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From the Commander

Cdr Laura Zavalía, N

This year we have been able to do things! As you know we have monthly, face-to-face meetings, a raft-up, picnic, rendezvous to Key Largo, and most recently the Vessel Safety Check certification course held on Sunday the 13th where 8 of us got certified and 1 re-certified. Four squadrons were represented in the course; Miami, Palm Beach, St Lucie River and Sebastian.

Last year was a real bummer in that we were all locked down hence, P/C **Cal** Cearley, P got short-changed in his Commandership. We couldn't do anything, or go anywhere.

Now, we can live and breathe again. No more lockdowns for us. We have a schedule made out up to next March.

Our fearless Education Department is ramping up to hold classes again! Yay! They need some administrative help. If you have some spare time and wish to help **Joe** and **Art**, that would be awesome.

We received this month, a Proclamation for Safe Boating from the Village of North Palm Beach Mayor, our very Webmaster Hans Hayneu for aintainihgown, **Darryl** Aubrey! We are proud to have him in our squadron even when he is not the Mayor. We also have a past Mayor of the Village of North Palm Beach, **Joe** Tringali. Thank you both for your service!

As you know we changed our name to America's Boating Club a few years ago on the national level. We have been using it along with the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. We need to add America's Boating Club to our signage. We are building our website, creating marketing materials also with both names.

Thank you, **Mary** for your patience and for reporting on the district news.

Thank you, **Arlene** for arranging the social meetings.

Thank you, **Pam** for doing all the Administrative Office duties as well as serving as our Property Manager.

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Editor speaks for himself

Ken Peters, SN

Comments:

- ♦ I agree with our Cdr in that Cal "got short-changed in his Commandership" and we all missed out on his great fun idea of a Halloween Masquerade party as I so wanted to dress as my hero. No crew it is not a former President nor is it any American. Who could it be?
- ♦ We are grateful to Hans Heynau, SN for faithfully keeping our online presence as current as possible with such little help from so few with an ancient software that is no longer supported by Microsoft.
- ♦ Our immediate P/C, D/AO Jim DeArmond, AP is in the process of creating what will be our "final choice" website for our reconstruction years. He is proceeding in an orderly organized fashion and actively collecting necessary input from many sources. Jim's site will be modern and responsive to all forms of display (computer, pads, and smartphones) as well as all browsers.
- ♦ As an interim measure, this writer has issued a safe responsive website using basic HTML code to serve until Jim & Company's work is published. The URL for this temporary work is pb-sps.org.
- ♦ Our biggest need is copy:
 - ♦ To attract those in need of training
 - ♦ Those with a vessel please send a photo so you can be listed on our FLEET page
 - ♦ Your opinion as to listing Afterdeck News achieved issues public—I favor doing so but some folks do not
 - ♦ Your favorite marine/maritime websites for the LINKS pages
 - ♦ Your constructive ideas for the website

Our First Annual (or perhaps semi-annual) Flare-Up will be held at Bert Reynolds Park at 1000 on 17 July. **Please come, learn, and pop-off a few before you need to in an emergency. Pass the word to your boating friends.**

The Photos are from a recent BRsps



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Flare-Up. We will soon have our own as we expand our hands-on training.



Our next Board Meeting will be at HQ on the 6th of July. All members are always welcome to attend and when recognized may speak their thoughts. So, please come as we need to hear your ideas.

Piloting & Marine Communication Systems class commence this July at HQ -> see page 9 for details & registration information.

Miracle #2 by Lt/C Pam Piccone, S

Going to Big Pine Key to visit my father, I go over the 7 Mile Bridge. For years I have watched a little shrub grow bigger and bigger. That shrub is now a tree with a little tree growing next to it. Come to find out, that big tree is called Fred with the little tree called Fred Jr or some call it Irma.

Fred is an Australian pine tree. He is growing out of a roadbed on the historic Old Seven Mile Bridge which parallels the bridge used today. The old bridge has been closed to motorists and pedestrians for years. So Fred is only reachable by scaling the bridge from a boat bobbing up and down in the water.

Sept. 10, 2017, Hurricane Irma swept through the Lower Keys causing much damage especially to Big Pine Key, and Marathon. But you know what? That little tree survived the furious salt driven rain and powerful winds!!! Now if that isn't a miracle, I don't know what!



WHO IS THIS?

Now who could this "Old Dude" be? Come on crew, you all know him well as he attends most GMMs.

I say most because he sometimes travels to the family ancestral home but do not let that or the dress fool you.

Where is Bill?

Bill who?

Bill is sitting pretty in the bow of a 38' Sail Cat after "supervising" the anchoring and rafting of the beautiful 35' Bene-teau FRS to the cat. His thumbs up is an indication of the Well Done to crew and to yet again still another glorious day on Chesapeake Bay.





The Raft-up was an event of the Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron to Gibson Island harbor.

Why Bill Eldridge of course!



July Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lunch Bunch- Duffy's - 1130	2	3
4	5 Mischief Monday- The Islander Restaurant, Singer Island-1730	6 Board Mtg @ HQ 1900	7	8 Lunch Bunch- Duffy's - 1130		10
11	12 Mischief Monday- Juno Beach Fish House- 1730	13 General Membership Meeting @ Belle's Bar & Grill - 1730	14 Z	15 Lunch Bunch- Duffy's - 1130		17 Flare-Up, Bert Reynold's Park] at 1000
18	19 Mischief Monday- Juno Kee Grill- 1730	20	21	22 Lunch Bunch- Duffy's - 1130		24
25	26 Mischief Monday- Grande's @ Don Ross Rd. - 1730	27	28	29 Lunch Bunch- Duffy's - 1130		31

There has been much going on in our Squadron this past month.
Here in words and photos is my take.
I hope that you find yourself in the pics.

Squadron Cruise to Key Largo



TRIDENT's Skipper & First Mate P/V/C Lee Popham, JN & CDR Laura Zavalia, N with PBSPS Member Louie Petrosino.



Sittin', Sippin', & takin' selfies while enjoyin' the ambiance of our Florida Keys.

Our crew was joined by S/V De Nada from Miami—you are welcome!

Our Commander makes a mean Pina Colada & I thought was that Margaritas' were her only specialty. She is most certainly much more than a one-trick-!pony



The Birth of VSC Inspectors

VSC = Vessel Safety Check

But where do the Checkers come from?
They come from VSC Inspector courses!

P/V/C Lee Popham, JN was Deputized by USPS based on his own training and years of experience as a VSC inspector to train other squadron members the ropes of VSC. The ropes-er requirements are:

- Classroom instruction



- The written examination



- Examination of 5 different vessels.



- Under the supervision of the instructor



- Congratulations VSC Inspectors



The list of each new or updated VI appears on page 9.



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Flare-Up Witness:

Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron Sectary & Afterdeck News Editor traveled to the Eau Gallie Causeway in Brevard County to witness a well organized and conducted Flare Demonstration for the public by the Banana River Sail & Power Squadron.

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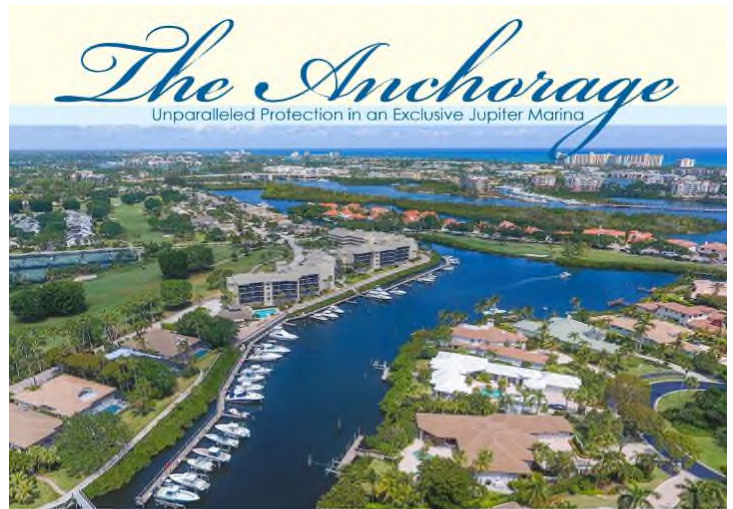
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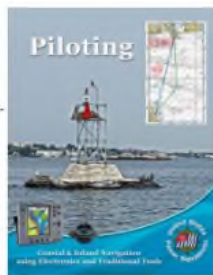


Piloting

Course Description: Learn the essentials of safe coastal and inland navigation using basic GPS in conjunction with charts and other marine data. The *Piloting* course teaches you how to use the GPS along with traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning and laying out safe routes, as well as ensuring that you are on-course while underway.

Elements Covered:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Landmarks and navigation aids (buoys, daymarks, lights, etc.)
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS—typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS course.
- Pre-planning courses and entering them into the GPS.
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning.
- The "Seaman's Eye" - simple skills for checking that one is on course.



When: Classes begin Thursday, July 8 at 1900 (7 PM) and will continue for approximately 8 sessions.

Where: Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron Headquarters, 1125 Old Dixie Highway, Lake Park, FL.

Course

Fee: \$100 USPS members,
\$150 2 members sharing materials,
\$200 non-members
Fees include plotter and dividers
Cash or Checks (made out to "PBSPS" only, please

To Register:

Contact the instructor, Lt Mike Galvin, SN at:
561-373-0639 Piloting@palmbeachsps.org

Covid-19: in accordance with the current CDC guidelines, and due to the possible presence of unvaccinated persons, we request that students wear masks and maintain social distancing when not seated for the class.

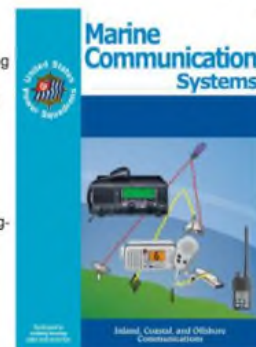
Maximum class size of 8

Marine Communication Systems

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- Radio history and spectrum definitions are presented along with definitions of radio circuits that the student should learn, to choose the best communications method for his/her situation.
- Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
- FCC rules, regulations and radio licenses
- Radiotelephone operating procedures—both voice and digital
- High seas radio—MF/HF and satellite communications
- Troubleshooting and radio maintenance
- Other marine communications systems



When: Classes begin Wednesday, 7 July 2021 at 1900 (7 PM) and will continue for approximately 10 sessions

Where: Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron Headquarters, 1125 Old Dixie Highway, Lake Park, FL.

Course

Fee: \$60 USPS members,
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\$120 non-members
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Maximum class size of 8

Educational Excellence continues!
Below are the names and Squadron affiliation of the 9 good folks who are either new or updated VI's

<u>Name</u>	Squadron
Arthur Baitz	Sebastian
Kevin Bedsworth	Miami
Paul Bendeck	St Lucie River
Ruth Frederick	St Lucie River
Yanni Pishos	Palm Beach
Peter Rodaway	St Lucie River
Mike Stern	Palm Beach
Ken Stiritz	St Lucie River
Laura Zavalia	Palm Beach

S/V Callisto finally wins something Sort of

She was entered in the JAM class of the Castaways Sailing Club's Fellowship Race. Her crew had trained under the leadership and tutelage of PBSPS member, Gary Venable.

Gary taught us that the majority of races are won at the start. We knew this but when the gun was fired for the start of the first race we were 25 second late crossing the line. We were 20 seconds behind the winner at the end of that race. Sorry Gary!

Our Helmsman Bill Joyce nailed the start of the second race. We scraped the leader off behind a large vessel moored in the raceway and we did a "horizon job" on him taking the second race by a large margin. Skipper Ken, helmsman Bill, and grinders Beverly & Paul Johnstone had won their first race. Thanks Gary.

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proached the line for the 3rd time. The other vessel was out for blood—ours and with a reduced crew while we had taken on more, it was as if they had kicked her into overdrive. We crossed the finish as the last boat of the day.

However, at the award ceremony we took the **Second Place Overall** for the **JAM Class**.

So, Callisto came in second while the other boat came in next

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Nancy Sweeney	\$ 100	Dec '20	\$ 1,500
Laurie Chalmers*	\$ 100	Dec '20	\$ 700
Laurie Chalmers**	\$ 100	Jan '21	\$ 100
Robert Flucke	\$ 200	Mar, '21	\$ 1,000
Bill Eldridge	\$ 100	Mar '21	\$ 2,800
Darryl Aubrey	\$ 100	Apr, '21	\$ 1,900
Ray Rutkowski	\$ 200	Apr '21	\$ 800
Arlene Widemayer	\$ 46	May '21	\$ 6,297

* In memory of Ken and Abby MacPherson

** In memory of Kathy Eldridge

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to last.

While unjustifiably
proud, I still wonder if the
award was for participation.

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JULY 2021

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