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**The Trumpy Yacht “Freedom” out of Newport, RI
Spotted at Melbourne Harbor Marina (Page 12)**

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**BANANA RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON ACTIVITIES
YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS**

**FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**



Monday, January 15, 2018

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

BEEF 'O' BRADY'S

3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne 32935

Speaker: Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P

**Topic: Planning and Mis-planning a
Multi-week Cruise**



VHF RADIO TRAINING

Sat Feb 10

3:00 to ?

1306A Miller St, Palm Bay

See Page 8 for more Info



**SAMSONS ISLAND
OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday Feb 17, 2018

0900 to 1400

Meet at Satellite Beach Fire Dept

See Page 10 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)

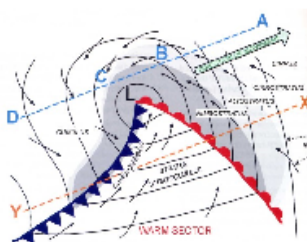


BASIC BOATING (ABC3)

March 17, 2018

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)

April 2-4, 2018



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

TO BE TAKEN IN SEQUENCE



- CRUISING AND CRUISE PLANNING
- MARINE ENGINE MAINTENANCE
- HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR
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- MARINE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Shari Marshall, AP

Report on January Activities



I had the honor of representing the BRSPS at the D23 Winter Council Meeting on January 13 in Daytona Beach.

Items discussed/ratified:

- USPS educational materials are copyrighted and if anyone adds slides, graphs, pictures, etc, the USPS logo/branding must be removed from that page.
- Seamanship will be renamed to “Boat Handling.” The seminar has been rewritten as six two-hour classes with an exam at the end of each. It will be available in e-book and hard formats
- The Digital Media Library is available to download training videos at www.uspsdml.org.
- A Spanish ABC3 is now available.
- Piloting is being rewritten and organized as stand-alone segments each with its own exam. The new course will be named “Marine Navigation.”
- D23 Spring Conference will be March 23-25. See Pages 20-21 for registration.
- The 2018 D23 budget will be the same as the 2017 budget.
- D23 will use “Free Conference Call “ (FCC) in lieu of GoToMeeting for virtual calls.
- With the dissolution of the Titusville SPS effective March 31, the D23 banner will be modified to reflect the squadron change.

I also had the pleasure of administering the USPS Pledge to new member, Robert Abend at the January General Membership Meeting on January 15. **Welcome, Bob!**



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.

Instructor Development First of approximately five classes starts on Wednesday, February 21. Instruction is one activity that always can use new talent. Please consider taking this course.

Instructor Recertification Notices went out to all instructors whose certification has expired or will soon. Class will be held on Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 AM and will last for 2-3 hours.

Advanced Piloting is still in the planning stage with a tentative starting date in early April.



Any other courses will be scheduled according to your interest - take advantage of our **COURSES ON DEMAND** option. The minimum class size is five. Our courses are open not just for members; feel free to recruit friends to further their boating education. You can find the complete list of courses, a total of thirteen, at www.banariversps.org.

Remember, **we do not just offer boating education – we provide superior boating education!**

Check our website www.banariversps.org for more information.



Mayday

The distress call for voice radio, for vessels and people in serious trouble at sea. The term was made official by an international telecommunications conference in 1948, and is an anglicizing of the French "m'aidez," (help me). 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 MEETING MINUTES:

DATE: January 16, 2018

LOCATION: Beef 'O' Brady's, Melbourne, FL

Attending

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; Lt/C Gail Wall, P; P/D/Lt/C David Hixenbaugh, SN; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt/C John Pechar, P; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P; P/C James Merker, AP; Lt Harvey Inventasch, SN

Absent

P/D/C Robert Becker, SN; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN.

Members Attending: 25

Visitors:

Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Members: 2
Boat Parade Winners and Guests: 12

The meeting was called to order at 1905 by Cdr Shari Marshall. Pledge and blessing was led by P/D/Lt/C David Hixenbaugh, SN.

Cdr Marshall awarded prizes to the winners of the BRSPS-sponsored 2017 Christmas Boat Parade Best Decorated Boat winners:

Power Boat over 30':

"Double C's" by Chris and Christy Farrar

Power Boat under 30': TIE

"Christmas Train" by Gene and Megan Cochran

"Special Liberty" by Jeff Ball and Kathy Harris

Sail Boat: None awarded.

Prizes included a BRSPS Certificate of Achievement, an individual membership in the Squadron (if desired), and a check for \$150.00.

Side note: No prize was awarded in the Sail Boat category as the judges were not able to identify registered boats. The required boat numbers were not visible nor did the boats answer hails over the radio.

The monthly program was presented by member J. Tinker Murphy, Topic: Networking Marine Electronics. Introduction of the speaker was performed by P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN.



Commander's Report:

Cdr Marshall administered the new member pledge to Robert Abend, who joined the Squadron in November 2017.

The 2018 Member Roster is being prepared and will be available in February.

Cdr Marshall will be attending the Change of Watch for the Cocoa Beach SPS on February 10th.

Cdr Marshall and Gail Wall attended the D23 Winder Council Meeting. The new motto of "America's Boating Club" was discussed and received a positive response. The Titusville SPS has dissolved and members have transferred to the Cocoa Beach SPS. The District is looking for nominations for District Treasurer and District Secretary. If interested, contact Cdr Marshall.

USPS Annual Meeting is being held Feb 18-25 in Orlando. Try to attend. The information is on the website and in Dragon Tales. Cdr Marshall will be attending Thursday and Friday if anyone would like to car pool.

D23 Spring Conference will be held in Daytona Beach on March 23-25. BRSPS member Lucy Hixenbaugh is Chair of this conference. It will be held at the Holiday Inn LPGA. Registration is open. We are looking for door prizes and gifts.

Admin Officer Report:

Lt/C Gail Wall reviewed upcoming events with the members: VHF Radio Etiquette on February 10th at 3pm (location to be determined),

Secretary's Report Continued

Samsons Island Open House on February 17th along with Cocoa Beach SPS, MOB, D23 Picnic in Titusville, and the Annual Flare-up. An Events calendar is being developed.

Ed Department Report:

P/D/LtC Ernst Hofmann announced upcoming classes: ABC3 Class on March 17th Saturday all day plus the on-the-water session, Jr Basic Boating class on April 2nd thru 4th at the Satellite Beach Recreation Center, and a planned Advanced Piloting course which will run for 10 to 12 weeks.

Secretary's Report:

Lt/C Stephanie Murphy reported that Cdr Marshall will lead an Operations Training class on January 22nd at 6:30pm at member Wally Jones' home. Nine members will be attending.

Membership remains at 68, plus 2 associate members. Two members are scheduled to renew in January and three in February.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer P/D/Lt/C David Hixenbaugh stated that account balances were reviewed and are in order.

The meeting was adjourned at 2022.

Next General meeting will be held on February 19, 2018 at Beef 'O' Brady's at 3030 Lake Washington Rd., Melbourne. Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on February 13, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P
BRSPS Secretary
January 21, 2018



Gene Cochran and "crew"



Jeff Ball and Kathy Harris



Chris and Christy Farrar



Afraid of using your radio?

Confused on the sequence of the call?

Come at 3:00 pm on Feb 10 to Gail's home: 1306A Miller St, Palm Bay.

Come try your hand at this "Hands On" basic radio etiquette practicum. Many people are plain afraid of speaking over the radio. What buttons do I press? What's the format of the hailing? Will I sound inexperienced?

Come out and use "walkie-talkies" in a non-intimidating friendly environment and talk thru various scenarios, for example, calling up the Harbormaster, the Coast Guard, and social calling. Learn when to use Ch 16 and when NOT to.

This does NOT replace formal radio training but is meant as an easy learning experience with no pressure in a semi-social environment.

Interested? Email gail.brsp@gmail.com



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 19, 2018

Social 1830

Dinner 1915

(6:30 p.m.)

(7:15 p.m.)

BEEF 'O' BRADY'S

3030 Lake Washington Rd

Melbourne, FL

Speaker: Stephanie Murphy

Topic: Stephanie, our Secretary will speak about Planning and Mis-planning a Multi-week Cruise to a Boating Rendezvous (with Learning Experiences) to South Carolina to view the recent eclipse.

Stephanie is new to boat ownership. She has always loved the water and been on boats from New Zealand to New England as a passenger. Steph saw a notice in the Satellite Beach David Schechter Community Center newsletter stating that BRSPS would hold a class in Marine Communications in the spring of 2016. Since then she has taken ABC3, the Piloting classes, and recently Engine Maintenance. Stephanie worked in the computer industry and at Cape Canaveral and Patrick AFB for nearly 40 years. She has technical degrees from Florida Tech and the University of Miami.



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!**

**Come
Join
Us!**

**Saturday, Feb 17
0900 to 1400**



SAMSONS Island OPEN HOUSE

The event starts at 0930, so we should be in place by 0915, and ends at 1400.

There will be a table and 4 chairs supplied for us.

A boat from behind the Satellite Beach Fire house on South Patrick Drive runs a shuttle service, and we need to let them know how many of us there will be and when we would like to board.

Last year our group arrived at 0845 for set up. If we take your own boat to the island we can come to the island anytime between 0800 and 0845 for set up.

Volunteers are needed to retrieve items from the Crib (our storage unit) to bring along with us!

Volunteers are needed to transport supplies to our assigned location on the island!

Banners and Posters need to be hung!

Volunteers are needed to staff the table, all or part of the time!

If you volunteer for 1 task you don't, of course, have to volunteer for the others but why not?!?

Be the first to sign up! You will really enjoy this!

Call or Email NOW!

Gail [772-418-4507](tel:772-418-4507) or Gail.BRSPS@Gmail.com



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CONGRATULATIONS TO 2017 MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS!!

Tony Adams
George Ammon
Bob Becker
Carol Carbee
John Carbee
Brian Dutra
Ken Emandes
John Fritz
Earl Gillespie
Roger Hill
Dave Hixenbaugh
Lucy Hixenaugh

Ernst Hofmann
Harvey Inventasch
Ed LeCun
Shari Marshall
Jim Merker
Stephanie Murphy
John Pechar
Dick Peoples
Adam Smith
Bill Veit
Gail Wall
Ed Wrasmann

The Merit Mark Committee has the honor, privilege, and responsibility of preparing merit mark recommendations for those Active and Family members who have made substantial efforts on behalf of our Squadron during the calendar year 2016.

A Merit Mark is awarded by the Chief Commander to USPS members who have furthered the interests, programs, and objectives of USPS, its districts, and its squadrons. Members are limited to one Merit Mark per year. When a merit mark recommendation is approved, the Chief Commander issues a certificate to the recipient, who is then entitled to wear a special merit mark insignia on his/her USPS uniform.

After earning five Merit Marks, a member becomes known as a Senior Member, and upon earning 25 Merit Marks, the member is designated a Life Member and is exempt from paying dues.

Lt/C Gail Wall, P
 Chair, Merit Mark Committee

Notice

Ensign Magazines Wanted

If you are not saving your Ensign Magazines, the Membership Committee would like to recycle them by giving them to prospective members, ABC students and at our booth events and public classes.

BRING TO NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Trumpy Yacht “Freedom”

The 104ft fantail motor yacht *Freedom*, designed by John Trumpy, was the 181st built to come out of the Mathis Yacht Building Company since the builder’s inception in 1910. Aubert J. Fay of Lowell, Massachusetts, was the client, but she went on to have several owners. Perhaps the most illustrious were Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Donahue of New York. As the daughter of F.W. Woolworth, Donahue was considered in 1930 to be one of the wealthiest women in the country. *Freedom* served as an extension to their Palm Beach home. When McMillen first laid eyes on *Freedom* in 2001 on the St. John’s River, south of Jacksonville, Florida, the yacht had fallen on hard times, like so many of these vintage beauties.



Reconstruction began in 2005. At the height of the project, McMillen employed 25 skilled craftsmen, working approximately 4,000 man-hours per month. In the Newport area, classic yachts are revered; it was an honor to work on the restoration.

To wrap your mind around the project, *Freedom* from the deck down is brand new. The deckhouse framing and about 80 percent of the original mahogany paneling were salvaged, as well as a good deal of the original hardware, which has been rechromed and appears new. Amazingly, most of the porcelain in the baths is original, such as the 1920s bathtub. It was the deft hand of Elizabeth McMillen that made this boat come to life, through interior design and décor that respects the period with a modern flair. The art is in the details—and there are so many details aboard *Freedom*, such as 14 coats of varnish and details counting, that the visual effects of



SPECIFICATION

M/Y Freedom

LENGTH 103.67ft /31.6m

BUILDER Mathis Yacht Buildi

EXTERIOR DESIGNER John Trumpy

BUILT | REFIT 1926 | 2009

MODEL Trumpy

BEAM 18.70ft /5.7m

GROSS TONNAGE 156 Tonnes

DRAFT 4.99ft /1.52m

CRUISING SPEED 13 Knots

coming upon the boat are simply stunning.

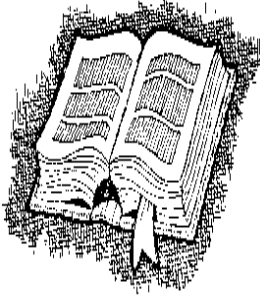
Freedom’s traditional displacement hull shape is extremely efficient. It allows for comparatively small engines: two 526hp John Deere PowerTech engines with 44ft-long shafts, to push what is a 104ft, 156-ton boat to her cruising speed of 12 knots. Captain Brad Stahl reports that while cruising the Intracoastal Waterway, *Freedom* will burn about 17 gallons per hour, and about 22 to 25 gallons when cruising open waters. The ideal max is about 15 knots. But it’s not about speed, it’s about comfort.

The restoration took nearly seven years at a cost of seven million dollars, but in the video of the launching in May 2009, Earl McMillen is grinning from ear to ear. (**Showboats International, May 2010**)

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 still 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.



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 me at (321) 773-2426.

I want to thank all those people who keep in touch with their friends and fellow members. We look forward to seeing all of you at future meetings.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS
CELEBRATING IN FEBRUARY!**

Robert Abend

Danielle Friedlander

German Castro

Stephen Moon

Brian Dutra

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.

Trailered 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!



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](#)
9840 International Drive
Orlando FL 32819
Telephone: [\(407\) 996-9840](tel:4079969840)
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.



Meetings and Events Online Registration System

Begin Reservation Process....

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Japan - Enter full code (format 999-9999)

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL

National Safety Committee is promoting “America’s Boating Club”

The Decal Awareness Program received a grant from the “United States Power Squadrons” Board of Governors to purchase 35,000 Vessel Examiner (VE) business cards and ship them to all VE’s. This card serves as a segue for promoting “America’s Boating Club” which also benefits the Vessel Safety Check program. Please expect your cards to arrive later this month, and thank you for your support.

Stf/C Bob Bales

BRSPS new signs at Ballard Park and Front Street Boat Ramps

Purchased by the Squadron and installed by the Melbourne Park and Rec Department.



Photo by Ernst Hofmann



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DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



February, 2018
From the District Bridge
District Commander Ron Gagen, Sr, JN

The year has flown by. I would like to thank everyone especially Judy for making this a very successful year. On a sad note we lost the Titusville squadron but most members are joining other squadrons. Remember the national annual meeting in February is in Orlando. Why not carpool and attend or stay a night or two? Also March is our spring conference. Don't wait to register and support the new blood that is joining the bridge. As Commander Judy and I have stayed busy starting in Dallas, boat cruise, GoToMeetings, Cocoa Beach 50th anniversary, 5 Christmas parties, all changes of watch, district picnic, local meetings, several safe boat week events, observed several classes and still had time for a 900 mile cruise on our own boat. All times and dates of our upcoming events have been published and will be sent out several more times please attend Thanks to all of my bridge. They have been great and Tim Henke, who tried to keep me in line.

Thank you,

D/C Ron Gagen, Sr., JN



For Boaters, By Boaters



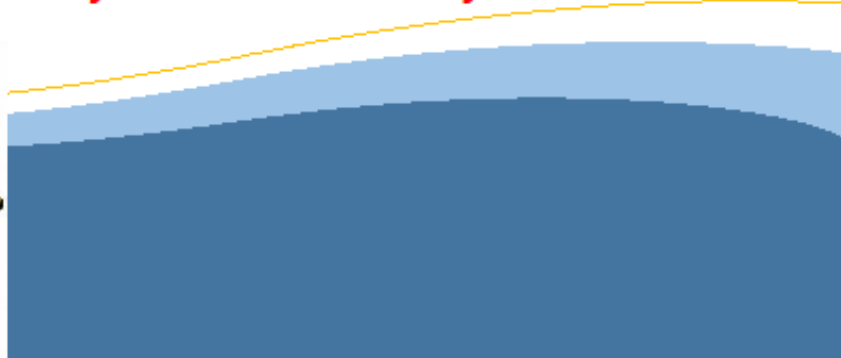
Save the Dates

**We*would be LOST
without you**

District 23 Change of Watch

23-25 March 2018

Holiday Inn LPGA, Daytona Bch





Holiday Inn LPGA
 137 Automall Circle
 Daytona Beach, FL 32124
 Telephone: 386-236-0200 Fax: 386-274-4560
 Reservations by 1 March with Group – US Power Squadron
Method of Room Reservation – Call-in to Holiday Inn LPGA
\$99.00 – King or Double

DISTRICT 23
SPRING
CONFERENCE

23-25 March 2018

Register----- ✂

Name _____

Squadron _____

Email _____

Guest _____

Squadron _____

Mail Completed Registration and Payment:

D/Ltc John Mulkey
 939 Osprey Lane
 Rockledge, Florida 32955
 (Include meal payments only)

DEADLINE 1 March



"We Would Be Lost Without You"

MEALS

Friday 23 March
A Taste of Italy
Chicken
Marsala/Baked Ziti
\$25.00
Attending _____
Total \$ _____

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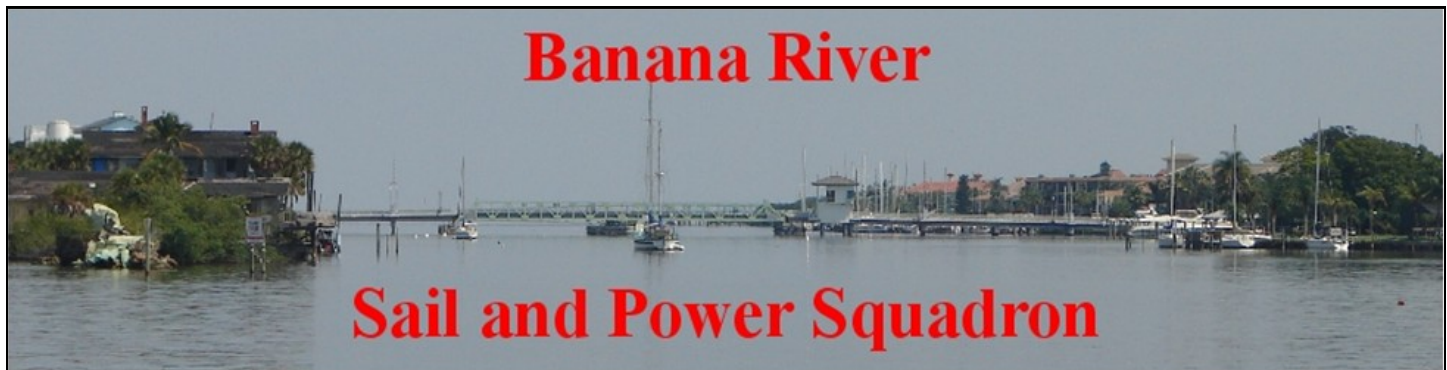
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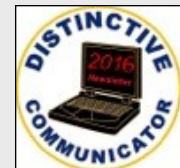
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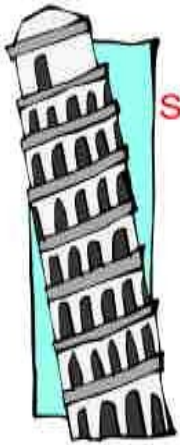
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MARCH

3 PELICAN ISLAND WILDLIFE FESTIVAL 3-4 GRANT SEFOOD FESTIVAL 7, 14, 21 INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT 13 EXECUTIVE MEETING 17 ABC3 16-18 SHRIMP FESTIVAL & CRAT BEER HULABALOO 19 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 21 DRAGON TALES DEADLINE 23-25 D23 SPRING CONFERENCE	1000 Riverview Park, US Hwy I, Sebastian 1000 US Hwy I, Grant 1830 Keiser University, 900 S. Babcock St, Melbourne 1900 BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 0900 Ascension Lutheran Church, 1053 Pinetree Dr, IHB 1000 Riverview Park, US Hwy I, Sebastian 1830 BEEF 'O' BRADY'S 3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne Email to sd44marsh@yahoo.com 9000 Holiday Inn LPGA, Daytona Beach
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