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District 8**

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Raft Up! Wow! We Had a Great Time at Peck Lake! — 17 March





Observations

Celestial, Solar, and Lunar Musings:

- Note how the winter full moon mirrors the path across our sky as does the summer sun.
 - ☼ It rises to the NE close to sunset, rises to a high altitude around midnight, and sets in the NW.
- Conversely the summer full moon mirrors the path across our sky as does the winter sun.
 - ☼ It rises to the SE close to sunset, rises to a low altitude around midnight, and sets in the SW.
- A New Moon is with the sun, is mostly obscured as we only see the dark side, and, hence, follows the sun across our sky.
- The constellation Orion is visible to us only in the winter months with early low altitude observations to the east in the fall portending the approach of winter. As all stars rise 4 minutes earlier each day, Orion will be fully visible at mid-winter portending the approach of spring in our northern latitudes.
 - ☼ On a very clear dark night Betelgeuse will show a reddish hue. On the opposite side Rigel shows her blue dwarf hue.
 - ☼ Alnilam is the center star in the belt; it describes a path across the sky almost on our celestial equator.
 - ☼ Rigel is the brightest star in the Constellation of Orion
- Note that on the 15th of February day light hours will begin to increase in length appreciably.
- Conversely on the 15th of August day light hours will begin to decrease in length appreciably.



For more on this topic look to our JN and N class offerings.

Author to tell the secret of "How to Write a Book and Get Published."

P/R/C Joseph A. Tringali, SN, will be on hand at the North Palm Beach Public Library at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, 26 April, to sign his books and give a talk on "**How to Write a Book and Get It Published--Period.**"

P/R/C Tringali created Calkins Harbor Publishing Company after his retirement as a Florida Assistant Attorney General, and has published two of his books, *Harbor of Refuge*, a romance that takes place in the fictional town of Calkins Harbor, Florida. He calls the place "the town that time forgot," and the critically-acclaimed story includes what he says are the "lessons of life." Tringali also wrote and published a massive, two-volume set called *Yachting Customs and Courtesies* which includes *Tringali's Certified Registry of Yacht Clubs and Power Squadrons*.

Currently in production are an updated edition of *I Was That Baby*, the story of how he came to be adopted and his feelings of finding his birth family when he was 56 years old; and *A Quiet Family Murder*, a novel based on an actual case he handled when he served in the Florida Attorney General's Office. He expects to release both books this year. "And then I'm going to finish *Bonita Republic*," he says. "It's the sequel to *Harbor of Refuge* and it's the story that I thought I was writing when everything else cropped up!"

A lifelong yachting enthusiast, P/R/C Tringali has served as Chair of the USPS Flag & Etiquette Committee, and Commander of Buffalo Sail & Power Squadron (NY). He has also served as commodore of both North Palm Beach Yacht Club and Palm Beach Sailing Club. He served six years on the North Palm Beach Village Council including a term as Mayor, where he is credited with creating the Village Heritage Day Parade and Festival. His name appears in some 1,000 published appellate decisions in both state and federal courts.

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From the Commander Cdr Richard McClain, SN

Many years ago when I first learned about the squadron, I had no inkling of the deep impact it would eventually have upon me. First, I toyed casually with the idea of taking a class. When I did that, I became challenged by the depth and quality of the instruction being offered. Then I became

attracted by the activities and the friendships that also became available to me. I joined the squadron.

I have been very fortunate in finding within the squadron a group of outgoing, adventurous friends. "Come for the Boating ... Stay for the Friends" regularly comes to my mind. That is just what I have done. Joining the squadron has, indeed, been a rewarding experience, and I trust that has been equally true for all of you.

I hope everyone joins me in planning the squadron's future. This has been a busy time of year. We have just had our squadron election, where, after months of vetting candidates, we elected a new slate of officers who will take office on 30 June, at our Change of Watch. I am confident we have made wise choices in our slate. I am certain they will continue to pursue the squadron's best interests.

Lately we've enjoyed many varied activities. Many of us attended the National Convention in Orlando, where we had the opportunity to exchange ideas with squadrons across the nation. Our District 8 Spring Conference is coming up at the Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens from 27-29 April. Try to attend both for the programs and for the chance to reacquaint yourself with friends from nearby squadrons.

Monthly Saturday rendezvous are a recurrent source of enjoyment. Our recent rendezvous at the Waterway was successful and saw several attendees come by boat as did the rendezvous at Peck Lake (See cover photos). The latter provided a variety of enjoyable activities.

We have two cruises planned in the future. In May we are planning to take our rescheduled two-day cruise to Grand Bahama Island (See below). In November, we have a longer cruise planned for the Caribbean (See page 5). Both are still open, so start thinking about joining us!

In addition, we have scheduled a wide assortment of lunch and dinner events at a variety of local restaurants. We will continue to hold our monthly board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at headquarters and monthly dinner meetings on the second Tuesday at Sandpiper Cove Restaurant. Mischief Mondays, Topsy Tuesdays, Wacky Wednesdays, Duffy's Thursdays, and monthly rendezvous at Bradley's/Waterway offer many opportunities to get out of the house, get together with our friends, and enjoy ourselves (See calendar on page 5).

I encourage each of you to join in planning an exciting future for our squadron. Together, with our joint efforts, we can continue our adventures. We can enjoy as many activities as our imagination permits — so, *Stay for the Friendship!*



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From the Educational Officer
Lt/C Arthur Dodd, SN

In February, I attended the 2018 USPS National Conference in Orlando. While there, I sat in on an Education Department Update seminar. There were several significant items that affect virtually everyone in USPS.

First, all of the Advanced Grades are changing names, effective as of the Conference:

- Seamanship is now Boat Handling
- Piloting is now Marine Navigation
- Advanced Piloting is now Advanced Marine Navigation
- Junior Navigation is now Offshore Navigation
- Navigation is now Celestial Navigation

However, the grade designations will remain S, P, AP, JN & N; at least for now.

Boat Handling (Seamanship) will be covered in 6 seminars; this will be completed this year. A student may take only one seminar for the information or, may take all 6 seminars plus pass an exam to obtain the Boat Handling grade.

The seminars will be:

- Rules of the Road
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking
- Boating with Confidence
- Anchoring with Assurance
- Emergencies on Board
- Knots and Line Handling.

Similarly, Marine Navigation (Piloting) will be covered in 7 seminars. This is scheduled for 2019.

The seminars will be:

- Introduction to Navigation
- Charting Essentials
- Using Open CPN
- Traditional Techniques
- Inland Navigation
- Practice Cruise.

In the future, the remaining Advanced Grades will be reformatted into seminars.

Also, of great interest, it was announced that the student manuals (and other publications) will be available as eBooks. Presently, the student manual for Seamanship (name to be changed to Boat Handling) is available as an eBook in PDF format; other formats (epub, etc.) will be available later. Once downloaded, the eBook remains with the student and can be viewed on multiple platforms – PC, laptop, tablet, Apple watch (not recommended). Presently, the Adobe viewer that can also be downloaded allows the student to take notes and highlight the document. It can also be printed out. This will save money for Squadrons because the Squadrons will only be billed for student manuals that are downloaded. We will not have to maintain a stock of manuals for each course. Since purchase and download is done via computer and is essentially instantaneous, it can be done the night of the first class. For those of us above a certain age, printed manuals will remain available – for now.

There were a few other things, which I'll save for next month.

Nautical trivia: Ever hear someone use the phrase “above board”; usually to mean someone or something is honest? In the past, when pirates sailed the ocean, a pirate ship would hide most of its crew below deck when approaching another vessel. On the other hand, a ship that had most of the crew on deck and visible was thought to be an honest merchant vessel and was considered “above board.”

E.R. Bradley's Rendezvous — Saturday, 21 April

Bring your boat or cruise with a friend—or come by land. Tie up at the floating docks at West Palm Beach.

We will have lunch at 'E.R. Bradley's' - a great restaurant at the head of the pier, 104 Clematis Street. Free valet parking for those who come by car. Boats should arrive around 11:30. Lunch is planned for 11:30.

Order off the menu—individual checks. Boaters, please invite others to ride with you. It's a great way to welcome new members!

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April Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 5:30 pm Juno Beach Fish	3 7:00 pm Board Meeting HQ	4	5 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	6	7 8:15 am Basic Boating
8 2:00 pm Basic Boating Course	9 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Islander Restaurant	10 6:00 pm General Meeting Sandpiper's Cove	11	12 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	13 1:00 pm Celebration of Life Alan Konzelman NPB Country Club	14
15	16 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Cool'a-Fish Bar	17 5:30 pm Topsy Tuesday Waterway Cafe	18	19 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	20	21 11:30 am Boating Rendezvous E R Bradley's
22	23 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Duffy's	24	25 5:30 pm Wacky Wednesday NPB Country Club	26 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	27 District 8 Spring Conference	28 District 8 Spring Conference
29 District 8 Spring Conference	30 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Kee Grill					

Sandpiper's Cove, 116 Lakeshore Drive, NPB **Waterway Café**: 2300 PGA Blvd; PBG
Duffy's: corner Hwy 1 & PGA Blvd, PBG **The Islander**, 181 Ocean Ave., Palm Beach Shores on Singer Island
North Pam Beach Country Club: (NPBCC) 951 U.S. Hwy 1, North Pam Beach **Cool'a Fish Bar**, 11340 Legacy Ave. E100, PBG

Mark your calendar for the up-coming Change of Watch 30 June

2018
Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron
fundraiser cruise

Royal Princess November 9-17, 2018 (8 nights)



Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Nov 9	Ft. Lauderdale		4:00pm
Nov 10	At Sea		
Nov 11	At Sea		
Nov 12	Curacao	8:00am	10:00pm
Nov 13	Aruba	8:00am	10:00pm
Nov 14	Bonaire	7:00am	5:00pm
Nov 15	At Sea		
Nov 16	At Sea		
Nov 17	Ft. Lauderdale	6:00am	

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From the Executive Officer
Lt/C Jim DeArmond, AP

We are boaters!
 In this crazy busy world, we sometimes forget that we are boaters.
 Last Saturday was a wonderful reminder.
 Through the efforts and imagination of our own Ken Peters, 10 boats got together on Peck

Lake near Stuart Florida for a great day of boating and social fun. I lost count of the total number of people in attendance. But, I know everyone was enjoying their day on the water. And what a day, the weather couldn't have been better. We even had guests from other squadrons.

Several of our intrepid boaters even spent the night on the water and awoke to Ken preparing a delicious pancake breakfast.

Watch for the announcement of our next event. If you missed Saturday's Raft up, don't miss the next one. If you have a boat, bring it, if you don't have a boat, call me, we'll get you a ride.

Just think about relaxing comfortably on your boat as you feel the gentle lapping of the water against the hull.

One last thing, be ready to gain a pound our two. The food is tasty and abundant.

So come join us next time.

Operations Training
Duties of the Squadron Executive Officer

Submitted by Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN

This month my article is about the duties of the Executive Officer and the committees he is responsible for. As you read this article try and decide if you would like to help on any of these committees.



Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN



The Executive Officer is an elected position.

Section 6.2 of our squadron bylaws states: "The Executive Officer shall: (1) assist the commander; (2) have general supervision of the Executive Department as directed by the membership, the commander, or the Board of Directors; (3) be, *ex officio*, a member of all committees of the Executive Department; and (4) in the temporary absence or incapacity of the commander, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the commander.

The committees that Executive Officer is responsible for are:

Boat Show: If you like to talk to people. Tell people about the America's Boating Club and trade mark of the United States Power Squadrons®. Also if the squadron has a booth at the boat show members working the booth gets in free.

Cooperative Charting: Go out on your boat, locate needed chart corrections, use electronics to report same via a software tool. CCWEB is no longer used by NOAA, so check with your Squadron or District Cooperative Charting Chair for the latest information. Many a skipper finds Cooperative Charting to be a 'fun' activity, especially in a group. Speaking of fun – Bench Mark recovery is back! A Land based activity. Searching for Geodetic markers is sort of like going on a scavenger hunt'. Can be done individually; great fun as a group activity.

Public Relations: Use communications to manage public perception of your squadron. The Branding Standards Manual' can be found on USPS PR Committee webpage, as well as the PRO Log – a how-to manual.

Other committees under the Executive Officer are:

- Liaison,
- Safety,
- Vessel Safety Check and
- Environmental.

This information comes from Operations Training in 3 Program and our squadron bylaws.

Next month we will be talking about the duties of the Administrative Officer.



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Kathy & Bill Eldridge	\$100 (04/18)	\$2500
Mary & Bob Flucke	\$100 (04/18)	\$ 500
Louise & Hans Heynau	\$100 (01/18)	\$ 400
Myra Hoffstein	\$100 (01/18)	\$2500
Helene Hvizd	\$100 (10/17)	\$ 200
Joyce Newman	\$500 (03/18)	\$2075
Jim Palmer	\$100 (05/17)	\$ 600
Ken Peters	\$100 (10/17)	\$ 450
Barbara Roemmele	\$200 (05/17)	\$1100
Ray & Estelle Rutkowski	\$200 (02/18)	\$ 400
Nancy Sweeney	\$100 (01/18)	\$1200
Arlene Widmayer	\$635 (01/18)	\$3545
MacPherson/Chalmers	\$100 (01/18)	\$ 400

*National Meeting, Orlando, 22-24 February 2018
District 8 Attendees*





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VSC Certification, Mozart..... 0800-1200
Principles of Leadership, Bach.....0830-1045
Common Medical Emergencies: Are you Prepared?,
Beethoven.....0830-0930
Paddle Sports: Is It For You? Beethoven.....0945-1045
Keynote Presentation: Ballroom..... 1100-1200
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Lunch: Advance Reservation Required, Atrium..1200-1300

Conference: Ballroom.....1330-1600

Commander's Reception: 4th Floor.....1730-1830

Cash Bar: Outside Ballroom.....1830-1900

Banquet: Advance Reservation Required, Ballroom...1900
Live Entertainment and Dancing

SUNDAY 29 APRIL

Squadron Officers: Chopin.....0830-1130

Squadron Educational Officers: Mozart.....0830-1130

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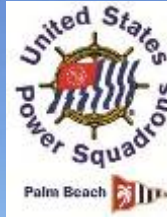
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Tuesday, 10 April,
Cocktails & Social 6:00 pm,
Dinner 7:00 pm and Meeting 8:00 pm

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written to PBS&PS, presented at door.

Reservations Required.
Reservation Deadline: 4 pm, Thursday, 5 April

For Reservations Contact:

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Please note: Whenever the Squadron schedules a dinner event, it assumes financial responsibility for all reservations. This is necessitated by our contractor's need to cover the cost of food purchase and preparation. Accordingly, if you have to cancel your reservation, do so in all possible haste. The Squadron shall make every effort, but cannot guarantee, waiver of your financial obligation.

**Dan Peters will present information
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MENU

Entrée Choices:

Sliced NY Sirloin with a Mushroom Demi
Chicken Francaise
Fried Atlantic Cod

Dessert: Cheesecake or Fresh Fruit Cup

Dinner is optional, the General Meeting begins at 8:00 pm