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**JANUARY MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

Monday, January 15, 2018

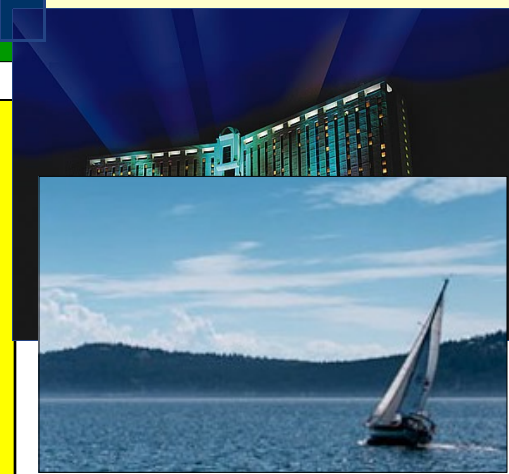
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BEEF 'O'BRADY'S

3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne

Speaker: James Murphy

Topic: Integrating Bridge Electronics



**FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

Monday, February 19, 2018

Social 1830 (6:30 pm) Meeting 1915 (7:15 pm)

BEEF 'O'BRADY'S

3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne

Speaker: Stephanie Murphy

Topic: Multi-week Cruise Planning

2018 USPS ANNUAL MEETING

Sun Feb 18 to Sun Feb 25, 2018

Rosen Center

9840 International Drive

Orlando, FL



ROSEN CENTER

See pages 17-19 for more Info



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UPCOMING COURSES



COURSES ON DEMAND: Select from the list and please let us know what course you would like to take and we will schedule it. Minimum class size is five. [Let us know at hofmanneg@juno.com](mailto:hofmanneg@juno.com)

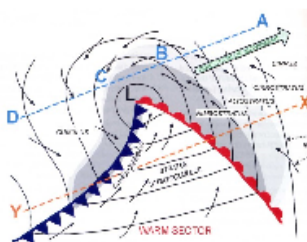


BASIC BOATING (ABC3)

March 17, 2018

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)

April 2-4, 2018



- SEAMANSHIP
- PILOTING
- ADVANCED PILOTING
- JR NAVIGATION (Celestial I)
- NAVIGATION (Celestial II)

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Nov 15, 2017

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Shari Marshall, AP

THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

Taken from an email sent out in December from Gail Wall, your Administrative Officer



For the next year your Squadron Leadership is thinking about adding more boating activities. This means more members needed to Chair the activities and more members volunteering to bring the plans to life.

A calendar for the year will be drafted in early 2018, and sign-up sheets will be available at all membership meetings.

Here are some of the activities under consideration:

Women at the Helm

Man Over Board (MOB) Exercise

Boating to Lunch

Follow the Leader Using GPS

Radio Skills Some members have never used a VHF radio

Explore and Diagnose If there is something you don't understand about your boat, ask so others may help

Come Ride My Boat Curious about another make of boat, type of engine(s) or size of boat

Samsons Island in February and Corn Roast in July will continue.

Please share your thoughts with Gail and the Bridge.

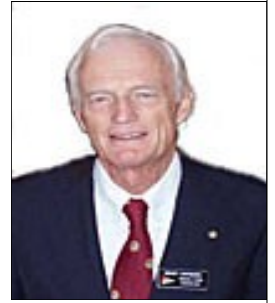
Your input is very valuable and will help determine which activities you would support.

Gail.BRSPS@gmail.com

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY ASEO P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN

A new year has started, and for 2018 we have these courses as “firm” on the schedule:

ABC3 March 17 covering the traditional material with the on-the-water session
Jr Basic Boating April 2 through April 4.



In the “planning” stage and waiting for a determination on dates for early 2018 are:

Instructor Development and Recertification
Advanced Piloting

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In sailing, a **bumpkin** is a short spar projecting from the deck of a ship, used to extend a sail or secure a block or stay. Outside of a nautical context, it refers to an awkward, simple rustic or yokel. The Dutch word *boomken*, which means "little tree," may bridge the gap between the two meanings as it appears to have been used to refer to a short stumpy man. From Dictionary.com (Everything After Z)

Ernst Hofmann

P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN

FROM THE SQUADRON SECRETARY: Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P

BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON - HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: December 18, 2017

LOCATION: Double's Beachside, IHB

The event was called to order at 1900 by Cdr Shari Marshall. Special guests included D23 Cdr Ron Gagen and Judy Coffman. Tony Adams gave the blessing and dinner was served.



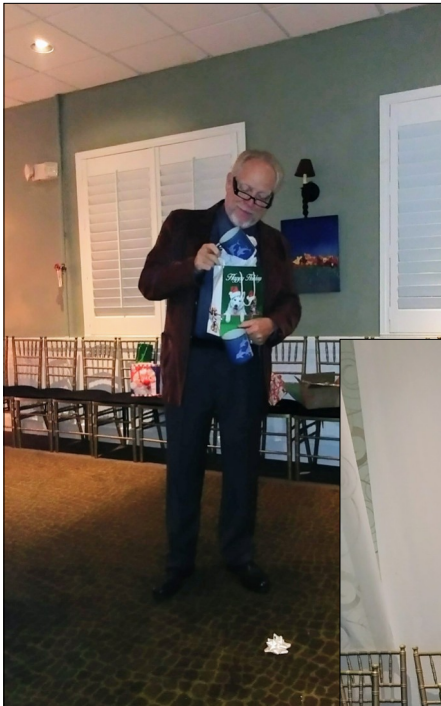
Pechars, Friedlanders, Adams, Hixenbaughs, Hofmanns, Jones/Marshall, Murphys, Gagen/ Coffman, Wall, Adams, and LeCuns



D23 Cdr Ron Gagen and Judy



Holiday Party Continued:



Novelty gift exchange,
Wally Jones



Novelty gift exchange,
Terri Friedlander



Toys for Tots!!



Gail Wall and James Murphy

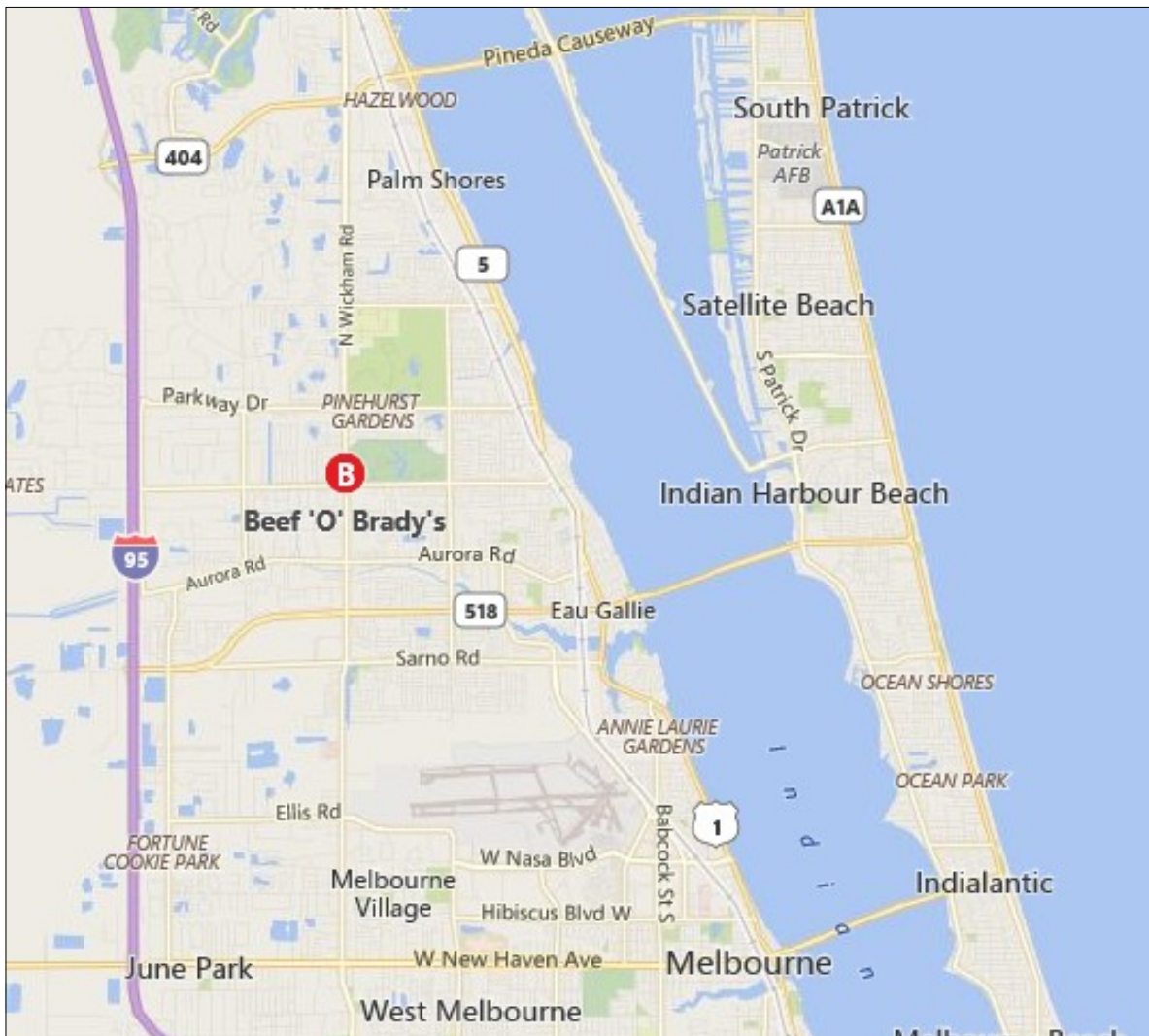


Lucy Hixenbaugh and Terri
Friedlander

NEW GENERAL MEETING PLACE for 2018



3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne





GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 15, 2018

Social 1830 Dinner 1915
(6:30 p.m.) (7:15 p.m.)

Beef 'O'Brady's
3030 Lake Washington Rd
Melbourne, FL

Speaker: James Murphy
Topic: Integrating Bridge Electronics

(James) Tinker's love of the sea started early as he learned boating from his grandfather, Frank Tinker, a commercial fisherman and former Surfman in the Lifesaving Service (Coast Guard) (1915-1919) on Block Island, off the coast of Rhode Island. He studied at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Florida Institute of Technology majoring in computer science. Tinker worked in the computer industry for over 20 years and moved to commercial fishing and winding up as a marine game warden for the town of New Shoreham, RI (Block Island) for 10 years. As a part time job, Tinker worked at a local motorcycle shop where he repaired outboards and personal watercraft, as well as motorcycles as he did six years of road racing crafting his own motorcycle parts. He has extensive knowledge of marine systems, including engines, electrical, battery systems, hydraulics, marine communications and the integration of these systems into a usable network to provide necessary and timely feedback to the captain.

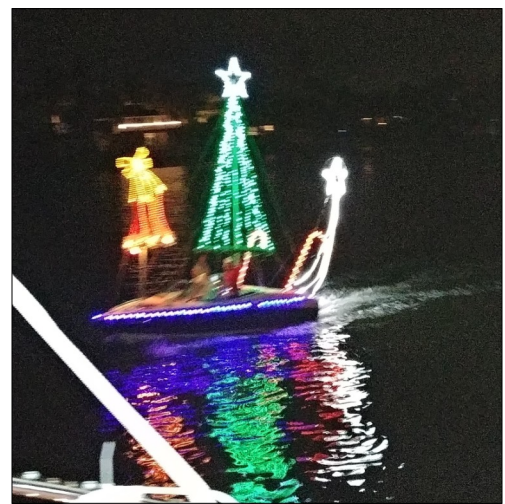
MEETING TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

If you are a member and need transportation to and from the Squadron General Meetings you are invited to call **Shari Marshall, 734-347-2992** who will gladly make the arrangements for you. There is no charge and no reason needed other than the desire to have a great evening with fellow Squadron members. **Call now and don't miss out!**

BRSPS 2017 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE WINNERS of 1st ANNUAL CONTEST



TIE: Power Boat less than 30 feet. "Christmas Train" Gene and Megan Cochran



TIE: Power Boat less than 30 feet. "Special Liberty" Jeff Ball and Kathy Harris



Power Boat 31 feet and over. "Double C's" Chris and Christy Farrar

Unfortunately, no sailboat showed its registration number to the judges or responded on VHF radio channel 71. Thus, no award was given for best SAIL BOAT. Here are pictures of other boats which may or may not have entered the Best Decorated Boat contest. Very nice!!

CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR!



Couldn't have done the parade without their help!!



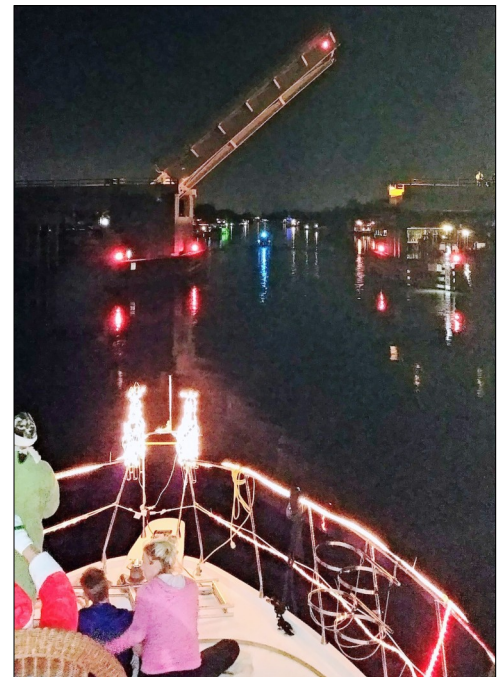
Judges: Bill Giers, Earl Gillespie, and Julie Hill
aboard Roger Hill's boat



Dave Hixenbaugh as SANTA



Decorated homes and docks along the Canal



The bridge tenders at Mathers, Lansing
Island and Tortoise Island



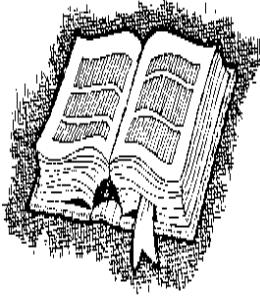
The many folks who came out to see the parade!!

THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: P/D/C George Ammon, SN



Please be aware that George fell earlier in November and fractured his neck. He is at Melbourne Terrace Rehab 251 E. Florida Ave, next to Sea Pines in Palm Bay, Room 605, 321 821-6113.. A call or a visit would certainly cheer him up.

There was a wonderful article about Anne Cope's successful fight with ovarian cancer in the Thursday, Oct 26, 2017, Health Section of FLORIDA TODAY. Anne is a member of BRSPS and prior Newsletter Editor. She attributes her success to modern cancer drugs and the support of her family and friends. You owe it to yourself to read this article for true inspiration.



We all know life is fragile and uncertain. Please feel free to make me aware of any special needs any of our squadron members may have. Contact George at (321) 773-2426.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING IN JANUARY!

George Ammon

Marisela Dutra

Eddie Byers

Craig George

Martha Byers

Bruce Hess

Carol Carbee

Wally Jones

John Pechar



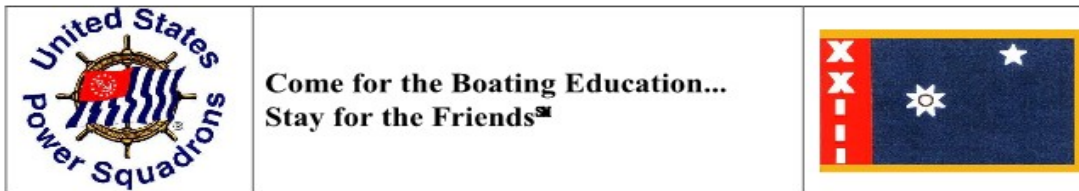
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D23's 2018 Winter Council Agenda – Saturday 13 January 2018

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|-------------|---|
| 0700 - 0900 | Registration & Breakfast (Compliments of DBSPS) |
| 0900- 1000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call to order - Invocation - Pledge of Allegiance - Recognize Guest/VIP's/P/D/C - D23 Secretary Call Roll for Quorum of Council Members |
| 0930- 1100 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roundtable training – Breakout Sessions - Education Dept. Discussions - Membership round table for AO departments - Secretary/Treasurer Round table -Cdrs. & XO's round table |
| 1100 - 1200 | -Update of Education Dept. |
| 1200 - 1300 | - Lunch (On site) |
| 1300 - 1400 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council resumes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall Council minutes - District Picnic report - Spring Conference report - Finance Committee report - Nominating Committee report - Old business - New business - Meeting adjourn |

Dress Code USPS Casual



D23's 2018 Training Meeting & Winter Council

Saturday 13 January 2018

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Name (Print) _____
Rank _____ **Grade** _____
Telephone _____
Email _____
Squadron _____
Position _____

TRAINING DISCUSSIONS:

Check one

- Education Roundtable _____
- Membership Roundtable for AO Depts. _____
- Secretary Roundtable _____
- Treasurer Roundtable _____
- Cdrs. And XOs Roundtable _____
-
- GENERAL ATTENDENCE _____

RSVP TO Ron Poland, D23 Secretary, 1939 Woodlake Dr,

Fleming Island, FL 32003

2018 Bimini Cruise-Dates and Plan



THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SHARED FROM CENTRAL FLORIDA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON—ALL DISTRICT 23 MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN!

Dates of Trip May 15 – 23 Yes, this is a mid week trip and our first in the month of May. We will arrive in Fort Lauderdale, Tuesday May 15, at Bahia Mar and cross the next day May 16 to North Bimini. We will return on May 23. We will stay at Bimini Big Game club on North Bimini. We presently have 15 slips and 8 rooms reserved. All of the island amenities are at North Bimini, beautiful clean beaches, fishing, snorkeling, diving, beach comb-ing , gambling, pools and great food.

The Big Game Club identifier for reservations and discounts is “BIMFG” (Bimini Fun Group). Bimini Big Game Club 1-800-867-4764 May 16 – 23 Bahia Mar Yacht Club Marina 2-954-627-6309 May 15 Ask for Stephanie to obtain group rate. Double Tree by Hilton (hotel at Bahia Mar, if needed) 1-954-764-2233 May 15 Golf Cart Rental – cash only, Renee & Sluggo's Golf Carts. 1-242-473-5121 North Bimini is two miles long and carts are highly recommended either 2 , 4 or 6 passenger. May 15 -23. The crossing from Fort Lauderdale to North Bimini is 54 miles of ocean open water. Boat sizes acceptable for this trip are minimum 26 foot and either a closed bow, cruiser or high gunwale fishing boats with through hull scuppers. No flats, bay or bowrider boats. In order to run with the group boats should be able to maintain 20 – 24 knots in open water.

Trailer boats will launch at Harbor Town Marina in Dania beach, just south of Fort Lauderdale. Truck and trailer parking for the week is \$10 per day. No reservation needed. Update: The dockage and room rates at BBGC have been reduced from 2017. Boats are now \$1.75 per foot and rooms are \$179 per night plus tax and fees. These prices are for early reservations only.

The trip is now ONLY FIVE months away. I encourage you take advantage of the next two months to make boat improvements and service. The boat service departments are slow now and many service price specials are offered. This also gets you ready for spring and test runs. Those of you with ADD and Procrastinators schedule those vacation days NOW ! This is going to be the best trip ever and you want to a part of the fun. Any questions call Gary Yeomans at 407-810-1314 or email at Garyyeomansphotography@Gmail.com If you are even remotely interested in attending this year's Bimini crossing trip, please email me back with your contact information and I will add you to the Bimini email list. (tonengib@gmail.com) **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!**

NEWS FROM NATIONAL



Meetings and Events Online Registration System



USPS Meeting Information

2018 Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 18, 2018 - Sunday, February 25, 2018

Orlando, FL

MEAL RESERVATIONS OPEN

[To begin your online reservation - click here](#)

Hotel Information

Rosen Center

This is the main meeting Hotel

[Hotel Web Site](#)

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Rate: \$155.00

Activities

Meals Package M

Cost: \$172.00

Price until 8 January 2018 \$142.00

Includes Friday Breakfast, Members' Luncheon, and Saturday Banquet. Does not include Thursday night Dinner and Entertainment and Department Lunches/Breakfasts, which must be ordered separately.

Meals Package S

Cost: \$177.00

Price until 8 January 2018 \$147.00

Includes Friday Breakfast, Social Luncheon, and Saturday Banquet. Does not include Thursday night Dinner and Entertainment and Department Lunches/Breakfasts, which must be ordered separately.

Registration Fee [Add to Calendar](#)

Cost: \$35.00

Friday, February 23, 2018

Keynote Breakfast & Address [Add to Calendar](#)

Time: 0730-0900

Cost: \$45.00

Price until 8 January 2018 \$35.00

An exciting and informational start to the day....

NOTE: Included in Meal Packages

GUEST SPEAKERS....Captain Dave Haslam & Nancy Haslam – Tall Ship Lady Washington Raised on Cape Cod, Captain Dave Haslam's interest in boating started early in his life when he bought his first boat at 15. His family owned a 28 foot Lobsterman. Dave and his wife, Nancy, purchased a Pearson 424 ketch which they sailed south from Seattle in September 2003. They spent a year-and-a-half in the Sea of Cortez, spending time in El Salvador and Costa Rica before continuing through the Panama Canal in April of 2005. Traveling north to Daytona they joined Daytona Sail and Power Squadron. They later transferred their membership to Titusville Sail and Power Squadron where Dave currently serves as CDR. He captained the Tall Ship, Lady Washington, with Nancy serving as his very able Deckhand, from Christmas Day 2008 to the end of September 2009, and has since been at her helm as Captain for three more voyages. During these times, he sailed up the West Coast, and up the Columbia River twice as far as Pasco, Washington (328 miles and 340 feet elevation via 4 dams). The Lady Washington is 112 feet, spared length, 90 feet loa, and 67 feet on deck. She weighs in at a petite 220 tons. She has 162 control lines, approximately six miles of lines, 13 sails and is totally voice powered. During the 2009 season Dave and Nancy took the Lady from San Diego up the West Coast to Puget Sound, through the Columbia River to Pasco (328 miles and 340 feet of elevation), all told they logged approximately 2500 nm.

Lunch - Executive Department [Add to Calendar](#)

Time: 1215-1345

Cost: \$50.00

Price until 8 January 2018 \$40.00

The National Executive Officer cordially invites all member of USPS to come and meet the national leadership, staff and others working towards bettering USPS. This luncheon is for all members of the Executive Department at the squadron, district and national levels.

Note: Not included in Meal Packages M or S. Please order separately here.

Lunch - Administrative Department [Add to Calendar](#)

Time: 1230-1345

Cost: \$50.00

Price until 8 January 2018 \$40.00

The National Administrative Officer offers a luncheon for all members in the Administrative Department at all levels of USPS - squadron, district and national. All members of USPS are invited and encouraged to attend.

Note: Not included in Meal Packages M or S. Please order separately here.

Team Building Scavenger Hunt [Add to Calendar](#)

Time: TBA

Cost: \$75.00

Price until 8 January 2018 \$65.00

The Quest Scavenger Hunt is a 90-120 minute exercise in team work, communication and leadership. The Quest is not your typical scavenger hunt and certainly not what you'd think of for team bonding. Our hunts take place at iconic parks and attractions. They include fun, creative challenges that will test each team's ability to think differently, get outside their comfort zone and work together. Each member of the team will have the opportunity to shine, while also helping their teammates to do the same. Groups will search for unique sights for photos, make short movies, interact with locals and test their attention to detail. Most of all, it's an event filled with laughter and great memories. They'll even supply a wrap up video of the day's highlights. Scavenger hunt will take place at Universal City Walk. Transportation included. AFTERNOON ACTIVITY – Time to be determined.

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Social Reception, Luncheon & Entertainment [Add to Calendar](#)

Time: 1130-1400

Cost: \$55.00

Price until 8 January 2018 \$45.00

Enjoy Southern hospitality as you are welcomed with a glass of wine, and enjoy the company of both long-time and newer friends...a lovely prelude to the Steel Magnolias-themed Luncheon and Entertainment.

NOTE: Included in Meals Package S

Member's Reception & Luncheon [Add to Calendar](#)

Time: 1200-1400

Cost: \$50.00

Price until 8 January 2018 \$40.00

Experience the fellowship of other USPS members and guests while enjoying your lunch.

NOTE: Included in Meals Package M

Reception & Dinner Dance [Add to Calendar](#)

Time: 1830-2230

Cost: \$82.00

Price until 8 January 2018 \$72.00

An evening of celebration as we welcome the 2018-2019 Board of Directors.

NOTE: Included in Meals Packages.



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- Encourage fellow boaters to "Take the Pledge"
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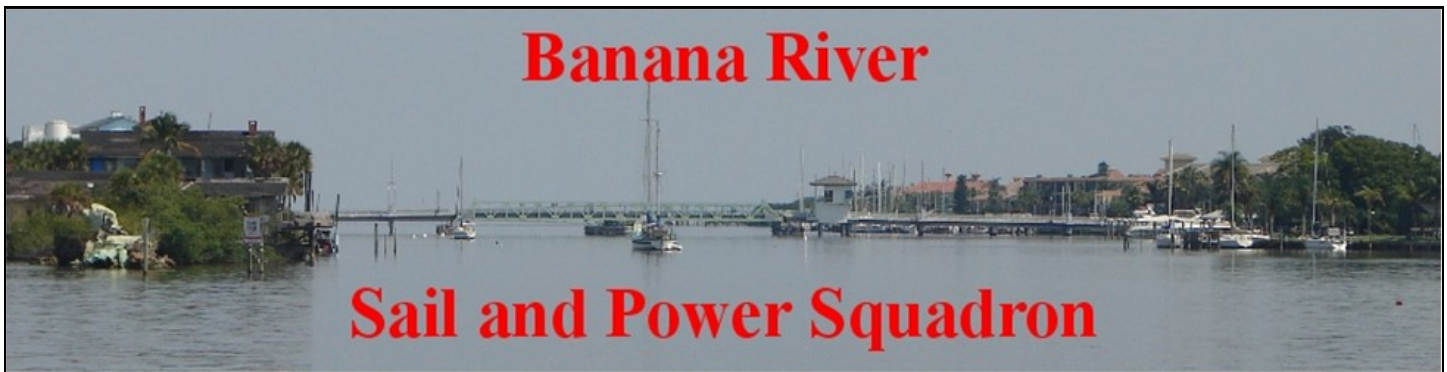
P/C Earl Gillespie, P (10'15)

P/V/C Dick Peoples, SN (07'16)

P/D/C George Ammon, SN (01'17)

P/C Ken Peters, SN (02'17)

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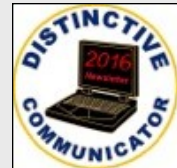
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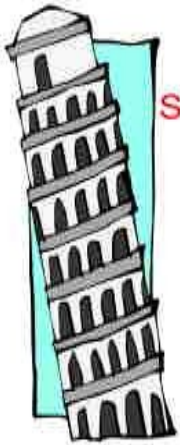
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----- Cut here to Clip Upcoming Events -----



UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2018

JANUARY 2018

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| 9 | EXECUTIVE MEETING | 1900 | BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach |
| 13 | D23 WINTER COUNCIL MEETING | 900 | ARC Building, 100 Jimmy Huger Cir, Daytona Beach |
| 15 | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING | 1830 | Beef 'O'Brady's
3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne |
| 21 | DRAGON TALES DEADLINE | | Email to sd44marsh@yahoo.com |

FEBRUARY

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| 13 | EXECUTIVE MEETING | 1900 | BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach |
| 18-25 | USPS ANNUAL MEETING | | Orlando Omni Rosen Hotel, Orlando |
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