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**January
2005**

Thanks so much!



Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S



Lt Kathy Eldridge, P

Two dedicated Squadron members step aside. See page 4.

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Dinner	1900 (7 pm)
Change of Watch	2000 (8 pm)

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Menu

Seasonal fruit and cheese with greens

Choice of ...

Petit filet of beef, pink and green peppercorn sauce with brandy;

Broiled salmon with spinach, Parmesan sauce

Chef's choice of dessert

(For a fruit cup, please notify at time of reservation.)

For reservations call **Lt Roberta Stephens P at 694-2992 by Friday 07 January**. \$30 per person. Checks only and written to Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Members who make reservations are responsible for the cost of the dinner.

Bridge Uniform: A with bow tie for all Bridge Officers and P/C's.

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.

Founders Day Picnic is 05 February
at Jupiter Beach Island Pavilion

It's a celebration of the founding of the United States Power Squadron with family and friends. Yes, 91 years young and still going strong!

We will mark the anniversary on Saturday, 05 February from 1130 hrs till 1400 (2 p.m.) at the Jupiter Beach Island Pavilion.

D/D Bar B Que Catering will provide the food. The lunch includes ¼ BBQ chicken per person or ½ lb BBQ pork ribs, potato salad, cole slaw, macaroni salad, corn on the cob; smokey baked beans and black beans and rice. Dessert will be cinnamon streusel. 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.

The cost per person is \$14. A coupon is on Page 7. Please make checks out to: **Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron.**

Checks MUST be received on or



before **Friday, 28 January 2005.** Squadron will provide drinks.

DIRECTIONS: From the south: Highway 1 to Indiantown Rd. Turn right and proceed east to Ocean Blvd/A1A. North to Jupiter Beach Rd. Turn right and continue to end of road. Turn left and proceed to parking area. Pavilion is across bridge from parking lot.

From the north: Highway 1 to A1A. Turn left on A1A and proceed to Jupiter Beach Rd.

Web site adds expanded member course info

Thinking about taking a squadron course but can't find the course description, time or fee. The squadron web site <http://www.usps.org/localusps/palm> has expanded listings for all elective and advanced courses. Available now are course descriptions, when offered, fee and even photo of instructor(s) and phone info. To access this info anytime, go the "Course Schedule" page (click the link near the top of squadron Home page) then click the underlined course title of course listed on the left side of the page. You'll be taken to the new expanded member course. All that is left is to contact the instructor and sign up for the course that is taught with the aid of PowerPoint slides. Enjoy expanded educational horizons.

While there check new Raft-Up page and updated Snapshot page.

Lt James Tedesco, P, Squadron Webmaster

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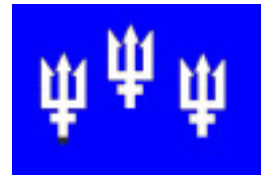
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CDR MARY DODD, SN
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Find a Way to Participate



My watch is almost over. I have asked the bridge to submit their end of Watch Report to our Secretary Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP. On 11 January 2005, I will be handing the helm over to the new Bridge. Though my watch was short, it was an exciting one. Even the weather was a challenge with two hurricanes within weeks of each other. Thanks to Jim Palmer and his committee, the Squadron Headquarters weathered the two storms with just minor damage, which was quickly corrected.



Through the dedication and hard work of the Squadron Bridge and Committees a lot was accomplished in a short amount of time.

• We changed our General Meeting location to Old Port Yacht Club.

• The Squadron celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a Caribbean Party in October.

• The American Safe Boating Course for the public is now being taught monthly at Squadron Headquarters.

• The Squadron received the Prince Henry Award for N and JN and the Messlingschlagler Award for Cooperative Charting.

• The Squadron's by-laws were revised and updated. The by-laws received final approval from National on 7 December 2004.

I would like to thank the Bridge, Committee Chairs and the membership for the help and support you have given

me during my watch. I have been very fortunate to work with a dedicated and enthusiastic Bridge who accomplished so much in so little time.

It has been an honor to serve as Commander of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron from June 2004-January 2005.

Cdr Mary Dodd, SN

Amendments to Squadron By-laws Gain Approval

In the December 2004 *Afterdeck News* you were notified that the National Rules Committee requested that we update our 03 September 2002 Bylaws to reflect the 03 October 2003 "USPS model by-law for squadrons." The recommended changes were distributed at the November dinner meeting and adopted by the membership. The updates were also published in the squadron newsletter for you to review.

P/D/C William I. Neef, SN, USPS Committee on Rules, notified our squadron that the amendments to our bylaws are approved as of 07 December 2004. P/D/C Neef also reported that a copy of our bylaws would become a permanent electronic record at USPS Headquarters where they may be viewed on line through the USPS Web page. Our bylaws are also published on our squadron website www.usps.org/local/usps/palm maintained by Lt James Tedesco, P.

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Address changes

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

From the Editor: Thanks to a 'volunteer' who did it all

A former editor of this newsletter isn't going to be happy with what I'm writing about this month, but I'm going to do it anyway.

This Squadron has been extremely fortunate for the last eight years or so to have Lt/Cdr Joyce A. Newman, S, as a member.

Joyce had been in the Squadron for only a short time when, as a newly retired educator from Kentucky, she volunteered, along with husband Ed, to take over the *Afterdeck News*. Since then, she has handled that job and numerous others with skill, dedication and good humor.



The titles of "secretary" and "administrative officer" were

insufficient to describe the duties that she took on and executed for the benefit of the Squadron. She organized events, did her own grunt work and that of others as well. She continued to write for this newsletter, always urging members to participate and to get involved.

As you may know, Joyce won't be on the Bridge next year. She is stepping aside to tend to other needs and responsibilities. Joyce would have made a superb Commander, and perhaps someday she will fill that position, but it will have to wait.

I know Joyce has the best wishes as well as the gratitude of every Squadron member — especially the commanders she has served so well — as she goes forward.

May God bless, dear friend.

And a Happy New Year to you all.

Lt. Harry Lloyd, AP, Afterdeck Editor



Transom Notes

... about Squadron people and events

It was 13 days before Christmas, when 18 elves gathered for the annual squadron raft-up gift exchange on Lake Worth. With the weather around 74 degrees on a sunshiny day it was a perfect time for our squadron friends to get-to-gather, chat, eat good food and enjoy good conversation. And, of course, to exchange gifts.

The first to arrive was the anchor boat, "Euphoria", captained by Lt John Worssam and 1st Mate Sandi Worssam with crew Lt Jim Palmer, P/C Jay & Jean Muntz, P/C Ed & Lt/C Joyce Newman, Lts Harry and Pat Lloyd and Lt/C Jeanne Kirch on board. Over the horizon we could see a vessel off in the distance with a crew on board wearing Santa hats with holiday carols sounding out merrily from the distance. It was "El Eyes-in-Hart" captained by P/R/C Bill Eldridge and his 1st Mate Lt Kathy Eldridge and Capt. Jim Eisenhardt and 1st Mate Cheryl Eisenhardt.

At first we thought it was Santa and Mrs. Claus with two elves bring holiday gifts to the raft-up. Then "Anjoy," captained by Robert Malone, with his crew Dot Blackburn and Richard Strickler, rafted up a part of "El Hart" bearing gifts. The last to arrive was inflatable "Carpathia" captained by David Cross and he too had a gift to share.

After enjoying good food, delicious desserts and good conversation we had fun opening gifts with lots of glee! Hope to see you next year!

Lt/C Joyce Newman, **Administrative Officer**

THE NEW inspection stickers are in for 2005, and 1st Lt Alan Patti, N and his inspectors would like for you to have one. All Squadron members with boats are invited to get their 2005 exam done early so they can display the new sticker. Call Alan (626-5505) for an appointment.



Lt. Kathy Eldridge, P (left) presents an afghan she crocheted to one of the raffle winners at the 2004 Craft Bazaar.

Craft Sales Earn \$2,850

The 2004 Craft Ladies Christmas Bazaar was a booming success, but it also may have been the last for a while.

Lt. Kathy Eldridge, P, who has led the Craft Group for 14 years, said she is stepping down as chairman of the group. Thus far, no one has volunteered to take her place.

The Craft Ladies, a dedicated group of four or five, have been meeting every Tuesday morning at Headquarters to design and make crafts that they sell in December.

At the December General Meeting, Kathy presented a check for \$2,850 to Cdr Mary Dodd, SN, representing the earnings for 2004. She requested that half of that sum be spent for a projector and other equipment to be used in the basement classroom.

An afghan that Kathy made — along with a Viking boat crafted by former member P/D/C Purdue Gould, SN and a dollhouse, were among the biggest hits of the Craft Bazaar. Numerous "elves" and "Santas" helped the Craft Ladies entertain visitors and sell their wares.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the craft group this year should contact new Commander Barbara Roemmele, who herself has been an active Craft Lady.

Nominees for Squadron's officers for 2005

In accordance with Section 6.8 of the Bylaws of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron, the Nominating Committee has submitted the names of these members to serve the squadron during the coming year. Election will be held at the General Membership Meeting on 11 January, and the change of watch will take place at the same meeting.

Commander	Lt/C Barbara Roemmele, JN
Executive Officer	P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S
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 Lt Ralph Morse, JN Jamey Sterling Sanders P/C Mary Dodd, SN,

Lt/C (P/C) Barbara Roemmele, JN Nominee for Commander

Barbara was born in Jersey City, N.J., and attended Columbia High School in Maplewood, N.J., and Barnard College at Columbia University in New York City.

In 1959 she married Warren Roemmele, who served as Commander of Northern New Jersey Power Squadron in 1981-82. They have three children, all of whom live nearby— Paul, in Delray Beach; Susan O'Callaghan, in Coral Springs; and Anne Ziemer, in Boynton Beach. They have six grandchildren

Barbara was employed as real estate agent in New Jersey for nine years, and earned a Million Dollar Sales Club Award. She was administrative assistant for the Township of West Caldwell, N.J., for 10 years

Barbara joined the NNJ Power Squadron in 1992, and attained the grade of JN. She lectured in the Boating Course and served as Squadron secretary, XO and Commander

The Roemmeles boated in New Jersey, New York, New England and Chesapeake Bay waters with Trojan Cabin Cruiser, Chris Craft Inboard and small outboard boats. They sailed Bamegat Bay on sneakbox, G-Sloop and Rebel

When they moved to Florida, they transferred their membership to the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron

Barbara served this past year as Executive Officer.



General Committees — Auditing

Harry S. Krivit, AP
Doris Speckeen
P/C Klaus J. Reinwarth, AP

Nominating

Lt Leonard Kantor, JN
Anna Jean Muntz, P
P/C Edward A. Newman, S
Lt Roberta Stephens, P
Ralph Morse, JN
Reva Berman

Rules

D/Lt Albert A. Shemo, SN
P/C John L. Reid, SN
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

P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S

Nominee For Executive Officer

Les hails from Washington, D.C. and calls Alexandria, Va., his hometown. He has a degree from Shepherd University, with graduate studies at George Washington and Maryland Universities and Springfield College.

His career with the YMCA of the USA spanned some 36 years in the Washington, Philadelphia and South Florida areas. Upon retirement at the end of 1995, he found 'retired life' a bit boring and served as president of his homeowners' association for four years and is still a member of the YMCA Camp McConnell committee.

Having formed his first band in high school, Les continued as a parttime musician in both the D.C. area and in Florida. He played in the Redskins marching band in the early '50's. Les still has several bands, including the riverboat Dixieland group, "Southern Gents," "Special Edition" and the smooth jazz trio, "Reflections."

Currently serving as PR Officer and as a Board Member, Les has been involved since becoming a Squadron member: Rendezvous Chairman, two terms as AP. XO and 18 months as Commander. He was honored as the 2002-03 Member of the Year.

His wife, Donna, has also become active as Chairperson of the Member Dinner Welcoming Committee and the Nominating Committee.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

07 December 2004

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/C Gary Ferguson, P; Lt Ralph Morse, JN; P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S; Immediate P/C Rafael L. Aybar, N; D/T (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP, Parliamentarian

ABSENT: Joel M. Busse, AP

GUESTS PRESENT: P/C Edward Newman, S; Lt Alan Patti, N; Lt Jim Palmer, S; Lt Kathy Eldridge, P; Alan Konzelman, S; D/Lt Albert Shemo, SN; P/C Sally Williams, AP

COMMANDER'S REPORT: Cdr Dodd reported:

- P/C Sally Williams, AP reported the Area Monitor has received our 2004 Merit Mark Recommendations and all but three were approved. Sally thanked everyone for a fine effort.

- The National Annual Meeting will be held 08 January at Rosen Center Hotel in Orlando/

- P/C Edward Newman, S reported on the Financial Committee's study of the annual squadron dues. Lt/C Ferguson reported the budget reflects no need for an increase at this time. The Board as a whole would like to set up a reserve. A motion was made, seconded and passed to increase the dues by \$3.25 a year for all classes of membership. This motion was rescinded by Lt/C Joyce Newman, who made a new motion, seconded by Lt/C Bill Eldridge and passed, to increase the dues by \$3.25 a year for the first active member in a household, effective with the new-year dues.

- P/C Ed Newman reported for the Nominating Committee. P/C Lesly McWhorter, S was recommended to fill the EXO position with the intent of serving a second term as commander the following year. The only vacancy at this time is secretary, and a candidate is being considered.

- Board Members are to submit their End of Watch Report to Secretary Kirch by January Bridge Meeting.

- Lt Jim Tedesco, P has resigned from the Parade Committee.

- Lt Kathryn Eldridge, P wishes to step down as Chairman of Crafts.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Roemmele

Bridge approves \$3.25 dues increase

On Tuesday 07 December 2004 the Board approved a dues increase in the amount of \$3.25 for the first active member. The squadron dues for active membership will increase from \$26.75 to \$30 and will take effect at the next billing in May 2005. This increase will not affect second active, family or Junior Family members.

The general membership will vote on this dues increase at our annual meeting 11 January 2005.

reported:

- Lt Shemo, COCH Chairman, reported the committee has surveyed 14 marinas on Lake Okeechobee and 23 marinas in Palm Beach County, with 28 marinas in Palm Beach county to be surveyed after the holidays. Our squadron surveys these 65 marinas each year. Over 700 benchmarks have been reported since April 2004. An interface cable was purchased to use with the squadron GPS.

- P/C McWhorter, Chr Public Relations, reported he has supplied information for many articles in the Neighborhood Post.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER Eldridge congratulated P/C Rafael Aybar, N; Doreen Baxter Lipp, N; and Michael Galvin, N, who all made "N" in 2004. Also thanks to the instructors P/Stf/C Joe Rawlins, SN, Lt Les McDermott, SN and P/C Hans Heynau, N for their teaching abilities and constant dedication.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Joyce A. Newman reported:

- USPS Founders' Day Picnic will be held at Jupiter Beach Island Pavilion at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, 05 February. The charge will be \$14 per person.

- Bunnie Kimmel had open heart surgery and is in Pinecrest Rehab Hospital in Delray Beach.

SECRETARY'S Kirch reported:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS (1 Dec 04)

Active Members	293
Active Sustaining Members	2
Additional Active Member	53
Life Members	18
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS	366
Family Members	79
Jr. Family Members	4
Associate Members	18
Total other members	101

Grand total of members..... 467

Honorary Members 2

Pending membership applications included in current total.

TREASURER Ferguson reported:

- The year-to-date profit and loss vs. last year shows \$41,000 (2004) vs. \$33,000 (2003). The increase is the results of an additional \$1,000 in condo fees and the \$7,000 replacement cost due to the unexpected damage to the air conditioner from the hurricane.

- The treasurer has been working with Lt Tedesco to photograph all items on a simplified paper-form and on the Internet. A few items could be run in the *Afterdeck* each month, a way of getting what is available out to the membership. The Supply Officer will have a good record of the squadron inventory, if all items are photographed. A volunteer is needed for the Supply Officer position.

- Lt Palmer reported the condo association is working on with one of the condo units that have cats.

CHAIRS: P/C Williams referred to the motion passed at the last board meeting in regards to the 2004-05 Roster not be completely reprinted in January 2005. (1) Only reprint the two-pages of the roster (IV & V) and put in the *Afterdeck News* along with a list of the new squadron members that are not presently in the Roster. (2) The newly elected Bridge Officers must give P/C Williams a list of their 2005 Committee Chairs, in order to update pages IV and V of the roster (see page IV & V of the roster). This information must be given to P/C Williams by 01 February to be published in the February issue of the *Afterdeck*

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP
Secretary

EDUCATION NEWS

We have 3 new N's This Year! Congratulations to:
P/C Rafael Aybar, N; Doreen Baxter-Lipp, N; Michael Gavin, N

Thanks to instructors Joe Rawlins, SN, Les McDermott, SN and Hans Heynau, N.

New Piloting Course begins

Wednesday, Jan 19

This NEW course teaches us how to plot and emphasizes GPS with charting as the backup. This is probably the most practical course we have in USPS—teaching us systems and procedures that we actually use on our boats!

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

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 beginning In 2005:

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

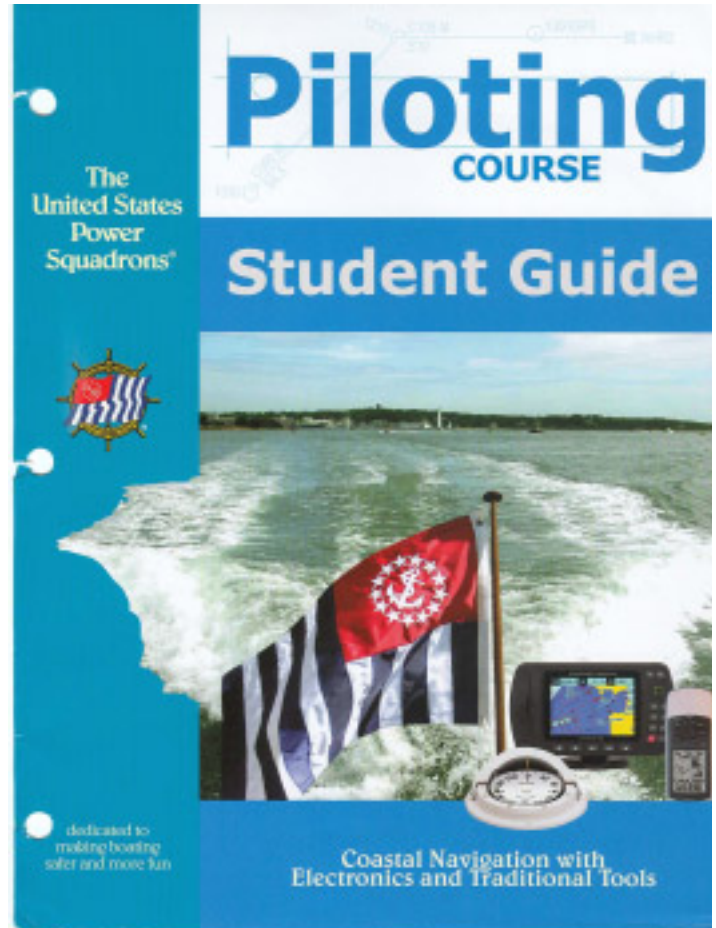
Weather: Beginning Thursday, Jan 13. \$40. Instructor: Harvey Walford, SN – 845-1540

Instructor Development: FREE. Beginning **Saturday, Feb 5. 9:30 am.**

Schedule subject to change. Please call if you would prefer another time. Instructor: Phil Bouckaert, AP – 863-7971

Sail: Begins Monday, Feb. 7 — \$40. Instructor: Art Dodd, SN – 743-4702

For **JN** call Cdr Mary Dodd, SN – 743-4702. For **N** call Bill Eldridge, SN – 863-1461.



FOUNDERS' DAY PICNIC RESERVATION SATURDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2005

We will attend the Founders' Day Celebration, 11:30 am to 2 pm.
Number in our party: _____ at \$14 per person:

Names` _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Mail to Lt/C Gary L. Ferguson, 8 Grand Bay Circle, Juno Beach, FL 33408-2150.

Your name: _____

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. Questions? Call Gary at 352-8144.