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Change of Watch

Members of the new Bridge (at left) who were installed on Jan. 11 are Cdr Barbara Roemmele, JN; Executive Officer Lt/C Les McWhorter, S; Education Officer P/C Bill Eldridge, SN; Treasurer Lt/C Alan Patti, N; and Administrative Officer Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P.

Below Left, new Cdr Roemmele accepts Commander's flag from D/8 Executive Officer Cdr Gloria Schulke, AP.

Below: P/C Mary Dodd, SN congratulates 2002 Member of the Year, P/C Sally Williams, AP.



This Month's Meeting Tuesday, 8 February OLD PORT YACHT CLUB

Dr. John Marr, executive director of the Perry Institute for Marine Science, will be the guest speaker for the Squadron's February meeting.

His topic is "Research, Conservation and Education Programs That Target Advancing Marine Science for the Benefit of the Public and Marine Ecosystems."

The menu has a Valentine theme, especially so if you consider garlic a love food.

Hospitality	1800 (6 pm)
Dinner	1900 (7 pm)
Program	2000 (8 pm)

Menu

Tossed Salad with passion fruit vinaigrette

Veal puttanesca with garlic, capers and tomato sauce

OR, Broiled salmon with mushroom lemon sauce

OR, Penne pasta with garlic and olive oil with fresh vegetables

Chef's choice sweetheart dessert and coffee

For reservations call **Lt Roberta Stephens P at 694-2992 by Friday 04 February.** \$25 per person. Please pay by check payable to Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Members who make reservations are responsible for the cost of the dinner.

Uniform for all bridge officers, past commanders and D/8 bridge officers, Uniform F.

Bar drinks include gratuity. House brands and wine are \$6; \$7 call brands, \$3 draft beer/mineral water and \$2 for soft drinks.

Rendezvous at Turnberry Isle March 4-6

Spend a leisurely boating weekend at a Squadron rendezvous March 4-6 at the beautiful Turnberry Isle Resort Marina, located at Mile 1075.5 on the ICW at Aventura, between Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

The marina offers cable TV and phone hookups, ice and complimentary newspapers. Shopping at the Aventura Mall with over 200 specialty stores and restaurants is easily reached via complimentary shuttle bus. There's a pool, restaurant at the marina. Also the shuttle bus will take you to another seaside pool and restaurant or to the spa.

Here's the schedule: Friday evening: Cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres; Saturday evening: Dinner at a nice restaurant; Sunday: return home

There are several slips available for boats up to 33', but only four for craft between 35 and 54 feet.

St. Patrick's Party planned for March 19

Join your friends for a fun-filled St. Patrick's day party on Saturday, March 19 at 1800 hrs (6 p.m.) at Old Port Cove. There will be a catered corned beef dinner, with dessert and coffee provided, served at 7.

Please bring your own beverages and mixers. Ice will be available.

To make this a real St. Patrick's party, we will have an Irish band for the evening, with singing and dancing.

The party will be held in the social room, between the North and South quays, by the pool. Since this is a gated community, we must have your name.

The cost is \$20 per person. To make reservations, please send your check to Joan Thompson, 613 Cypress Key Circle, Atlantis, FL 33462 made out to Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron by March 11.

Nose-Up at Munyon is 19 February

The squadron's first nose-up of the New Year will be at a new location for us — on Big Munyon Island, just south of Old Port Cove and alongside the ICW. Big Munyon, if you haven't been there recently, has been the subject of an impressive restoration effort over the past several years, turning it into a real nature preserve. The nose-up will be on Saturday, 19 February, starting around 1100 hours. As is the custom, bring a dish to share, and we'll cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring your own drinks.

Founders Day Picnic is at Jupiter Pavilion on 5 February

We will mark the 91st anniversary of the founding of the United States Power Squadrons with our Founders Day picnic on Saturday, 05 February from 11:30 till 1400 2 p.m. at the Jupiter Beach Island Pavilion.

D/D Bar B Que Catering will provide the food.

We will begin our brief commemorative ceremony at noon 12 o'clock high. Please arrive by 11:30. The buffet will be served around 12:30.

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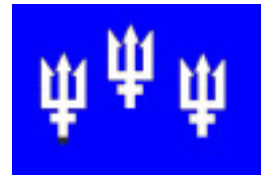
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**CDR BARBARA ROEMMELE, JN
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

***Let's Get Everyone
Absorbed, Involved***



At the Change of Watch I thanked you for your support and confidence and asked for your help in the coming year. The Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron is a lively energetic organization whose members are dedicated to service.

Civic involvement encompasses the "Waterway Watch" program in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security — the observation and reporting of suspicious activity along our coastline. Here's a vital service many of us are in a position to perform. Participation in our COOP Charting program provides valuable assistance to NOAA and the Coast Guard. Performing Vessel Safety Checks promotes vessel safety and brings our name and mission to other boaters.



Educational department offers a tempting

array of Power Squadron courses designed to increase seamanship skills and boating safety. Advanced courses, taught by talented volunteer instructors and presented in a fresh and high tech format, stimulate the brain. Take a member to class with you, or introduce a potential to our boat smart class..

Our association also affords us the opportunity to share locations of favorite anchorages, marinas and waterfront restaurants with fellow squadron members. The right hand of that fellowship arm of the organization is extended every Thursday at Duffy's luncheon, monthly at the Old Port Cove Yacht Club diner meetings and during raftups, picnics and excursions.

As your new Commander I ask you to approach new members and current members who are not on a committee or in a bridge office. Include them on your committees or offer a position of responsibility.

Extend a personal invitation to go with you to squadron social events. Let's get everyone absorbed in sharing our enjoyment, our education, our family fun, our camaraderie and our civic service.

Let's continue to bring vigor and enthusiasm to our wonderful squadron.

Cdr. Barbara Roemmele, JN

Secretary Position Open

The squadron needs a new secretary, as the office is currently vacant.

Lots of help is available with the duties of the office from generous and knowledgeable squadron people.

The entire bridge will support you in your tasks.

Please call the Commander if you would like to hear more details.

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Address changes

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

From the Editor: *These snowbirds are always in season*

The next time you're driving on clogged US 1 or PGA or Northlake and you have a bad thought about those blasted snowbirds, please think again. Just consider how much some of our members who live in South Florida only a part of the year contribute to the Squadron.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are items about rendezvous for the Fort Lauderdale Boat Parade and at Turnberry next month. Those events probably wouldn't happen at all, except for Spike and Doris Speckeen, whom we consider our own although we have to share them part of the year with Iowa. The Speckeens set the standard for getting pleasure out of their boat and being gracious hosts as well.



Meanwhile, Lt Phil Bouckaert is teaching classes in both Cruise Planning and Instructor Development in the Squadron's Education program. Phil and Rosemary spend their summers within hollering distance of the Ohio River, but when the leaves turn and the bluegrass turns brown, this superenergetic guy does his public service in Florida.

And then there's another favorite of mine, P/C Ken McPherson, AP, who keeps this publication going by giving enterprising businesspeople the opportunity to place notices in its pages. Kenny still spends part of the year around Boston, but our advertisers don't understand how, because he gives them such great service that they think he's around all the time.

There are others, I'm sure. Just look for them on PGA.

Lt. Harry Lloyd, AP, Afterdeck Editor



Transom Notes

... about Squadron people and events

Honor Planned for Joe Rawlins

Several members who took the Navigation course from Lt (P/Stf/C) Joe Rawlins, SN, will honor him at the general meeting of Squadron on 12 April at Old Port Cove Yacht Club.

Rawlins retired as an instructor last year after teaching Navigation and Junior Navigation for 33 years. The all-purpose education and meeting room at Headquarters is named in his honor.

Members of his 2004 "N" class are organizing the tribute. For information, please contact P/C Rafael Aybar, N by e-mail at rafaelaybar@bellsouth.net.

Lunch With St. Lucie Squadron

On Wednesday, March 30, the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron will be the guests of the St. Lucie River Power Squadron lunch bunch at Chantal's Restaurant at the Stuart airport. Plan to get there by 11:30 a.m. There should be lots of interesting conversation.

Fort Lauderdale Parade Sparkles

The world-famous Fort Lauderdale Winterfest Boat Parade was the attraction for a large group of PBSPS members and friends on a spectacular Saturday night in mid-December.

Five boats journeyed to Bahia Mar— *Lady M* with Marty Berman and Aime Lerner; *Bone Crusher* with Donna and Don Kranendonk, *Happy Holidays* with Chris and Frank Snedaker, *Classy Lady* with Jackie and Ricky Steckler, and *Schatzi* with Doris and Spike Speckeen, who always do a

fantastic job of making the arrangements and serving as hosts to Squadron members.

The boaters welcomed many guests, some of whom were on the boats and some who drove to Fort Lauderdale for the Saturday potluck dinner before the parade.

Friday evening the group enjoyed cocktails on "Schatzi" and then gathered at a waterside restaurant down the beach for a delightful dinner.

Power Squadron is always well treated at Bahia Mar. We have a premier viewing spot for the parade and our potluck on Saturday. Our group is located on the raised deck in front of the dockmaster's office.

About a hundred boats were in the parade and the consensus was that 2004 was the best parade ever.

Copy Machine Policy Explained

Here's a reminder from Lt. Jim Palmer, P, house manager for Squadron Headquarters:

The copy machine we have maintained costs the Squadron about \$250 a year to operate. At this time it needs repair, as it usually jams after making 10 copies or so. Meanwhile, at Staples nearby, you can make copies for 5 cents per page. At that rate, \$250 would make 5,000 copies, and I don't believe the Squadron makes that many copies in a year. Also, the UPS Mailbox on Northlake is offering copies for 3 cents a page.

If you need copies, it does not make sense to drive to Headquarters when you can go to Staples, Kinko, OfficeMax, etc. Pay for the copies, keep the receipt and give it to our treasurer (Lt/C Alan Patti, N) for reimbursement. If you are already at Headquarters for another reason, such as a class, and you or an instructor needs copies, you are welcome to use it. But in most cases I believe it will be easier for everyone, and will save us money, if you make copies elsewhere.

Past D8 Commander Russ Dies

P/R/C Kenneth H. Russ, SN, of the Coral Ridge Squadron, who served as District 8 commander in 1988-89, passed away on Dec. 28, Russ and his wife Helen lived in Plantation.

Scott Clinton, N, is Teacher of the Year

By Lt/C (P/R/C) William Eldridge, SN
Squadron Education Officer

It takes a lot more than just teaching to earn "Teacher of Year" recognition.

It takes attitude, it takes flexibility, it takes many, many hours of preparation, it takes dedication. Scott Clinton has that and has done that.

He spent over a thousand hours preparing the AP course on Power Point over more than a two year period. And it has been shared with other squadrons around the nation.



He scheduled the AP class for Mondays and switched to Thursdays to accommodate our classroom scheduling with other courses. He taught on both Mondays and Thursdays to accommodate individual student's needs. This doesn't sound like much in this short report, but considering this goes on every week over a period from September to February—that's a lot of personal time. And the power point preparation is done throughout the whole year.

Final analysis is that Scott is dedicated, flexible, thorough, knowledgeable, accessible, friendly, and that adds up to the right attitude and all that makes him PBS&PS's "Teacher of the Year."

Thank you Scott for all your hard, smart and time consuming work.

Outgoing Cdr Mary Dodd also presented these awards at the Change of Watch Ceremony on 11 January:

Member of the Year P/C Sally Williams, AP
Appreciation Plaques

Lt Kathryn Eldridge, P, for service as Crafts Committee Chair

Lt/C Barbara Roemmele, JN, for service as Executive Officer.

Lt/C (PRC) William Eldridge, SN, for service as Squadron Education Officer

Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S, for service as Administrative Officer

Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP, for service as Secretary

Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P, for service as Treasurer
Certificates of Appreciation

P/C Lesly McWhorter, S; P/C Rafael Aybar, N; Lt Ralph Morse, JN; Joel Busse Jr., JN for serving as Members-at-Large

P/C Sally Williams, AP and Lt Arthur Dodd, SN, for serving as Commander's aides.

Lt Harry Lloyd, AP, editor of the Afterdeck.

Lt James Tedesco, S, Webmaster.

P/C Edward Newman, S, Chaplain and Flag Officer

Make a commitment to public service

By Roberta L. Dougherty, AP
Stf/C - Membership

I hope as a Squadron your New Year's resolutions include a Community Outreach initiative that will benefit both the residents in your town and the Member Involvement and Retention Program.

As many of you may know, USPS is expanding the National Membership Committee Youth Team to include Retention - Involvement Programs. The idea is to encourage squadron members to get involved with community outreach or civic service commitments involving families and those living in our towns that can use our assistance. The intent is to expand our membership reach and PR/Marketing base within our communities while we assist with much needed help in community programs.

There are many ways to do this from cleaning up parks, waterways of trash to collecting Toys for Tots to help the Marines. Contact me or your area Mem-

bership Rep to sign your squadron up for the "My Soldier Program" and send letters and goodies to our soldiers in Iraq. Mentor a Boy Scout troop by teaching them BoatSmart or arrange for Beta testing of the WaterSmart in an AfterSchool program. Contact your local schools and have them participate in the Youth Poster Contest. The national winners will each receive a \$100 bond. Many of these ideas were featured at the EXPO in Orlando in January so your National Membership Rep should be forwarding to your commander info on these activities.

Another program in need of help is the Life Jacket Loaner Program, provided by BoatUS. They are asking for our support to find additional marinas, launch ramps and waterfront businesses to host this program.

I am also looking to recruit folks to the Community Outreach Program - Youth = Retention team. Please let me contact me directly if you are interested or have any suggestions.

New Life Jacket Loaner Sites Needed Applications are now being accepted for the Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids, which allows families to borrow kid's life jackets from marinas, launch ramps, and waterfront businesses across the country.

Help us make sure kids in all 50 states have access to this program! Accepted sites will receive 12 life jackets to fit children weighing up to 90 pounds, as well as signs to draw boaters' attention and sign-out forms to easily track usage. There is no cost to become a loaner site. Applications are available at <http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/LJLP> and must be submitted online by midnight or postmarked on or before Feb. 21.

As Staff Commander for the COPY= Retention Team, I am also looking to recruit folks to this division of the Membership Committee. Please let me know if you are interested or have any suggestions for personnel.

E-mail Stf/C Roberta L. Dougherty, AP at rdougherty@simcare.net.

20th Palm Beach Boat Show Runs March 17-20

By Joan and Brian Thompson

The 20th annual Palm Beach Boat Show drops anchor along the Intracoastal Waterway on Flagler Drive, (and also in the new Palm Beach County Convention Center) this March 17-20. The Palm Beach Boat Show is now one of the world's largest boat shows and covers 350,000 square feet on land as well as occupying 100,000 square feet in the Convention Center.

In all more than three quarters of a

billion dollars worth of boats, yachts and accessories will be displayed.

Our Squadron has once again been invited to participate and we will have our professionally designed show booth in very much the same location as last year.

Our squadron, and you, will have the sole responsibility to proudly represent USPS at this event and meet face to face with the public to encourage safe boating through education.

Mark your calendar now to volunteer for standing a three hour watch at our booth. In fact, why not call Lt. Brian Thompson, P right now while it is still fresh in your mind and before the best time slots are taken at 965-7947. In addition to getting free admission to the show (a \$10 value per person), you will come away from the experience with a good feeling knowing that you are personally involved in the promotion of safe boating.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

04 January 2005

Edited from full minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cdr Mary Dodd, SN; Lt/C Barbara Roemmele, JN; Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S; Lt/C (P/R/C) William Eldridge, SN; D/T(P/Stf) Rod Landsman, AP, Parliamentarian; Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP; Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P; Lt Ralph Morse, JN; P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S

GUESTS PRESENT: P/C Edward Newman, S; Lt Alan Patti, N; Lt Jim Palmer, S; Lt Kathy Eldridge, P; D/Lt Bill Money, P; D/Lt Albert Shemo, SN; Lt Dick Hofmann, P; Lt Jim Tedesco, P

ABSENT: Joel M. Busse, AP; Immediate P/C Rafael L. Aybar, N

COMMANDER Dodd reported:

- All Board Members have submitted Annual Report to the Secretary.

- Post Card was received from National advising that the award of Merit Marks for 2004 was approved with the exception of the two.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Roemmele reported:

- Lt Al Shemo, SN, COCH Committee Chairman of Cooperative Charting reported COOP/CH will be starting on 28 January.

- P/C Les McWhorter, S submitted a copy of the article done by Jodie Wagner, which appeared in the Dec. 22 issue of the Neighborhood Post. He sent to the media information about the January ABC course.

- Lt Alan Patti, N reported the Vessel Safety Check now totals 145. 160 of the new 2005's Decals (blue in color) have been received and 100 have been passed out as of to date. The decal is printed with US Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and US Power Squadron. Donated by State Farm Insurance.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER Eldridge reported:

- He is attending the National Annual meeting and is taking training aids.

- Graduation was held last Thursday and all four students passed and joined the squadron. A family of four was unable to take the exam due to family illness. They all intend to join the squadron.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Joyce A. Newman reported:

- USPS Founders' Day Picnic will be held at Jupiter Beach Island Pavilion Park at 10:30 on Saturday, 05 February 2005. The food catered by D/D Bar B Que Catering of Ft. Lauderdale. The charge will be \$14.00 per person.

TREASURER Ferguson reported

- The treasurer has been working on the improvement of the Ship Store with Lt James Tedesco, P to have items appear on the squadron Internet.

- We have been forced to revisit our insurance coverage since our last policy provided no coverage. We now have hurricane coverage both interior and exterior. We also have coverage for contents that includes recent technological purchases. Lt Jim Palmer S reported the new coverage is better and cost \$200 less.

Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP, Secretary

Thanks to those who gave

The Treasurer would like to thank those members for their generous contributions last year for the ongoing Headquarters building improvements efforts.

These unsolicited contributions are greatly appreciated by all of us that use the facility and will help us to continue the much needed improvements on the lower level and the building exterior. Our thanks to:

Bob Malone - \$150; Richard Clarke \$100; Rafael Aybar \$100; Jay and Jean Muntz \$100; Kathy and Bill Eldridge \$100; Jim Palmer \$100; John Worssam \$100; Gary Ferguson \$100; Richard and Phyllis Hofmann \$100; Roberta Stephens \$100; Craft Group \$1.100.

A separate account has been established at the Bank of America for those of you wishing to help out.

Lt/C Gary L Ferguson,
Treasurer (2004)

New Squadron Members

David C. Cross, Marty Cross, Riviera Beach; John Gebhardt, North Palm Bch; Dick Moeller, Jane Moeller, Palm Beach Gardens; John P. Richards, Janet Richards, Singer Island; Mariann Bruno, Jupiter; P/C Paul J. Healy, Joan Healy, Palm Beach Gardens; Joel H. Jacobs, Julia Jacobs, Jupiter; Charles N. Lusterman, Evelyn, Boynton Bch

EDUCATION NEWS

10 Pass Seamanship

Brad Allen, S; Holly Allen, S; John Aull, S (scored 100% on exam!); Robert Bruno, S; Chris Cox, S; Michael Cox, S; David Cross, S; Kenneth Geremia, S; Daniel Kornstein, S; Daniel Zenga, S.

Thanks to P/C John Luciano, AP for teaching this course.

7 Pass Eng Maintenance

Kirsten Braaten, P; Sheila Cassidy, JN; Kevin Clarke, S; James Fantin, S; Sy Kaplan; John Litwinka, S; Dennis Trudeau, AP

P/Lt/C Carl Nyman, JN, taught

2 Pass Piloting

Jim Palmer, P; John Worssam

Beginning this month

Instructor Development: Starts Saturday, 5 Feb. Course will run two Saturdays—Feb, 5 and 12.

Location: Squadron Headquarters

Call instructor Phil Bouckaert (863-7971). Cost: FREE

This course will make you better in front of an audience, in fact, it will make you a better person by improving your communications skills whether you teach or not.

Sail: Starts Monday, 7 Feb. (8 weeks) Instructor: Art Dodd, SN (743-4702). Cost: \$40.

This course provides a thorough study of the terminology of sailing; types of hulls, rigs and sail plans; running and standing rigging and their adjustments and tuning; and sailboat marlinspike. The dynamics of sailing are covered including: hull and water forces caused by wind and waves; forces vs. balance; techniques of sailing; points of sail; sail handling; sailing under various wind conditions; boat operation and emergency techniques unique to sailboats.

Attention ALL INSTRUCTORS! You must be certified to continue teaching squadron courses. Previous certification does not continue—you must recertify every four years. This is one way to do it in two Saturdays.

February 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Members listed are celebrating a birthday this month. Cheers!		1 Bridge Meeting	2 Jr Navigation Marine Electronics Piloting, ID	3 Navigation Weather Lunch Bunch, Duffy's U.S. 1 William Hendricks Lewis Emerson	4 Reservation Deadline for General Meeting Brian Thompson	5 Founders Day Picnic, Jupiter Beach Pavilion Mike Petersen Robert Bescher Tamara Aull
6 Jim Tedesco Dick Moeller Charles O'Connor	7 Sail Cruise Planning John Worssam Juan Schoentag	8 Dinner Meeting, OPYC Carol Pieniadz	9 Jr Navigation Marine Electronics Piloting, ID Ruth Haines Julia Jacobs	10 Lunch Bunch Navigation, Weather	11 Wayne Clements Stanley Ackerman	12
13 Julie Bzotte	14 Sail, CP Cheryl Eisenhardt Rosalind Dudek Lauren Corcia	15 ABC Peter Amann Jill Plummer	16 Jr Navigation, Marine Electronics ID, Piloting	17 Lunch Bunch N, Weather, ABC Bert Rockfield	18 Christine Schueler Lynn Pavia	19 Nose-up Picnic on Munyon Island George Cunniff
20 Kathy Eldridge	21 Sail, CP Leonard Bzotte	22 ABC	23 JN, Piloting, ME, ID Norman Schmotzer	24 Lunch Bunch N, Weather, ABC	25 Patricia Lloyd Daniel Floyd	26 Theresa Shaner Scott Clinton Ken Geremia

From The Safety Deck

By Lt. Richard Hofmann, P

Is your life worth \$180? We are constantly reminded of the importance of safety in boating. A recent article in the Palm Beach Post told about a duck hunter whose boat capsize after being swamped by the wake of a passing vessel.

The hunter was wearing hip boats that dragged him down in the current. Fortunately he was wearing an inflatable life

jacket and after it inflated he was able to stay afloat and get rid of his boots. A passing boat picked him up. The \$180 life jacket saved his life. It was the type that our District Safety Officer, Bill Money, has been demonstrating and advocating the use of for some time.

These life jackets are worn all the time that you are on a boat. We hope to have some these jackets available for your inspection during our Safety week outing. Remember this type of investment can save your life!