teresa	March 23	Schulke, Gloria	April 30
Hamel-Miller, Susan L.	March 28		
Lichty, Dan	March 30		
Violi, Patti M.	March 30		
Kudriavetz, Stephen P.	March 31		



For Boaters, By Boaters™



VBPS March 2020 Activities

Friday Night Socials – **EVERY FRIDAY @5:30PM**

Beach-up @ SL-08--Sunday 1st@ 11:30 AM-- **note, postponed from Saturday)**- Toby Jarman

Mah Jongg Group--every Wednesday @ 1 PM **(except on Tuesday the 17th)**

Paddle Group—Saturday 7th @ 8:45 AM at Turkey Creek, Palm Bay --Toby Jarman

Executive Board Meeting--Monday 9th @ 6 PM--Cdr. Wayne Smith

General Meeting—Monday 9th @ 7:30 PM-- Cdr. Wayne Smith

St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Sunday 15th @ 5:30 PM--- Kathie Thomas

Mahgong Group--Tuesday 17th @ 1 PM @ Squadron building

Book Club Lunch @ VB Yacht Club-- Wed. 18th @ 12:30 PM---Barbara Rose

Boating or lunch activity—Tuesday 24th @11:30 AM—location TBD

Boat “Beach Up” – Saturday 28th @ 11 AM—Location TBD -- Toby Jarman

America's Boating Course – Saturday 28th @ 8:30 AM to 4:30PM --Richard Sheehan

Ye Olde Friends Social – Monday 30th @ 5:30PM-- Kathie & Dan Thomas





VBPS April 2020 Activities

Friday Night Socials – **EVERY FRIDAY @5:30PM**

Mah Jongg every Wednesday, starting @ 1 PM at the squadron Building

Paddle Group—Sat. 4th @ 8:45 AM—location TBD -- Toby Jarman

Vero Beach Boat Show w/ Booth – Sat. 4th & Sun. 5th @ 10 to 4:30 PM -- Contact
Andrea Ferguson

Fish Fry Dinner—Saturday 4th @ 5:30 PM --Wayne Smith

Executive Committee meeting --Mon 13th @ 6 PM--Cdr. Wayne Smith

General Membership Meeting – Mon 13th @ 7:30PM --Cdr. Wayne Smith

Cheese Steak Night—Friday 17th @ 5:30 PM --Susan Fenstermaker

America's Boating Course --Saturday 18th @ 8:30 AM to 4:30PM --Richard Sheehan

District 8 Spring Conference—24 thru 26th @ Embassy Suites PGA,
Palm Beach-- District 8 Event

Boat "Beach-Up" –Sat. 25th @11 AM –location TBD --Toby Jarman

Ye Olde Friends Social – Monday 27th @ 5:30PM-- Kathie Thomas

Boys & Girls fishing outing—Time and Date TBD-- Dick Carlin

