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Join us as we enjoy reminiscing on December 19!

Cocktail Party & Play

at St Petersburg City Theatre
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1800-1930 hors d'oeuvres and refreshments
1930 curtain call
$40 per person

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Believe It or Not

By P/D/C Thomas Krupa
Some items Reprinted from November and December 2015

* 15 November 1946, Ted Williams is picked AL MVP.
* Humility does not mean you think less of yourself; it means you think of yourself less.
* NEWS — Energizer Bunny arrested and charged with "battery".
* Life's truest happiness is found in friendships we make along the way.
* "Fog Dog" - term given to a clear spot in a fog bank.
* "Lawn Sausage" - Dog poop left in your front yard.
* Pass-A-Grill's 8th Avenue has been recognized as America's shortest Main Street.
* Candy Canes came about in 1670 when a choir master gave them to noisy children.
* The whole point of going to a holiday party is to eat food til you are stuffed.
* You can find eggnog this time of year — so drink up and enjoy.
* Do not exercise during this holiday season — it's a time for long naps.
* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while being lost.
* 1902 Christmas ornament—animal cracker box with a string to hang it on the tree.

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2023 DISTINCTIVE COMMUNICATOR AWARD
NEWSLETTER

'Distinctive Communicator' is an award for publications that meet or exceed USPS defined criteria.

Our Force 12 has been recognized for this award.

Chaplain's Corner

By P/D/C Thomas Krupa

◊ *Let there be peace in your heart.*
◊ *Pass on the love in your heart to someone in need, maybe someone alone.*
◊ *Appreciate that you have the freedom to sing, dance, play, love and can enjoy a beautiful sunrise and glorious sunset.*
◊ *In the season of 'Thanksgiving', take time to count your blessings.*
◊ *Be thankful for any charity that you are able to give.*
◊ *May the sweet grace of warmth and light be your calm during this time of the year.*

◊ ***Happy Thanksgiving — Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas to all, in friendship.***

Commander
Cdr Fred Hauck, JN

Hurricanes Milton and Helene have impacted our Tampa Bay community; our thoughts continue to go out to everyone affected by these storms. We have several members who have suffered great loss during these past two weeks of hurricanes. Please reach out to our members and see what we can do to help.

A great shout out to Bob Cox and Cory-Jeanne Houck-Cox for championing the St Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron Bradenton Yacht Club Rendezvous, 13 - 15 September. Thanks to those who participated; we had a great time at this event!

Thank You to the following members who attended the D-22 Fall Conference and participated as our delegates; Bob Cox, Dawn Eckhart, Michele Kennedy, Becky McBride, Bruce Rodgers and Carol Segundo. Notes from the D-22 Fall Conference are on page 9 in this month's Force 12.

If you haven't heard, SPYC suffered some damage to their first floor. We are told it will be open by the time our squadron holds our General Meeting on 13 November. The EXCOM is planning something special for this meeting. E mails will be sent as soon as details are set, so stand by with bated breaths!

Our Christmas/Holiday Party will be the musical "White Christmas" at The St. Petersburg Little Theatre. Though the building received damage from Hurricane Milton, they promise to be open for our show. The cast (all volunteers) is currently holding practice in the lobby while the theater is being repaired and cleaned. They have always put on a great show and this promises to be another great one. So, grab your tickets and come on out and enjoy the show. The flyer is featured on the cover with the info to obtain your tickets.

This leads me to another one of my continuing themes; please consider donating your time and talents to keep this Squadron alive and kicking. There are many opportunities to help plan and organize boating events, social events, etc. Remember the squadron's success depends on your participation.

Bottom line, we need volunteers!

Out Annual Meeting will be held Thursday 12 December, at the Boca Ciega Yacht Clubhouse. This is a very important meeting that all members should attend. We will recap the 2024 year, discuss and vote on our 2025 budget and elect our 2025 officers. We'll also start talks on our 2025 squadron events, we do need your input and involvement. Remember, this is your club! Please bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share. As per tradition, the Commander will be providing the libations!

Before I leave as Commander, I give special thanks to members who supported our squadron in the Commander's Department, Executive Departments and the various Administrative Committees this year. First to Sandy Krupa for being the Force 12 editor, Connie Beckman, Casey Considine and Al Lima for their continuous mentoring and support. Louis McBride as Executive Officer, Fran Lima as our Chaplain, Sue Paul for taking on the Webmaster role, John and Sue Tokarz for Cooperative Charting and boating events, Jack Albrecht for Port Captain and SPYC Liaison, Joe Muczynski as Safety Officer, Marilyn Van Goey for dinner/meetings reservations, Rebecca McBride for the Monthly Luncheons, Karen Lieberman for the Super Supper Club and Jeff Eckhart for Vessel Safety Checks. And a very special thanks goes out to Michele Kennedy, my wife, for keeping me straight for years!

Hope to see each and every one of you at the
Change of Watch to be held Saturday 11 January 2025 at St Petersburg Yacht Club
Go out and have a great rest of 2024 and be safe out there.

Executive Officer
Lt/C Louis McBride, P

November 2 - Cats Point Regatta at Boca Ciega Yacht Club

Come out to enjoy the largest regatta on the west coast. We would love your help with the Saturday activities. This regatta has over 100 participants annually who attend the program. If you are able to help, please contact Lt/C Louis McBride P.

Time: 0800 –1600 - includes a free lunch.

November 13 – General Meeting at SPYC

Details still being confirmed at this printing, watch email for details.

Time: Social starting at 1730, Dinner served at 1800 and General Meeting/program at 1900

November 16 Pass-a-Grille Beach Cleanup

Meet next to Hurricane Seafood Restaurant, 809 Gulf Way, St Pete Beach. Meet beforehand at the Seahorse Restaurant. The event might be canceled due to hurricane damage. Should have confirmed info for both beach cleanup events at the General Meeting.

Time: 0800 for Breakfast, 0900 for the cleanup, 1000 Lunch Bunch Gathering.

November 16 Lunch Bunch at Paradise Grille

Enjoy brunch on the beach after the beach cleanup at Paradise Grille, 900 Gulf Way, Pass-a-Grille Beach. Might be moved to a different time and place due to hurricane damage.

Time: 1000, right after beach cleanup

November 22 - 24 Emerson Point Anchor Out

If not doing the anchor out, you are invited to drive down for a picnic at Emerson Point Preserve, 5801 17th St. W., Palmetto. Bring a dish to share along with something to throw on the grill, bug spray and a flashlight. Picnic at 1600. See info on Page 11.

December 12 – Annual Meeting at BCYC

The Annual Meeting of SPSPS at Boca Ciega Yacht Club. Bring an d'oeuvre to share while we plan for the new year!

Time: Social starting at 1800, Annual Meeting/program at 1900.

December 12 - Lunch Bunch

Lunch at Spring Garden Family Restaurant, 1018 62nd Ave N, St. Pete. Please contact Lt Becky McBride at 727-525-0187 to let her know you plan to attend.

Time: 1130

December 19 - *White Christmas* Play

Join us at St Petersburg Little Theatre, see cover of this newsletter for details.

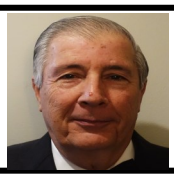
Please plan to join us Saturday, 11 January, 2025

for our Change of Watch

at St Petersburg Yacht Club

our only 'dress up' event of the year

Education Officer
Lt/C Robert Cox, Jr, JN



We are all recovering from the two back to back hurricanes, the second, Milton was the worst seen in this area in the past 100 years, the devastation was significant with flooding and high wind damage. Our prayers go out to all who have been impacted, and for some of us, lessons learned about how to properly prepare our boats and homes for major hurricanes. Several of our ongoing courses had to be delayed while in progress as we lost the use of the St Petersburg Sailing Center, which I am happy to report fared well and classes were able to resume in mid October.

The fall education season is drawing to an end as we close out the last three courses for the year, we have four students in the Weather Course, all now "experts" on Florida hurricanes, three students working their way through the new Offshore Navigation Course (JN) and Boat Handling. Sadly, due to Milton's untimely arrival we had to cancel our final Boating Safety Course for the year.

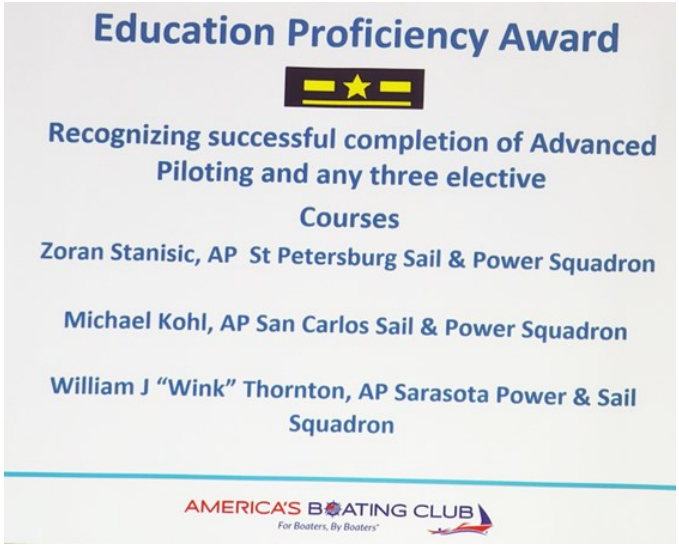
We are looking forward to the new year with a full educational schedule. The 2025 schedule is printed on page 10 of this newsletter. It is also being uploaded to our Squadron website, so please share our schedule with your neighbors and boating friends so they can take advantage of the outstanding educational opportunities. And remember, **an educated boater is a safe boater**.

If you don't see either a course or seminar that you are interested in, send an email to me at bob_cox_spsps@yahoo.com.

As a reminder an excellent resource for boating information is provided at Americas Boating Channel https://americasboatingchannel.com/. 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. I encourage you to check it out at Boating App from America's Boating Club https://americasboatingclub.org/app.

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

Congratulations to Zoran Stanisic, AP who was awarded
the Education Proficiency Award
at the recent District 22 Fall Conference



Educational Proficiency is awarded to anyone who has achieved a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and completed at least three Elective Courses.

Safety Article

By Lt Joe Muczynski, Safety Officer

Future Bobby's Maintenance Mindset

"Prevention is better than cure" has roots in medieval medicine, where the focus on avoiding illness was recognized long before modern healthcare. It was popularized in the 17th century by philosopher Desiderius Erasmus.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin. He first used it in a 1736 letter discussing fire safety.

"Better safe than sorry" can be traced back to ancient times, although it became popular in the 19th century.

"A stitch in time saves nine" is an old English proverb, dating back to the early 18th century.

"Making Future Bobby's Life Easier" was promoted by Captain Bobby during an ASA Coastal Cruising course.

Proverbs endure because they illustrate universal truth: prompt action saves total time, energy, and cost. Shifting to a maintenance mindset requires both a change in your approach to tasks and in your long-term perspective on the benefits.

Here are several strategies to help make this shift:

1. Shift from Reactive to Proactive Thinking

Develop a routine that prioritizes prevention and provides more control over when and how you repair.

2. Schedule Maintenance into Your Routine

Treat maintenance as a non-negotiable part of your schedule to reduce the chance of bigger problems.

3. Educate Yourself on Potential Failures

Recognize that knowledge allows you to focus on what matters most, to optimize time and resources.

4. Track Maintenance Tasks and Outcomes

Use a logbook to review patterns of wear or failure and see the value of your efforts over time.

5. Think of Maintenance as an Investment and Not a Cost

A mindset shift toward seeing maintenance as a form of insurance helps you prioritize it.

6. Make It Part of Your Identity

When maintenance becomes a point of pride, it's easier to make it a consistent habit.

7. Celebrate the Small Wins

Recognizing small wins reinforces the reward for your efforts and encourages consistency.

8. Prepare for the Future You

Look beyond the present inconvenience of maintenance and understand it as a gift to Future You.

Maintenance is about understanding the subtle dialogue between you and your boat. A sailor who understands the rhythm of maintenance develops an almost intuitive relationship with their vessel; their situational awareness is enhanced. You will know you have shifted your perspective when it stops feeling like work.

Schedule your 2024 inspection!

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

Make sure to contact any one of our dedicated inspectors directly:

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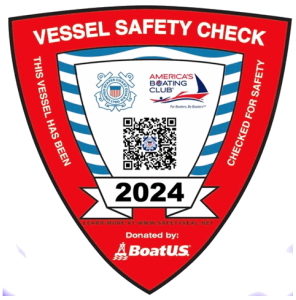
Al Lima bosbyshelllima@msn.com
Bob Zewski bobzewski@yahoo.com

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

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



Calendar of Events

November

2 Cats Point Regatta at BCYC

3 Clocks 'Fall Back'

5

Rember to Vote!

6 1830 EXCOM Meeting at SPYC

13 1730 General Meeting at SPYC

16 0900 Pass-a-Grille Beach Cleanup

16 1000 Brunch at Paradise Grill

See Page 11 for details of 23—24 Anchor Out at Emerson Point and Picnic

23 1600 Picnic at Emerson Point Pavilion #1

28 ***Thanksgiving Day***

December

4 1830 EXCOM Meeting at SPYC

12 1130 Lunch Bunch at Spring Garden

12 1830 Annual Meeting at BCYC

19 1800 Little Theater Cocktail Party

19 1930 *White Christmas Play*

25 ***Christmas Day***

November

Jesse Marsano	*1*	*Jeff Eckhart*	*6*	*Jim Greenhalgh*	*6*
Len Stevens	*6*	*Linda Potter*	*10*	*Zoran Stanisic*	*13*
Donna Torche	*13*	*Don Murray*	*19*	*Margaret Baulig*	*20*
Howard Rothstein	*23*	*Sally Morse*	*30*	*Rosario Reyes*	*30*

December

Michael Zimmer	*5*	*Kevin Hopper*	*10*	*Ken Conklin*	*15*
Bruce Rodgers	*16*	*Lauren Epps*	*19*	*Christine Karalexis*	*22*
Douglas Townes	*24*	*Fred Hauck*	*28*	*Fred Neckers*	*31*

Treasurer
Lt/C Kathryn Considine, JN

Thank You!

2024 Donation Total Through September: $450.96

These donations are from various sources, i.e.: memorials for members who have passed, from members to offset expenses, 50/50 at General Meetings, general donations to the Squadron, and Life Members in lieu of dues.

The funds are then used to help offset costs of the printing and distribution of the Force 12 and electronic communication fees.

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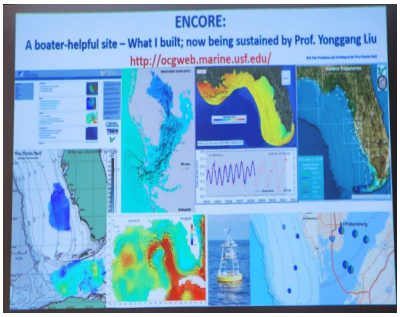
Events Since our Last Force 12

12 September General Meeting



During the Meeting, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus, Robert H. Weisberg, presented a passionate briefing on The Ocean Circulation and Earth Habitability: How the Oceans Determine Climate and Ecology. Of interest may be the boater helpful website that he built, http://ocgweb.marine.usf.edu/.

Cdr Hauck swore in new members Kelly Faour, Joe Pennavaria, and Christine Karalexis.

Also, Cdr Hauck called forward Karen Lieberman to discuss this year's holiday venue. It was decided to combine the Holiday Luncheon with a Little Theater event. The event will be 19 December at the St Pete Little Theatrer for a performance of "White Christmas".

13 — 15 September at Bradenton Yacht Club

The following members enjoyed a relaxing weekend at beautiful Bradenton Yacht Club:

Bob & Cory-Jeanne Cox on Dances on Water

Jeff & Dawn Eckhart on Crack of Dawn

Dan & Elaine Schroeder on Moonstruck

Tom & Mary Cunningham on Irish Roots

5 October - D22 Conference

The Fall 2024 D22 Conference was held at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center in Punta Gorda. While SPSPS was authorized nine delegates, only six volunteered and attended. Items of interest follow:

- St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron's 85 year anniversary was recognized
  Zoran Stanisic, AP received the Education Proficiency Award
  Classes and National Ranking by Squadron – Cruise Planning – ranked ninth in the country
- Changing the venue for future District conferences.
  The Spring 2025 Conference will be two days – 2-3 May 2025 – at Courtyard Marriott, Bradenton
  The Fall 2025 Conference will be one day – 20 Sep 2025 – held in Cape Coral
- iMIS Issues continue — All members are encouraged to log into the system and report any issues to National
- Effective 1 December 2024, national, district, squadrons and members will no longer be covered with CHUBB insurance — District is researching other avenues
- Other Upcoming Events:
  Governing Board Meeting to be held in Grand Rapids, MI
  Annual Meeting – 1-10 February 2025 – Orlando, FL
  ABC Cruise – Celebrity Ascent – 9-16 February 2025

Saint Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron 2025 Class Schedule

(as of 01 October 2024)

	Start	Day	# Weeks	End Date	Instructor	Cost w/ Book	Sharing Book
Boating Safety Course							
Boating Safety Course – 1	25-Jan	SAT	1 Day	25-Jan	Jeff Eckhart	$70.00	$35.00
Boating Safety Course - 2	15-Mar	SAT	1 Day	15-Mar	Jeff Eckhart	$70.00	$35.00
Boating Safety Course - 3	6-Sep	SAT	1 Day	6-Sep	Jeff Eckhart	$70.00	$35.00
Boating Safety Course –4	25-Oct	SAT	1 Day	25-Oct	Bob Cox	$70.00	$35.00
Seminars							
USING GPS	19-Feb	WED	1	19-Feb	Doug Townes	$35.00/50.00	$15.00/25.00
USING MARINE RADIO	19-Mar	WED	1	19-Mar	Louis McBride(T)	$35.00/50.00	$15.00/25.00
SUDDENLY IN COM-MAND	16-Apr	WED	1	16-Apr	Al Lima	$35.00/50.00	$15.00/25.00
HURRICANE AND BOATS	23-Apr	WED	1	23-Apr	Howard Rothstein (T)	$35.00/50.00	$15.00/25.00
BASIC WX & FORE-CASTING	21-May	WED	1	21-May	Bruce Rogers	$35.00/50.00	$15.00/25.00
ON BOARD EMERGEN-CIES	17-Sep	WED	1	17-Sep	Howard Rothstein (T)	$35.00/50.00	$15.00/25.00
HOW TO USE A CHART	15-Oct	WED	1	15-Oct	Bob Cox	$35.00/50.00	$15.00/25.00
Advanced Courses							
MARINE NAVIGATION (P)	23-Jan	THUR	10	27-Mar	Bob Cox	100.00/125.00	$35.00/50.00
CRUISE PLANNING	12-Feb	TUES	9	8-Apr	Al Lima	75.00/100.00	$35.00/50.00
BOAT HANDLING (S)	20-Mar	THUR	5	17-Apr	Bob Zewski	$75.00/100.00	$35.00/50.00
OFFSHORE NAVIGA-TION (JN)	TBD	THUR	13	TBD	Stan Morse	$125.00/150.00	$50.00/75.00
ADV MARINE NAVIGA-TION (AP)	4-Sep	THUR	10	6-Nov	Bob Cox	$75.00/100.00	$35.00/50.00
WEATHER	16-Sep	TUES	8	4-Nov	Bruce Rogers	$75.00/100.00	$35.00/50.00
CELESTIAL NAVIGA-TION (N)	TBD	THUR	14	TBD	George Baulig	$150.00/175.00	$50.00/75.00

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