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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

In addition to swearing in and welcoming new members at our recent General Meetings, we held a "New Members Happy Hour" at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club to talk with the new members, find out what they wanted from the Squadron, and also discuss potential volunteer opportunities with them.

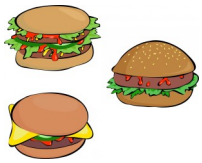
Edwin and Vivian Herrington

Patricia and Jillian Hollady and Zoran Stanisic

Welcome Happy Hour

New Members

MEMORIAL DAY BARBEQUE



FOUNDERS DAY

The Founders Day General Meeting included a wonderful hamburger and hot dog dinner, complete with cake and ice cream! Rui Farias, Executive Director, St. Petersburg Museum of History, provided a very informative and entertaining presentation on the history of St. Petersburg.

Cdr Hauck swore in new member Paula Barlis. He also swore in Louis McBride as our new Administrative Officer and Michele Kennedy as the new Secretary.

Afterwards, Fred asked Louis to remain and the two of them presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Lt John Tokarz, SN, for his many years of service to the Sea Scouts and to the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron.

FROM THE BRIDGE

Commander

Cdr Fred Hauck

These past few months have been fairly busy with various events. In April, we had the District 22 Spring Conference, which was attended by several of us. While we were hoping for April showers, we were disappointed as there weren't many of them leading to drooping May flowers! But that did lead to some better boating conditions as several were able to venture out to Egmont Key for a day of fun and relaxation. We were also able to have a new members happy hour – a long time coming – but worth it nonetheless as many of our new members were able to attend, talk to some of the seasoned veterans, learn about potential volunteer opportunities, and simply enjoy a drink and appetizers. We thank all who attended and those who assisted with the snacks. We rounded out May activities with a barbeque at the Commander's house. Again, thank you to those who attended and also to those who brought sides.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Lt/C Louis McBride who has been our secretary for the past year and a half. He has shown his dedication to the squadron and his desire to move up through the ranks. I received his letter of resignation as secretary prior to the June EXCOM meeting. During the meeting, he was nominated for and approved by the EXCOM as the new administrative officer. Michele Kennedy resigned as assistant secretary and was nominated and approved to complete the bridge year as secretary. We are happy to have these two on the bridge. For those of you that may be interested in a challenge, we do have a vacancy in the executive officer position. So, for those of you interested, it is free to a good home. Please just let a bridge member know of your interest.

As we all take the opportunity this summer to relax and enjoy the weather, boating, family, friends, or whatever else you may like to do, please do consider the SPSPS and what it can do for you and what you can do for it. We need volunteers. Many on the current bridge have been serving in one capacity or another for four to five years straight. They, too, would like the opportunity to relax and enjoy other events in their lives. So, please do consider donating your time and talents to keep this squadron alive and kicking. There are many opportunities to help plan and organize boating events and social events, etc. If you have a favorite place to go or thing to do, then let's go and do it!

Before I close out, I need to put a plug in for two upcoming SPSPS events; one is the Sunset Cruise on 27 June. Our very own SPSPS member, Vanessa Goodrum, will be the Captain! Also, we have a visit to the Clearwater Yacht Club set for 28-30 July. Our associate member, Peter Losi, is sponsoring the visit. (Peter is also the Clearwater Power Squadron Commander). So come by boat or come by iron dinghy and let's have some fun! For more information, please see the flyers for the events.

Remember, living in Florida, we have the entire coastline as our water playground year-round.

Go out and have a great 2023!

Today's Smiles

P/D/C Tom Krupa, AP

Some thoughts as we begin 'Summer'

- Kites were used to deliver letters and newspapers during the American Civil War – hope you go 'fly a kite' and have fun.
- Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.
- Drinking a glass of water before eating may help digestion and curb appetite.
- Think about this – folks drive 2 miles, park in the spot closest to the door – and then proudly announce that they can do 2 miles on a treadmill….
- Why is the last sheet of toilet paper glued down?
- Bologna is really hot dogs for people who like pancakes.
- I've found marriage to be very educational. Did you know there is a wrong way to put milk in the fridge? Remember a boat is safe in the harbor, but it's not the purpose of a boat.

June 15th

Happy 84th Birthday to St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron!

Education Officer
Lt/C Robert Cox, Jr

Well summer is all but here, and we have entered the 2023 hurricane season. Right out of the gate, the first named storm formed in the Gulf just off the Florida Panhandle and headed south to Cuba. Don't think I have seen that pattern before; might be time for me to retake the Weather Course this Fall. The summer afternoon thunder showers are taking hold and finally we are getting some much-needed rain. So, keep a weather eye on the horizon and watch those thunder clouds form and make sure you don't get caught on the water with the normal lightning and high winds. As we take a short break from education during the summer, look at the fall schedule and sign up to continue your boating education. The course / seminars schedule for the remainder of the year follows. Also, be sure to encourage your fellow boaters to take part in our education opportunities even if they are not members of the Squadron.

We had great success with our test of the **one-day ABC (Boating Safety)** this past April as we had 11 folks attend and pass the course. This Fall, both our scheduled ABC courses will follow the one-day program. As a note, several District 22 Squadrons have gone to a one-day ABC (Boating Safety) course with great success. We will continue to evaluate the program to ensure the class continues to meet the Tampa Bay Boating community needs.

Remember, if you don't see a course or seminar you need, let me know as we can adjust to ensure we bring you what you need to make your boating all that you want it to be. Contact me by email at (bob_cox_spsps@yahoo.com).

I will be looking to add more seminars to the fall schedule, so if you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see, let me know.

As a reminder, an excellent resource for boating information is provided at Americas Boating Channel https://americasboatingchannel.com/. Also, the ABC app for your phone is an excellent resource and free for all to use. USPS created this phone app with links to several resources and boating educational and safety resources now placed conveniently at your fingertips for ready reference and ensured to enhance your safe boating experience. Check it out at Boating App from America's Boating Club https://americasboatingclub.org/app

Remember safe boating and education are the mark to having safe fun on the water; we are here to serve you and the local boating community.

Schedule of Classes

	Start	Day	Length	End Date	Cost (member/non-member)	
					with Book	Sharing Book
ABC Course						
ABC3	9-Sep	SAT	1 Day	9-Sep	$60.00	$30.00
ABC4	28-Oct	SAT	1 Day	28-Oct	$60.00	$30.00
Seminars						
ON BOARD EMERGENCIES	20-Sep	WED	1 Week	20-Sep	$ 50.00/$ 75.00	$25.00/$35.00
Advanced Courses						
OFFSHORE NAVIGATION (JN)	24-Aug	THU	13 Weeks	16-Nov	$125.00/$150.00	$50.00/$75.00
ADVANCED PILOTING (AP)	7-Sep	THU	10 Weeks	9-Nov	$ 60.00/$100.00	$20.00/$40.00
BOAT HANDLING (S)	9-Nov	THU	5 Weeks	14-Dec	$ 75.00/$100.00	$35.00/$50.00

- **Note** - Navigation's additional fee will be added if additional exams or site folders are needed. Plotters - $8.00; Dividers - $12.00 Additional

Treasurer
Lt/C Kathryn Considine

2023 DONATIONS TOTAL THROUGH MAY: $ 824.70

These donations are:

1) to help with the printing and distribution of the *Force 12* and other electronic communications,
2) memorials for our members who have passed,
3) made by a member to offset expenses,
4) from the 50/50 at our General Meetings,
5) from general donations made to the squadron, or
6) from Life Members in lieu of dues.

Thank You!

If you are making a donation, please remember to designate the use you prefer education fund or operating fund.

Secretary
Lt/C Michele Kennedy

I would like to thank the bridge for having faith in me to carry out the duties of Secretary once again for SPSPS. That said, I only agree to serve in such capacity until the end of the Watch Year. In addition, I have prepared the *Force 12* and "What's Happening" since Sandy Krupa's farewell – we miss you Sandy (and Tom!) - and I plan to step down from those duties as well at the end of the Watch Year. At that time, I do hope that someone will volunteer to take on the role of secretary and can recruit someone to take on the publications if unable to do so oneself. If you are interested, please let one of the Bridge members know so that you may be placed in nomination prior to the annual meeting. It's been fun, but it is time to pass the reins to someone else. Will you be the one to volunteer? Let's hope so!

Mark your Calendars for June 27th

Pier Dolphin Cruises offers a 90 minute sunset tour from the St. Petersburg Pier. Departing at 7:00 pm, the 49 passenger boat will cruise by the shoreline of downtown St. Petersburg and into the bay to enjoy the beautiful colors of sunset behind the St. Pete skyline. And the best part is our very own SPSPS member, Vanessa Goodrum, will be our Captain! All members of the St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron can use the senior discounted rate for this tour, regardless of age.

Here's the link to sign up-be sure to click on the SUNSET CRUISE OPTION : https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/pierdolphincruises/?ref=vanessa&full-items=yes

Gratuities to the crew are appreciated.

Please also send a separate email to Dawn Eckhart at dawneckhart94@gmail.com so we know how many SPSPS members are attending. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Schedule your 2023 inspection!

The decal indicates that your boat has the required safety equipment.

Feel free to contact any one of St. Petersburg Squadron's dedicated inspectors directly:

Jim Greenhalgh tbskjim@gmail.com
Al Lima bosbyshelllima@gmail.com
Bob Zewski bobzewski@yahoo.com

or our chair:
Jeff Eckhart jeffeckhart41@gmail.com or 727 295 5920

Please contact Jeff if interested in joining the 'team'!

Summer Calendar of Events

Time	Event	Location	Contact
	********** **JULY** **********		
Jul 4	Independence Day		
Jul 6 11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, St. Pete	Lt Becky McBride
Jul 15 9:00am	Beach Clean-up	Pass-A-Grille Beach	Lt/C Louis McBride
Jul 22	Parents' Day		
Jul 28-30	Cruise	Clearwater Yacht Club	Cdr Peter Losi, CYC
	********** **AUGUST** **********		
Aug 3 11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, St. Pete	Lt Becky McBride
Aug 19	Aviation Day		
Aug 26	Women's Equality Day		
	********** **SEPTEMBER** **********		
Sep 4	Labor Day		
Sep 6 6:30pm	EXCOM	St. Pete Yacht Club	Cdr Fred Hauck
Sep 7 11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, St. Pete	Lt Becky McBride
Sep 10	Grandparents Day		
Sep 11	Patriot's Day		
Sep 13 5:45pm	General Meeting	St. Pete Yacht Club	Lt/C Louis McBride
Sep 16 9:00am	Beach Clean-up	Pass-A-Grille Beach	Lt/C Louis McBride
Sep 17	Constitution Day and Citizenship Day		
Sep 22-24	Cruise	Bradenton Yacht Club	Lt/C Bob Cox
Sep 23	Autumn Equinox		

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursdays: July 6th, August 3rd, and September 7th

Portofino's Italian Restaurant
5035 34th Street, S
St. Petersburg
(Publix Shopping Center)

Join us for the camaraderie. Please let Becky McBride know that you plan to attend. Email louismcbride219@outlook.com or call **727 459 1972**

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

JULY

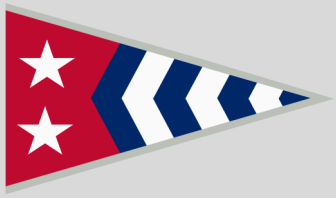
Glenn Dobos	1	Kathleen Dabney	7	Scott Albee	25
Linda Albrecht	3	Shannon Carmona	8	John Martin	26
Jossette Malti	5	Anna Pesce	9	Steve Epps	28
Robbie Paul	5	Laura Albee	25	Bryce Rodgers	29

AUGUST

Barchan Rodgers	1	Donald Houck	11	Robert Cox	18
Cory Jeanne Houck Cox	3	Kelly Faour	12	Dale Fasenmyer	18
Larry Massingill	3	Louis McBride	12	Valerie Massingill	18
Kenneth Beckman	7	Bedford Dabney	15	Paula Barlis	19
William Siviter	9	Carol Segundo	15	Dawn Eckhart	19
Justin Woodyard	10	Jillian Holladay	17	Charles Ellins	24

SEPTEMBER

Madeleine Bohrer	2	Jose Reyes	11	Leisa Zimmer	16
Chester Rees	3	Frances Lima	13	Roger Erb	17
Robert Torche	3	Alan Nitzman	14	Dennis M. Jones	17
Threse Hammond	4	Christy Fernald	15	Rebecca McBride	18
J. Stanford Morse	4	Vanessa Goodrum	15	Joseph Kennedy	24
Constance Beckman	7	Donald Reeder	15	R.T. Chamberlain	29
Lainey Fernald	10	Howard Anderson	16	Erik Ball	30



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America's Boating Channel Launches Seventh Season

"WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL" will be first video to premier

Raleigh, NC, 1 June 2023 - **America's Boating Channel™**, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) - America's Boating Club® (ABC), will publicly debut its new season of twelve videos across its smart TV, online, and mobile distribution platforms starting in June.

In making the announcement, **USPS-ABC Chief Commander Craig Fraser** remarked, **"We're excited to introduce America's Boating Channel's seventh season of original non-duplicated boating safety and boater education videos. This year's slate of titles reflects a sharpened focus on critical safety considerations, operational guidance, and electronic aids to navigation."**

The first video in the new series, **WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL**, will premiere on FireTV, Roku, and YouTube, as well as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social networks at **8 PM EDT on Thursday June 1.**

WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL asks a series of "What if…" questions about contemporary life jackets. Viewers will learn the benefits of wearing life jackets while underway on boats. Also featured are tips to consider when buying a new life jacket.

Every ten days throughout the boating season, **America's Boating Channel** will launch a new video. Upcoming Season Seven titles include **SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS; PARTNER IN COMMAND'; DISEMBARKING HAZARDS; BOATING WITH SMALL CHILDREN; ENGINE FAILURE CAUSES & CURES; TOWED SPORTS SAFETY; TYING DOCK LINES; INTRODUCING AIS; MARINE RADIO ETIQUETTE; NAVIGATING LOCKS;** and **BORDER CROSSING.**

Smart TV viewers can subscribe to America's Boating Channel for free on Roku and FireTV. On Roku, viewers can select Store using their Roku remotes, click on Channels, search for America's Boating Channel, and then add the channel. On FireTV, viewers can go to Apps on their FireTV Main Menu, search for America's Boating Channel, select Get, and then download the app.

Online, the best way to view the videos is to subscribe at no charge to America's Boating Channel on YouTube.

About America's Boating Channel
America's Boating Channel is produced for United States Power Squadrons (USPS) by Lafferty Media Partners (LMP) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. The service features professionally produced, high-definition, safe boating and boater education videos, along with boating themed entertainment and informational television programs. America's Boating Channel has been recognized with the National Boating Industry Safety Award as the 2021 Top Marine Media Outlet, and with the 2022 International Boating and Water Safety Summit Communication Award for the top Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Series.

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Beach Clean up Saturday, Jul 15th & Sep 16th

Come enjoy a one hour walk / beach cleanup starting at 9am at the south end of Pass A Grille Beach right by the Castle Hotel. Gloves and bags are provided or bring your own.

To 'prepare', we meet at the Seahorse at 8am to enjoy the amazing menu for an early breakfast.

Contact Lt/C Louis McBride, P for more info at **louismcbride219@outlook.com**.

The beach cleanups are hosted by
Sea Scout Ship Ballyhoo 912
every other month

Please support the businesses that have their information in our newsletter

We hope you use the goods and services of the businesses listed in this newsletter.

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Clearwater Yacht Club Weekend

When: July 28, 29, 30, 2023

Where: Clearwater Yacht Club

Join the Clearwater Sail and Power Squadron and St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron for a Weekend of Fun and Relaxation, come by boat or iron dinghy!

Friday:

Arrive at the club
dinner and a drink at the Tiki Bar/
visit other boats

Saturday:

Slow morning start
Afternoon, relax in the pool with fellow members and a drink
Evening, dinner at a local restaurant

Sunday:

Mimosas on the dock/Breakfast at the Club

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Everyone must book through Dawn Eckhart in order to be included in our group and receive the exclusive group benefits. This is the annual fundraiser event for America's Boating Club.

Email dawn@dawnstraveldeals.com or call

(727) 403-0406 to join our group on this amazing new ship!

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