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September 13th General Meeting

The September General Meeting was a forum for members to express their desires for the future of the SPSPS. (See the Commander's column for more details.)

What are you willing to do to help this squadron? We need volunteers.

What would you like to see SPSPS do? More training? More boating events? Please let the Bridge know.

Additionally, new members Jamie Rimovisky and Steve Lasky were sworn in. Please welcome them the next time you see them.

CRUISE TO BRADENTON YACHT CLUB
15-17 September 2023

A huge thank you to Bob Cox for championing the boating event at the Bradenton Yacht Club. It was well attended by current members, new members, and associate members (from Clearwater), as well as some who were forced to come by iron dingy due to boat issues, but we won't name names! (More photos on page 5.)

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SAFETY FIRST

— First Aid Kit —

A prudent boater has a first aid kit onboard. To assemble a first-aid kit yourself, the needed supplies are listed below.

Start by finding or purchasing a plastic air-tight storage container to keep your first-aid supplies dry. Put a label on the lid "first-aid kit." Next, be prepared. Consider taking a first-aid and CPR course, and remember the three basics of first aid: restore breathing, stop severe bleeding, and treat shock.

Here are the basic first-aid kit supplies that you want:

- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Stomach remedies to prevent or treat motion sickness (meclizine such as Antivert or Bonine), indigestion, diarrhea and heartburn
- Antihistamine for allergic reactions
- Anti-itch lotion or soothing cream for treating insect bites, sunburn, and other minor skin irritations
- Butterfly bandages and narrow adhesive strips to close gaping cuts
- Adhesive bandages in assorted sizes
- Individually wrapped 2-inch and 4-inch sterile gauze pads to control bleeding
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape to hold a dressing or splint in place
- Roll of absorbent cotton as padding for a splint or to control bleeding
- Sterile roller bandages, at least three rolls in 2- and 3-inch widths to support strained muscles
- Eye drops (artificial tears)
- Antiseptic ointment, spray or wipes for cleansing wounds
- Antibiotic ointment (neomycin, bacitracin) to prevent infection of minor wounds
- Pain or fever reducers: high dose aspirin (to chew in case of suspected heart attack), acetaminophen, ibuprofen or naproxen
- Clean towels (small and large) to control bleeding or as a wrap for ice
- Chemical ice packs if you don't carry ice on board
- First-aid handbook

Always carry at least twice the number of bottles of water as there are passengers on board on short trips lasting a few hours. Use sunscreen and reapply as directed. –*Sylvia Wedge*

(This article first appeared in South Wind, the newsletter of Sarasota Power & Sail Squadron/22.)

FROM THE BRIDGE

Commander
Cdr Fred Hauck

Our wonderful hot summer is coming to an end and soon we'll be slipping into Autumn. But for those of us in Florida, boating season continues. Kudos to our SEO, Bob Cox, for setting up our boating event at the Bradenton Yacht Club 15-17 September. A great time was had by all!

We had a very productive town hall meeting at our September dinner meeting. The gist of having this meeting was that we wanted to know what you, the members, want out of the St Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron and to move the squadron forward towards the future. A few high points came out on how we can improve our squadron:

- Boating events: Big/small trips. For example, an annual cruise to the Dry Tortugas.

- Education: More/various boating courses. We do need more qualified instructors. We need to know what your education desires are. We want to implement a "Jump Start Program" where squadron members take new members out on their own boats for hands on boat handling to gain experience and confidence. Of note, we have on order a MuVIT Boating Simulator system whereby we can offer boat handling training without getting wet!

- SPSPS visibility: Boat show, boat parades, VSCs, community service, etc. We plan to get a booth at the St Petersburg Boat Show, 18-21 January 2024. We will need volunteer squadron members to man the booth. Community Service ideas include beach cleanup, geodetics, and other give back to community events.

- Volunteer: Bridge officers, Assistants, Committee members. We have a strong need for our fellow squadron members to become more engaged and volunteer. We can't do it without our member's input and support. For example, volunteer to be become a bridge member; we have a need for a Squadron Safety Officer, we have a need for people to help on various planning committees and we need to explore where the squadron can improve and focus on our mission. I am still looking for delegates to represent our squadron at the upcoming D22 Fall Conference, Saturday, 14 October.

Bottom line: You can help the St Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron grow and fulfill its mission. We are looking for you and your talents. If you are willing to help by giving a little bit of your time each month, just contact me at fred_hauck@yahoo.com or call 813-402-2219.

Treasurer
Lt/C Kathryn Considine

2023 DONATIONS TOTAL THROUGH AUGUST: $ 1,350.05

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

FAREWELL

We are still looking for someone to take on the job of Secretary for the next Bridge year. In addition, we need someone to take on the role of Editor of the *Force 12* and the "What's Happening". The November and Winter issues of both will be my last. If you are willing to take on one or both of these roles, please contact a member of the Bridge. We all thank you in advance.

Education Officer
Lt/C Robert Cox, Jr

Well summer has come and gone, fall is upon us and we continue to fall short of the normal rainfall in the area in spite of this being the rainy season. We still have two months left for the 2023 hurricane season, and so far, hurricane Idalia visited the area causing some flooding from storm surge along the coast. 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.

Our summer break is over, and we are back offering advanced courses and boating safety classes this fall. The fall schedule is posted below. Be sure to encourage your fellow boaters to take part in our education opportunities even if they are not members of the Squadron.

We just hosted our second one-day ABC (Boating Safety) on 9 Sep at the St Petersburg Yacht club when we lost the Warren Webster Center, St Pete Beach. The course was a great success as we had 14 folks attend and pass the course. We will continue to evaluate the program to ensure the class continues to meet the Tampa Bay Boating community needs. Currently, we have 6 students enrolled in the Advanced Marine Navigation Course.

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 suggestion 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. It 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	Instructor	Cost (member/non-member)	
						with Book	Sharing Book
ABC							
ABC4	28-Oct	SAT	1 Day	28-Oct	Jeff Eckhart	$60.00	$30.00
Seminars							
Advanced Courses							
BOAT HANDLING (S)	9-Nov	THU	5	14-Dec	Bob Zewski	$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

Administrative Officer
Lt/C Louis McBride

Hello all! Hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is getting excited for the upcoming fall. There are multiple activities everyone can attend this fall, from the anchor-out, luncheons, Supper Club, Cats Point Regatta, beach clean-ups and more. So, make sure to check out the calendar for our activities because each activity has a unique experience you shouldn't miss out attending; make sure to go to some if you can.

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'!

Beach Clean up Saturday, November 18th

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

NOTE: There is the potential for a location change to the north end as a result of Hurricane Idalia. Please watch your emails.

Fall Calendar of Events

Time	Event	Location	Contact
	********** **OCTOBER** **********		
Oct 3	6:30pm EXCOM	St. Pete Yacht Club	Cdr Fred Hauck
Oct 4	11:30am Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, St. Pete	Lt Becky McBride
Oct 9	Columbus Day		
Oct 10	5:45pm General Meeting	St. Pete Yacht Club	Lt/C Louis McBride
Oct 13-14	District 22 Conference	Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center	
Oct 31	Halloween		
	********** **NOVEMBER** **********		
Nov 2	11:30am Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, St. Pete	Lt Becky McBride
Nov 3-4	Cats Point Regatta	Boca Ciega Yacht Club	Lt/C Louis McBride
Nov 4	Anchor-out Kayak trip	Manatee River Manatee River	P/C Al Lima P/C Douglas Townes
Nov 7	6:30pm EXCOM	St. Pete Yacht Club	Cdr Fred Hauck
Nov 11	Veteran's Day		
Nov 14	5:45pm General Meeting	St. Pete Yacht Club	Lt/C Louis McBride
Nov 18	Beach Clean-up	Pass-a-Grille Beach	Lt/C Louis McBride
Nov 23	Thanksgiving		
	********** **DECEMBER** **********		
Dec 5	6:30pm EXCOM	St. Pete Yacht Club	Cdr Fred Hauck
Dec 7	11:30am Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, St. Pete	Lt Becky McBride
Dec 10	11:30am Holiday Luncheon	Isla del Sol	Terry Sicard
Dec 14	5:45pm Annual Meeting	Boca Ciega Yacht Club	Lt/C Louis McBride
Dec 21	First Day of Winter		
Dec 25	Christmas		
Dec 31	New Year's Eve		

LUNCH BUNCH

Thursdays: Oct 4, Nov 2, and Dec 7

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**

FALL BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

6 - Jody Kotun
7 - John Tokarz
8 - Cheryl Leary
9 - Monica Kendrick
12 - Donald Grier
13 - Nancy Shivers
22 - Evie Eibach
22 - Joe Muczynski
23 - Brad Novak
27 - Stefanie Stevenson

NOVEMBER

1 - Jesse Marsano
6 - Jeff Eckhart
6 - James Greenhalgh
10 - Linda Potter
12 - Andrew Douglass
13 - Zoran Stanisic
13 - Donna Torche
15 - Rowina Bradbury
15 - William Graveley
18 - Norman Dobiesz
19 - Donald Murray
20 - Margaret Baulig
23 - Howard Rothstein
25 - Virginia Clancy
30 - Maureen Dobiesz
30 - Sally Morse
30 - Rosario Reyes

DECEMBER

5 - Patricia Holladay
5 - Michael Zimmer
13 - Ken St Jean
16 - Bruce Rodgers
19 - Lauren Epps
19 - Gene Sicard
20 - Ron Kotun
20 - Jeff Meyer
22 - Christine Karalexis
24 - Douglas Townes
28 - Fred Hauck
31 - Frederick Neckers

Ships Store

Show that you are a proud member of our Squadron by flying our burgee on your boat and wearing a squadron shirt and hat.

We also have Squadron license plates or how about a Squadron bag/satchel?

Contact Douglas Townes at det949@mindspring.com to place your order or see him at our General Meetings.

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.

When using the business, please thank them and let them know that you saw their card in the *Force 12*.

If you know of anyone who would like their card published, please have them contact our Treasurer, Casey Considine.

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Friday, 13 October:

50/50 Raffle

0830 – 1200 Registration Desk Open

0900 - 1030 Squadron Bridge Officer Meeting **(Myakka A & B)**

1045 – 1130 **Council Meeting** **(Myakka A & B)**

1130 – 1330 Lunch on your own

1330 – 1415 ***NOAA Updates*** **(Myakka A & B)**
Nic Alvarado, Phd
NOAA Nav Regional Manager

1430 – 1615 ***An Effective Meeting!***
P/R/C Connie Beckman, SN

1700 - 1800 Free Member Social

1800 - Western Dinner

Put on your western gear and join us!

Saturday, 14 October:

0830 - 1200 Registration Desk Open

0800 - 0900 Coffee and Danish

0900 - 1030 Roundtables

1045 - 1200 Roundtables

Co-Op Charting Updates **Peace River A** ***Maintaining Your Vessel***
R/C Jim Strothers, SN-IN *Bob & Annies Boatyard*

Education Updates **Peace River B** **Preparing for the Next Storm**
N/F/Lt Myles Gee, SN-IN & Stf/C Dave Haddox, S *Cdr Ed Maxwell, AP*

Build & Maintain Membership **Myakka A** ***Governing Board Updates***
Cdr Barry Rush, SN *D/C Matt Braatz, JN & P/C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN*

VSC Training Review **Myakka B** ***VSC Exam***
D/Lt Sandy Darna, SN & D/Lt Galen Price, SN

50/50 Raffle

1215 – 1330 Lunch – ***Speaker, John Ziegler, US rowing competitor***
Held in Hibiscus Hall C

1345 – 1600 - **District Conference Meeting**

Thank you for your participation – safe travel home!

See you at the Spring Conference April 12 and 13, 2024

District 22 - 2023 Fall Conference Roundtables

Friday, 13 October

1330 - Updates to NOAA Navigation Programs – *Nicolas Alvarado, PhD, NOAA Nav Regional Mgr*

Regional Navigation Manager for Florida, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands who works with pilots, mariners, port authorities, and recreational boaters to help identify challenges facing the marine transportation system and provide the resources and services that promote safe and efficient navigation.

1430 – Conducting An Effective Meeting – *P/R/C Connie Beckman, SN*

Do you know how to run a meaningful and fun meeting? A discussion of Robert's Rules of Order, how to take minutes and how to add fun to your general meetings.

Saturday, 14 October – 0900 – 1030

Co-op Charting Updates – *R/C Jim Strothers, SN-IN*

Updates, changes and new things coming to the Co-op Charting program.

Education Update - *N/F/Lt Myles Gee, SN-IN & Stf/C Dave Haddox, S*

Hear about any updates or changes in the educational programs. Changes in seminars, when new materials for courses will be available, etc.

Building and Maintaining Membership Panel Discussion - *Cdr Barry Rush, SN*

A discussion to share your squadron's techniques to grow and retain membership.

Vessel Examiner Training Review - *D/Lt Sandy Darna, SN & D/Lt/ Galen Price, SN*

Prospective vessel examiners will review the Text and Question and Answers of the VSC Manual materials and clarify any questions with the practice tests.

Attendees need to download and review the material on their own laptop/tablet prior to this review.

Saturday, 14 October – 1045 - 1200

Experts Share Ways to Extend the Life of Your Vessel - *Bob & Annies Boatyard*

Hear ways to keep your boat running smoothly from the experts from Bob & Annies Boatyard. The Boatyard is locally owned and has operated for three generations. It offers engine and generator service maintenance, troubleshooting, electrical and fuel system repair, hydraulics, and more.

Preparing For the NEXT Storm – Lessons Learned from Ian Panel Discussion - *Cdr Ed Maxwell, AP*

Was your Squadron ready for the last hurricane? Are you ready for the next? We will discuss what precautions we didn't take and wish we had along with what procedures we have instituted as a result.

Updates from Governing Board Meeting - *D/C Matt Braatz, JN & P/C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN*

Let's discuss what you see as the D22 function and direction in the Coming Years? Do we need a District or some other entity?

Vessel Safety Check Exam - *D/Lt Sandy Darna, SN & D/Lt Galen Price, SN*

Potential VSE's will take the VSC test on their own device online, with immediate results.

Saturday's Lunch – 1215 with Guest Speaker, *John Zeigler, Peace River Member*

A member of the only two-man team to represent the US in the 3300-statute-mile 2001 Trans-Atlantic Rowing Race from Canary Islands to Barbados. He has participated in hundreds of races and competitions in all types of human-powered boats. He is refurbishing his sailboat and plans to sail to the Pacific in 2024.

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