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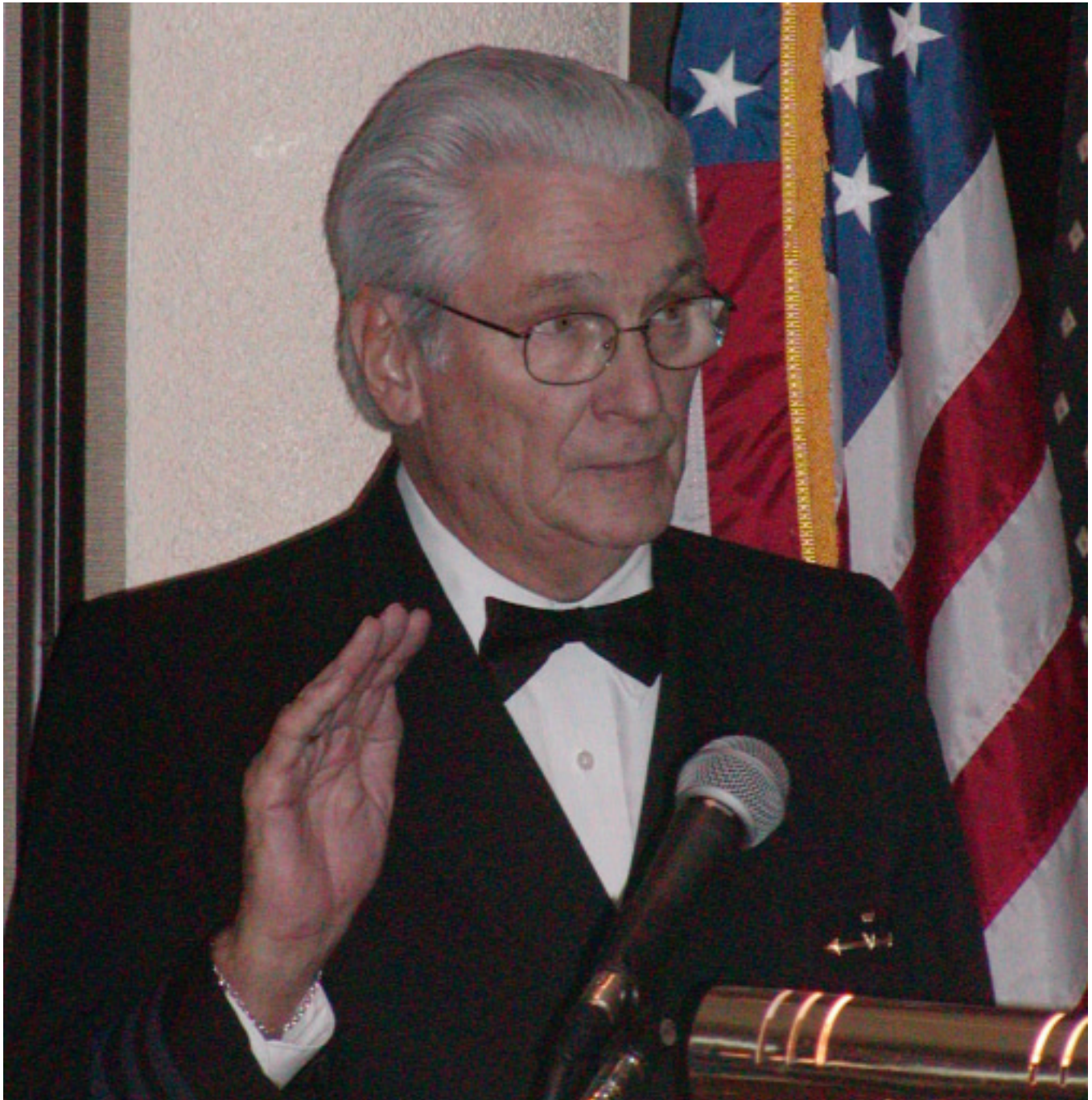
## NEWS



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*Cdr Lesly McWhorter III, S, a former commander of the Squadron, takes the oath Jan. 17 to become commander again. Cdr McWhorter's acceptance speech — and his first Commander's Column — is on Page 3. Also at the Change of Watch ceremony, Lt. Jim Tedesco, P was srecognized as Member of the Year and Lt. Darryl Aubrey, SN was named Teacher of the Year.*

## This Month's Meeting

Tuesday 14 February

EVERGRENE CLUB

(HAPPY VALENTINE!)

Here's the evening's schedule:

Hospitality 1800 (6 pm)

Dinner 1900 (7 pm)

Business Program 2000 (8 pm)

**Program:** Squadron member Larry Rudner, N will speak on Shackelton's Antarctic expedition and feats of navigation.

### MENU

Mixed Green Salad

Chef Toni's New England Clam Chowder

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Or

Veal Marsala w/Herbed Orzo, Or

Mediterranean Crusted Salmon

Vegetable

Dessert and coffee

**For a fruit cup**, please specify at time of reservations.

**For reservations call Lt Roberta Stephens, Pat 694-2992 on or before Friday 10 February.** The club is located at 650 Evergrene Parkway, Palm Beach Gardens. You will not be granted admittance (gated community) without having called in your reservation by the specified date to allow your name to be provided to security.

**Cost:** Please pay at the door by check only, \$20 made payable to PBS&PS. Members who make reservations are responsible for the cost of the dinners.

**Dress Uniform:** Blue blazer, gray slacks/skirts with USPS badge on blazer and four-in-hand ties.

## Founders' Day Picnic Set for Feb. 4

The Squadron's annual Founders' Day Picnic will be held on Saturday 4 February to celebrate the founding of the U.S. Power Squadrons 91 years ago. The picnic will be at the Jupiter Beach Island Pavilion Park

A brief commemorative ceremony will start at 10:30, so please arrive by 10 a.m. A buffet lunch catered by Too Jay's will be served around noon. The lunch will feature overstuffed sandwiches of either roast beef, ham and swiss or turkey, along with salads, pickle and dessert. The Squadron will provide the soft drinks.

James Ponce, an authority on the Palm Beach area, will be the speaker. In addition, the Bridge officers will give a brief summary within their area of responsibility of what they envision for the squadron.

**The cost per person is \$10.** You may payment at the picnic site. Members who make reservations are responsible for the cost of the lunches. If payment by check, make check out to: Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Email your reservations to Lt Roberta Stephens at [steplee@bellsouth.net](mailto:steplee@bellsouth.net) or telephone 694-2992.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Ocean Blvd/A1A, north of Indiantown Rd., turn east onto to Jupiter Beach Rd. Continue to end of road, turn left and then right into the parking area. Pavilion is just across the foot bridge.

## St. Pat's Party planned for 18 March

Come and join your boating friends for a fun-filled St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, 18 March at 5 p.m. at Old Port Cove. The party will be held in the social room, between the North and South quays, near the pool.

To make this a real St. Patrick's Party, we will have an Irish band with singing and dancing, and there will be a catered corned beef dinner, with dessert and coffee, served at 6 p.m. Bring your own beverages and mixers. Ice will be available. Get your tickets early — last year this party was a sellout!

Since this is a gated community, we must have your name for you to enter. The cost of this exciting event is \$20 per person. To make your 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 11 March. No checks will be accepted at the party.

Please call Joan Thompson at 561-965-7947 if you have any questions.

## Report to the Sick Bay

Members are invited notify Lt Barbara Morse, chairperson of the Sick Bay, if you know about a fellow member who is bedridden or hospitalized. That way we will be able to alert the Squadron and show our concern and support in a timely manner.

Contact Lt Morse by e-mail, [Rm2089@aol.com](mailto:Rm2089@aol.com) or telephone her at 561-272-1276.

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CDR LESLY McWHORTER, III, S

## COMMANDER'S REPORT

# On Course for our 62nd Year



The Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron celebrates 62 years in our community this year, a proud heritage of involvement with the boating community. Your new Bridge and Board met back in December to re-write the Squadron's Strategic Plan, entitled: "On Course For Our 62<sup>nd</sup> Year". When asked by our Afterdeck News editors to provide an article for this issue, I thought it appropriate to share some of the ideas included in the process in this and subsequent issues.



The outline of the plan covers, on the National level: Mission Statement, Ideal Goals, Strategic Goals, Organizational Concepts, and Strategic Input, on the local level: Operational Goals, Objectives, and the Action Steps/Segments to accomplish our Objectives.

The USPS Mission: To promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.

The Ideal Goals [abbreviated]: • To associate congenial persons having a love and appreciation of yachting as a nationwide fraternity of boatmen; • To encourage and promote boating, both power and sail, providing through local Squadrons a practical means to foster fraternal and social relationships; • To encourage and promote a high amateur standard of skills through education and participation in marine sports activities;

• To encourage members to abide by recognized yachting traditions, customs and etiquette; and • To render and encourage its members to render such altruistic, patriotic or other civic service as it may determine.

The USPS [National] Strategic Goals: • Awareness of USPS; • Education; • Communications throughout the organization; • Leadership, better preparing officers and leadership; • Involvement and Retention of the membership; • Membership, growth; and • Government, be active on governmental issues effecting USPS and the boating public.

Organizational Concepts: • Educated boaters are safer boaters; • USPS must maintain a quality education program; • Membership in USPS enhances boating enjoyment; • Participation fosters creativity, accomplishment and member satisfaction; • Together everyone accomplishes more [TEAM approach]; • Members need to be recognized for their contributions and accomplishments; • Civic activities provide substantial benefits to the boating public; • USPS social activities enrich members' lives and foster lifelong friendships; and • Change is necessary for continued success. ["Change is inevitable – it's direction that counts".]

In the process of Planning we addressed and will continue to Review "SWOT": Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Hopefully, this open review of our Squadron's past and current status will assist in directing the Bridge/Board/Membership to build on both for a positive future. To be beneficial, the process must be periodically reviewed with appropriate corrections, updates or deletions.

Smooth Sailing, Cdr Les McWhorter, S

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### Address changes

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

# Squadron Cruise Goes To Caribbean This Fall

Our 2006 annual squadron cruise will be a 10-night cruise to the southern Caribbean on the Volendam, a Holland America ship. Dates are Oct. 24 through Nov. 3.

The ship departs from Fort Lauderdale with round trip bus transportation from North Palm Beach. The fees will include all taxes and bus transportation.

**PORTS:** Ft. Lauderdale/at sea/at sea/Aruba/Curacao/at sea/Dominica/St. Thomas/at sea/Half Moon Cay private island, Bahamas/return to Ft. Lauderdale.

**DEPOSIT:** \$600.00 per person is required upon booking. Refundable until 31 July 2006

**DEADLINE:** The reserved cabins for our group will be held until 27 May 2006. There is NO guarantee of any cabin now being held for the Squadron. Some cabins have ALREADY been booked by our members. If a cabin category is "sold out" from our "On-Hold" list, we can request a similar category on an "If Available" basis. Other categories not listed here may be available; ask Barbara Galen to make inquiries to Holland/America.

Categories		Per Person	Per Couple	# on hold
Veranda	AA	<b>\$1,590</b>	<b>\$3,180</b>	<b>5</b>
	B	<b>1,500</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2</b>
Outside [Sea View]	C	<b>1,400</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>3</b>
	D	1,350	2,700	2
	DA	<b>1,300</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2</b>
	DD	<b>1,250</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2</b>
Inside	E	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>4</b>
	K	<b>1,030</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2</b>

Please call Barbara Galen – 841-0969 – for other possible cabin additions!

**TABLE ARRANGEMENTS – DINNER:** There are four (4) possible dinner times on Holland/America: 5:45, 6:15, 8:00 and 8:30 pm. Based on experience with our Squadron, Barbara selected the 6:15 pm time; however, you are NOT required to take that time – please advise Barbara. The 'Specialty' dining room is by personal reservation only, once you are on board.

**SEATING:** You may wish to put together a table grouping of your own by informing Barbara, giving her the names in advance! She will turn the request in to Holland/America, However there is NO guarantee of such arrangements. Neither Barbara nor the Cruise Committee put together any table seating arrangements.

**Other:** Dress suggestions on particular nights are pre-scheduled on the ship. A cocktail area will be arranged once we are on board the Volendam.

Since folks are already putting down deposits, we suggest you call Cdr Les McWhorter at 746-9622 or Barbara Galen at Custom World Travel at 841-0969 ASAP.

**OUR CRUISE COMMITTEE** consisted of Cdr Les and Donna McWhorter; P/C Ken & Abby MacPherson; Lt Bill and Verena Flanders and Lt Rowena Randle.

## Winterfest Parade 'Perfect'

Weather for the Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade on Dec. 17 was probably the best we have ever had. Boats *Happy Holidays* with Frank and Chris Snedekar and guests and *Schatzi* with Spike and Doris Speckeen and guests, and Joan and Brian Thompson were moored at Bahia Mar as home base for all Squadron members who came for the potluck and parade.

Those arriving by car were Pat and Harry Lloyd, Jean and Jay Muntz, Dorothy Morrissey and sis Peggy, Sheryl and Bob Gural and guests, and Jim Palmer and Jean Kirch.

Friday arrivals enjoyed a great dinner at the Tower Club, arranged by Frank Snedekar. Shopping on Las Olas via water taxi, reading, relaxing and beach bumming were the favorite Saturday sports.

We all agreed that the parade was one of their best with some pretty complicated, spectacular presentations, including acrobats performing about 50 feet above the deck of their moving boat. Pencil this in your next December's calendar for a great show and fun sociability.

— Submitted by Spike and Doris Speckeen

## 21st Annual Palm Beach Boat Show Sails Into Town

The 21st annual Palm Beach Boat Show cruises in to West Palm Beach from Thursday, 23 March through Sunday, 26 March. It will again be along the Intracoastal Waterway on Flagler Drive, and in the new Palm Beach County Convention Center.

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 \$275 million worth of boats, yachts and accessories will be displayed.

The Palm Beach Sail & Power 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 those of you who volunteer, will have the sole responsibility to proudly represent USPS at this event and meet face to face with the public to encourage safe boating education.

Mark your calendar now to volunteer for standing a three-hour watch at our booth. In fact, why not call me right now at 965-7947 while it is still fresh in your mind and before the best time slots are taken. 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.

Lt Brian Thompson, P  
CHR Boat Show Committee

# Vote on Standing Rules at February Meeting

*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. The Standing Rules for 2006 will be voted on by the squadron membership the 14 February 2006 General Membership Dinner meeting.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
The 2006 Bridge/Board  
Cdr Lesly McWhorter, III, S

## Standing Rules 2006

Cdr Les McWhorter, EXO Gary Ferguson, AO Dick Hofmann, EO Bill Eldridge, Asst EO Darryl Aubrey, Treasurer Alan Patti, Secretary Herb Hoffstein; Board Members At Large, P/C Barbara Roemmele, Ralph Morse, Jim Palmer and Mike Stern (Herein known as the Board of Directors for the squadron year 2006)

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 passing, the Board of Directors shall instruct the treasurer to send a donation of \$25 to the National Education Fund in his/her memory.

1.2 The amount of \$10 shall likewise be sent to the National Education Fund for a deceased family member or spouse.

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. The responsibility shall be that of the squadron treasurer in ac-

cordance with National guidelines.

1.4 Upon family approval, the Commander shall fill in a "Last Horizons" form and mail it to THE ENSIGN.

2.1 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 meetings and other duties.

2.2 The costs of attending Governing Board, District Council and Conferences shall be covered in the commander's budget. Transportation, if by automobile, shall be at the IRS standing business rate. Lodging and meals at these events, including hospitality expenses or other items, which apply to the commander's duties are covered to the extent of the budget.

2.3 Itemized receipts, along with the proper squadron expense form, shall 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.

3.1 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 the purpose of the subsequent year's billing.

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

4.1 The treasurer will review all contracts and commitments with financial obligations before signatures of approval are affixed. All contracts and commitments will require two (2) 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.

4.2 All non-budgeted requests over \$100 must be brought before the Board of Directors for approval prior to expenditure.

4.3 The Board of Directors must approve and notify National USPS what the squadron dues are for the coming year by 28 February.

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 shall 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 by the members.

## Inside USPS Publication

The latest issue of Inside USPS, the National Administrative Department Newsletter is available for viewing/downloading from the Inside USPS web page. Check it out at [http://www.usps.org/national/admin\\_dept/insideusps.htm](http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/insideusps.htm) and sign up to receive this publication on-line. It is available to all USPS members.

# Learn All About USPS From LD Course

Here is your chance to learn everything that you ever wanted to know about the United States Power Squadrons without having to become a Leader.

D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP, will lead the presentation of the OTP, or Leadership Development, on Saturday, 25 February at Squadron Headquarters. The session will start at 0900, end around 1200, and is free to any USPS member.

We will cover these three areas:

- Peek into the structure and poli-

cies, the functions, duties, purpose of committees, and officers at all three levels (Squadron, District, and National) of our organization. You will actually discover who really runs USPS.

- Examine the classes that are available to our members.

- Discuss USPS protocols, again at all three levels. Get a little understanding of flag and etiquette, uniforms and insignia (what all that stuff on our uniforms means), and USPS ceremonies.

Contact our new A/O Lt/C Richard C. Hoffman P, by phone at 844-7136 or e-mail at [rephoff@aol.com](mailto:rephoff@aol.com) for reservations or to get answers for any questions about this important one morning program.

SEE YOU THERE on Feb.25, 2006 at 0900!!!

D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rodney G. Landsman, AP  
CHR Leadership Development

# Our Squadron's Merit Mark Recipients for 2005

**Congratulations to these members who contributed their time and help to make the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron the best in USPS.**

Aubrey, Darryl Carl  
Aull, John G.  
P/C Aybar, Rafael L., SN  
Batchelor, Leroy E.  
Berman, Eugene Barry  
Bierschenk, Frederick P  
Bierschenk, Loretta  
Bouckaert, Philip J  
Boyack, Richard W.  
(Sacandaga)  
Bruno, Mariann  
Bruno, Robert J.  
Caldy, Margo Cutchall  
Clarke, Diane  
Clarke, Richard S.  
Clinton, Scott  
Cross, David Charles  
DeCarion, John W.  
Dodd, Arthur R.  
Dodd, Mary  
Eisenhardt, Cheryl  
Eisenhardt, James F.  
Eldridge, Kathryn R.  
Eldridge, William C.  
Ferguson, Gary L  
Flanders, William Alen

Galvin, Michael D.  
Greene III, Elvin E.  
Heynau, Hans A  
Hoffstein, Herbert  
Hofmann, Richard C.  
Jenkins, John A.  
Kantor, Leonard  
Kirch, Jeanne W.  
Alan Konzelman  
Krakow, Dennis Neil  
Krivit, Harry S.  
Landsman, Rodney G.  
Landsman, Sandra G.  
Litwinka, John W.  
Lloyd, Harry W.  
Lloyd, Patricia A.  
Luciano, John  
(SR) MacPherson, Irene A.  
MacPherson, Kenneth P.  
Malone, Robert S.  
McGuinness, James  
McVicker, Leo  
McWhorter, Donna  
McWhorter III, Lesly  
Miles, James B.  
Mitchell, Barbara S.

Mitchell, Harvey N.  
Money, William R.  
Morrisey, Dorothy Knox  
Morse, Barbara  
Morse, Ralph  
Muntz, Anna Jean  
Muntz, Jay H.  
Newman, Edward A.  
Newman, Joyce Ann  
Nyman, Carl E  
Nyman, Diana S.  
O'Connor, Charles J.  
Palmer, Jim David  
(SR) Patten, John C.  
Patti, Alan E  
Patti, Barbara A.  
Randle, Rowena C.  
Rawlins, Joseph H.  
Reid, John L.  
Roemmele, Barbara  
Roselli, Margaret A.  
Rutkowski, Estelle  
Rutkowski, Raymond J.  
Schmotzer, Carolyn S.  
Schmotzer, Norman H.  
Schueler, W. P.  
Shalloway, C. Michael  
Shemo, Albert A.  
Smith, Joan  
Speckeen, Doris B.

Speckeen, Loren G.  
Stephens, Roberta  
Strickler, Richard G.  
(Northern Virginia)  
(L) Summers, Clive W.  
Swanka, Ben J.  
(SR) Sweeney, Michael J.  
Sweeney, Nancy E.  
Talik, Dorothea E.  
Tedesco, James A.  
Tedesco, Janice M.  
Thompson, Brian Wilson  
Thompson, Joan M.  
(L) Tringali, Joseph A.  
(SR) Walford, Harvie D.  
Wheeler, John H.  
Williams, Sally  
Worssam, John G.  
Zitter, Ina Fay  
Zitter, Harold N.

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**L – Life Membership:** bestowed upon members by USPS when they are awarded their 25th Merit Mark.

**SR – Senior Membership:** awarded their 5th Merit Mark.

## GOOD NEWS ... But There's More Work To Do....

### By The Bilge Mouse

My Friends at the Coast Guard tell me we are headed in the right direction, with boating fatalities down again! Stats show that during 2004 we lost 676 boaters, down from 750 in 2002 and 703 in 2003. But, alas, of those involved in these accidents, 70% - yes,



70% had not taken any kind of safe boating course, 90% were not wearing life jackets and 32% were alcohol related. And, of importance to this Mouse, 33,000 lives have been saved since the Recreational Boating Safety Program was begun in 1971, pulling together numerous organizations concerned with boating education!

I guess the public boating public sometimes has its head in a hole in my 'Swiss cheese' with just too many

folks not bothering to avail themselves of even a basic course on boating skills.

We gotta just keep trying to 'get the word out' to the owners of the some 13 million boats registered in the U.S. that the life they save may be MINE! Hopefully, you can get that 70% number reduced over the next few years. I'll do my part to keep pushing boating safety when and where I can, including your Vessel Safety Check program! [By the way, have YOU made an appointment with one of your VSC Inspectors to get your boat on the schedule for a safety visit? A good Squadron members, you certainly wanna be 'on board' with this valuable service...and, remember, "You're In Command, Boat Safely... "

'Til next time, your mate,  
The Bilge Mouse...

## Hans Tells Lewis & Clark Detective Story

The USPS *ENSIGN* February issue will have an article written by P/C Hans A. Heynau, N titled "A Lewis and Clark Detective Story."

This is one of several articles Hans has had published in The *ENSIGN* on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Please be sure to catch this article along with Hans' Letter to the Editor

"We Proceeded On" (the official publication of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation) titled "Summer 1805-06 Latitudes."

The letter discusses a solution to the apparent 30+ mile latitude errors recorded by the explorers during essentially all of the summer of 1805.