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Mr. Navigation

After more than 33 years of teaching many of the Advanced Grade courses for the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron, P/Stf/C Joseph Rawlins has retired. His last JN & N students will lead the Squadron in honoring him at our 12 April general meeting. Meeting with for old time's sake are (seated above, from left) Co-Instructor Lt. Les McDermott, SN; P/Stf/C Rawlins; SN; and Sights Instructor P/C Hans Heynau; (standing) Lt. Gene Berman, JN; Rich McClain, JN; Sheila Cassidy, JN; Doreen Baxter Lipp, N; Mike Galvin, N; and P/C Rafael Aybar, N. They invite you to contact Joe and let him know his superior efforts are appreciated.



Lt. David Kimmel gives the high sign from a takeoff position in a demo rocket during the Squadron's January trip to the Astronaut Hall of Fame in Titusville. Story on Page 2.

This Month's Meeting

Tuesday, 8 March

OLD PORT YACHT CLUB

Jim and Kathy Vaughn, park supervisors for the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department at the park on Peanut Island, will be guest speakers at the Squadron's March 8 general meeting at OPYC.

They will present a slide show and lead a discussion of Peanut Island, site a Squadron outing planned for May 14 (more on that next month).

Here's the evening's schedule:

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

Menu

Soup du Jour
Beef Bourguignon with rice
or
Grilled fish kabobs served over fragrant rice w/fresh vegetables
Rolls and butter
Chefs choice dessert, coffee

For reservations call **Lt Roberta Stephens P at 694-2992 by Friday 04 March**. Price is \$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 "B" (white trousers and shirt, black jacket, black tie, White shoes and socks).

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

St. Patrick's Party planned for March 19

A real Irish band will entertain when the Squadron celebrates St. Patrick's Day with a party on Saturday, March 19 at 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.

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.

Sea Ray, Astronaut Trip a Giant Success

By P/Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S

On 20 January, 46 squadron members stood out in the early morning cold in North Palm Beach, fortified with coffee, donuts and orange juice supplied by Lynn and John Sperano and Jeanne Kirch.

All were waiting to blast off on the Midnight Sun bus at 7 o'clock for to the Sea Ray boat plant in Merritt Island and the Astronaut Hall of Fame Museum in Titusville.

(Special thanks to Barbara Patti for the delicious homemade muffins she served on the bus.)

When we arrived at 9:30 at the Sea Ray plant we were given safety equipment, divided into small groups and taken on a tour to see all the steps in how a Sea Ray is built. The assembly line is somewhat similar to the ones that car manufacturers use.

We saw how the sport yachts and sport cruisers undergo extensive in-water. After thanking receptionist Donna and some other Sea Ray employees for a great visit, we left for Ryan's Steak Buffet & Bakery in Titusville, where we ate lunch in a pri-

vate dining room. The buffet (and especially the dessert bar) was something else!

While traveling to the Astronaut Hall of Fame, Lt Ralph Morse, JN told us what to expect. Our first stop upon arrival was for a group picture in front of the Astronaut Hall of Fame at Kennedy Space Center. Ralph directed us through the Space Center, showing us his pictures in the museum. One picture was of a 8-foot lens and camera that Ralph used to cover an earlier lift-off of a space ship and another was picture of a camera he used that was blown-up from the first Space Shuttle.

Our squadron made a \$200 donation to the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, which Ralph presented to Diane Wallace under the statue of Astronaut Alan Shepard, the Foundation's first president.

Our last stop before heading home was at the Dixie Crossroads Seafood Restaurant for a delicious dinner. Thomas, our bus driver, drove us home while we sang songs, laughed, slept, and shared special memories.

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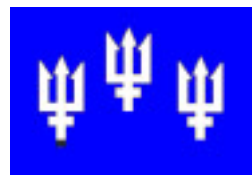
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CDR BARBARA ROEMMELE, JN
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



**New Members
Are Responding, Working**

In last month's column I asked the membership for help in encouraging our new members to participate in the educational programs, social activities and civic service for the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron.

The response is excellent, and during this past few months newer members are indeed taking classes, attending meetings, luncheons and socials; and have come on board to assume tasks such as dinner reservations, board and bridge member positions.

Our new secretary, Lt/C Herbert Hoffstein, SN, is a fairly recent transfer from New York Power Squadron.

Herb has served on that squadron's bridge and as squadron's commander. The position Herb enthusiastically fills in the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron is essential for the efficient operation of squadron busi-

ness. Welcome aboard, Herb!

Thanks to all who attended and assisted in our January Change of Watch and the Founders' Day program in February.

Over 90 members and guests attended that picnic in Jupiter and we all ate heartily of the ribs and chicken trying to combat the effect of chilly weather. The pur-

pose of Founders' Day is to honor that band of men at the Boston Yacht Club who actually started United States Power Squadrons 91 years ago.

Our Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron will mark its 61st year on 21 November 2005.

This November also brings the opportunity to sail away on a "Squadron Caribbean Cruise" on board Royal Caribbean's new ship "Navigator of the Seas." I hope you will consider joining us on this fun-filled fundraiser. Be aware that cabin reservations for this event are coming in quickly, and we have over 20 cabins already signed up.

Early on Saturday morning, the 19th of March, your commander and members of our bridge will be attending the District 8 Spring Council at the Pompano Beach Power Squadron building. Of course we will all be back in time for our St. Patrick's Day catered corned beef dinner at 1800 at Old Port Cove. Any member who is interested in attending a District Council meeting should contact me for details.

Thank you all for your dedication to our wonderful squadron!

Let's hear a "round of applause" for Jim Tedesco! Jim and his Wonderful Website have won the 2004 USPS Website Award from National's Information Technology Committee. The site is amazing and chock full of useful information, besides being a very pleasant place to visit. The address (listed under our HQ address) is www.usps/org/localusps/palm. Wonderful work, Jim!

Barbara C. Roemmele

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From the Editor: *Ailing reefs and a majestic white bird*

For us Floridians, the transformation happens so quickly and with such certainty that we hardly notice. Acre by acre, plot by plot, just as the marshes and woodlands of the last century were turned into pastures and groves, those same tracts are asphalted, Floritammed, subdivided and given 9-digit ZIP codes.

That's why a couple of separate Squadron events last month were so significant.

First off, Dr. John Marr, executive director of the Perry Institute for Marine Science, spoke at our general meeting about efforts to reclaim our delicate and endangered ocean waters. It may take more lifetimes than all of ours together, but scientists like Dr. Marr hope that someday the



damage done by humans and their machines and chemicals can be undone so the reefs and sealife can flourish again.

A couple of weeks later, a picnic on the beach taught its own lesson about the resilience of our planet. The location was Big Munyon, a "spoil" island formed during construction of the Inland Waterway. In its brief lifetime Munyon has been the home of an elixir drummer's ill-fated spa; a squatter's campground; and finally, the site of an experiment to save something we can't bargain for.

As one who explored Munyon in its despoilment, I took interest as bulldozers carved a lagoon, and as carefully planted mangroves took hold in the mud. On this visit I wandered from the picnic and watched a majestic white bird forage for snails in the dark water. There is still hope.

Lt. Harry Lloyd, AP, Afterdeck Editor

COCH Committee Covers the Marinas

By Lt. Al Shemo, SN

Chairman COCH Committee

Currently there are three ongoing programs in Cooperative Charting — Small Craft Facility Survey, Adopt-A-Chart and Geodetic Mark Recovery.

There are 57 small craft facilities including marinas from Tequesta to Boca Raton, and 14 facilities at Lake Okeechobee that we survey. It's fun to visit the different facilities, talk with their dockmaster and get local information.

Former P/D/C Purdue Gould SN, when he was COCH chairman, found that no other squadron was doing the survey of Lake Okeechobee, which is surrounded by five counties. Our squadron was assigned the task to survey all the marinas on the lake and the rim canal. Since that time, Lts. Al Shemo SN, and Jim Tedesco P, make a yearly survey. One of the more interesting marinas we survey out there is the Zachary Taylor Resorts and Marina on Taylor Creek.

Although the official name of this is Taylor Creek, to the locals and especially the old timers it is and will always be Taylor's Creek. This small river has played a big part in local history since the earliest times. In 1837 Col. Zachary Taylor crossed it to battle the Seminoles waiting on the other side. In 1898 the first white family in what is now the town of Okeechobee settled on its shores. In a few years a small town named Tantie had sprung up, with a store, a school, a post office (named after Tantie Huckabee the school teacher) and importantly, a jail.

In the early part of the 20th century it was discovered that Lake Okeechobee was absolutely full of fish, and a number of commercial fishermen started fishing it. Tons of speckled perch, bass and especially catfish were shipped from the fish houses of Taylor Creek, across the big lake to Fort Myers via the Caloosahatchee River or down the New River Canal to Fort Lauderdale. There they were loaded on ships and taken north to eagerly waiting markets. Okeechobee catfish is featured on the menu of many restaurants around the South and is considered to be the finest tasting catfish to be found.



Lt. Tedesco interviews Kelly Plate at Taylor Marina

On the wall of the dockmaster's office is the remnants of a rifle found on the grounds of the Zachary Taylor Resort from the battle with the Seminoles. The largest marina on Lake Okeechobee is called Okee-Tantie Campground Marina.

The Adopt-A-Chart program lets you spend a day boating on the Intracoastal. Its purpose is to record anything that is on the chart that is outdated and should be removed and to report new points of interest that should be included.

There are over 1,500 geodetic marks (known as benchmarks) in Palm Beach County. Most geodetic marks are about 3½ inches round encased in concrete. They are used for distance, elevation and tide monitoring. Beside the brass survey disk used for distance, other marks include the light on top of water towers, TV and microwave masts, smokestacks, etc. The lightning rod point on the top of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse is a benchmark. There is a brass disk in a concrete block on roof of the Palm Beach airport control tower. They are in sidewalks, along roadways, in fields, woods, golf courses, seawalls, marinas, bridges, tops of tall buildings, etc.

Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron ranked ninth in the nation for the fiscal year ending last March 31 in Cooperative Charting. Congratulations to all.

Last Call for PB Boat Show Volunteers

Help keep America boating safely when the 20th annual 2005 Palm Beach Boat Show rafts up along the Intracoastal Waterway on Flagler Drive, downtown West Palm Beach and in the new Convention Center.

America's favorite boat show will open at noon on Thursday March 17 and close on Sunday, March 20.

There are still a few openings for Squadron Members to man our booth for three-hour sessions during the show.

Saturday has two openings from 10

Show Hours - March 17-20

Thursday	1200-1900
Friday	1000-1900
Saturday	1000-1900
Sunday	1000-1600

a.m. until 1 p.m., and three openings from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday has two openings from 10-1, four openings from 1-4 and two openings from 4-6. Slots are first-come, first-served.

We will have four members per

watch which will allow the watch to be broken up so that two can tour the show for free (a \$10 value per person).

Your part will be to encourage show attendees to take a safe boating "Boat Smart" course and, as a representative of "Americas Boating Club" possibly interest them in membership when they visit our information booth.

To volunteer for a time most convenient for you, please call Lt Brian Thompson, P at 561-965-7947.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

01 February 2005

Excerpted from the full minutes

Members Present: Cdr Barbara Roemmele, JN; Lt/C (P/C) Lesly McWhorter III, S; Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P; Lt/C Alan E. Patti, N; Lt Ralph Morse, JN; D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP, Parliamentarian.

Members Absent: Alan G. Konzelman, S; Jamey Sterling Sanders; Immediate P/C Mary Dodd, SN; P/C (P/R/C) William C. Eldridge, SN.

Guests Present: P/C Herbert Hoffstein, SN; P/C Edward Newman, S; P/Lt/C Joyce Newman, S; Lt Jim Palmer, P; D/Lt Albert Shemo, SN; Lt Jim Tedesco, P; Lt Harry Lloyd, AP; D/Lt Bill Money, P

Cdr Roemmele reported:

- Appointed P/C Herbert Hoffstein, SN Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Cdr Roemmele gave the oath of office and presented him with the Lt/C flag.

- Cdr made available the protocol for bridge meetings and an outline for parliamentary procedures

- Brochures are available for the November squadron cruise

EXECUTIVE OFFICER McWhorter reported:

- Listed CHM positions of the members who will be working with the EXO (*list on Page 9*).

- Lt Richard C. Hofmann, P, CHM Safety plans to handout pamphlets at marinas Saturday 12 February 2005

- Lt Morse, CHM Public Relations/Marketing recommended the flyers placed in marina and boat dealers be changed to include "Dining on the Waterway" on the back of the flyer. Cdr suggested a meeting with the EXO committee and bring in a recommendation at the next bridge meeting.

- D/Lt Al Shemo, SN reported marina studies have been completed. Geodetic marks are being done and Adopt-a-Chart studies will start.

- Lt/C Alan Patti, N reported 44 VSC completed this year Lt John Worssam will have 18 VSC done at a marina.

- Lt Leo J. McVicker, P will have the squadron involved in the Palm Beach Shores parade 12 March.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Ferguson reported:

- A new procedure will be tried at Lunch Bunch to have one person at each table responsible for collecting money for that table's lunch bill. Gary will still go to each table to collect money for lunches.

- Arts and Crafts position is vacant

- The Marriott marina at Hutchison Island is still in disrepair and will probably not be available for the Memorial Day Rendezvous 27 May.

TREASURER Patti reported:

- Income at this time is \$31,000 and expenses \$45,000. Replacement of air conditioner, roof and repairs from Hurricane created the deficit.

- A profit of \$226 was made from the Sea Ray/Astronaut Hall of Fame bus trip.

OLD BUSINESS: D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP reminded Board that at the 07 December 2004 board meeting, the bridge voted to increase the dues for first active member only, to \$3.25 a year. This would be effective with the new-year dues.

Lt/C (P/C) Herbert Hoffstein, SN Secretary

From the Safety Deck

By Lt. Richard Hofmann, P

Some years ago in Cleveland, a power boat blew up, killing four of the five occupants. The boat had just come out of winter storage and the family was out enjoying a day of boating. They had docked at a favorite eating spot on the river, and after lunch, got back aboard to continue their afternoon of cruising.

The gas engines did not start after cranking three or four times. On the fifth try the boat exploded. The investigation of the accident found that the engine room blower switch was still in the OFF position.

The point of this story is that while the owner of this boat was an experienced boater he got careless and it cost him and his family their lives. There are no shortcuts to safety. If you fail to follow the safety procedures in boating you may not get a second chance.

Don't Forget Safety Check

The efficient and thorough Vessel Safety Check Committee are on a quest to have ALL the boats in the squadron's Fleet Roster: catamarans, cruisers, motor yachts, open fishermen, runabouts, sailboats, sportfishermen, trawlers and pontoon boats examined and awarded the VSC decal. Please call Lt/C Alan Patti, N at 626-6606 or John Worssam at 371-8914 and tell them you are ready for your Vessel Safety Check!

March 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Members listed are celebrating a birthday this month. Cheers!		1 Bridge Meeting David Schoenberg Kristen Braaten	2 <i>Jr Navigation Marine Electronics Piloting, ID</i> Richard Evans Adrienne Noble	3 Navigation Weather Lunch Bunch, Duffy's U.S. 1	4 Rendezvous at Turnberry Isle through Sunday Seymour Kaplan George Doebereiner Carl Reidway Susan Griffin	5 Dorothy Morrissey Beverly Kravitz Carolyn Savage George Gehring
6 Diana Nyman Cathy Schroll	7 <i>Seamanship Advanced Piloting Eng Maintenance</i> Richard Scherr Marjorie Forrest	8 Dinner Meeting, OPYC Roger Ruddick Nancy Sanders Sally Nucero	9 <i>Jr Navigation Marine Electronics Piloting, ID</i> John Luciano	10 Lunch Bunch Navigation, Weather Herbert Waze Vicki DeSilva	11	12 John Griffin Al Shemo
13 Raft-up Flagler Bridge (may be rescheduled) Michael Galvin Helen Greene	14 <i>Seamanship Advanced Piloting Eng Maintenance</i> Donna McWhorter Bernard Mazurek Judith Bloom Kristen Fotorny	15 ABC	16 <i>Jr Navigation. Piloting</i> Spike Speckeen Abby MacPherson	17 Lunch Bunch N, ABC <i>PB Boat Show starts</i> Kenneth Stirtz Leo McVicker Walter Greenwood	18 PB Boat Show	19 St. Patrick's Party D8 at Pompano Bch Sail exam. Boat Show Stanley Ball William Robinson Gene Klusmeier
20 PB Boat Show ends Sabrina Fantin	21 <i>Seamanship Advanced Piloting Eng Maintenance Piloting exam</i> Grace Gartner	22 ABC Richard Wessner Guido Teichner Peter Schueler	23 <i>JN</i> Jean Muntz Lisa Monahan David Kaufman	24 Lunch Bunch' N, Weather, ABC Mary Dodd Joyce Newman	25 Ina Fay Zitter	26
27 William Flanders	28 Sail, CP Martha Reinwarth	29	30 Lunch Bunch with St. Lucie Squadron, Stuart Frank Snedaker	31 Lunch Bunch Matthew Lukaszewicz Dee Bowman	APRIL 2005	
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3	4	5 General Meeting, OPYC	6 <i>Jr Navigation</i>	7 Lunch Bunch Navigation	8	9 Raft-Up, Old Port Cove
10	11	12 ABC	13 <i>Jr Navigation</i>	14 <i>Lunch Bunch N, ABC</i>	15	16
17	18	19 ABC	20 <i>Jr Navigation</i>	21 <i>Lunch Bunch ABC</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Lunch Bunch	29	30

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Transom Notes

... about Squadron people and events

Return to Charlevoix, Mich.

By Joan Summers

It has been 22 years since we left our boating and summers behind and now we have returned to Charlevoix The Beautiful, which it has been known as since 1866. We had our first boat here, *Bide-a-Wee*, a 24-foot SeaRay, and enjoyed many weekends cruising around.

I know that some other members of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron have been here and docked at the City Marina on Round Lake. Charlevoix is surrounded by Round Lake, Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan, giving you access to the North Channel, which borders the Upper Peninsular.

Since we were going to spend our summers here, Clive [P/D/C, D/8] looked to see if there were any squadrons nearby. He found that the Tip of Mitt Squadron was within our area, so he contacted them. They were a provisional squadron until three years ago, and now have 35 mem-



Pointer is a restored 38-foot boat powered by a 75 HP diesel engine, and was built in 1934.

Raft-Up Moves Indoors

Our first raft-up of the year 2005 planned at Flagler Bridge SE side was cancelled due to the cold, rainy weather and choppy waters of Lake Worth. As good squadron members we could not miss our special get-to-gather and therefore a quick decision was made to meet at the Gemini Club social room to eat our food and drink and share our

L to R: Jeanne Kirch, AP, Cheryl Eisenhardt, Kathy Eldridge, Lynn Sperano and "Teddy", Donna McWhorter, Janice Tedesco, Bob Malone, Dot Blackburn, Jim Eisenhardt, Bill Eldridge, Ernie Berkman, Joyce Guignon, Jim Palmer, Ed Newman, Jim Tedesco, Les McWhorter and John Worssam. Group were guests of Captain Bill Eldridge, SN and Captain Jim Eisenhardt, "El Hart", Captain John Worssam "Euphoria" and Captain Bob Malone "Anjoy". Gary Ferguson left before picture was taken and Joyce Newman was the photogra-



Old Port Yacht Club is Commodore William D. Goetze exchanges burgees with outgoing Cdr Mary Dodd, SN at the Squadron's Change of Watch.

bers and are fully chartered. We joined as their first associate members.

The first function we attended was a picnic in Charlevoix. We got to meet some of the members and were invited to attend the next function, a cruise on the *Pointer* out of Harbor Springs, about 35 miles from Charlevoix. We gladly accepted. *Pointer* is a restored 38-foot boat powered by a 75 HP diesel engine, and was built in 1934. It was a workboat built in Chessel, Mich., with painted wood construction typical of Scandinavian design. A beautiful designed compass rose table was added in addition to other restoration to make it a bit more yachtlike.

Jim Sutherland, AP, a member of the Tip of Mitt Squadron, has captained this boat for special cruises for the past eight seasons. A most enjoyable evening was had by all (about 20 members) while cruising around Harbor Springs viewing the beautiful yachts and grand, old, well-kept summer homes in Harbor Point.

We welcomed meeting new friends that we had not met on the previous activity and look forward to the next dinner meeting in September before we head for Florida for the winter.

desserts. We didn't need fenders and radio channel 72 wasn't needed. If Lt John Worssam could have done a vessel safety check, I am sure he would have made the inspection.

