

Boats are, indeed, relevant." Dunkirk, NY 09/11/2001

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#### From the Commander

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#### Ad Hoc Training Workshop

We had an Ad-hoc seminar on 25 July. P/C, Jim DeArmond, AP, gave me two people who wanted education so we did 4 hours of an informal introductory class in the morning where Rick Wood gave them a condensed version of our Seamanship course.





Then we had lunch on Cal's boat with Jeannette Cearley's gracious hospitality, and the Skipper took us out to Peanut Island and did some on-the-water training. Yanni and myself were present for the whole day.

Welcome Steve Livaditis to our squadron as a member!

#### How a Squadron Operates

We have monthly board meetings the first Tuesday of every month. All members are encouraged to attend. We do live meetings with simulcast a virtual link.

There are a lot of moving parts in running this organization, and we are all have different talents, wisdom and experiences to contribute. Fortunately all our members are awesome, have great ideas and a positive 'can-do' attitude.

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#### Operations and Training District Administrative Officer Submitted by Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN

Last month I wrote about the job of the District Administrative Officer (DAO) and the DAO's duties. This month I will talk about the duties of two of the committees that report to the DAO. These are mentioned in the District Bylaws. Next month we will talk about the duties of 3 additional committees that are in the DAO department that are mentioned in the Operations Manual.

Many of the District committees correlate with the committees under the Squadron Administrative Officer. The District Committee members are appointed the District Commander. The chair of that committee has the rank of District Lieutenant. Like the squadron, all activities of the District Administrative Committees deal with the "internal affairs" of the district. Squadron Administrative Committee chairs are part of the related District Administrative Committees.

District 8's Bylaws states the following committees report; to the DAO. The duties of these committees are as follows:

- **2.10.3** The **Membership Committee** shall be composed of three members appointed annually by the commander. This committee shall be familiar with the policies and procedures outlined in the current edition of the USPS Membership Manual and shall coordinate membership activities within the district through the squadrons. The chairman shall have oversight of squadron membership chairmen and shall communicate to them district membership activities. The committee shall assist the squadron committees in their membership efforts.
- **2.10.4** The **Member Involvement Committee** shall be composed of three members appointed annually by the commander. This committee shall work closely with other district committees to encourage participation in district activities by members of district squadrons and, as requested, provide to the squadrons suggestions for programs to increase member participation in squadron activities by providing guidance to the squadron membership committees.

Next month we will talk about the District Boating Activities, District Leadership Development and District Conference committees

The answer to the question in my last article is "Who is District 8 Commander this year?" This year the District



BOATER

<sup>1</sup>Commander is D/C Michael Jackson, SN.

This month's question is? Who was/is the first female National Chief Commander and what year was she elected?

#### Editor speaks for himself

Ken Peters, SN Random thoughts:

- Last month I did not include any questions as in the past year going on two there has been only a single response to my queries and it was not correct. What are your feeling on this?
- Here we are—it's almost Labor Day. Sure hope that Indian Summer kicks in soon so I can get a few more sails logged before the snow flies. Oh well, at least we will have more inside time so It's pick up another class or three from the Shrewsbury Power Squadron.

Then I awakened from my dream and knew that I was safe on Jupiter once again where I could sail all year. BUT we must realize that classes cannot and should not be forgotten!

- 1. How many of you folks who are presently Pilots (USPS grade of P) are going to become APs?
- 2. How many of you who are presently without grade are going to sign up for the new Seamanship series? Continued on Page 4



Advanced Piloting	Boat Handling         Correctly Seamanship         The Boat Handling course is intended for newer recreational boaters for how have completed a basic boating class (like America's Boating Classe) and want to gain more knowledge, skill, and confidence to boat safely and have more fun in a variety of situations.         Build boating confidence and competence for safe and fun on-thewater adventures. Seamanship provides a foundation of knowledge, sponsibilities, and boating techniques that will advance you boating enjoyment         What's Included?         • Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach         • Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering.         • Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Under Waya         • Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Awaya         • Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems         • Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know         Each topic is presented as a stand-alone seminar. Our instructor will enrich the course with local knowledge, experience, and discussion that will help you expand your boating horizons.         Where:       Classes begin Monday, October 18, at 1900 (7 PM) and will continue for 8 session:         Where:       Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron Headquarters, 1125 Old Dixie Highway, Lake Park, FL.         Course       Fee:         Fee:       S70 USPS members, European sharing materials,			
(Future Advanced Marine Navigation)				
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Laurie Chalmers**	\$ 100	Jan "21	\$	100	
Robert Flucke	\$ 200	Mar, '21	\$	1,000	
Bill Eldridge	\$ 100	Mar '21	\$	2,800	
Calvin Cearley	\$ 1,369	Mar '21	\$	2,419	
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Ray Rutkowski	\$ 200	Apr '21	\$	800	
Arlene Widemayer	\$ 91	Jun '21	\$	6,388	
Stephen Livoditis	\$ 400	Jun '21	\$	400	

\* In memory of Ken and Abby MacPherson

\*\* In memory of Kathy Eldridge

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The Ides of August or around the 15th of this month you will notice that the length of daylight becomes shorter more rapidly each day.



sunk during major storms

-EPIRBS on board activate, creating "false positive" reports of distress

-During Hurricane Sally the Coast Guard investigated many false positives, using finite resources and manpower

#### <u>The Greatest Sea Evacuation</u> <u>in History</u> Contributed by Lt/C Art Dodd, SN

#### "A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."-Christopher Reeve

In this modern age of aircraft and spacecraft, boats are still relevant. This year is the twentieth anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. In the middle of our grief and despair, many Americans made a difference.

This is from my own recollection: I was at work at the St. Lucie Nuclear Generating Station. The morning of September 11, 2001, was shattered at 8:45 AM when a commercial airliner collided with the south tower of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. The initial report I heard from one of my colleagues was that some "idiot" pilot in a small plane ran into the building. We didn't think too much about it.

Then, word was that it wasn't a small plane, that one of the World Trade Center towers had been severely damaged and was on fire.

Soon, a second commercial jet flew low over Manhattan and hit the second tower. Now, we all gathered in a conference room that had a TV and started watching.

We watched as First Responders arrived to try to evacuate people from the upper floors (Did you know that some of the NYPD Firemen made it up as far as the 78<sup>th</sup> floor, where the plane had struck?).

We watched as the buildings collapsed, one after the other. One of my fellow engineers arrived late to the conference room. He asked, "What happened to the building?" I responded, "It's gone." He asked, "What do you mean it's gone?" I responded, "I mean the building is gone. It collapsed." These were the only spoken words in the room; otherwise, we watched in silence.

Some of us (me) knew people who worked in those buildings. We wondered how many would survive. We found it hard to believe what was happening. Since then, I have read each name on the list of victims; I did not see a name I recognized, so the people I knew survived. One had been the chief engineer for the Port Authority. I still get choked up thinking about it.

As the situation progressed, all public transportation in lower Manhattan was shut down, buses and taxis because of all the emergency equipment and debris in the streets, subways because of possible damage un-





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es were closed. Lower Manhattan was went to help in response to the call. isolated. People were walking or run- They came. ning from the scene and trying to escape. Many looked like zombies, coated with dust, but there seemed to be no way to get out. I remember seeing on TV the people lining the seawall of Lower Manhattan Thousands and thousands of people with nowhere to **qo**.

What I found out years later was that there had been a way out by boat. Hundreds of thousands of people rushed as far south as they could to get away from the damaged building.

There, they started boarding ferries from NY Waterway to get to New Jersey. When the first building collapsed and the dust cloud enveloped Lower Manhattan, people panicked and some started to jump into the river, trying to swim across. Most of the commercial boats - ferries, tour boats, tugboats - started taking people from the seawall

The Coast Guard on Pilot Boat No. 1 took command of the situation to try to organize it somewhat so nobody would will be moved. Guaranteed. be injured in collisions. They put out a call on the radio for anyone in the area to come help. And they came. By the Private boats, commercial hundreds. tugboats, ferries, sailboats. boats. whatever could float and carry people. Whoever was on a boat in the area.

derground should a building fall. Bridg- they dropped what they were doing and

The Coast Guard advised that boats were to take on as many people as they could, not just how many they were allowed. Everyone helped everyone else.

People on shore waiting to board a boat made sure that those less able, the elderly, the infirm, made it to a boat. In one instance, an elderly woman in her 80's and her German shepard were "crowd surfed" over the heads of the waiting people to get her on a boat. Average American people. These are heroes.

At the end of the day, about 500,000 people were evacuated from Manhattan by boats in about 9 hours. The second largest boatlift in history was the evacuation at Dunkirk in World War II, where a fleet of British boats evacuated 339,000 British soldiers over 9 days.

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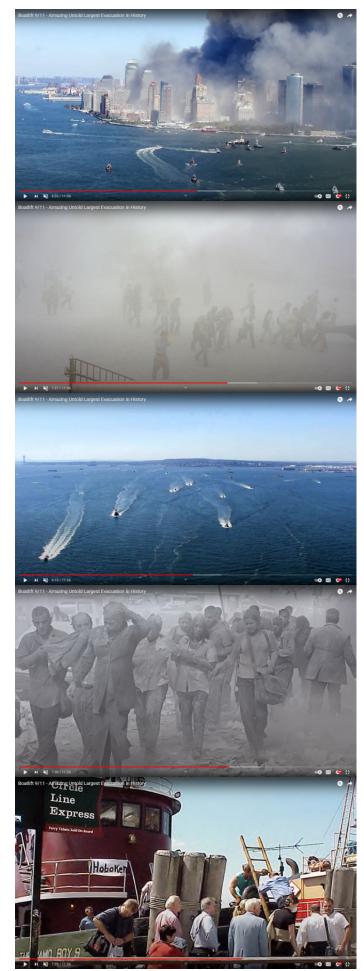
There's a video about this, narrated by Tom Hanks. If you watch it, you

> https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=K7Cl2mqFQJw

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• This month's ashore Raft-up was to have been to the FAU Astronomy facility, but it is closed for a few months due to the CCP Virus. As an alternative, I will propose to the BoD to substitute the Elliott Museum and the House of Refuge as the places to do this month. Expect later word on this at our General Meeting at the NPB Country Club on 14 September. Here's hoping that Arlene will lead this effort.

Speaking of the fabulous Arlene she has a few words for us.

Arlene's News Flash for all Membership:

- We would like to announce we have a new "CALLER" to contact our members for upcoming General Dinner Meetings an special events. Please welcome Pat Naulty to the "Call Group". She is a relatively new member and has accepted the position! (Editor's note: Pat is an accomplished sailor with her own M/V Ms Pat https://pbsps.org/FLEET3.html)
- We look forward to a great season with our General Dinner Meetings in September, October, and November at North Palm Beach Country Club.
- Our December General Meeting and Christmas Party will be at The Twisted Tuna in Jupiter.

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