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# This Month's Meeting

Tuesday, 14 September

## OLD PORT YACHT CLUB

Come and enjoy the squadron's first general membership dinner meeting for the bridge year. Our new location is at Old Port Yacht Club, 116 Lakeshore Dr., North Palm Beach (across from Crystal Tree Shopping Center) off U.S. 1.

Enjoy good friends and the beautiful view of the marina and Lake Worth. Cocktail hour will start at 1800 (6 p.m.) and dinner will be served at 1900 (7 p.m.).

Scheduled speaker is Robert Boyd, Loxahatchee River Historical Society, who will speak on "Restoration of Jupiter Lighthouse and the history of Northern Palm Beach County." The program starts about 2000 hrs.

### The Menu

Caesar Salad/Tomato Garnish

Choice of one:

**English Cut Prime Rib** au jus

**Sole Amandine**, topped with roasted almonds and lemon butter

Baked potato, vegetable du jour

Chef's choice dessert and coffee

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

Members should make reservations by Friday, 10 September. **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: \$24 per person, the same as last year. Please pay by check only, payable to the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

Bar drinks include gratuity. House brands and wine are \$6; call brands

## Message from the Bridge

The following changes are being recommended to the Bylaws of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron, Inc. dated 03 September 2002.

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

**Article 9, 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, shall be sent to each active member by the secretary, in such manner as determined by the Board of Directors, at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

A vote to adopt the recommended changes will be held at the 14 September general membership meeting.

**Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP, Secretary**

are \$7; draft beer/mineral water \$3; and soft drinks \$2.

The uniform for all Bridge officers, past commanders and D/8 bridge officers is Bridge Uniform: D.

## Raftup Set 18 Sept at Old Port Cove

This is a great opportunity for our new members to get to spend some time with our "older salts." Join your friends in this beautiful North Palm Beach location on Lake Worth, Saturday 18 September across from Old Port Cove Marina for a very pleasant several hours from 1100 - 1400 (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.). All size vessels are welcome. Be sure to have appropriate fenders and if you need to contact our group by ra-

dio, use Channel 72 only.

Bring your own food and drink and a dessert to share.

One of the squadron vessel examiners will be available at the raft-up to give free Vessel Safety Checks for your boat and you'll receive a VSC decal to put on your vessel.

Contact me at 624-7121 if you plan to attend.

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

## Ladies Craft Group

The crafty ladies are cranking up, preparing for this year's Christmas Bazaar which will be held on 3-4 December. All you elves and Santas put this on your calendar now. And in the meantime, call Kathy Eldridge to add your name to her list of helpers for the occasion. It's fun!

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CDR MARY DODD, SN  
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



## High Standards to Maintain

On 08 June 2004, I was elected Commander of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron and took the oath of office. It is now my responsibility to maintain the high standard of my predecessor P/C Rafael Aybar, JN and those that came before him.



This year will be an exciting year. Thanks to the hard work of our new Administrative Officer Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S the Squadron's General Membership Meetings will be held at Old Port Cove Yacht Club.

Our Squadron is celebrating its 60th Anniversary of our charter date of 20 November 1944. The Squadron will be celebrating this great achievement on 12 October at our Caribbean Party.

Though things have been somewhat quiet this

summer, the Squadron has been active. On 12 June a Nose-up was held at the Loxahatchee. District 8 held their Rendezvous at Cannon Sport in July. On 10 August 2004 we had a dinner at our new General Membership Meeting location Old Port Cove Yacht Club.

The American Boating Course has been held every month this summer at Squadron Headquarters and we have had great attendance at this meeting.

During the July Board Meeting the bridge approved the Standing Rules, which will be presented to the General Membership for a vote at September's General Membership Meeting. The Standing Rules are included in this Afterdeck. Please review and be ready to vote on them at September's Meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the September's General Membership Meeting.

*Cdr Mary Dodd, SN*

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#### Address changes

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

# From the Editor: *Significance in a view of the water*

When Pat and I first joined the Palm Beach Power Squadron (it didn't yet have Sail in its name) it held its meetings in the ballroom of a somewhat down-in-the-tooth hotel (since refurbished) whose setting was distinguished only by the proximity of three major asphalt thoroughfares. The only water in sight was in a silver pitcher at the portable bar.



Then for years we attended Squadron meetings and holiday parties at a well appointed club with a sweeping view of fairways, cart paths and putting greens.

That changed unofficially last month when about 70 members got together for a nonmeeting at Old Port Yacht Club. There was a brief greet-

ing but no speeches, no program, no reports and no asphalt in sight. On the other side of the picture window was blue -- or maybe brown -- water.

Aside from the vistas, it's not a tremendously significant change to go from PGA to OPC. There's no guarantee the endive will be crisper or the beurre blanc more smooth by the water, but for our Squadron it could be as invigorating as the salt spray dancing off the bow of a boat.

This move comes along with another momentous change that surely everyone has noticed but nobody has yet celebrated. Hey, folks, the ladies are in charge now, filling four top executive positions on our bridge and bringing an attitude that with enthusiasm, the job can be done.

So here's a toast to them. A gulp of water, everyone!

*Lt. Harry Lloyd, AP, Afterdeck Editor*



## Transom Notes

... about Squadron people and events

Our annual Fourth of July Rendezvous returned to Palm Harbor Marina. We started out with eight boats needing slips, but went down to four including one guest boat. The North Palm Beach Yacht Club combined with us with four boats and thus we maintained a healthy number for the rendezvous. Squadron boats attending were *La Donna* (P/C Les and Donna McWhorter); *Euphoria* (John and Sandi Worssam); *Dona Blanca* (P/C Rafael and Dr. Olimpia Aybar), and *Scott Free* (Kyle and Kay Scott).

The Sunday night potluck picnic brought out 60-plus members, families and friends from both the squadron and the Yacht Club. The potluck was followed by the usual Fourth of July fireworks, and was enjoyed by those on the dock and the boats. It was a great weekend and a pleasure to share it with our friends.

Special thanks to John and Sandi Worssam and Lt Jim Palmer for the setup and cleanup.

**Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S**, Administrative Officer

**OUR SQUADRON** will enlist the aid of the Sea Scouts in an effort to spread our safety message to the boating public. The recent D/8 newsletter related how some Sea Scout units (called ships) are now working with USPS squadrons and taking the BoatSmart course for their completion certificates. hat we can start a mutually beneficial program with these youngsters (ages 12-20). We have obtained free "How to Boat Smart" brochures from the state of Florida, which we will give to the scouts who take this course. This publication is virtually identical to the instruction book we use. We still need help from squadron members in getting out our message. Call me at (561) 844-7136, and thanks!

**Lt. Dick Hofmann, P**, Safety Officer



*Squadron Treasurer Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P accepts a \$300 check from the management of Duffy's Sports Grill, a way of thanking the Squadron for the first three months of Thursday Lunch-Bunches. The move to Duffy's has been a big hit.*

**JUST A REMINDER** to save Sunday, 31 October for our Family Halloween Costume Potluck Party. More information will be coming soon.

This party will be a lot of fun and time to taste all the delectable dishes that our members bring. That day all foods will be allowed on the South Beach, Weight Watchers, Atkins or whatever diet we are on at that time!

**Lt. Roberta Stephens, P**

**YOUR SQUADRON** has a new web page called "Snapshots." This page is for members to submit photos of squadron related activities. It could be photos of squadron social activities, raft-ups, boat cruises, meeting other members while on vacation — photos of that nature. Submit actual photos, or put photo on a floppy or CD and submit to Webmaster James Tedesco, 29 Yacht Club Drive, North Palm Beach with a line or two of photo details and persons names. All photos will be returned. View our present **Snapshot** page (<http://www.palmbeachsps.org/Snapshots.htm>) on our squadron website.

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# Educational News...

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## *Let's Fill Our Classrooms!*

The complete Fall/Winter class schedule is printed below right. Here are more specifics on the courses starting this fall.

**ENGINE MAINTENANCE.** Beginning on Monday, 11 October. Carl Nyman, JN, will be teaching. This course will not make you a mechanic, but it will make you more self-reliant while cruising. Trouble shooting and temporary remedies are emphasized. You'll be better versed when talking with your mechanic, giving him symptoms and understanding his function.

The course will run approximately 10 weeks and the cost is \$35. Call Carl at 433-4473 and tell him you'll be there.

**SEAMANSHIP (S),** beginning Monday, 4 October. P/C John Luciano, AP, will teach this "need to know" course. Learn all about "the boat," how and why it behaves the way it does, the many parts, the language, knots and bends, and all kinds of "salty" stuff. "S" runs approximately 9 weeks and the cost is ONLY \$20. *This price is discounted to get you started into the Squadron's educational program.* Call John at 627-8755 to sign up for this fun course.

**ADVANCED PILOTING (AP),** begins Monday, 4 October. Scott Clinton, N, will continue to teach AP. Some claim AP is our most practical course. It really teaches you how to get from here to your designation, taking into consideration the movement of the waters, the charts, compass, other tools of navigation and problem solving. A real hands-on, learning experience. AP runs approximately 14 weeks and the cost is \$40. Call Scott (741-4680) to sign up for this advanced "practical" experience.

**JUNIOR NAVIGATION (JN).** JN introduces you to celestial navigation with the use of the sextant and all the tables, charts, star finders, etc. that make this science work of you. It runs approximately 6 months and the cost is \$70. Call Bill Eldridge, SN, to schedule JN.

**NAVIGATION (N).** N takes what you learned in JN to practical use in exercises using your newly developed JN skills. It runs about 6 months and the cost is \$70. Call Bill Eldridge, SN to schedule N.

*Note: Because of the lack of an instructor at this time, it is possible that the Squadron will offer only one of the Navigation courses this year. Please watch for further details.*

**Piloting, Cruise Planning, Marine Electronics, Sail, Weather and Instructor Qualification** will begin after the New Year.

**USPS "GRADES"**—USPS members earn their "grade" by taking advanced grade courses. They are: Seamanship for the grade of "S," Piloting for the grade of "P," Advanced Piloting for the grade of "AP," Junior Navigation for the grade of "JN" and Navigation for the grade of Navigator or "N." These courses are taken in order and to earn the grade of AP, JN, and N you must have passed S, P, AP and JN respectively. When you pass all these AND all of the elective courses, your certificate is "full" and you will have earned the grade of Senior Navigator or "SN."

## Les McDermott is Teacher of the Year



Lt Leslie F. McDermott, SN is Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron's nominee for the 2003-2004 Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching and the squadron's "Teacher of the Year".

Les came to the rescue and stepped in and amply took over the lecturing of JN and N after our "ole faithful," P/Stf/C Joe Rawlins, SN, celestial course chairman, suffered a stroke and was unable to continue lecturing—therefore, Les is responsible for the salvation and continuance of our squadron's JN and N courses. At the same time, Les preserved the esteem of Joe, giving Joe full credit for the successful courses.

Les has been assisting teaching JN and N for 3 years. He gives the JN (Wednesdays) and N (Thursdays) lectures of all classes October through June. He taught N on Wednesday mornings at his home to accommodate a student who couldn't make the regular scheduled evening class—therefore teaching N twice a week.

He consistently is available for special tutoring sessions for both JN and N—all year long.

He regularly tutors on Sundays at his home.

His "teamwork" attitude and practice is a model for all USPS members.

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

To quote one of Les' students—"Les is more . . ."

# Coast Guard reduces bridge openings, gets few complaints

The familiar 20-minute schedule for Intracoastal drawbridges in Palm Beach County has gone the way of dollar gasoline.

As of 19 July, most of the bridges in Northern Palm Beach county went on a schedule to open only twice an hour for boat traffic.

The Coast Guard, now a division of the Department of Homeland Security, made the announcement after holding a 90-day test period, soliciting public opinion and doing the required impact studies.

According to the Coast Guard, there was virtually no opposition to what could amount to eliminating one-third of the daily bridge openings.

During the test period, vessel requests for openings averaged only about two per hour except for the Camino Real Bridge in Boca Raton, which is an exception to the new 30-minute schedule for the rest of Palm Beach County. Camino Real, at mile 1048.2, will continue to open on the hour, 20 minutes past and 20 minutes before the hour if requested

to do so.

The Coast Guard said reducing bridge openings should improve vehicular traffic and "still provide for the reasonable needs of navigation."

Here's the response the Coast Guard reported: One form letter in favor of the new schedules, received from 440 persons; one petition in favor, signed by 131 persons; 145 individual letters in favor; four letters from municipalities in favor; five letters opposing the change and eight suggestions for different schedules.

And as required by federal regulations, Coast Guard made a number of evaluations and concluded that the new schedules would not do harm to private property, civil justice reform, child health, the environment, energy consumption or Indian tribal governments.

Unchanged are the schedules for Jupiter Federal and C-707 bridges near Jupiter Inlet, which will continue to open on demand for safety reasons. Also, bridges may make unscheduled openings for tows and similar craft.

## Listing of the new schedules for area bridges



**Indiantown Road Bridge**  
Jupiter  
Mile 1006.2  
(hour, half hour)



**Southern Boulevard (SR 700/80) Bridge**  
Palm Beach  
Mile 1024.7  
(hour, half hour)

**Donald Ross Bridge**  
Palm Beach Gardens  
Mile 1009.3  
(hour, half hour)



**Ocean Avenue Bridge**  
Lantana  
Mile 1031.0  
(hour, half hour)



**PGA Boulevard Bridge**  
North Palm Beach  
Mile 1012.6  
(hour, half hour)



**Ocean Avenue Bridge**  
Boynton Beach  
Mile 1035.0  
(hour, half hour)

**Parker (U.S. 1) Bridge**  
North Palm Beach  
Mile 1013.7  
(Quarter and three-quarter hour)



**Atlantic Avenue Bridge**  
Delray Beach  
Mile 1039.6  
(Quarter and three-quarter hour)



**Flagler Memorial (SR A1A) Bridge**  
Palm Beach  
Mile 1020.8  
(Quarter and three-quarter hour)



**Linton Boulevard Bridge**  
Delray Beach  
Mile 1041.1  
(hour, half hour)

**Royal Park (SR 704) Bridge**  
Palm Beach  
Mile 1022.6  
(hour, half hour)



**Spanish River Bridge**  
Boca Raton  
Mile 1044.9  
(hour, half hour)



# BOARD MINUTES

03 August 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; P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S; Immediate P/C Rafael L. Aybar, JN; Lt Ralph Morse, JN

D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP (Parliamentarian)

Absent: Joel M. Busse, AP

**GUESTS PRESENT:** 1st /Lt Donald H. Kranendonk, P; P/C Edward Newman, S; Lt Jim Palmer; D/Lt Bill Money, P; P/R/C Robert Malone, SN; Lt Kathy Eldridge, P; Lt Paul Welsh.

**COMMANDER** Dodd reported:

- Thirteen Squadron members attended D/8 Rendezvous 16-18 July at Cannonsport Marina. D/C Nigel E Hargreaves, SN reported a favorable response (9 of 10) for national annualized billing with payment by credit card.

- Commander will be attending D/8 Fall Council Meeting 21 August at Ft Lauderdale.

- D/8 Fall Conference 01-03 October at Ft. Lauderdale Marriott N. Commander recommended members attend. Talent test will be held on Friday night.

- Request for Merit Marks to be sent to P/C Sally Williams AP, prior to 1 October.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER** Roemmele:

- Thanked CHM Public Relations/Marketing P/C McWhorter for promoting the cooperation of the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, and John K. Clark, County Tax collector. The flyer with the A/B/C Course was mailed to all boaters.

- P/C McWhorter reported deliveries of flyers to the various locations are 99 percent completed.

- Lt Jim Tedesco, P will be responsible for the squadron participation in community parades as appropriate.. David J. Eisenberg is moving out of the area.

- Sharing of advertising with Tuppens will be continued but will be monitored closely as to the value vs. cost. Fifty percent of the cost is shared by National.

**SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER** Eldridge reported:

- This past year 245 registered in the ABC Course, 223 took the exam and 222 passed.

- Paperwork has been submitted on Les McDermott for "Teacher of the Year" to D/8. They have 5 candidates out of 17 squadrons.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** Joyce A. Newman reported:

- Three potluck events are in the planning stage. Sunday, 31 October, a Halloween Costume Party. St. Patrick's Party with band and catered food, Thursday 17 March 2005. Saturday 07 May 2005 Kentucky Derby Potluck Party, with mint juleps and couple of horse race events.

- There is a raft-up planned for each month up to March, thanks to Lt Jim Palmer, S and Lt John Worssam. Thanks to P/C McWhorter for asking new member Jamey Sanders to volunteer to help with nose-up and raft-up committee.

- CHM Craft Ladies Lt. Kathy Eldridge, P reported the

Ladies group are preparing for this year's Christmas Bazaar, 03-04 December. Application was sent to the Burns Road Community Center to request the Art room. Volunteers for workers and Santa(s) are needed, contact Lt Kathy Eldridge, P

- CHM Membership Committee, P/C Edward A Newman, S reported he had filed the D8 and National Member Involvement and Retention Report 24 July 2004. Non-renewals were 102 the 24th of July, (88 active members. 14 family). We sent out 67 non-renewal letters to the families. We are still receiving checks from late payers. Survey of reasons people are not renewing membership: 1) "People are too busy", 2) "Too far away", 3) Deaths and other reasons. We cover such a large geographic area and we are not a community-based squadron, which makes it difficult to get support from Mayor or Council.

**SECRETARY** Kirch prepared and presented a graph of the Squadron's membership status comparing monthly numbers over the past three years. The graph showed the loss in membership and new members signing up was almost identical to those of previous two years.

#### Membership Status, 01 August

Active Members	283
Active Sustaining Members	2
Additional Active Members	53
Life Members	18
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS	354
Family Members	89
Jr. Family Members	8
Associate Members	17
TOTAL OTHER MEMBERS	114
Current grand total of members	468
Honorary Members	2

**TREASURER** Ferguson reported:

- He and Lt Paul Welsh are working on a budget on a month-to-month basis. Made a motion to accept the 04 May 2004 Budget. It did not carry. It was decided to table the motion until next month.

- By-laws for the Budget and Finance Committee reads: Article 5, Section 5.8.2 "It is the responsibility of this committee to present a budget annually to the Board of Directors for approval prior to its presentation to the active members for adoption." Budget will be distributed to the board prior to the 14 September meeting.

- Lt Jim Palmer reported the two air conditioners in Headquarters are 17 years old with rusted ducts. Lt/C Ferguson made a motion to replace both units. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Immediate P/C Aybar presented reasons for squadron to return to its original change of watch year; then made a motion to pass a resolution to recommend the change of the Bylaws to return to the original change of watch beginning of the year in **January**. The motion was seconded and approved. A vote to adopt the recommended changes will be held at the September general membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Jeanne Kirch, AP, Secretary

# Jim Palmer is Squadron Member of the Year

Lt. Jim Palmer, S, who led the way in renovating the Squadron headquarters into a superb education facility, was named Member of the Year at the June Change of Watch.

Jim, the Squadron's Property/House Officer, was much more than the person who holds the keys to the building. He served as designer, general contractor and much more in bringing the project in on time, under budget and way beyond expectations.

The renovation was just one job for Jim, who also found time during the year to pass the Seamanship course.

- He stores, transports, sets up, breaks down, cleans, inventories and stores again our cooking grills at our nose-ups.

- He crews on the anchor boat for most of our raft-ups.

- He earned Honor Roll status in USPS's Co-op Charting program, enabling our squadron to also earn Honor roll status.

- He stores, sets up, breaks down, inventories and stores again our elegant boat show booth at two boat shows

each year.

- He assists in registration nights at our public Boating course.

- He assists during exam and graduation nights of our public boating course.

- He is always helping fellow members out with maintenance and/or problems with their boats. This includes problem solving and physical labor.

Altogether, a truly worthy choice. Thanks Jim, we all appreciate all that you do.

Outgoing Commander Rafael Aybar, JN, presented commander's appreciation awards at the ceremony to Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S; the former secretary; Lt. Les McDermott, SN, who served as his personal aide; Lt. Kathy Eldridge, P, chairman of the Arts and Crafts Committee; P/Stf/C Rod Landsman, AP, Squadron parliamentarian, and Lt. Jim Tedesco, S, Webmaster.

*(P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN, contributed to this article)*

## Squadron Turns 60 in October by going 'island'

Come spend a lovely evening on a make-believe Caribbean island at Old Port Yacht Club Tuesday, 12 October, overlooking the marina and beautiful Lake Worth and listen to the music of the Parrot Feathers Band.

The attire of the evening will be Caribbean Island wear, so pull out those flowered shirts and sarongs – and your dancing shoes — and celebrate our squadron's 60th anniversary. It will be an exciting evening with more information in the October *Afterdeck*.

Cocktail hour will start at 1800 (6 p.m.). Dinner service – and the music — will start at 1900 (7 p.m.). The menu will be Florida salad served with greens w/citrus sections and raspberry vinaigrette; Caribbean boneless center cut pork chops served over Madeira w/roasted garlic, shallot

and bell pepper chutney, or coconut beer batter shrimp served with orange marmalade sauce or tartar sauce. Both meals will be served with sweet potato fries and vegetable, chef's choice dessert, and coffee.

For reservations call Roberta Stephens at 694-2992 by Friday 08 October. No reservations will be accepted after this date.

**Cost:** \$35 per person inclusive. Please pay by check only, payable to the 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; call brands are \$7, draft beer/mineral water are \$3 and soft drinks are \$2.

## Rafting Up After the Storm

Saturday 14 August was a beautiful day on Lake Worth near Old Port Cove. The day after Hurricane Charley missed us and did such devastation to so many others, we came to raft-up and have a good time, telling tall tales and enjoying the good food and delicious desserts.

*Euphoria*, captained by Lt John Worssam with crew P/C Les & Lt Donna McWhorter, P/C Ed & Lt/C Joyce Newman, Lt/C Gary Ferguson and Lt Jim Palmer, was the anchor boat. Over the horizon we could see *Kathy El* captained by P/R/C Bill Eldridge and his crew Lt Kathy Eldridge and Cheryl Eisenhardt approaching us with appropriate fenders and lines prepared to anchor starboard to *Euphoria*. Soon *Tropical Breeze* captained by new members Robert and Mariann Bruno with sister Joan Saccio and friend A. Colin

Flood arrived and rafted up.

*Lifetime* captained by Lts. Ralph and Barbara Morse and members Al Albert and Betty Katz on board soon rafted-up to *Tropical Breeze*. *Jib & Tonic*, a beautiful 30' sailboat captained by our new members Dennis and Grace Gartner soon arrived and put out their fenders and lines to Kathy El. Reva and Gene Berman were the crew on Gartner's vessel.

The water was a little choppy but our vessels held steady. Around 1400 we said our good-bys and each vessel navigated to their destination: *Tropical Breeze* to Peanut Island for snorkeling and some of us headed towards home.

Lt/C Joyce Newman, S  
Administrative Officer

## Welcome these new members

Brad M Allen, Holly F. Allen  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Frank Berman, Pamela Berman  
Lake Park, FL

Dennis A. Gartner,  
Grace P. Gartner  
Lake Worth, FL

Scott I. Hasday, Denise Hasday  
North Palm Beach, FL

Daniel A. Kornstein  
West Palm Beach, FL

John D. Lam, Maria E. Lam  
Greenacres, FL

Donald F. Novell, Joan Novell  
West Palm Beach, FL

Alfred Pavia, Lynn Pavia  
Michael (son), Stacy (daughter)  
Delray Beach, FL

Mike B. Peterson,  
Kim Ann Peterson  
Lauren (daughter)  
Stefan (son)  
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## STANDING RULES 2004-05

*The Standing Rules of the Squadron are reviewed and adopted by the Board of Directors and Bridge at the first meeting of each bridge year. After a review of the Standing Rules, the rules were accepted as presented without revisions for the 2004-05 Bridge year. The Standing Rules for 2004-05 will be voted on by the squadron membership at the 14 September 2004 General Membership Dinner meeting.*

**Cdr Mary Dodd, SN**

1.1 Upon the death of an active squadron member or of a past commander of this squadron, (even though the P/C may have been inactive immediately prior to the last illness), the Board of Directors shall instruct the treasurer to send a donation of \$25 to the National Education Fund.

1.2 The amount of the donation to the National Education Fund shall be \$10 for a deceased family member or spouse who is not a member.

1.3 The National Education Fund shall be requested to list such donations to the credit of this squadron for purposes of determining squadron per-capita contributions.

1.4 Commander shall fill in a "Last Horizons" form and mail it to THE ENSIGN.

1.1 All squadron bridge officers will have a budget in order to carry out the duties of their office. The squadron commander's budget is needed to partially offset the cost of attending required meetings and other duties.

1.2 The costs of attending Governing Board, District Council and Conference meetings; transportation, if by automobile at the IRS standing business rate; lodging and meals at these events; squadron hospitality expenses or other items which apply to the commander's duties are covered to the extent of the budget.

1.3 Itemized receipts on squadron forms should be submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement. Since the books of the treasurer are subject to both internal and external audit, the presence of receipts is required. Any expenditure without receipts will not be reimbursed until the treasurer brings such items to the Board of Directors, who will have the option of approval or disapproval.

1.1 No later than 01 April of each year the secretary's department shall provide to the treasurer a list of names and addresses of all squadron associate members for purposes of the subsequent year's billing.

1.2 The treasurer shall notify the secretary as soon as associate members dues are paid.

1.1 The treasurer will review all contracts and commitments with financial obligations before signatures of approval are affixed. All contracts and commitments will require two signatures; one signature will be the Bridge Officer responsible for the activity requiring the contract or commitment, the other will be that of the commander.

1.2 All financial requests brought up before the Board of Directors for approval, such as subsidizing activities, pricing of courses, books and supplies, must be accompanied by a complete budget explaining and justifying the request and financial obligations incurred.

5.0 The Nominating Committee will invite the existing Bridge to make recommendations and to verify opinions as to the suitability of possible nominees. Such actions are to be held in strict confidence.

6.0 These Standing Rules, and others deemed appropriate to be added to this list, shall be reviewed and adopted at the first Board of Directors Meeting of each New Watch and then referred to the next General Membership Meeting for approval.

## Raft-up Schedules

**CHR Raft-up and Nose-up, Lt Jim Palmer, S and his co-chair Lt John Worssam have worked diligently to schedule boating activities for your family to enjoy this squadron year.**

**At raft-ups it is important to have appropriate fenders and lines and all vessels are welcome. We bring food and drink for those on our boat and a dessert to share with others.**

**Nose-ups can be a lot of fun for a family. We put our nose (bow) on the sand while the tide is out, using both a bow and stern anchor. We put our beach chairs on the sand; start the grill and cook burgers and hotdogs. You bring your own drink and a dessert or side dish to share with others.**

**While having fun at both of these event you can have one of our squadron vessel examiners, provide a Vessel Safety Check for your boat and receive a current VSC decal.**

18 Sept Raft-up Old Port Cove

16 Oct Raft-up Flagler Bridge

20 Nov Raft-up Old Port Cove

11 Dec Christmas raft-up Old Port Cove

15 Jan Raft-up Lantana

19 Feb Nose-up picnic on Munyon Island

13 Mar Raft-up Flagler Bridge

09 April Raft-up Old Port Cove

14 May Nose-up picnic on Peanut Island Eastern Shore

18 June Nose-up on Lox sandbar

**All raft-ups will go from 1100 to 1430 hrs and nose-up picnics from 1130 to 1430 hrs. Times are subject to change. We look forward to a happy and fun year.**

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