

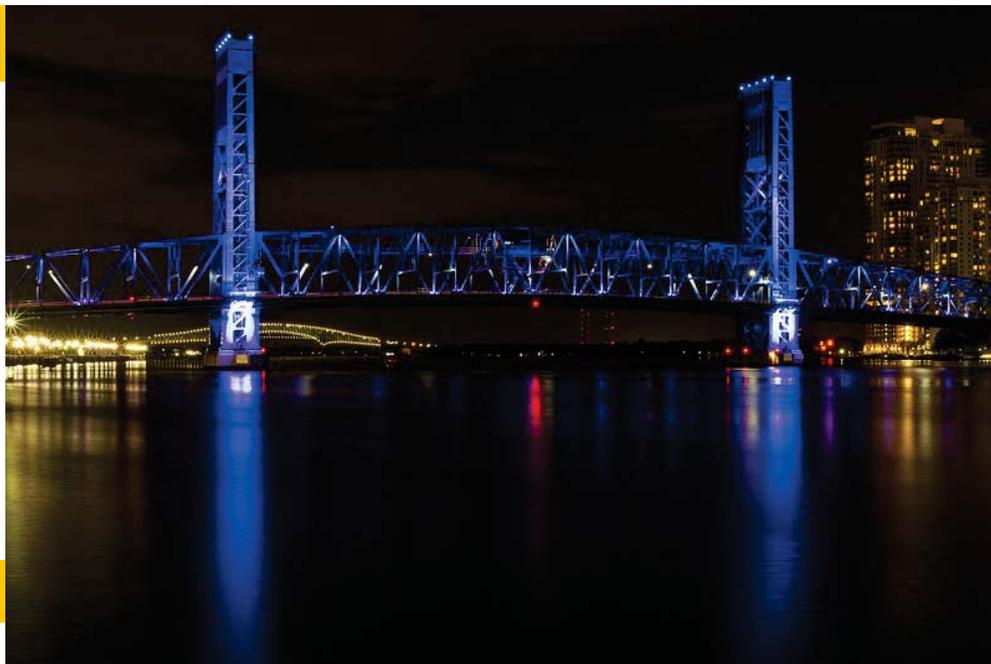


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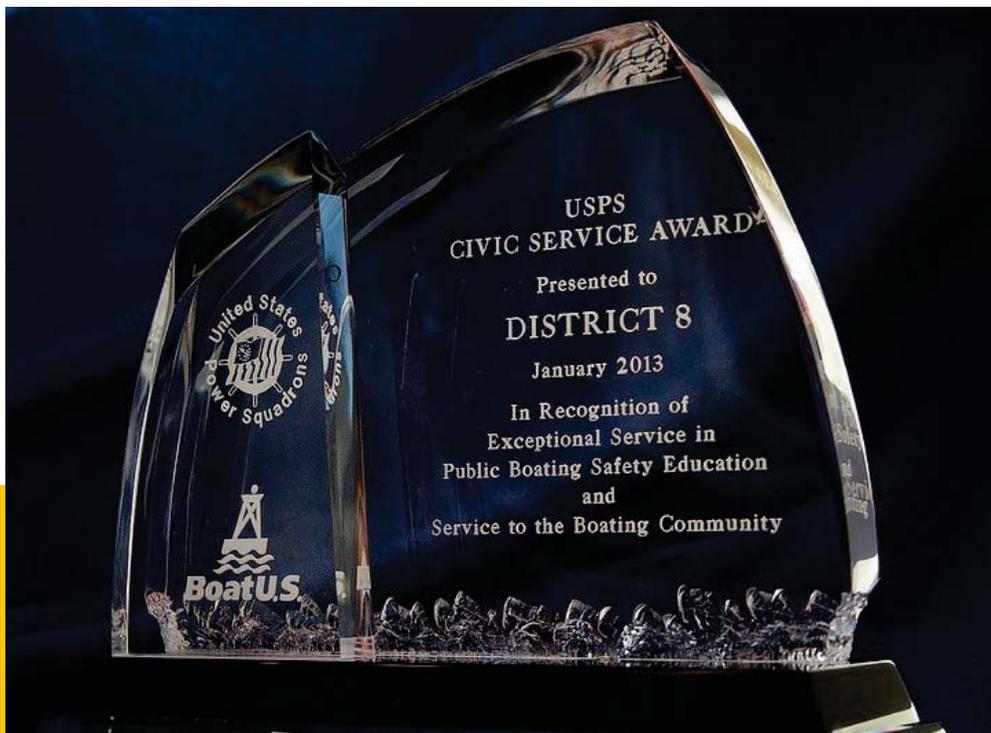
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CALL TO THE SPRING COUNCIL

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 5, Section 5.2 and 5.3, District Commander John T. Doyle, SN has called the Spring Council meeting for 1500 on Friday, 26 April 2013 at the Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33483.

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 3, Section 3.1, voting members of the Council include the district bridge, immediate past district commander, chairmen of General Committees (Nominating, Auditing and Rules) and squadron commanders.

Any member of District 8 will have the privilege of the floor upon recognition by the Chair. All members of the District are encouraged to attend this meeting and commanders should urge bridge officers to be present.

An absent squadron commander may be represented by another bridge officer of the squadron and in the absence of an officer for whom there is an elected assistant, the assistant may act for the principal.

The agenda for this meeting includes:

- Reports of squadron commanders. (Please be prepared to stand and give a verbal report even if your report is already on file).
- Reports of district department chairmen.
- Reports of General Committees.
- Reports of Standing Committees.
- Announcements.
- Other business that may properly come before the Council.

Photos in this issue

by

D/Lt Art Dodd, SN

Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron

CALL TO THE SPRING CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of District 8 Bylaws, District Commander John T. Doyle, SN issues the Call to the Spring Conference. It is to be held at the Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33483, Saturday, 27 April 2013 at 1330.

The purpose of the meeting is to act on matters set forth below.

1. To hear and act upon reports of officers.
2. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before the Conference.
3. To consider and act upon reports, resolutions and recommendations from the Council, officers and committees.

District 8 Bylaws Article 4 and 5 describe the Conference and its functions extensively and are recommended reading for all members.

Section 4.1: The Conference shall be composed of the Council, the past district commanders of this district who are active members of district squadrons, and the delegates which persons shall be the voting members of the Conference.

Section 4.2.1: Delegates shall be selected by each squadron on the basis of one delegate for each twenty five (25) active members in good standing or major fraction thereof as of the preceding 1 March, with a minimum of two (2) delegates per squadron.

Section 4.2.3: Prior to each meeting of the Conference each squadron commander shall submit in writing to the district secretary, a list of the squadron's delegates entitled to vote at the Conference. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DELEGATES MAY VOTE ONLY IF NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY PRIOR TO MEETING.

Section 4.2.4: If a delegate is disqualified or unable to attend, the squadron commander may appoint a substitute and notify the secretary prior to the convening of the meeting.

DISTRICT COMMANDER'S REPORT ON JACKSONVILLE ANNUAL MEETING 14 - 20 JANUARY 2013 D/C JOHN T. DOYLE, SN

Dear Fellow District 8 Members:

I had the honor and privilege to represent D/8 at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville.

The District Executive Officer, D/Lt/C Diana Jackson, JN and I attended the D/C, DXO meeting on Friday. V/C Robert Baldridge, SN, the National Executive Officer ran the meeting and topics covered were much the same as were covered in the general meeting Saturday.

Most of the meetings were centered on National's financial situation and the plans to correct short comings and short falls as best they could. With membership close to the same as last year, but slightly down a bit, in addition to several other expense savings moves, it was announced that the Board of Directors approved that a Chief's Rep would only attend Spring District Conferences except when there was a Change of Watch in the fall. The National Bridge Officers are doing a first class job at keeping our organization solvent by reducing expenses and keeping USPS significant by identifying ways to satisfy the boating community education requirements in the 21st century. To that end, USPS signed a partnership agreement with Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS), with over 500,000 members, to use their platform to offer all USPS courses and seminars online.

USPS squadrons are encouraged to continue to work closely with US Coast Guard Auxiliary units in their area of operations. We are both working to educate more boaters to reduce boating accidents.

During the Annual Meeting, USPS and NOAA renewed a 50-year agreement through their cooperative charting program, which helps update the nation's navigational charts. Under this voluntary program...members of the USPS scan water and land areas, looking for changing conditions that may not be reflected on NOAA nautical charts. Squadron members submit their reports online, and NOAA cartographers review and incorporate changes to their navigation products.

Vero Beach Power Squadron was one of five squadrons honored with Civic Service Awards. Sponsored by BoatUS, the awards are given annually to the USPS District and Squadrons in recognition of exceptional service and public boating safety education and service to the boating community.

BoatUS Foundation Assistant Director of Boating Safety, Ted Sensenbrenner presented the awards and said, "Power Squadron members are keen boaters with a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. These volunteers spend their own time in the evenings to teach boating safety classes and give up their weekends to offer free [vessel safety checks](#) that keep us all safe on the water. We thank them for their commitment to help others out and greatly value the services they provide."

Awards were determined by the amount of logged classroom hours, community outreach hours (including attendance at boat shows) and conducting vessel safety checks. These voluntary and free safety reviews are designed to educate boaters about recommended and required safety equipment aboard recreational vessels and to assess the condition of the safety equipment they have aboard.

The Top District Civic Service Award, which recognizes the collective efforts of all of the squadrons within a region, went to **District 8** Photo on front page. (Continued on next page.)



Above: Civic Service Award recipients

DISTRICT COMMANDER'S REPORT ON JACKSONVILLE ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

The membership program allowing members to join without having attended classes was extended indefinitely. The reported renewal statistics for new members who joined in 2011 and renewed in 2012 is as follows:

ABC classroom trial members – 27percent

ABC online trial members – 22 percent

Cyber members – 46 percent

Traditional members – 54 percent

There are cyber squadron members who need squadrons to join. We need to make every attempt to reach out and encourage these members to visit and perhaps join your squadron. Some cyber squadron members prefer to stay unattached but others may be interested in joining. We just have to ask them.

The Brunswick Advantage program for cooperation with Brunswick dealers in your area has been expanded and further information will be forthcoming. All local squadrons are encouraged to participate wherever possible. Brunswick will be marketing the program to the dealers on our behalf and squadrons will be notified of interested dealers through the District Educational Officer. Locate the participating Brunswick Dealers so you are in a position to take advantage of this promotion. This sounds like a chance to get a boatload of boaters into classes at the point of purchasing their boats.

The National Secretary V/C Jean Hamilton, SN, working closely with our own R/C Peter Mitchelson, SN, the Assistant National Secretary, reported the National web site is currently going through a total rebuild to make it more functional for users and more attractive to everyone using the website. Perhaps this would be a good time for all of our squadrons to review their websites and see what can be done to upgrade and improve the functionality. Our websites are not only for your members but visitors as well. User friendly functionality of our sites that allow all visitors to obtain the information they are looking for quickly will result in exponential returns to your squadron.

V/C Baldrige reported that the National Meetings Committee was unsuccessful in renegotiating the meeting dates for the 2013 Governing Board Meeting at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio Hotel, which conflicts with the Rosh Hashanah Jewish Holiday.

The on the water training boat will be back in our area sometime in 2013 so we need to coordinate with Al Bruhin, Dick Pfenniger or Spencer Anderson to schedule the training time. This is a great vehicle to promote our programs, so let's jump on every opportunity we can to assist and participate. (Continued on next page.)



DISTRICT COMMANDER'S REPORT ON JACKSONVILLE ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

USPS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION GOT UNDER WAY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.



In recognition of the formation of USPS on 2 Feb. 1914, based on the powerboat handling skills program of businessman Roger Upton at the Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead, MA, USPS will mark 100 years of education, fellowship and community service in 2014. To kickoff the year long ceremony, 100th anniversary ensigns were presented to all 33 districts at the 2013 Annual Meeting.



Each squadron will create unique ribbon streamers of specified dimensions to affix to their District's ensign. Most of the District 8 squadrons have placed their orders for their streamers. During 2013 the District 8 Centennial Ensign will be circulated throughout the district squadrons for changes of watch and other district functions.



I had the honor and privilege to officiate at the St. Lucie River Change of Watch at the Stuart Yacht Club and installed Cdr John Goebel, SN as the new commander (Photo on left). Our new 100th Anniversary ensign was proudly displayed at this Change of Watch. The 100th Anniversary ensign was on display at the Coral Ridge Sail and Power Squadron Fleet Review at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Other squadrons should contact the District Administrative Officer to schedule use of the Ensign at one of their upcoming events.

Several projects are under way to celebrate USPS' centennial. For more information and activity updates, visit usps.org/100. The Ship's Store has added many 100th anniversary logo items, an anniversary commemorative stamp is under discussion, and community activities are being planned at all levels.

All members are encouraged to help plan year long celebrations in their communities, including municipal proclamations, appearances at civic and marine organization meetings, and presentations during boating safety equipment demonstration days. Our District 8 100th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee Chairman is P/C Bob Scully, N, Vero Beach.

During the 2014 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, the districts will parade their ensigns and streamers in an anniversary flag presentation. The Governing Board is planning a party for all members to celebrate on Saturday, 1 Feb at the meeting hotel, the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. The city plans to post signs throughout the town and is working with the Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron to conduct a boat parade on the St. John's River. (Continued on next page.)

DISTRICT COMMANDER'S REPORT ON JACKSONVILLE ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

The Pompano Beach Sail and Power Squadron Educational Officer, Lt/C Tom Nolan, SN was one of the 2012 District Award Nominees for Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Biscayne Bay Power Squadron and Cdr Marjorie Baraff, AP were recognized for performing the most Vessel Safety Exams by a USPS Squadron and Vessel Examiner.



Life Memberships were awarded at the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville to five District 8 members. Two of our new Life Members and one associate of Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron new Life Member were present to receive the award from Chief Commander John Alter, SN.



Sebastian Inlet: William Schulke



Vero Beach: Dorothy Ellis



Associate of Palm Beach: Fran Tesorero

Life Member Awards for Coral Ridge: **Ellen Ramey** and Key West: **H. Robert DeHaven** will be presented at the District 8 Spring Conference. Unfortunately, new Palm Beach life member **Ken MacPherson, P**, has subsequently passed away and his award will be presented posthumously.

Madison King from Vero Beach won 2nd place in the **16th Annual Boarman Youth Poster Contest 12-14 age group** and received a \$100 cash prize for her entry (photo of her poster on page 11).

Cdr Judith Peschio, P received BoatUS Foundation certificate.

2012 DISTINGUISHED CIVIC SERVICE AWARD

Second Place

Vero Beach Power Squadron

(photo on right)

(Continued on next page.)



DISTRICT COMMANDER'S REPORT ON JACKSONVILLE ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

The Distinctive Communicator Award for Newsletters For 2012

The Distinctive Communicator Award for 2012 has been presented to the following district/squadron publications. Only those publications listed are entitled to include the DCA logo on their newsletters for 2013.



District 8 Pieces of Eight

Coral Ridge – Newsletter
Marathon – Sombrero Light
Palm Beach – After Deck News
Pompano Beach – Mariner
St Lucie River - Crossroads
Vero Beach – Nautical News

The Distinctive Communicator Award for Websites For 2012

The Distinctive Communicator Award for 2012 has been awarded to the following district/squadron websites. Only those websites listed are entitled to include the DCA logo on their websites for 2013.



District 8

Coral Ridge Sail & Power Squadron
Ft. Lauderdale Power Squadron
Homestead Power Squadron
Key West Sail & Power Squadron
Marathon Sail & Power Squadron
Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron
Pompano Beach Power Squadron
St. Lucie Power Squadron
Vero Beach Power Squadron

We didn't let District 8 down. Our joint hospitality suite was a huge hit and visited by many, enjoyed by all, including the National Bridge Officers and many other members and officers from other districts all over the country. The D/8 attendees were many including Art and Mary Dodd, Diana Jackson, Ron and Helena Friedman, Evelyn and John Northrop, Bill Gillette, Gary Ferguson, Bill Husted, John Belkengren, Nigel Hargreaves, Peter Mitchelson, Kristi and Spencer Anderson, Rodney and Sandy Landsman, John and Rosalie Goebel, Marjorie Baraff, Barbara Leon, Al Bruhin, Gloria and Bill Schulke, John Spilman, Bob Scully, Judy Peschio, Tom and Dorothy Ellis, Bill and Kathryn Eldridge, Bill MacPherson, Joyce Newman, Frank and Kathy Dougherty, Lee Popham, Dick and Doris Pfenniger, Jan and Al Furtado, Reinhard and Ruth Bruderer, Dan and Kathie Thomas, Tom Nolan, Rose and Bryan Moskowitz, and most of all my wife Judy, who pitched in to insure everyone signed the guest book and make it a memorable time. Trust I did not miss anyone. Much valuable information and discussion goes on at the hospitality suites allowing people who normally do not get the opportunity to carry on conversations with each other to do so - trading comments and discussion about what your squadron or group is doing to handle the challenges our organization faces today.

D/8 attendees, I hope I haven't forgotten anything or anyone and if I have, let me know and I apologize.

I thank everyone for the opportunity of representing you and our beloved organization and look forward to seeing you all at the District Conference at the Boca Marriott 26-28 April 2013.

D/C Jack Doyle, SN

EDUCATION NEWS

Stf/C Al Bruhin, SN

MSRP

In previous meetings I indicated that National was planning to introduce “Manufacturer Suggested Retail Prices” (MSRP) for our courses and products. The plan is in the final stages of preparation and is expected to be implemented on 1 April 2013. These suggested selling prices are to standardize advertised prices in response to a request from Brunswick. Brunswick desires to have a standard price list to use in their materials to present to their dealers. **This does not mean that the squadrons have to charge these prices.** The prices charged by the squadrons are up to the squadrons – they can be higher or lower at the discretion of the squadron.

Catalog Prices

Also effective 1 April 2013, the catalog prices that the squadrons pay for course material will be revised. The new prices will reflect the cost of the printing and other internal handling costs. Some prices will remain the same, but others will increase.

Brunswick

As you know, we have been working with Brunswick to get an understanding of how we can work together. Recently a number of squadrons responded to a survey from HQ indicating interest in working with their local dealers. Brunswick has notified the dealers of the contact information for the interested squadrons and we can expect contact from dealers. This is an opportunity for us to attract new members – our most urgent need.

TrawlerFest

USPS has been scheduling classes and seminars at TrawlerFest for the last year and it appears to be successful in gaining more visibility as a leader in Boater Education. As of this writing, we have close to 90 people signed up to take seminars at the Ft. Lauderdale TrawlerFest. We can expect to be asked to present classes and seminars at future TrawlerFest's.

On-line Courses

In conjunction with BoatUS, USPS is developing on-line courses using the lengthy experience and computer platforms of BoatUS and the high quality course material of USPS. The first example will be “Partner In Command” seminar. At the annual meeting a snippet of the seminar was presented. Following this one course, Seamanship and four other seminars are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Revenue from these courses will be shared with squadrons based on a formula developed by HQ.

HQ800

HQ800 has been a problem for SEO's across the country. In response to this need two actions have been taken.

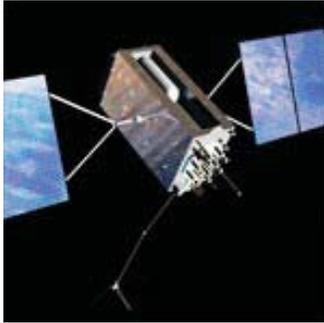
First, Joe Gibson from D/5 has put together a two to three hour seminar that covers the use of HQ800. The BCA program, although still functional, will not be maintained or upgraded and we are encouraged to move to HQ800 which is a much more powerful and flexible system.

Second, a team of experts has been set up to respond to questions. There is a plan to set up an email address for problems. To get action on an urgent problem, you can contact Cindy at HQ, and one of the experts will call you back as soon as possible.

GPS FOR THE FUTURE From the Internet

Submitted by Stf/C Al Bruhin, SN

“The next generation of deep-space GPS satellites has just reached a milestone – but an even better, unjammable system is already available here on earth. Lockheed Martin has developed, a new class of satellites that will replace the aging craft in orbit around Earth. GPS III will introduce anti-jamming tech to address a serious threat to troops, drones and ships that rely on GPS for navigation and targeting. The first satellite could launch in 2014.



Also a better option may already exist: Navigation via Signals of Opportunity (NAVSOP) doesn't depend on satellite signals, instead using a wide range of common signals readily available to sidestep jammers. It can even use the GPS jammer signal itself. And it's just as accurate, BAE says. In BAE's system, everyday signals like TV, Wi-Fi, radio or cell phone are used to triangulate the location of a person or vehicle. NAVSOP gets the position exact within several feet with this signal-scavenging approach.

Harvesting signals from the air allows NAVSOP to work in places where GPS has traditionally failed, because receivers struggle to pick up the weak, long-range satellite signals. GPS signals travel over approximately 12,000 miles, so by exploiting stronger signals transmitted from Earth, NAVSOP will work deep underground, underwater, in tunnels or inside buildings. For warfighters, NAVSOP can also work in remote locations such as the deep jungle or the Arctic.”

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT D/Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN

I hope everyone had a good holiday.

I have just returned from the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville. During the Administrative Department Meeting, the National Membership Committee held a webinar and discussed the new on-line courses and the 100th Anniversary Celebration that was started at this year's Annual Meeting with each district commander receiving a 100th Anniversary Ensign which they will return during the Annual Meeting in 2014.



While at National, I learned of new Member Benefits including discounts from Capital Ford, prescription discounts and much more. Be sure to check out the Member Benefits Website to see all the great benefits that are available to members.

Leadership Development also had some interesting information. Check out the National website for more information. Has your squadron held an Operations Training or Leadership Development class recently? If not, you may want to consider it. They are great ways for your members to learn more about the United States Power Squadrons and to train people for leadership positions.

The District 8 Spring Conference will be 26-28 April 2013 at the Marriott at Boca Center. This year we will be doing something different to help make the conference affordable to everyone. There will be no Theme Party on Friday night. A number of squadrons will be hosting hospitalities on Friday night. If your squadron would like to host a hospitality, contact either Stf/C Gary Ferguson, JN or me for more details.

Saturday morning will have a number of interesting workshops. R/C Peter Mitchelson, SN will be "Tracking Membership Using Web Reports". This will be great information for Membership chairs and Treasurers. See D/Lt Kathie Thomas, P's article on page 11 for additional information. Cdr Maurisa Jeffers will give a talk on "Serving our Community". We will also have workshops on Safety/Vessel Safety Checks, Coop Charting and Public Relations and much more. During this time, the Poster Contest will be judged. Hope your squadron will have posters to be judged. D/Lt Denise Porter, JN is doing a great job getting the word out to the squadrons about the poster contest this year. See her article on page 11.

Saturday night will be the Change of Watch.

Our Conference Chair Stf/C Gary Ferguson, JN is hard at work planning the spring and fall conferences. The Spring Conference reservation form is on page 20.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined squadrons in our district since October 2012. Please encourage each one of them to participate in activities - educational, civic service and fraternal that USPS, District 8 and your squadron offer. We look forward to seeing all of you at our district functions.

Biscayne Bay

Jared D. Goldberg
Angelo Martinez
Alberto Pozo
Alberto J. Pozo
Erika Pozo
David Tobin
Stephen Woodey

Key West (Cont)

Dorothy D. Milward
John E. Milward
Gary L. Remmert
Jane G. Rohrschneider
Cindy S. Roux
Wende C. Shoer
Brian Toomey

Sebastian Inlet Sail &

Patti Bachman
Wayne Bachman
Craig H. Etts
Marjorie T. Etts
Cathy Mangold
Bruce M. Sabol
Margaret A. Sabol

Coral Ridge

Mary Roby Lyden

Marathon

Ellen J. Behrie
Michael J. Behrie
Mary N. Conley
Ellen Hilton
Robert Hilton
Georganna Sage

St. Lucie River

James MacBean
Cristine Poppke
Edward Poppke

Ft. Lauderdale

Yves Beaulieu
Cindy Cerrone
Heather Cerrone
James Cross
Marc D. Cushion
Easter Dawkins
Jackie Doner
Bert Gillenwater
Austin Higney
Max Higney
Peter Higney
Hank Hury
Nodilee James
Joan Jones
Michael Mooney
Anne West

Palm Beach Sail &

Layla Aspinall
Patrick M. Capozzi
Max M. Cohen
Cary S. Groshok
Todd A. Harper
Eleanor C. Lechtenberg
Tim J. Michaels
Victoria M. Ragusa
William P. Ragusa
Arthur M. Rossier
Steve P. Russo
Ira A. Turret

Vero Beach

Caleigh P. Allen
Eleanor Auer
Bernard Augustine
Barbara J. Baum
Ione G. Carr
Cherrise Ciccone
Salvatore Ciccone
Cynthia M. Colella Teubner
Eric S. Dykes
Gianna K. Dykes
Kami J. Dykes
Lincoln A. Dykes
Thomas Flaherty
Karen. L Giambalvo
David W. King
Jackie M. King
Gianna Marino
Arnold E. Persinger
Nancy H. Ranum
Darrell Schieber
George W. Schieber
Joann K. Schieber
Janice O. Stinglen
Thomas Stinglen

Key West Sail &

Christy L. Clifford
Barbara Hormuth
Michael S. Hormuth
Ternece P. Landis
Ken Little
Michael M. Lonergan
Kenneth Michaels

Pompano Beach

Sam C. Caliendo
Robert Ellis
Graham Hill
Hannah Hill
Lloyd D. Hill
Melinda Hill

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By D/Lt Kathie Thomas, P

Attention: Squadron Membership Chairs plus Squadron Treasurers.

A Membership Seminar by R/C Peter Michelson, SN:

“Tracking Membership Using Web Reports” will be presented at the District 8 Spring Conference on Saturday morning at the Marriott at Boca Center.

Have you mastered the Member Processing System to enter your new members, combine couples into a family unit or search membership records to see if your new member has a current certificate number?

Or do you know how to use the “Member Status Report” to track members’ dues status? You should be able to get a list of “past due” members who are about to be taken off your roles (along with phone numbers and email addresses).

Peter will demonstrate these things and a lot more, including how to use the reports to produce membership lists and member contact information.

Membership Tip:

Did you know that one of the fastest growing boating activities is the use of kayaks & canoes? Why not try forming a paddle group within your squadron. The Vero Beach Squadron started with five or six people who loved kayaking, about a year ago, and it now has about 75 members on its email list, thanks to Toby Jarman, their fearless leader. He tries to find new locations to add variety and also found a rental company who offered discounts to members that did not own kayaks. They have picnics or stop at restaurants along the way and typically have 15 to 20 participants at their monthly outings. This is a great recruitment and member retention tool!

16TH ANNUAL BOARMAN YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

By D/Lt Denise Porter, JN

Youth Activities Chairman

I am hoping that we will be able to have full participation from all squadrons in D/8.

The 16th Annual Boarman Youth Poster contest is open to all children between the ages of 6 - 14. There will be three judging categories by age: Group 1 will be ages 6 to 8, Group 2 will be ages 9 to 11, and Group 3 will be ages 12 to 14. Each squadron should actively seek out organizations in their community to participate: art classes, Boy/Cub Scouts, Girl Scout/Brownie Troops, clubs, neighbors, family, friends, etc. Squadrons could make this a fun event inviting the participants and families to the voting and award ceremonies. Make it a community event and market USPS and all we are about. Each squadron in D/8 will need to submit their first, second and third place winners in each age category to district. These posters will be voted on by the district bridge at the Spring Conference the weekend of 26-28 April. The first place winners at district will go on to National for final judgment with winners being given a monetary award.

The contest theme for this year is “100 Years of Wearing It”. Have the children draw what a life preserver looks like, what the boats look like, what the people wearing life preservers over the years look like, etc. Have fun with this great theme. Contest rules and registration forms have been sent to your squadron commander. **All poster entries will need to be submitted by 19 April 2013 for judging at our D/8 Spring Conference, which is to be held 26 April to 28 April.** Our goal is for 100% participation by the D/8 squadrons as this would demonstrate our commitment to the community by advocating safe boating to our youth. For additional contest information please visit, <http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm>. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at dporterbps@aol.com.

I would also like to congratulate Vero Beach Power Squadron for having another National winner. Madison King’s poster took 2nd place in the National voting in Jacksonville for the 12-14 age group. Congratulations Madison and to Vero Beach for all of your hard work!!!



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2013-2014 PROPOSED SLATE

In accordance with the Bylaws of District 8, Article 2, Section 2.9.1, Article 5, Section 5.5 and Article 6, Section 6.5; the USPS District 8 Nominating Committee submits the following proposed slate for election under Article 4, Section 4.3.1 at the 2013 Spring Conference, as called by D/C John T. Doyle, SN:

Commander	D/Lt/C Diana G. Jackson, JN (<i>Sebastian Inlet</i>)
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN (<i>Palm Beach</i>)
Educational Officer	P/R/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN (<i>Hollywood</i>)
Asst Educational Officer	P/Lt/C Howard Kaufman, SN (<i>Pompano Beach</i>)
Administrative Officer	Cdr Jonathan Bensman, AP (<i>Homestead</i>)
Asst Administrative Officer	D/Lt Allan B. Furtado, SN (<i>Pompano Beach</i>)
Secretary	D/Lt/C Evelyn B. Northrup, AP (<i>Coral Ridge</i>)
Asst Secretary	Cdr Joyce Newman, S (<i>Palm Beach</i>)
Treasurer	R/C William R. Gillette, AP (<i>Key West</i>)
Asst Treasurer	Stf/C John Belkengren, AP (<i>Key West</i>)

Auditing Committee

(1 year)	R/C Lee Popham, AP (<i>Miami</i>)
(2 years)	P/C Jim Yaeger, SN (<i>Ft. Lauderdale</i>)
(3 years)	R/C Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN (<i>Sebastian Inlet</i>)

Nominating Committee

(1 year)	P/D/C Lena J. Parsons, JN (<i>Coral Ridge</i>)
(1 Year)	P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN (<i>Vero Beach</i>)
(2 years)	Stf/C Gary L. Ferguson, JN (<i>Palm Beach</i>)
(2 years)	R/C Lee Popham, AP (<i>Miami</i>)
(3 years)	Stf/C Anita Walker, JN (<i>Pompano Beach</i>)
(3 years)	P/D/C Marlene J. Herbig, SN (<i>Port St. Lucie</i>)

Rules Committee

(1 year)	Stf/C Philip Arcuni, SN (<i>Key West</i>)
(2 years)	D/Lt Frank E. Dougherty, Jr., AP (<i>Sebastian Inlet</i>)
(3 years)	R/C Peter Mitchelson, SN (<i>Sebastian Inlet</i>)

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Joseph J. Fadlovich, AP Chairman
Lt/C Linda C. Sims, AP
P/D/C Lena J. Parsons, JN
P/C Daniel Thomas, SN
Stf/C Gary Ferguson, JN
R/C Lee Popham, AP

MEETINGS, SEMINARS & COURSES AT THE NATIONAL MEETING



DEO/ADEO Meeting



D/C, DXO Meeting



Information Technology Seminar



Admin Department Work Group



Administrative Officer Leadership Course



Executive Officer Leadership Course



Commander Leadership Course



EXPO AT THE NATIONAL MEETING

Youth Poster Contest



Offshore Navigation Committee



Member Benefits Committee



Membership Committee



Communications Committee

DISTRICT 8 JOINT HOSPITALITY IN JACKSONVILLE



SATURDAY DINNER DANCE AT THE NATIONAL MEETING

Dick Pfenniger, Gary Ferguson and Joyce Newman



Al Furtado, Bonnie Fisher and Lee Popham



John and Evelyn Northrup



Bill Husted, Doris and Dick Pfenniger



Reinhard and Ruth Bruderer



Ron and Helena Friedman



Gary Ferguson and Joyce Newman



Mary Dodd

Sandy and Rod Landsman

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Diana Jackson, JN

This past year has flown by quickly, and I have only a few short months left as your executive officer. As we enter into our 100th year, I would like to provide you with a little history of our founding year.



“In April 1914 our founding father Roger Upton of Boston was granted a patent for the present USPS ensign. At a meeting held at the Harvard Club of Boston, bylaws were approved by the Governing Board and the Atlantic seaboard was divided into six USPS districts and Boards of Instruction and Examination were appointed. Then, in addition to knowing the rules of the road, compass, buoys and flag signals, a member was required to attend at least 3 squadron drills yearly to retain his certificate. When he had attended twelve, he became a “privileged member” thereafter needed to appear at only one each year to hold his certificate.”

In honor of this milestone, I plan to have all the squadron commanders or their designees place their squadron banners on the 100th Anniversary Ensign we received at National at the Saturday night dinner. Our music will be provided by the Sophisticats. Friday night you will be free to attend squadron hospitalities and socialize with your friends. I am looking forward to seeing you at the conference.

Other events - the Executive Department committees will be hosting three meetings at the upcoming spring conference on Saturday morning: **Cooperative Charting** presented by D/Lt Bill Heimbaugh, S; **Public Relations** presented by D/Lt Bob Scully, N and **Vessel Safety Check/Safety** presented by D/Lt Al Furtado, SN. See the conference registration form on page 20 for meeting times.

Coming up next for the Executive Department is the **Miami International Boat Show** scheduled for 14-18 February 2013. D/Lt Ike Mizrahi, SN (D/8 Boat Show Chairman) is actively looking for volunteers who can work hours at our booth. Please contact him at ikesabra@comcast.net or on the D/8 website at www.uspsd8.org for available time slots.

BOAT SHOW SCHEDULE

14 - 18 February 2013

Thursday:

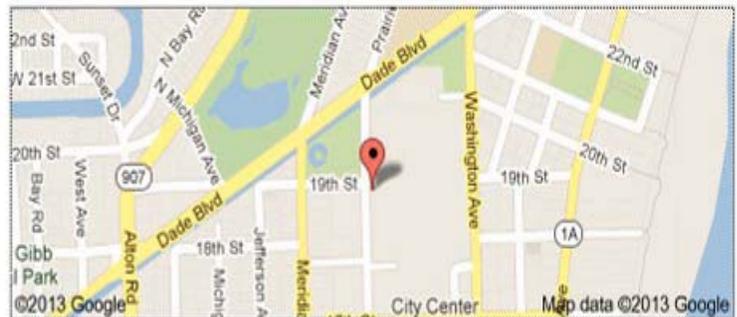
14 Feb., 1000 - 1800

Friday - Sunday

15 - 17 Feb., 1000 - 2000

Monday:

18 Feb., 1000 - 1800



Miami International Boat Show

**Miami Beach Convention Center
1901 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139**

Admission is \$20.00, children under 15 Free (free if you work the booth).

It has been a pleasure working with each of the squadron commanders during this past year and I hope the Cdr's guide given out at my first Sunday morning meeting (April 2012) has served them well.

Until next time, see you at my COW in Boca for our D/8 Spring Conference!

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK CORNER

By D/Lt Allan B. Furtado, SN

When performing a Vessel Safety Check, we ask some questions of the boater for informational purposes only. For instance, “Do you carry an anchor and line for the area?” Let me say that if the boater does not carry an anchor, it will not stop them from earning a Sticker indicating that they passed the VSC.

You might ask why an anchor is not mandatory equipment on a vessel. The question is “What kind of anchor is proper for your boat?” That depends on several factors. What size is your boat? Where do you do your boating? What is the bottom like that you would be dropping your anchor into? How long will you be at anchor, just a few hours or overnight?

If you were in a small vessel, say a dinghy, a simple coffee can full of cement with a hook embedded into it to fasten a line to would do just fine. However, if you were in a large vessel and wanted to put out a hook for overnight, you might look at the chart and decide if you are over a hard bottom, grass or mud.

There are several types of anchors: the simplest is a Mushroom, like the coffee can mentioned above, and it is for small vessels. Another is a folding Grapnel type. It folds up and is easily stored. Again it's for smaller vessels. There are Navy anchors that rely on their weight to hold in place, also variations on the Danforth type with two tongs that dig into the bottom. Then there are the Bruce, Lewmar Claw, Delta Plow, and CQR all being easy to deploy from the bow of a boat and with a long shank to assist the anchor plow to “set”. And then there is my favorite, the Fortress (which is of the Danforth tong type). The reason I like the Fortress is because its very light weight.

Weight to holding power is really what it is all about. To give you some statistics, a 21 Lb Fortress has the same holding power as a 65lb Danforth, an 85 lb CQR and a 125 lb Bruce.

After you decide what type of anchor you should use for your boat, the next question is how much chain and line to keep aboard. Again that depends on where you will be doing your anchoring. A good rule of thumb is to have 8 to 20 feet of chain attached to your anchor and 100 to 300 feet of line. You could have a small amount of line attached to your anchor with a reserve that could be attached if needed and stored in a separate location.

Now that you have an anchor, chain and line, how much do you deploy? This is called Scope. To determine Scope, you must measure the depth of water your vessel is in. Then determine how far it is from the bow to the water. You must add these two numbers and come up with a value.

Let's say you are in 5 feet of water and your bow is 3 feet above the water. That is a total of 8. If you really want that anchor to set on a calm day, a minimum Scope of 5 to 1 should be deployed. In other words you would need to deploy 40 feet of line to insure the anchor would set. If you were to stay over night or you are in some weather, a longer Scope would be 10 to 1. In addition, you should consider how much the tide will rise during your stay and include that into the scope. The average Scope should be 7 : 1.

The idea is to make sure that your anchor pulls parallel to the bottom and that the wave action will not pull the shank of the anchor up until you wish to pull it back on board. With that in mind, it is a good idea to attach a trip line to the most forward part of your anchor and on the bitter end of that line attach a float. This will do two things: one - mark where your anchor is, and two - make it easier to retrieve your anchor when you want to leave.

One last thing I would recommend is to attach the bitter end of your anchor line to the inside of your anchor locker. Devise some sort of hook or fastener that you can tie the line to, so it will not go overboard if you let too much line out. In an emergency you can just cut it with a knife to let it loose if you must drop it in a hurry.

Now, do you have a proper anchor and line on your boat? You could always ask the friendly Vessel Safety Examiner as he/she performs a free VSC on your boat.

Have you had your free Vessel Safety Check? If not, why not?



CHIEF COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Vice Commander Louie Ojeda, SN



National Administrative Officer for 2013, V/C Ojeda and his wife Dorothy (Dot) live in a small community in Southwest Georgia on the shores of Lake Seminole. They built their own home in steel out of habit of watching for hurricanes when they lived in Puerto Rico. He joined the Ponce Power Squadron (D/33) in 1988. He served on the Squadron Bridge in various leadership positions becoming Commander in 1991. He then served on the District Bridge as Treasurer and became Commander in 1997. Throughout his squadron career he has taught every course from Basic Boating to Junior Navigator and several electives. He has earned 23 merit marks at all levels of USPS. At the National level he has been an aide to 5 Chief Commanders, served on the Governing Board, Planning, Membership, Meetings and Member Benefits as the Rear Commander. As the Chair of the Ad Hoc Vessel Safety Check committee, he organized and created the program from its inception ending as the Rear Commander of a successful program.

He joined the US Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1990 and served in several positions beginning as a Flotilla Commander, Division vice-Captain and eventually as the Chief of the VSC Technical Division as part of the National Staff. He was also a Vessel Examiner, a Qualification Examiner, a Coxswain and holds an AUXOP designation having taken all the educational courses in the Auxiliary.

A Mechanical Engineer by profession from Penn State, he owned several companies in Puerto Rico in the steel construction and electrical supply and design. Louie served for four years in the US Air Force as a non-commissioned officer and was on their rifle team. He has also served on the Board of Directors of two private schools and the Ponce Yacht Club. He was the honorary Mayor of Coral Bay, St John USVI, because of his humanitarian effort after hurricanes Marilyn and Luis.

Dot worked for McGriff, Seibels and Williams as the Marine Underwriter for St. Paul/Travelers USPS Boat Insurance Program. She was a public speaker for the insurance industry and taught several marine related classes to large corporations. She has earned 17 merit marks working in all positions at squadron level, as a Chief Commander's aide for 8 years and National Member Benefits. She is presently on the Social Committee and the Ship's Store.

Together they share a love for sailing, fishing and diving in the Caribbean and the US. They recently sold their sailboat after their move to Georgia but presently own a bass boat, a pontoon boat for their seven grandchildren and a twin engine ocean-going offshore fishing boat. Louie has raced sailboats since he was a teenager and has accumulated a large collection of trophies.

Louie and Dot have a blended family that includes four children and seven grandchildren. They are divided between Tampa and Birmingham. They drive over two thousand miles per month doing squadron business and visiting grandchildren and enjoy many water sports with them.

We look forward to welcoming Louie and Dot at our D/8 Spring Conference in Boca Raton this April.



DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE 26-28 APRIL 2013

Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Cir Boca Raton FL 33486

Room Rate: \$124.00 (including Buffet Breakfast) **Deadline for Rate - 14 April 2013**

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FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2013

1400-1630 USPS® Registration

1500-1630 Fall Council

1800-2230 Squadron Hospitalities

SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2013

0730-1000 District 8 Café

0800-0900 "1st Timer's" Meet & Greet

0830-1000 Seminar, Tides and Currents

0900-1030 Tracking Membership Using Web Reports

0900-1000 Public Relations

0900-1000 Coop Charting Workshop

1000-1100 VSC Workshop

1000-1100 Power Point "How to make your own"

1030-1200 Seminar, Predicated Log

1030-1130 Member Involvement, Serving our Community

1330-1600 Conference

1900-2230 Reception/Cash Bar

1930-2230 Banquet

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2013

0830-1030 Squadron Officers Meeting

0830-1200 Educational Dept. Meeting

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Evening Uniform A (with bow tie) or Suitable Attire

SUNDAY:

Daytime..... USPS Casual or Suitable Attire

Complete and mail reservation form to: Stf/C John A Belkengren, AP, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West FL 33040

Note: Meal reservations and check must be received by 19 April 2013

DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE RESERVATION

CERT #	RANK	NAME	GRADE	1ST TIMER	CHICKEN	STEAK	\$48.50

I enclose a check (made payable to District 8) for \$

SQUADRON:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE:

BOOSTERS

P/C Darryl and Joan Aubrey 3-12

Shirley Becker 4-12

P/D/C Reinhard and Ruth Bruderer 10-12

Stf/C Al and Pat Bruhin 11-12

Coral Ridge Sail and Power Squadron 6-12

D/Lt Art and D/Lt/C Mary Dodd 2-12

P/N/F/Lt Frank and Kathy Dougherty 3-12

D/C Jack and Judy Doyle 2-12

Stf/C Gary Ferguson 3-12

Ft. Lauderdale Power Squadron

P/D/C Marlene and P/C Michael Herbig 2-12

P/R/C William and Lynne Husted 4-12

Nat. Chaplain Rodney & Sandy Landsman 8-12

D/Lt/C Evelyn and Lt John Northrup 5-12

OceanGrafix 2-12

Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron 2-12

Lt/C Eunice Polloway & P/C Dean Jackson 4-12

P/D/C Gloria and P/C William Schulke 10-12

Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron 7-12

St. Lucie River Power Squadron 2-12

If your name is in RED, it is renewal time!

Thank You All!



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D/8 "PIECES OF EIGHT" BOOSTER

Enclosed is my tax deductible check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to D/8 USPS.
Return to: **R/C William Gillette, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West, FL 33040-**

NAME: _____

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SQUADRON: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

26 - 28 Apr	D8 Spring Council & Conference Marriott, Boca Raton, FL
18 - 24 May	National Safe Boating Week
12 - 14 Jul	D8 Summer Rendezvous Hyatt Pier 66, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
3 - 8 Sep	USPS Governing Board San Antonio, TX
20-22 Sep	D8 Fall Council & Conference Marriott, Hutchinson Island, FL

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

14 - Apr	Room Reservations for Spring Conference
19 - Apr	Meal Reservations for Spring Conference
5 - May	Submissions for <i>Pieces of Eight</i>

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