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**WE ARE SAILORS AND  
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TOGETHER WE LEARN  
AND HAVE FUN.**





*Callisto's*  
 Tips, Tricks, & Techniques  
 for Sailors



## Flare Training and Hands-on Practice

### When do you use a flare?

Use a flare when you are in distress and in a location where someone will likely see it.

The Coast Guard may radio you and request you set off a flare or an orange smoke flare if it is daytime. Flares light up for a relative short time, some 8 to 10 seconds, others 2-3 minutes, this is a relatively short window of time if someone is not looking specifically for the signal.

### How to fire a flare:

Shoot two relatively close together, the first one may "catch" someone's attention while the second one confirms the sighting.

Make sure you fire flares "down-wind" so the burning phosphorous, wax, and other materials fall away from your boat, and your body.

If using a flare pistol, be sure to get yourself in a safe position and ready to fire before you load the flare cartridge in the pistol, immediately point the pistol high over your head with your arm fully extended, then cock. Continue to hold overhead pointing skyward.

Fire the pistol – DO NOT LOOK UP AT THE PISTOL, sparks/residual hot material could drop on your face and in your eyes. Lower the pistol, open the barrel (pointing away from you or anyone else) and remove the spent cartridge.

### Different types of flares:

**Pistol with cartridges** (small and large pistols)

**Sky blazer** – these are launched by holding up over head and pulling a chain that ejects the flares skyward just like a pistol. These are small and can be placed in a shirt or coat pocket, very effective.

**Hand held flares** - those for Day and/or night uses are marked with sun and moon symbols on the end of the flare.

**Smoke flares** are for daytime use only, and continue burning for quite some time, even in the water.

The smell and acrid air from all burning flares is hard on your lungs and causes coughing and eyes to tear, so when possible have them downwind from you.



by: JoAnne Laugallies,  
 NOSPS Safety Committee;  
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Occasionally we have a little extra space here in the Afterdeck. We would like to start 'showcasing' our members. If you would like us to publish a paragraph about you and a photo, please submit them to [LauraZavalia@gmail.com](mailto:LauraZavalia@gmail.com). Maybe you are an artist or have done some really cool things in your life and would like our membership to get to know you. *Everyone has their own story.*

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## From the Commander Cdr Richard McClain, SN

Recently I was cruising the ICW when I realized that summer is almost here. The waterway was filled with boats. There were gentle breezes, moderate temperatures, and glimmering water. With the sun's being positioned at a perfect angle, the temperature reached a moderate 80° in the afternoon.

We are lucky enough to be able to experience that perfection year-round.

The beaches are brimming over with swimmers and sun-bathers. The waterway restaurants are filled to capacity. The waterways are humming. Boating season has begun and is in full swing. Boaters are anxiously seeking places to relax and enjoy the area's many accommodations.

Luckily, savvy boaters need not find a place or a nearby shore on which to party. They have learned how to "raft up" away from shore. Rafting up simply consists of finding a large boat to act as the anchor to which smaller boats can tie up. From that anchor boat, everyone can move back and forth amongst all the boats.

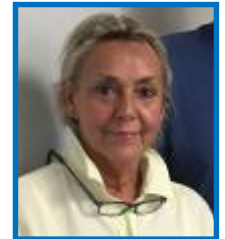
This technique enables boaters to enjoy a wide variety of water activities including skiing, swimming, canoeing, snorkeling, and paddle boarding with no need to go ashore. Everyone brings food and drinks to share. Many stories are exchanged by boaters who become immediate friends. After a short time, you begin to feel familiar with all areas of the country. The stories are exciting and mesmerizing – so many adventures of places I've never visited in

person but immediately added to my agenda of future destinations.

Boating is filled with adventure and fun; however, we members of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron are fully aware that boating also has a more serious side, that of safety. So many activities are begun lightheartedly only to end unpleasantly. Too many novice boaters underestimate the potential perils involved and are blissfully unaware of their limits. No one should boat outside their safety level. So many things seem obvious and look easy but have hidden dangers. Even something as simple sounding as anchoring poses many obstacles to untrained beginners. We must not only be aware of the extent of our knowledge and abilities but we must also be willing to seek knowledge and assistance from more experienced boaters. The USPS offers many practical boating courses designed to do just that, courses which, when successfully completed, will make each one of us safer, more confident, and more accomplished – a boater who is more capable of enjoying water activities to the fullest!

Welcome New Member!

Barbara Maclean



## Raft-Up Courtesies



- When the Skipper gives orders, respect and courtesy are implied.
- All vessels arriving to a raft-up monitor VHF channel 71 (or to be announced by the Fleet Captain).
- Please be silent during maneuvering such as docking, anchoring, and getting underway.
- Questions are always welcome but wait until the Skipper can pay attention to you.
- It is always appropriate to bring snacks or drinks but be mindful of food that can make a mess like crumbly things, chocolate, or red wine.
- Wipe your shoes before coming aboard.
- If you are not asked to help out with the lines or things, just get comfortable and enjoy the ride.
- If you want to help in the galley, keep in mind that only liquids go down the sink and the head can only handle marine grade TP.
- Lastly, after returning to the pier, staying and helping clean up is always appreciated.

Compiled by Cal Cearley and Ken Peters



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*From the Educational Officer*  
**Lt/C Arthur Dodd, SN**

Marine Electrical Systems has concluded with one student, Stephen O'Brien passing the final exam. Also, Sail has concluded with three students, Lt/C Beverley Johnstone, Paul Johnstone, and Paul Blanchard, passing. Final exams have been given for the Piloting Class, taught by Lt Mike Galvin, SN, and results have not yet been received. Engine Maintenance, taught by P/C Ken Peters, SN, is currently underway with 5 students.

Announcing a new program: **Jump Start**. It has nothing to do with the battery in your car. If you purchase a boat, either new or used, that you're not familiar with, and you could use some coaching with it, Jump Start is for you! First, you will be interviewed to determine exactly what is needed. Next, a Vessel Safety Examiner will inspect the boat and, if everything checks out, issue a VSC sticker. Then, one of our select trainers will be paired with you for a 2-hour coaching session on your boat. This could include docking/undocking, anchoring, maneuvering on a plane, whatever. The cost of this – **FREE!** We are looking to open this up to the general public in the very near future.

To continue with changes in the USPS educational programs: Advanced Marine Navigation (formerly Advanced Piloting) will be covered in 5 seminars:

- Navigating When Electronics Fail
- Advanced Navigation Techniques
- Navigation in Limited Visibility
- Advanced Coastal Navigation
- Multiple-Day Practice Cruise

The new course is anticipated to be available in 2019. The other courses are planned to be changed in the future.

The U.S. Coast Guard has a \$250,000 grant to establish the first 3 of what will be a national network of on-water training centers. These will be equipped and staffed by professional instructors. The training facilities will have public access with parking, a classroom, marina facilities available for docking, and other attributes. One of the first locations will be in Florida; the exact location has not been announced. It is scheduled to be up-and-running by this summer.

**Nautical Trivia:** When fueling up, you **MUST** check for gasoline fumes in the bilge and other areas below deck before leaving the dock. What is the name of the most effective detector of gasoline fumes in an enclosed space, and how is it implemented.  
Your nose – sniffing.



APRIL's BOATING COURSE—Barbara Maclean and Vincent Frair with instructors Kathy Redmond and Bill Eldridge.



**For Sale**

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**Vessel Safety Check**

Cal Cearley aboard 48' *Spenderella*







# May Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7:00 pm Board Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:15 am Basic Boating
<b>6</b> 2:00 pm Basic Boating Course	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Juno Beach Fish House	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm General Meeting Sandpiper's Cove	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Boating Raft Up! Old Port Cove
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Cool'a-Fish Bar	<b>15</b> 5:30 pm Topsy Tuesday Waterway Café Round Tiki hut	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11:30 am Boating Rendezvous Waterway Cafe
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Duffy's	<b>22</b> Bahama Cruise Embarks	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Kee Grill	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Wacky Wednesday Rafiki Tiki (New Venue!)	<b>31</b>		

**Sandpiper's Cove**, 116 Lakeshore Drive, NPB **Kee Grill** 4020 U.S. Hwy 1, Juno Beach **Waterway Café** 2300 PGA Blvd, PBG  
**Duffy's**, corner Hwy 1 & PGA Blvd, PBG **Rafiki Tiki**, 190 E. 13th St. Riviera Beach **ER Bradley's** 104 N Clematis St, WPB  
**Cool'a Fish Bar**, 11340 Legacy Ave. E100, PBG **Juno Beach Fish House** 13980 US-1, Juno Beach

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

### Waterway Cafe Rendezvous

19 May – 11:30am

Come by Boat, Come by Car  
 Just Come from Wherever You Are

2300 PGA Blvd,  
 Palm Beach Gardens



For the restaurant to make proper arrangements, it must know how many of us there will be.  
 Please call Arlene at 561 627-2650

### Raft-Up – Old Port Cove

Saturday, 12 May to Sunday 13 May

Eat at Sandpiper Cove Sunday morning if you wish.

The North Palm Beach Yacht Club will be having a raft-up the same day and same time, so watch for the Power Squadron ensign and banner.

We will monitor channel 71





## Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron



# 2018 June Trip to the Bahamas

Please join the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron's trip to the Bahamas.  
Friday, 1 June 2018 for a long weekend of fun, fellowship, and boating activities

Where: West End, Grand Bahama Island, Commonwealth of the Bahamas

When: Friday, 1 June 2018 thru Sunday, 3 June

Sailing Vessels depart 1800 Thursday, 31 May from Lake Worth Inlet

Motor Vessels depart 0800 Friday, 1 June from Lake Worth Inlet

Who: USPS members, friends, family

Why: See PoD list below

Perhaps some Boaters will execute a voyage north to Memory Rock carrying Sailors for some serious:

Fishing

Diving and/or snorkeling

Visits with sharks, porpoise, skates

Evening gathering (Voluntary as before)

Star lecture under the many stars in an area

### Plan of the Day (Friday)

ETA Old Bahama Bay 1200 1 June

Clear Customs & Check-in

Afternoon free for clean-up, rest

Evening gathering (Voluntary):

Libations

Dinner

Speakers on How to Bahama!

### Plan of the Day (Sunday)

Breakfast gathering (Voluntary)

Fun stuff continues

ETD for home - Captain's call

### Plan of the Day (Saturday)

As you wish:

Fish

Dive or snorkel

Explore

Visit ashore

Side trips

Gamble

Shop

### Details & Items of Note:

- The Fleet Captain will call for a Captain's Meeting - Time and location TBD
- Don't have a boat, first time in the Bahamas or across the Pond to a Foreign Land - No Problem Man! Make your want-to-go's known - ask/question - you will be helped

Many vessels both sail & power are in need of:

Crew

Guests

- Photographs of afloat events require that PFDs be worn for USPS publications.
- Oh yes & by-the-way, safety dictates PFDs.
- Passports are required for everyone aboard

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Old Bahama Bay Reservations:

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Questions:

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# Miami Coast Guard to the Rescue

Lt/C, Cal Cearley, P

This happened in April, 1961 when I was stationed at the U. S. Coast Guard Amphibious Air base. This air unit was located in Coconut Grove, just South of downtown Miami. This base has seen been relocated up to Opa Locka (North Miami).

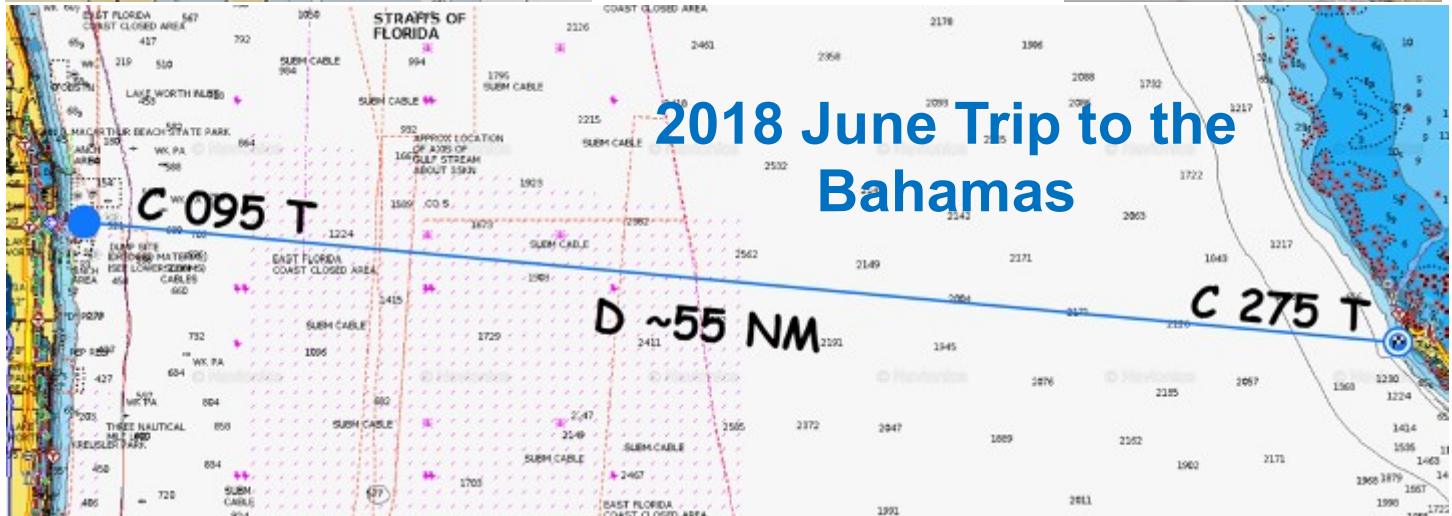
It seems a teenage girl and her boyfriend took off on a 27-foot Irwin sailboat from the Coconut Grove Marina around 9 am for a day's cruise up and down Biscayne Bay. Well, after 4 pm when they had not returned her father called the Coast Guard and we sent up a seaplane to look for them. This was a Saturday and I had the week-end duty as the on-call Aviation Radioman. We got airborne around 5 pm and started a search pattern consisting of ever increasing circles some two miles off the coast. At about 6:30 we spotted them 12 miles due East of Key Biscayne. The sailboat had laid over on her side with the sail floating in the water and the girl was on top of the sail with the boy hanging on the boom. We directed a Coast Guard Cutter to their location and the sail boat was righted and they pulled it back to the dock. We were able to land our seaplane and pick up the couple without any problems well

before the cutter got to their location.

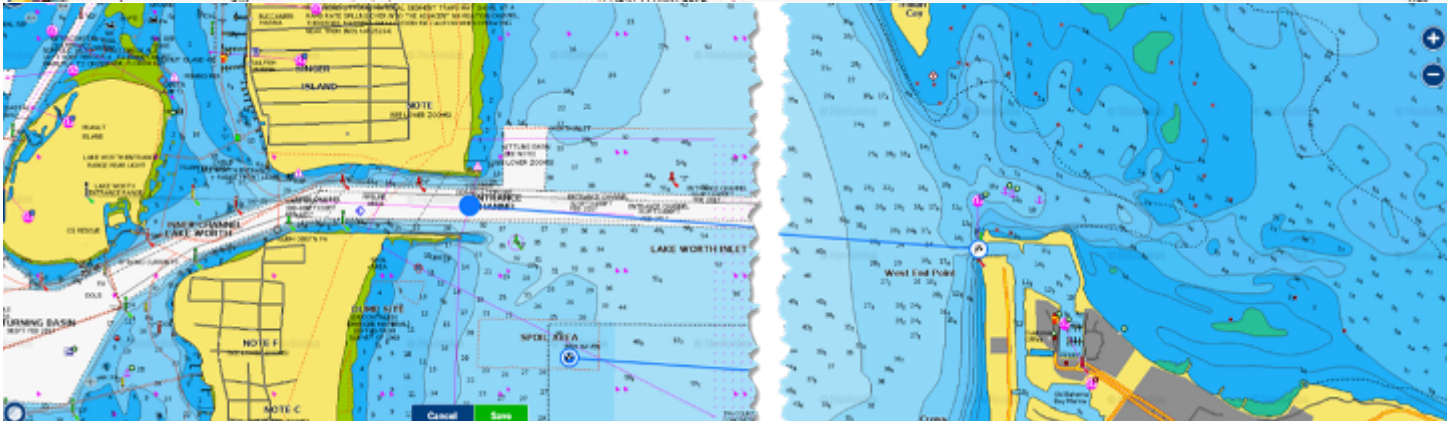
Now for the rest of the story: The girl was the daughter of the manager of the Coconut Grove Play house. He was so thankful for our quick work that he gave all the personnel at the air base a free pass to any play of their choosing. I had a girlfriend so I asked her to join me and we saw the play "Suzy Wong". At the intermission the manager got up on stage and told this story and asked if there were any Coast Guard personnel in the audience. Of course, I stood up along with about a dozen others and we got a standing ovation. I always wanted to be a hero and this is about as close as I was ever going to get, so I played it up to the hilt with my girlfriend. She was impressed but not so much since she dumped me a month later for some other guy.



Cal Cearley — circa 1961



## 2018 June Trip to the Bahamas





Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN

## Operations Training

### Duties of the Squadron Administrative Officer

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



The Administrative Officer is an elected position. Section 6.4 of our squadron bylaws states "The Administrative officer shall: (1) assist the commander; (2) have general supervision of the Administrative Department as directed by the membership, the commander, or the BOD; (3) be, *ex officio*, a member of all committees of the Administrative Department; and (4) in the temporary absence or incapacity of the executive officer, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the executive officer." The rank of the Administrative Officer is Lieutenant Commander (Lt/C).

The Administrative Officer can have an Assistant Administrative Officer who is also elected and has the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant.

The committees that Administrative Officer is responsible for are:

**Membership Committee:** Every member should think of themselves as a member of this committee. Our bylaws states the committee "shall be composed of three (3) members appointed annually by the commander. It shall process all new membership applications and present to the Board of Director (BOD) every person applying for squadron membership."

**Membership Involvement Committee:** Our squadron's bylaws states: "The committee shall be composed of two (2) members appointed annually by the commander. It shall ensure that all members are kept aware of the educational, service, and social activities of this squadron and shall work closely with the Membership Committee to ensure that new members become quickly involved in squadron activities."

Other committees that the Administrative Officer is responsible for is the Port Captain, Meetings, Meetings Programs, Dinner arrangements, Leadership Development, Public Contact (National's contact when cyber members join) and Sick Bay.

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

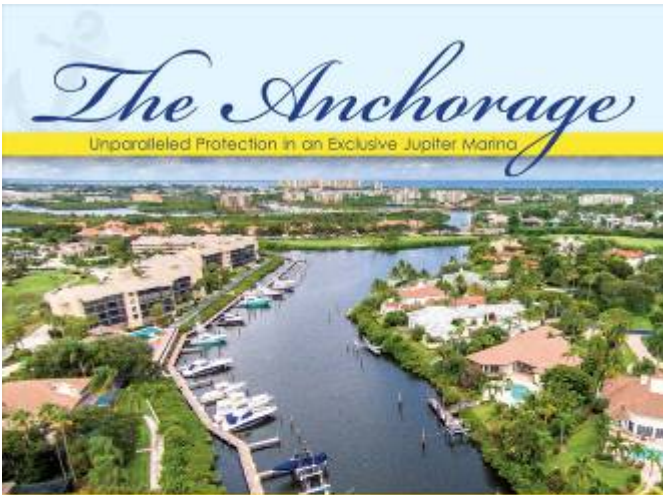
Next month's topic will be duties of the Secretary.



## Now Here This!

### Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadrons Bylaws Amendments

In accordance with article 17.1 of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron Bylaws the draft amended Bylaws were presented on 10 April 2018 at the General Membership Meeting. It will be presented a second time on 8 May 2018 at which time there will be a vote to accept the amended bylaws. An electronic copy was distributed on 6 April 2018 and hard copies were given out at the meeting on 9 April 2018. There will also be hard copies available at the 8 May Meeting.



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### May's General Meeting Speaker: Jef Otten

Jef is a Chef, Handyman, Bartender, Poet, DJ, Adventurer, and Assistant Turtle researcher. He currently is employed with a hurricane window company.

Jef was born in New York has lived in the Virgin Islands, Vermont, and Costa Rica. He lives in Hobe Sound now and has lived in Florida for the last 28 years.

Through the years he has spent much time as a volunteer with several Sea Turtle Research and rescue groups in Florida and Costa Rica. The Quote that best describes Jef is "More sails and fewer anchors"



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	Most Recent	Cumulative
Andras Andras	\$ 70 (01/18)	\$ 890
Darryl Aubrey	\$ 90 (03/18)	\$1600
<b>Cal Cearley</b>	<b>\$1000 (04/18)</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
Chad Chadbourn	\$100 (11/17)	\$ 200
Art & Mary Dodd	\$ 68 (11/17)	\$ 68
Kathy & Bill Eldridge	\$100 (04/18)	\$2500
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Myra Hoffstein	\$100 (01/18)	\$2500
Helene Hvizd	\$100 (10/17)	\$ 200
Joyce Newman	\$500 (03/18)	\$2075
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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
<b>Arlene Widmayer</b>	<b>\$ 55 (04/18)</b>	<b>\$3600</b>
MacPherson/Chalmers	\$100 (01/18)	\$ 400
<b>Alan Konzelman</b>	<b>\$100 (4/18)</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>





Assistant Editor to the Afterdeck

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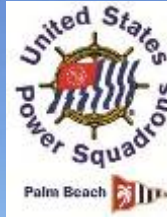
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## GENERAL MEETING

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

**\$30<sup>.00</sup> per person** Please pay by check only,  
written to PBS&PS, presented at door.

Reservations Required.

Reservation Deadline: 4 pm, Thursday, 3 May

**For Reservations Contact:**

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**Speaker:** Jef Otten

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See Mr. Otten's bio on page 8.



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### Menu

#### Entrée Choices:

Chicken Penne ala Vodka

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Salisbury Steak with Mushroom Demi

**Dessert:** Cobbler a la Mode or Fruit Cup

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