



# DISTRICT 8

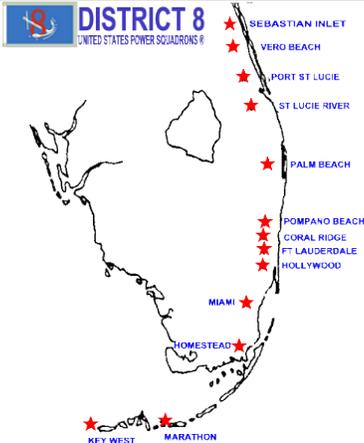
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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU! Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN

### District 8 Service Opportunities

D8 offers all of us many opportunities to participate directly in helping to shape and support our organization. We now have the following open positions that may be the right place for you to help D8, beginning with the next Bridge year starting in April:

- Assistant District Administration Officer
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Year 3 Nominating Committee.

If you are interested in one of these positions, or in future opportunities within the District, please contact any of the members of the District Nominating Committee listed below by 2 February 2017.

We hope you will consider these positions as opportunities to help your District and to grow your personal skills.

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### Railroad Bridge on New River in Ft. Lauderdale Closing for 12 Days

If you boat on the New River or have plans to in February, please be advised the railroad bridge just west of Andrews Avenue will be closed 24-hours a day from 11 to 23 February 2017 in order to make preparations for the new Brightline train from Miami to Orlando.

- excerpt from Sun Sentinel, January 11, 2017, story by Susannah Bryan

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## CALL TO THE SPRING 2017 COUNCIL

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 5, Section 5.2 and 5.3, District Commander Allan B. Furtado, SN has called the Spring Council meeting for 1330 on Friday, 28 April 2017 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

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 district department chairman
- Reports of General Committees
- Reports of Standing Committees
- Announcements
- Other business that may properly come before the meeting.

## Photos in this issue

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Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron

(Except where otherwise noted)

## CALL TO THE SPRING 2017 CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of District 8 Bylaws, District Commander Allan B. Furtado, SN issues the Call to the Spring Conference. It is to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, Saturday, 29 April 2017 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 MESSAGE

D/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

## If someone taps you on the shoulder, think twice

What is a “Volunteer”? *Webster’s dictionary definition: Volunteer 1: a person who **voluntarily** undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service: will: having power of free choice: done by design or intention: as a: one who enters into military service voluntarily(1): one who renders a service or takes part in a transaction while having no legal concern or interest (2): one who receives a conveyance or transfer of property without giving valuable consideration.*



So that brings us to: Why do people get involved as volunteers in an organization? What is the motivation for people to take their time, money and talent to become involved? What does it take for volunteers to get involved and stay involved?

Motivation is an inside job. People do things for their reasons, not yours, so our role is to create an organizational culture that stimulates the inner motivation of each volunteer. What are the external stimuli we can use to arouse that inner motivation?

Most people respond to three levels of motivation: **Basic Level:** Self-serving drive, **Secondary Level:** Relational drive, and **Highest Level:** Belief drive.

From this point on there is a lot of psychological talk about “Motivation” & “Drive”. We (you and I) belong to an enormous volunteer organization, the “**United States Power Squadrons®**”. Why you joined and participate is known to you only. We like to think that one of our catchy slogans “*Come for the Boating Education . . . Stay for the Friends<sup>sm</sup>*” has something to do with you joining, but only you know for sure. Never-the-less, here you are and we’re real glad to have you.

Some of you take the next step and volunteer to take on the responsibility of a job within your squadron. Others are asked to take on a job within the District or at the National level. And some, for their own reasons, just come to enjoy the meetings and help out occasionally.

Everyone has a different skill set. Some from their vocation, some from their hobbies and some just want to learn something or to help others. You may not have all of the skills to do a specific job but you sure can learn them. Whatever the reason anyone is in a job, you can be sure that the job is important and needs to be completed in a reasonable amount of time. In addition, you certainly can count on lots of help, for nobody wants you to fail.

One of the toughest jobs within USPS is the Nominating Committee. You may chuckle at this suggestion, but think about it for a minute. Someone on the committee is looking for a person to nominate for a specific job. They have looked at this individual and made a decision (pardon me but I am going to quote from the Nominating Committee Manual here) “*...to nominate members who by training, experience, leadership qualities, capability, personality, participation in district and/or squadron activities, and talent, are eligible for the various positions and who are judged by the committee to be suitable to fill the various positions...*”

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## **DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE (CONT)**

**D/C Allan B. Furtado, SN**

The Nominating Committee is quite an awesome responsibility and a considerable amount of work. So if you do not presently have a job within your district or squadron there is a good chance you will be asked to fill some position. Please don't take this request lightly! A lot of thought has gone into this request. After all, you are a member in good standing and you never know how much you might enjoy the prospective job.

Looking back four years when I was approached to be on the district bridge, I was thinking "who in the heck do you think you are accepting this responsibility? What makes you D/C material?" Well, someone thought it was a good idea and I am sure glad that I accepted the Assistant Administrative Officer job and progressed along the bridge. This indeed has been a lot of work, and yes it has taken several years to fulfill, however I would have never known how wonderful it feels to have so many members/friends offer to help. That is what has made this job so much fun. Let me tell you now I could not have done this job without all of the help I have received. You can only know this by taking on a job and running with it. We all know that it takes a lot of work to run a squadron or any other job within USPS. And after a year of work you get rewarded with a Merit Mark. Now what the heck is that? Well it is your recognition of a job well done! It is your squadron Commander or a chairman saying "Thank You for your efforts this year". However, that is not why you are doing your job. Only you know that particular reason.

So, if in the future, someone taps you on the shoulder and asks you to do a specific job, or take on a responsibility, listen to that person and think twice or perhaps three times before saying "Yes. I would love to!" You would not have been asked to take on the job if the person did not think you could successfully perform the duties. Now that's a "Volunteer".

## **PALM BEACH SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**

The Palm Beach lunch bunch invited St. Lucie River and D/C Furtado and Jan to join them for their regular lunch at Duffy's in Palm Beach Gardens.



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### D/Lt/C Joyce Newman, AP

It's another New Year...2017 and everyone is busy beginning to fill their calendars with all manner of activity. Personal stuff, business stuff, friend stuff, family stuff and on and on...

Lest we forget, there is one more batch of "stuff" that needs to go into our overloaded calendar and that's Power Squadron stuff. Yup, another important list, Squadron activities, Local, District and National. Not everyone will be participating in each of these areas. But, there is one I would like each of you to consider.

It doesn't arrive until this summer. But, I want to remind you of it anyway. Why so early you ask? The reason is simple, I have heard from many members that said they would have liked to attend this event in the past but conflicts with previously scheduled activities made it impossible.

So mark your calendar for 14-16 July 2017 for this fun event.

Oh, I almost forgot, what is this event? It's the District 8 Summer Rendezvous. And, let me tell you it will be a dandy. For starters, it will be held in Stuart, Florida at a wonderful facility called, of all things, Pirates Cove. Even with its intimate atmosphere it will have plenty of room for all our boaters that choose to attend as well as those that choose to drive. In addition, we are planning plenty of fun activities to entertain those that attend.

We'll have details in the next Pieces of 8. So, mark your calendars now for an enjoyable weekend in July. See you there. Before our rendezvous I look forward to seeing you in Orlando at our Annual National Meeting in February.

Oh, and don't forget our District 8 Spring Conference / Change of Watch 28-30 April in Palm Beach Gardens. I'm hearing that Janet Leh, our DAO, is planning a GREAT time for everyone.

So, get these events into your calendar so we can have FUN 2017.

As your incoming District Commander, in April, I look forward to an exciting year for our District and its Squadrons. See you soon.



## EDUCATIONAL NEWS

### D/Lt/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN

The Digital Media Library (DML) is now available. The videos can be used in your classes or a short presentation at your meetings. You should look at them and then decide how they can help your Squadron. You can get the DML by going to <http://uspsdml.org>.

By now plans should have been made for all your Winter and Spring Classes. The Classes need to be listed in the 800 system. This information lets others know of your classes and is used in D/8 Educational Awards. If you are having trouble doing this, let me know.

All our Courses have on water exercises. You should plan them as part of the course. These exercises do not have any requirement as to type or size of boat used. Students really like to do the exercises they learned in the classroom on a boat.



## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Janet L. Leh, P

Hello District 8 Power Squadron Members and Friends!

Hope everyone had a great Christmas Holiday. Ours has been wonderful, chaotic, fun, but mostly loving and caring. We have had 19 of our family staying with us for about a week. You see, that would be 19 towels plus pool towels every day; 3 meals a day which means for breakfast about 28 eggs or 19 waffles, 30 cups of coffee, and about 8 gallons of milk. You don't even want to know about lunch and dinner.

Boat rides and fishing are very important in this family and that's a lot of life jackets. All have taken the water safety course. That includes the 9-year-old but when you live on the water, you must have rules. That would be the Nana and Poppop's rules. There are 9 grandsons visiting from 9 years old to 21 and I can see they all look after each other. Poppop was given a toy as a gift. It is a battery run fishing boat (remote) which can actually catch up to a 2 lb. fish. Some of the grandchildren are now on our small boat with Poppop looking for that boat which seems to be lost in the mangroves. They think this is the funniest thing they have done all week.

Thank goodness our National Conference isn't until 19-26 February 2017. That will give us time to recover. We do love them dearly but pretty soon we will wave good-bye and run in the house and lock the door!

Our boats ran perfectly due to the fact that Harold made them safe. It's also called the importance of VSC. Please make sure your boat is safe also.

Hopefully you will get to meet our family. They are very excited about coming to our District 8 conference in April 2018. But for now we should all be concentrating on our D8 Spring Conference 28-30 April 2017 being held at the Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Again, just a few changes but please stay tuned for my blasts. Information will be given to you little by little. One thing I can let you in on—this time instead of a buffet, we will have plenty of waiters and waitresses to help you at our beautiful tables. So that means formal dress please.

Hope to see you at National!

P.S. The search party is back. The new remote boat is gone.



## 2017 NATIONAL MEETING

We look forward to seeing all of District 8 at the 2017 USPS National Meeting in Orlando 19-26 February at the Rosen Center. Check the USPS National site for the schedule and come for the days that fit your schedule and are most important to you. Make your reservations early as the hotel and some of the special events get booked and rates change as we get closer.

[http://usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?mtg\\_id=20](http://usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=20)

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Orlando, FL  
19 Feb-26 Feb, 2017



# **D8 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

**D/Lt Robert Scully, SN**

## **SAVE THE LAGOON COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Vero Beach Power Squadron – Submitted by Toby Jarman 12-05-2016**

### **OYSTER REEF PROJECT**

We recently picked up over 1,300 completed oyster mats at The Arc.

Oyster mat projects may be coming to an end. The Arc and Department of Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserve (DEP/IRLAP) officials are determining if it is feasible to have Arc clients participate in oyster bagging and nursery activities for mangroves, upland plants and marsh grasses. Arc officials will soon tour the DEP/IRLAP nursery in Sebastian to see if this operation can be replicated at The Arc West Campus.

### **SL-02 SPOIL ISLAND ACTIVITIES**

As reported earlier, Friends of Spoil Islands (FOSI) members and I installed human waste bag dispensers on six islands: BC-45, BC-47, IR-13, IR-43, SL-02 (VBPS' adopted island) and SL-06. This is a pilot project to determine if it is advantageous to install these dispensers on all spoil islands. We will be monitoring their use over the next few months. Initial monitoring on SL-2 & SL-6 showed that bags were taken from the dispensers with no visible signs of waste. FOSI also spoke to a nice camper on SL2 who "loved" the waste bag dispenser project.

We are still awaiting grant funding for the DEP/IRLAP amenities project to expand amenities on the spoil islands; e.g. picnic tables, pedestal grills and camp fire rings. We are optimistic that this funding will be approved by the end of the year.

We plan to conduct a clean up on SL-02 in early December.

### **PROPOSED ARC CLIENT AWARDS**

Last year, VBPS gave an award to Vero Beach High School student George Katilus for his outstanding contributions in organizing students from various schools to make oyster mats at the Squadron building.

At the December 2016 Executive Committee Meeting, I will make a motion for VBPS to give individual awards, similar to Special Olympics medals, to Arc clients who participated in the oyster mat project. Each award would consist of a 2 3/4" metal medallion with a red, white, and blue ribbon that goes around the recipient's neck. The front of the medallion would read, "INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CHAMPION," and the back would say, "VERO BEACH POWER SQUADRON." I discussed awards with Arc officials, and they believed this type of award would have the greatest impact on clients.

I further propose that we have an awards ceremony at The Arc West Campus and invite client families, Arc Board & staff members, VBPS officers & members, and local newspapers. Presentation of the medallions would be made by our Commander. This would be a great local public relations opportunity for VBPS and inspiring articles for the Nautical News, USPS Ensign and/or USPS Compass.

I researched four different companies on the internet. The cheapest price was from ExpressMedals.com. Their cost is \$3.15 per medallion that includes attached ribbons, engraving, free shipping and no sales tax. To date 70 clients have participated in mat making. I propose that we purchase 80 medallions to allow for new client participation between now and the presentation, and possible use next year for other organizations or individuals. This would result in a price of \$252.00. The Save the Lagoon Committee has \$350 left in its 2016 budget. If approved, remaining funds could go toward award ceremony refreshments.

## NEWS FROM VERO BEACH

**D/Lt Robert Scully, SN**

ON WATER TRAINING at Vero Beach Power Squadron

A request was made of our members to consider making a donation of a boat to help Vero Beach Power Squadron (VBPS) promote the Boat Operators Certificate ON Water Training Inland Navigator program developed by USPS.

At the 11/14/16 VBPS Executive Committee Meeting the attendees agreed to accept the generous donation made by P/C Jeremiah Casey AP and his wife Lois Casey S. Following that meeting was the VBPS General Meeting. At the general meeting VBPS announced Phase 2 of the VBPS OWT using the donated 17 foot Boston Whaler Dauntless (1997) with 115 horsepower Mercury outboard. We have 6 members signed up for the first quarter of 2017. The current plan is to have a training session one week after each Americas Boating Course.

Phase one program was supported by a member Bill Zilg, who let VBPS use his 23 ft Parker for the on water portion of the day. Members that completed that on water portion of the Boat Operator's Certificate Inland Navigator course in 2016 include Paul Castle S, Caroline Castle S, Bill Laviolette S and Barbara Scully S.

Thank you goes to P/C John Spilman SN, P/C Warren Miller AP, Lt Nancy Husbands AP and P/C Bob Scully SN for coordination and instruction. Special thanks to Youth Sailing Foundation Indian River County for letting VBPS use a Carolina Skiff for a safety boat.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Douglas Jacoby AP recommends that our members take advantage of this new opportunity for more boating education on the water.



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

**D/Lt/C Jan Furtado, AP**

As many of our squadrons are bringing in your commanders and bridge officers, it is time to submit your OD-2 form. You will be receiving information on how to accomplish this and I am always here to help if needed. We will also be publishing a District directory, so it is important to make sure information in DB2000 is correct for our many members that are part of District and National committees. Also, as we get closer to D8 Spring Conference, you will receive delegate forms. As always, I need these signed forms before your squadron can vote on important issues at Conference meetings.



# VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

## P/R/C Margie Baraff, AP

### The HIN: 2 Mysteries

We're all generally familiar with the 12 or 14 character alpha numeric codes we call HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS or HINs. The characters, in sequence, (usually) represent the manufacturer ID code, the actual hull serial number, the date of certification and the model year.



**So, what's the mystery?** Well, some HINs don't start with a manufacturer ID. They start with a 2 letter state abbreviation. For example the alpha numeric may not start with YAMA for Yamaha but instead FLZ which represents the state of Florida followed by the letter "Z".

According to excerpts from BOATSAFE.COM AND HININVALID.COM when the third digit of a HIN is a "Z," this indicates that the HIN has been state-issued or "re-tagged."

There are a few ways this can happen:

- It could have been a homemade boat and its builder requested that a HIN be issued by the state; this is completely legal and correct.
- Or it may be a very old boat that was never originally assigned a HIN but one was requested from the state prior to the first sale some years later to the second owner.
- Then too, it may also indicate that the vessel had been sold as "salvage" and part or most of it was refurbished and presented as a "home built" or "custom made" boat. It may not look home made, but this too is legal within certain guidelines. And now, congrats, we have solved yet another VSC Mystery.

**But what about the second mystery?** – Where are the 3 places I can find the HIN?

First it's on the boat owner's paperwork; e.g. the bill of sale and the annual registration. This is one of the first things we should check when conducting a VSC. Then, we should look at the boat's starboard stern quarter for the second place where we can find the HIN and compare that to the paperwork to ensure that we are inspecting the correct boat with no scrivener discrepancies or overt or covert alterations.

However, there are instances when there is no HIN on the starboard stern quarter. How would that happen? What should we do then?

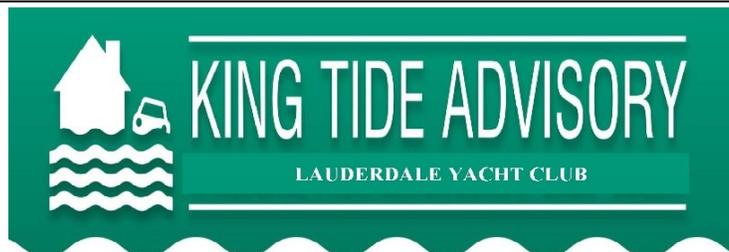
Answers to those questions, the third place where an HIN may be hidden on the boat, and more brings us to...

the D8 **VSC Seminar** during our  
Spring Conference and COW 28-30 April 2017  
at the Embassy Suites, PGA Boulevard

See you there!

## EDUCATIONAL NEWS FROM OUR ADEO

D/1st/Lt David "Mag" Mangold, SN



Many of our Members have been asking me what is causing the King Tides to be so high and if this will be the new "norm" for our area as many haven't remembered them being this bad. I'd like to take a moment to give some additional information on the subject:

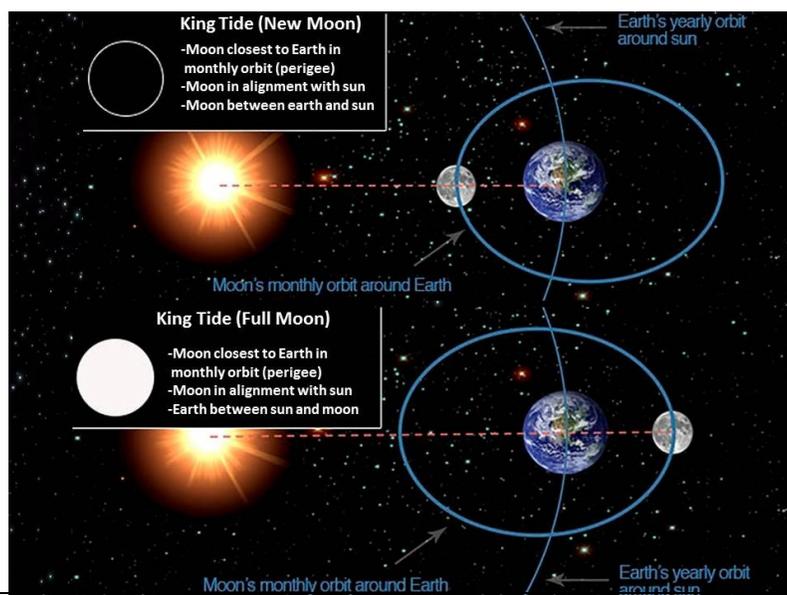
The King Tides occur on a predictable schedule every year and result in the largest tidal range seen over the course of a year. So what's been causing these to be worse this year? Well we need to look a little closer at the moon to discover the reason we have abnormally high water levels right now. The moon's orbit this month actually had it at its perigee, or closest point to Earth, on Oct 15-16. The moon appeared brighter and larger, resulting in what is called a "super moon". The regular orbit of the moon is not truly circular, rather slightly elliptical, which causes shifts in the distance from earth. The closest super moon of the year will occur on November 14, 2016 when it will be approximately 221,524 miles from the Earth versus 253,688 miles at its apogee and an average distance of 238,000 miles. The November 14<sup>th</sup> moon will also be the closest to the Earth thus far in the 21<sup>st</sup> century! This event will bring the moon to its proxigee, or closest perigee of the year. We expect the King Tide in November to be one of the worst we have experienced thus far; but there is some good news- the moon won't be this close again until the full moon of November 25, 2034. The King Tide predictions follow these Full Moon or Super Moon occurrences but the tides can also be exacerbated by the earth's orbit around the sun and when the moon is in alignment with the sun, known as perigee and perihelion. So when the sun, moon and Earth line up at perigee and perihelion, which happens twice each year, the gravitational force on the Earth is strongest, creating the huge tides.

King Tides will continue to occur every year, along with perigean spring tides (these have nothing to do with Spring), due to the shifts in the lunar orbit. However, this is an exceptionally strong year due to the closeness of the moon and we should start to see some relief as the moon moves away. The last King Tides of the year are expected to occur during the weeks of November 12 - 18 and December 12 - 16.

Kind Regards,

Ted Morley  
Lauderdale Yacht Club Fleet Captain

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## A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

D/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

As I write this, I am sitting on the deck of the new Holland America vessel “Koningsdam” at anchor just off shore of Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. The tenders are taking passengers ashore to enjoy a day on the beach. Soon I will be one of them. When I stop here I really enjoy the clear blue waters. The sand on the beach is so white and fine. There are beach chairs along the shore line for all to use. A perfect place to relax and just enjoy the setting. In due time I will go into the chilly water and cool off after roasting in the sun. This activity I am surrounded by half of the passengers from the ship all doing their own thing.

Around noon, there is a fantastic BBQ provided by the cruise line and the smells wafting all over the beach are outstanding. No matter where you are you seem to be guided to the center of the BBQ by your nose. As I go through the service line to fill my lunch plate, I realize that even though there are hundreds of people around me, I do not know any of them. Again when I sit down to eat I gladly share my table with whomever approaches but I do not know them. We make small talk and discuss the snow in the north and that we were so glad that it is warm and sunny at this location.



What I am really talking about is even though I am surrounded by lots of people I am not among friends. I remember a similar trip taken a few years ago and there were some 400 USPS members aboard the ship for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary cruise and no matter where you turned you would bump into someone you knew and respected.

Friends is one of the reasons we stay with the USPS isn't it? I mean there is always the tag line “*Come for the Boating Education . . . Stay for the Friends<sup>sm</sup>*” Well, it is true. A trip right now could be so much better if I was traveling with some of my “shipmates” from my Squadron, District or even National. Imagine that!

It is time to tender back to the ship, again with at least 75 people aboard, all strangers, to get ready for happy hour and yet another grand meal.

To amplify the above this last year, 2016, I have been blessed. It has been so much fun meeting new members and making new friends all through District 8. As your District Commander I have been invited to many events which I was pleased to attend. I think that my job of DC is the best job in the District.

In conclusion, I cannot say how important it is to make and keep friends. You keep friends for a lifetime. Also I wish to thank all of you for giving me this pleasure and honor of being your District Commander .

# DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE

## Hotel Information



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Send check for hotel and meals to Bill Gillette by 14 April 2017

# **DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE**

## **Weekend Agenda**



2017 DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE  
28-30 APRIL 2017



EMBASSY SUITES PALM BEACH GARDENS  
4350 PGA BLVD, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410

### **Friday 28 April**

- 1330-1600 Spring Council
- 1400-1630 USPS Registration
- 1700 Hospitality – Squadrons will be asked to bring a dish to share

### **Saturday 29 April**

- 0830-1200 Seminars – To Be Announced  
includes VSC Workshop and Lift Raft Demo in the hotel pool
- 1200 Lunch in the hotel - \$15
- 1330-1600 Conference and Change of Watch Ceremony
- 1700 Commander's Reception
- 1800 Banquet

### **Sunday 30 April**

- 0830-1130 Squadron Educational Department
- 0830-1130 Squadron Officer's Meeting

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
SPRING CONFERENCE IN OUR BLASTS**

# WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined squadrons in our district from 26 October 2016 to 8 January 2017. 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.

## Ft. Lauderdale

Faison Morrison  
John C Snyder

## Key West Sail & Power

Scot Brasington  
Sharon Morell

## Palm Beach Sail & Power

Judy Ballard  
Carol Bell  
Chere Campbell  
Scott D. Campbell  
Patricia Cryan  
Corina Cusmano  
Angelica Jaramillo  
Francesca Jaramillo

## Palm Beach (cont)

Francisco Jaramillo  
Ruth Jaramillo  
Michael M. Lohan, III  
Federico Munoz  
Ana C. Velasquez  
Leon Velasquez

## Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power

Kenneth Billington  
Sharon L. Mills  
Christopher J. Powell  
Joyce A. Powell  
  
**St. Lucie River**  
David R. Beaulieu  
Lynda Beaulieu  
David M. Hrynyk

## Vero Beach

John G. Anderson  
S. Lee Bowden  
Kathleen Duprey  
Ronald Duprey  
Marlana S. Fuller  
Paul G. Fuller  
John W. Hillyard  
Melissa Hillyard  
Beverly J. Hunter  
James M. Hunter  
Carol A. Levin  
Stanton M. Levin  
Mary Stuart Tilt  
Mary Jo Warburton  
Walter E. Warburton

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**DISTRICT 8 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE SEND YOUR BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP OF \$30.00 TO R/C BILL GILLETTE, AP, 1415 TRUMAN AVE, KEY WEST, FL 33040. YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS SUPPORT DS PUBLICATIONS AND IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

## BOOSTERS

D/C Allan and D/Lt/C Jan Furtado 2-18

D/Lt William and Lynne Husted 6-17

Hal Burke and Wendy Mervis 6-17

Cdr Richard A. and Lt Phyllis Schewe 1-17

Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron 12-17

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

*Thank You All!*

*D/Lt John W. Northrup, AP Booster Chairman*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 19-26 February | USPS Annual Meeting<br>Rosen Center, Orlando, FL                   |
| 28-30 April    | District 8 Spring Conference<br>Embassy Suites, Palm Beach Gardens |
| 14-16 July     | D8 Summer Rendezvous, Pirates Cove,<br>Stuart, FL                  |
| 10-17 Sept     | USPS Governing Board, Dallas, TX                                   |
| 27-29 October  | District 8 Fall Conference<br>Embassy Suites, Palm Beach Gardens   |

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

2017

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|-----------|--|
| 9 January | Deadline for Rosen Center Reservations at<br>conference rates, meal packages and tours |
| 15 April  | Deadline for Embassy Suites rates for D8<br>conference                                 |

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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 33040-7251

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SQUADRON: \_\_\_\_\_

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