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David Cross and crewmember Bill Cady bring the inflatable "Carpathia" alongside another boat, on which Squadron members are busily snacking, at the 13 November Raft-Up in the Old Port Cove anchorage. Story on Page 11. Photo by Lt. James Tedesco, S.

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This Month's Meeting
Tuesday, 14 December
Commander's Ball and
Holiday Party
OLD PORT YACHT CLUB

Join us for the festive annual Commander's Ball and Holiday Party at Old Port Yacht Club, 116 Lakeshore Dr., North Palm Beach (across from Crystal Tree) off U.S. 1.

There will not be a formal meeting at this event and we will take this opportunity to honor our past commanders and celebrate the holiday season. This will be a gala evening of dining, dancing with music provided by Les Mack and Special Edition band and socializing with friends.

Cocktail hour will start at 1800 (6 p.m.) and dinner will be served at 1900. There will be danceable music from 1900 until 2200.

The Menu

- Caesar salad
- Petite filet mignon w/Béarnaise (or) Breast of chicken, sautéed and topped with lobster bourbon sauce
- Roasted redskin potatoes, green beans amandine
- Holiday dessert, coffeee
- For a fruit cup, please notify at time of reservations.

Please make reservations by **Thursday 09 December. Call Lt Roberta Stephens, P at 694-2992.** Since this is a gated community, you may not enter without a reservation by the listed date.

Price: \$45 per person inclusive. Please pay by check only, payable to the



Winners of the costume contest were Dennis Gartner, scariest; Lt/C Joyce Newman, S, most original; and Lt Brian Thompson, P, funniest. Photo by Lt. Jim Tedesco, S.

Halloween: utterly hilarious

The squadron Halloween party was held at on Saturday 30 October at the Waterway Condominium, courtesy of Lt Roberta Stephens, P and John Leemon, P

A committee of Roberta, John, and Lt Joan Thompson, P; Lt Brian Thompson, P; and Lt Pat Lloyd made the arrangements for this festive evening. Sixty plus revelers, most dressed in costume, had a wonderful time sporting their attire.

Lt Jim Tedesco helped create the Halloween spirit with a talking ghost and handmade tombstones.

Winners in the costume categories were Dennis Gartner, horror character, scariest; Lt Brian Thompson, a milk cow, funniest; and Lt/C Joyce Newman, S as Cleopatra, most original.

Everyone who attended was a real winner. The clown costumes worn by Lt Kathy and P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN was just too neat! There were just too many unique characters to name them all.

You can see Jim Tedesco's pictures on the squadron website at www.usps.org/localusps/palm.

Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Members who make reservations are responsible for the cost of the dinner. Bar drinks include gratuity. House brands and wine are \$6; \$7 call brands,

\$3 draft beer/mineral water and \$2 for soft drinks.

Bridge Uniform: Uniform A with bow tie.

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CDR MARY DODD, SN
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Find a Way to Participate



It's hard to believe that November is almost over and the holiday season is upon us. I hope everyone have been taking advantage of the great courses that were offered in 2004 by our Education Department. More courses will be starting in January and February.



I would also like to remind you that in addition to education and social events there are a number of ways you can be active in the Squadron, such as joining the award winning Cooperative Charting Committee, performing Vessel Safety Checks, participating on the Safety Committee, working on

public relations, and doing crafts, to name just a few. If any of these activities sounds interesting check the Squadron's Roster for the Committee Chairs. Call them and find out how you can participate.

November's General Membership Meeting was a great meeting. Pam Wall gave a very interesting talk on "Family Sailing Around the World." The food and service at Old Port Yacht Club was excellent as always.

The status of the up-date of the Squadron's By-laws is else where in this Afterdeck.

The Commander's Ball/Holiday Party, will be 14

December 2004. I hope you will all join the Bridge and me at this event to honor our Past Commanders. They have done a lot for this squadron and deserve the recognition given to them at this time. Hope to see you all there.

Cdr Mary Dodd, SN

PB Boat Parade is 4 December

The 2004 Holiday Boat Parade of the Palm Beaches is scheduled for Saturday 4 December at 6 p.m. The route for the parade, with Max Mayfield of the National Hurricane Center as grand marshal, begins at Peanut Island and ends at Jonathan's Landing.

The Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, parade sponsor, isn't charging an entry fee.

- The Fort Lauderdale Winterfest Parade will be held on Saturday 18 December. Squadron members are invited to participate in a rendezvous to Bahia Mar on Friday. Organizer Spike Speckeen, P says a few slips are still available. Call Spike at 842-9589 a collection spot for donations to the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. There will be a potluck dinner on the docks before the parade.

- The Squadron's annual Holiday Raft-up will be at 1100 hrs on Saturday 11 December in Old Port Cove. Bring a dessert and a gift to swap. Call Lt/C Joyce Newman at 624-7121 if you plan to attend.

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Address changes

Please report changes in address, telephone or e-mail, or birthday corrections, to the secretary.

From the Editor: *Not the last verse for Rubaiyat*

*He, in whose bosom wisdom's seed is sown,
To waste a single day was never known;
Either he strives to work great Allah's will,
Or else exalts the cup, and works his
own.*

Those are the words, translated from Farsi, of an astronomer and poet who lived 900 years ago in what was then the cultural center of the universe, Persia. His name was Omar Khayyam, and about him we know this: He loved words and wine and good company, and he lived life without regret. We know that because he wrote hundreds of four-line poems that have been translated by more scholars and into more languages than any writer who ever lived.

A four-line poem is called, clinically, a quatrain.



Khayyam's unique style is known as a Rubaiyat, a name I liked so much that I gave it to our first "big" sailboat.

When you name a boat or a child or a beachfront home, you impart your hopes and expectations for what it might be. Omar's *Rubaiyat* is an ode to the good life. Puns aside, what name could be better for a vessel that transports you so joyfully across the blue sea?

Rubaiyat was a part of our lives for 18 years, and hopefully its life will go on. After a tortuous bout with two hurricanes, we donated it last month to the Chapman School of Seamanship. This final *Rubaiyat* from the great poet expresses my emotions better than could I:

*The Master did himself these vessels frame,
Why should he cast them out to scorn and shame?*

*If he has made them well, why should he break
them?*

Yea, though he marred them, they are not to blame.

— Lt Harry Lloyd, AP, Afterdeck Editor

Nominees for Squadron's officers for 2005

The Nominating Committee carefully considered the duties associated with the elective positions, the qualifications of the nominees, as well as their availability and interest in fulfilling their respective positions, in accordance with Section 6.8 of the Bylaws of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

The following members are hereby placed in nomination for these positions:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Commander | Lt/C (P/C) Barbara Roemmele, JN |
| Executive Officer | Vacant |
| Administrative Officer | Lt/C Gary L. Ferguson, P |
| Education Officer | Lt/C (P/R/C) William C. Eldridge, SN |
| Secretary | Vacant |
| Treasurer | 1st/Lt Alan Patti, N |
| Asst Education Officer | P/C John R. Luciano, AP |
| Asst Admin Officer | Lt Harry S. Krivit, AP |
| Assistant Secretary | Vacant |
| Assistant Treasurer | Vacant |
| Members at Large: | Alan G. Konzelman, S |
| | P/C Mary Dodd, SN |
| | Immediate Past Commander |

General Committees — Auditing

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|---------|----------------------------|
| 1-Year | Harry S. Krivit, AP |
| 2 Years | Doris Speckeen |
| 3 Years | P/C Klaus J. Reinwarth, AP |

Nominating

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1-Year | Lt Leonard Kantor, JN |
| 1 Years | Anna Jean Muntz, P |
| 2 Years | P/C Edward A. Newman, S |
| 3 Years | Lt Roberta Stephens, P |
| 3 Years | Ralph Morse, JN |
| Alternate, Plus 1 Year | Reva Berman |

Rules

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| 1-Year | D/Lt Albert A. Shemo, SN |
| 2 Years | P/C John L. Reid, SN |
| 3 Years | P/Stf/C Rodney G. Landsman, AP |

Respectfully submitted by:

Chair – Lt Donna R. McWhorter
Harvey N. Mitchell, P
Lt Leonard Kantor, JN
Anna Jean Muntz, P
P/C Edward A. Newman, S

Note: election of officers and change of watch will be at the 11 January 2005 meeting.

EDUCATION NEWS

P/C Aybar earns his 'N'

We have another new 'N'!

Congratulations to P/C Rafael Aybar, N.

He got a 99 on his closed-book exam in Navigation! That is an outstanding accomplishment.

Thanks to Joe Rawlins, SN, Les McDermott, SN and Hans Heynau, N, for their teaching abilities and constant dedication.

New Piloting course

Our brand new Piloting course teaches it the way we should in the 21st century.

Starting date for this course is Wednesday, 19 January.

For years (forever) we have been teaching to plot in True (boats travel by magnetic courses) and we have stressed chart plotting with only a mention of GPS. This NEW course teaches us how to plot in magnetic and emphasizes GPS with charting as the backup. This new course is probably the most practical course we have in USPS—systems and procedures that we actually use on our boats!

The course material includes two student manuals in full color and a Maptech CD.

Why the wind is our friend

By Mike Hennassy, AP

Skokie Valley SPS "Running Lights"

Reprinted from Key West SPS "Conch Skipper"

Every day when we walk out the door we experience the wind. It may be strong or light. But the weather we experience every day will be influenced in some way by the wind.

If you are a sailor, you have a greater appreciation of the effect of the wind. Many of us motor boaters don't give it a lot of thought, unless it is affecting our boating activities.

Have you ever wondered what would happen if we didn't have wind? Without wind this planet we call earth would become uninhabitable. You see the wind allows air masses to move across the earth. The wind brings cooler air from

Cost is \$50 (including both modern books, the CD and the exam). P/C Jack Reid, SC is the instructor. Call him at 747-5428 or register on the 19th at headquarters.

Other courses coming up

Cruise Planning

Beginning Monday, Jan 10. \$35.

Instructor: Phil Bouckaert, AP — 863-7971

Marine Electronics

Beginning Wednesday, Jan 12. \$35

Instructor: Dick Boyack, AP — 740-1941

Weather

Beginning Thursday, Jan 13. \$40.

Instructor: Harvey Walford, SN — 845-1540

Instructor Development

Beginning Wednesday, Jan 12. Free

At USCGAux Bldg, Phil Foster Park.
Instructor: Phil Bouckaert, AP — 863-7971

For JN call Cdr Mary Dodd, SN — 743-4702

And N call Bill Eldridge, SN — 863-1461

Sail

Begins Monday, February 7 — \$40

Instructor: Art Dodd, SN — 743-4702

NEW MEMBERS

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the north and it allows the warm air of the tropics to escape to the more moderate climates. Yes the wind allows the warm and cold air to mix, thus creating changes in the weather, as we understand it.

The next time you see a weather map, look at the isobars. These are the lines of equal pressure. The closer these lines are, the stronger the winds will be. When these lines are far apart, this tells you the winds will be light.

You will also notice that winds tend to blow stronger over water than over land. This is because the water gives little resistance, while over land the trees and buildings create resistance.

There is a great deal more to know about the wind. Check out the weather class to learn more.

Squadron Bylaws updated at November meeting

From the Bridge of the Palm Beach SPS

The National Rules Committee requested that we update our 03 September 2002 Bylaws to reflect the 03 October 2003 "USPS model bylaw for squadrons.

P/R/C Robert B. Malone, SN, CHR of Squadron Rules Committee met with his committee on 26 October 2004 and approved the changes. P/R/C Malone submitted the updates to the Board at the 02 November 2004 Board meeting and the Board approved the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron, Inc.

At the General Membership Dinner meeting 10 November 2004, a quorum was present, the changes were presented to the membership and the vote was unanimous in favor of the recommended updates. Therefore, the following approved updates are being made to our bylaws dated 03 September 2002.

The recommended changes are given below. **The changes are shown in between " " marks, underlined and printed in bold and italics. The " " marks, underlined, bold and italic printing are used for emphases only.**

Note: Section 2.2.5, 3.1, 3.5 Replaced "Policy and authority" with "USPS policy"

Note: Section 3.2 has been updated to define an apprentice member.

Section 2.2 As used herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

2.2.5 **"USPS Policy"** refers to and means the bylaws of USPS, the policies adopted by the USPS Governing Board, and the current USPS *Operations Manual*, which supplements these bylaws and policies.

ARTICLE 3

Membership

Section 3.1 Membership in USPS and in this squadron is a privilege, not a right, and shall be by application and contingent upon meeting eligibility requirements as set forth in the bylaws of USPS. Admission to membership in USPS is a function of the USPS Governing Board and is delegated to the squadron Board of Directors subject to the policy and authority of USPS. No membership shall be valid unless the member meets and continues to meet the factual requirements of membership in USPS **"according to the policies of USPS"** and of this squadron. Any prospective member shall be expected to be able and willing to contribute energy and skill to the objects of this squadron and USPS.

Section 3.2 There shall be the following classes of membership: active members, family members, **"apprentice members, associate members and honorary members"**.

Section 3.5 Family members of this squadron may be admitted in the same manner as active members. Persons eligible to be admitted as family members shall consist of persons related to an active member by blood, legal adoption or marriage and who reside with or are dependents of such active member. Family members shall enjoy only such privileges as are in accordance with the **"USPS policy"**.

Note: Section 3.6 was added to define an apprentice member. Former Sections 3.6 through 3.12 have been re-numbered to accommodate new Section 3.6

Section 3.6 **"Apprentice members of this squadron shall be persons who have reached the age of twelve and have passed an examination approved by the USPS Operating Committee. Apprentice members shall enjoy only such privileges as are available to family members. Apprentice membership shall terminate at the end of the dues year in which the apprentice reaches his eighteenth birthday."**

ARTICLE 4

{Reserved}

Note: Article 4, Apprentices, has been deleted and marked (Reserved)

ARTICLE 5

Officers and Committees

General Provisions

Note: Section 5.1.1 deleted "elected chairmen" and "all appointed officers and committee chairmen"

Article 5.1.4 changed to "In this squadron simultaneously" and deleted "lame duck"

Section 5.3 modified "If elected, they shall serve with the rank of first lieutenant"

Section 5.4 modified to clarify nominations to the Executive Committee

Section: 5.1.1 **"All elected officers and elected committee members shall be active members of this squadron."**

Section 5.1.4 No active member shall be nominated for or hold more than one elective *flag office*, as defined by USPS Bylaws Section 4.3, **"in this squadron"** simultaneously, except as provided in 5.2 herein or for a short period due to overlapping terms of office. More than one elective position other than flag office may be held if there does not appear to be a conflict of interest.

Elected Assistants

Section 5.3 The Board of Directors may authorize election of an assistant educational officer, an assistant administrative officer, an assistant secretary and/or an assistant treasurer. **"If elected, they shall serve with the rank of first lieutenant"**. Any such officers shall assist their principals and, in the absence or incapacity of their principals, act in the principals' stead.

Elected Committees

Section 5.4 There shall be an *Executive Committee (also known as Board of Directors)* consisting of the elected bridge officers, the immediate past commander willing and able to serve, and three active members from the general membership of this squadron nominated for such position by the Nominating Committee and elected by the active members at the annual meeting each year.

Section 6.6 The treasurer shall:

Note: Section 6.6.9 Reworded "Cause to be prepared and filed, in a timely manner, all required federal, state and local tax and information returns"

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Section 6.6.9 “Cause to be prepared and filed, in a timely manner, all required federal, state, and local tax and information returns”.

ARTICLE 7

Dues and Entrance Fees

Note: Section 7.5 deleted “district assessment” and added “amount intended to defray a per capita assessment of the squadron by its district”

Section 7.5 Non-payment of squadron dues may be excused by the Board of Directors, but nothing herein contained shall authorize the waiver of dues to **“USPS or of any amount intended to defray a per capita assessment of the squadron by its district”.**

ARTICLE 9

Meetings, Notices and Quorums

Note: Section 9.3 Changed date for Change of Watch to **“January”**. **The Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron Board of Directors met on 03 August 2004 and voted unanimously for our squadron to return to its original change of watch year. Action was taken on the recommended bylaw change at the 12 October 2004 general membership dinner meeting with sixty-four in attendances. The amendment to the bylaws was approved by the majority of the active members with one “No” vote. On 29 October 2004, USPS Rules Committee noted Section 9.3: “The proposed change is acceptable.”**

Section 9.3 The annual meeting shall be held in the month of **“January”** at such time and place as the Board of Directors may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees, including the chairmen thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this squadron,

Note: Section 9.6.1 added to allow notice by electronics means

Section 9.6.1 “Electronic communication may be used for notices provided the recipient has agreed in writing to accept electronic messages in lieu of physical mail and the message is transmitted to the

Notes From the Safety Deck

By Lt. Richard Hofmann, P

A recent article in SeaTow provides a good reason why we should step up our efforts to get our boating safety message out. This is an excerpt from the article:

“My engine recently failed on Lake Erie. I am new to boating — this is my second year owning a 24-foot Sea Ray. I have no prior boating experience and have not taken any boating safety courses. So, when I broke down at 2:30 a.m. I radioed the Coast Guard, figur-

ing they would tow a disabled vessel to safety regardless. Boy, was I wrong.”

I’ll leave it up to you, our members, to figure out why this boater and many others like him need our help. Each of you should go out of your way to enlist novice boaters of our mission – to promote boating safety.

Two years ago I took the Seaman-ship course given by John Luciano, one of our excellent instructors. One of John’s tips dealt with keeping your lines clean and washed so that they don’t become brittle. He rotates his lines on a regular basis.

It is unfortunate that a neighbor (not

member’s facsimile machine or last e-mail address of record on or before the applicable deadline for dispatching notice. Electronic transmission of an official squadron publication containing such notice shall be deemed to comply with this requirement provided it is transmitted in its entirety.”

ARTICLE 10

Note: Section 10.1 removed numbers in subsection. Changed “Election of officers” to **Elections (if applicable)** to recognize election of other than just “officers”

Order of Business and Rules of Order

Section 10.1 Unless otherwise provided by the active members or by the presiding officer at the outset of the meeting, the following order of business shall be observed at all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors:

Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting

Reports of officers

Reports of committees

Communications.

Unfinished business.

“Elections (if applicable)”

New business

Adjournment

ARTICLE 18

Note: Section 18.1 Included squadron name in place of “blank”

Corporate Seal

Section 18.1 The Corporate Seal of this squadron shall have inscribed thereon the squadron’s name, the year of its incorporation, and the words:

“Corporate Seal, **“Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron, Inc.”**”

Respectively presented by:

Lt/C Joyce Newman, S

Administrative Officer

Acting Secretary

a USPS member) was not aware of this. During Hurricane Jeanne his 31-foot boat was tied down on his lift. His lines were brittle and snapped, his boat went down the canal, wrecked two docks, sank two personal watercraft, hit the sea wall and sank.

Whether you cause damage to another boat by creating a wave in a NO WAKE zone, or your vessel damages another as a result of your negligence, you are legally responsible.

Check your lines and get into the habit of washing them and rotating them.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

02 November 2004

The following is excerpted from the official minutes.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cdr Mary Dodd, SN; Lt/C Barbara Roemmele, JN; Lt/C (P/R/C) William Eldridge, SN; Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S; Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP; Lt Ralph Morse, JN

ABSENT: Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P; P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S; P/C Rafael L. Aybar, N; Joel M. Busse, AP; D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP.

GUESTS PRESENT: P/C Edward Newman, S; D/Lt Bill Money, P; Lt Kathy Eldridge, P; Lt Dick Hofmann, P; Lt Harry Lloyd, AP; P/C Sally Williams, AP; Bernie Mazurek

P/C Sally Williams submitted to the Commander for approval, a draft list of 125 Merit Marks recommendations, included 2 Associate Members, and 9 Family Members.

Commander received an invitation for our squadron members to attend the celebration of Miami Squadron's 65th Anniversary.

Cdr Dodd read a letter from Lt Janice Tedesco giving her resignation from the Squadron Audit Committee and as chairman of Afterdeck Mailing.

P/C Edward Newman, S reported the Financial Committee had not met but he did research the information requested by the Commander at the October Bridge meeting. Did investigation the process and reasonable amount for increase in dues. The process must be completed prior to February 2005 in order for USPS to respond to our dues increase for billing Cdr asked if you would contact Lt Paul Welsh, CHR Budget and Finance Committee.

Lt Hofmann, Safety Officer, reported that he met with Commodore Pat

Walker of the Sea Scouts. Dick attended their Open House. Sea Scouts could be used to help us with our civic responsibilities.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER Eldridge reported:

In October 2004 there were 4 registered students for the ABC Course, All passed. In the Advanced Courses, 7 registered for Engine Maintenance, 9 for Seamanship, 5 for AP, 1 for JN and 2 for N. There are no instructors for JN and N. P/C Hans Heynau, N is working with the JN and N students on their sights. St. Lucie Squadron has advised they are looking for students for N.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT: Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S reported:

Bus Trip to Sea Ray Boat plant and the Astronaut Hall of Fame, 42 people have signed up. (*Editor's note: trip is now sold out*).

Lt Kathy Eldridge, P CHR Craft Ladies Committee reported the dollhouse was complete. The 3 items: Doll House, Viking Ship, and Afghan will be raffled. The drawing will be 04 December 2004 at Burns Road Community Center. Kathie has enough volunteer Santas, but needs more Elves.

P/C Edward Newman, S reported on survey figures obtained from National: 17,558 members own powerboats, 5,299 sail, and 3, 162 miscellaneous. Less than half of the power squadron members own boats. The age range 60 and over 18,726, 46 to 60 yrs. 18, 212, 5000 in the 31 to 45 and 4,000 junior family under 12 years of age. There is a decline in members over the

past 3 years although District 8 shows growth. A survey revealed that 72% of the new members gave education as their primary reason for joining the squadron.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP reported:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

1 November 2004

| | |
|--|------|
| Active Members | 286 |
| Active Sustaining Members | 2 |
| Additional Active Member | 53 |
| Life | 18 |
| TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS | 359 |
| Family | 78 |
| Jr. Family Members | 5 |
| Associate Members | 17 |
| TOTAL OTHER MEMBERS | 100 |
| CURRENT GRAND TOTAL OF MEMBERS | 459 |
| Honorary Members | 2 |
| Pending Membership Applications included in current total: | NONE |

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lt/C Gary Ferguson was absent

CHAIRS: P/C Sally A. Williams, AP distributed a suggested revision of the two pages for 2004-05 Roster. She made a motion that the "The Roster not be completely reprinted in January, only reprint the two-pages in the roster (IV & V) and put in the *Afterdeck News* along with the list of the new members that are not in the roster." The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP, Secretary



Participants in a 16 October Raft-Up near Flagler Bridge participate in a memorial for Squadron member Theodore T. Weiser, S. From John Worssam's Euphoria, members Ralph and Barbara Morse, Reva and Gene Berman and others remembered Ted and in conclusion, tossed his squadron cap into the water. Ted loved being on the water and this was befitting of his retired lifestyle. Photo by Lt. David Kimmel.

Sun smiles once again on Raft-up

Doesn't it make you wonder, "Do Raft Up chairs Lt John Worssam and Lt Jim Palmer, P have some kind of magic?" How do they arrange for the weather to be so lovely whenever they plan a raft-up?"

That was a possible question when we gathered in the beautiful North Palm Beach anchorage near Old Port Cove on Saturday, 13 November.

This day was absolutely wonderful with a gentle breeze, sunshine and a clear blue sky, as we visited with friends, enjoying good food, delicious desserts and good conversation?

"Euphoria," captained by Worssam with crew of Palmer, P/C Jay Muntz, P/C Ed & Lt/C Joyce Newman, P/C Les and Lt Donna McWhorter, was the anchor boat. Over the horizon we could see "El Hart" captained by P/R/C Bill Eldridge and his 1st Mate Lt Kathy Eldridge, with Capt. Jim Eisenhardt aboard, approaching us with fenders



Conversation on board Bob Malone's Anjoy. Photo by Lt. Jim Tedesco, S

and lines prepared to tie up on Euphoria's port side.

Then "Anjoy," captained by Robert Malone, with his crew Dick and Diane Clarke, Bill and Lou Levy, Lt. Jim and Lt Janice Tedesco, rafted up alongside "El Hart." Ahoy, "Boston Whaler II," captained by George Gehring and 1st mate Fay Gehring and crew D/Lt Bill and Joan Money, maneuvered to anchored port side of "Anjoy." Captain Ren Jacobson and 1st mate Ruth Linder of "R-CAS-I" and their crew Betty Katz and Al Albert approached and

anchored starboard to "Euphoria." Next, Captain Ren prepared appropriate fenders as "Perkie" captained by Bob Smith and his 1st mate Gail Smith approached and tied up starboard. Last to arrive was inflatable "Carpathia," captained by David Cross and crewmember Bill Cady.

We left with lots of good memories as we said our good-byes and each vessel navigated home.

Lt/C Joyce Newman
Administrative Officer

No Rut for Rutkowski — he 'wins' his first triathlon

(Reprinted from the Jupiter Courier)

Raymond Rutkowski was miffed when he saw the official finish of the 19th annual Loggerhead Triathlon in the daily papers the morning after the Aug. 14 race.

Rutkowski had a DNF (did not finish) after his name in the men's 75 and over division and the Jupiter resident and Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron member knew he finished the three-event race.

Officials later corrected the results and Rutkowski, of Jupiter, was the winner of the men's 75-and-over division. "That was my first triathlon," said Rutkowski. "It was a challenge and I figured I had a chance to win the 75-and-over division. I didn't think there would be very many other competitors."

He was right. The problem was, they had cut the timer off before Rutkowski crossed the finish line. A "young" friend from Connecticut, Ron Helms ("he's 10 years younger than I am"), competes in Ironman triathlons and talked Rutkowski into doing one. Rutkowski only started working out a week before the race, which included a three-quarter mile ocean swim, a 13-mile bike race and a 5-kilometer foot race. "I'm a slow swimmer and that's where I was slowed up," he said.

Some serious triathletes can spend thousands of dollars on bikes. Rutkowski borrowed a purple woman's



bike from his wife's friend and rode it. "I did good on the bike," he said. "On the run, I didn't walk at all."

Rutkowski said he might consider another triathlon but "I'm going to improve my swimming," he said. "My wife and I really love dancing and really my only sports are water-related — boating and fishing."

(Raymond Rutkowski, AP, has been a USPS member since 1962. He and his wife Estelle live in Jupiter.)