# Force 12

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*You are cordially invited to*

## *St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron's*
## *85th Change of Watch*

**at**

## St. Petersburg Yacht Club

11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**

Cash Bar 1800 Dinner 1845

**Dinner, Choice of the following at $55.00*:**

**Chicken Piccata with capers and lemon butter sauce**
**Caribbean Mahi seasoned with jerk spices, pineapple and rum glaze**
**Dijon and Herb Crusted Pork Loin with garlic au jus**
Served with House Salad, Chef's Selection of Starch, Vegetables and Warm Rolls
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

**And choice of your favorite dessert-either Tiramisu or Key Lime Pie**

**Please make your reservation at reservations@boating-stpete.org**

*Your payment is due at the door - a $1 discount will be given for check or cash.
(Exact cash or a check already made out to SPSPS is welcomed.)

Deadline for Reservations is Monday, January 6, 2025.

Cancellations MUST be made before 5:00pm January 7 or you will be charged for the meal(s).

## *Squadron Information*

**Commander:**
Cdr Louis E. McBride, P
Commander@boating-stpete.org

**Executive Officer:** Open
**Administrative Officer:** Open

**Education Officer:**
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**Treasurer:**
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Secretary@boating-stpete.org

**Past Commander**: *
P/C Fred Hauck, JN

**Members at Large:** *
Lt Glenn T. Dobos, AP
Lt Sue Paul, S
Lt Jeff Eckhart, AP

Please see the Roster for
contact information or
email: force12@boating-stpete.org

## Chaplain's Corner

How often the storms of unrest rage all about us on the sea of life, causing waves of doubt to overtake us till we sink in turmoil and strife.

Where is the "lighthouse" to show the way?

This year, be that "Lighthouse" to those in need.

Be there for your friends and neighbors — keep the beacon ever shining every day for those who seek safe harbor.

*May you be Safe, Healthy*

*and*

*Happy in this new year!*

*Reprint of January 2016 Chaplain's Corner*

*by P/D/C Thomas Krupa, AP*

## ***Ships Store Help Wanted***

*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 and Squadron bag/satchels*

***NOTE! Contact Casey Considine to volunteer to take over the Ship Store - it's a great way to get to know fellow members***

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.*

## Believe It or Not

**January 11 is National Milk Day!**

Q. What do you get if you cross an angry sheep and an upset cow?
A. An animal that's in a baaaaad mooood!

Q. What do you get when you cross a cow and a duck?
A. Milk and quackers!

Q. What do you get from a forgetful cow?
A. Milk of amnesia!

Q. What do you get from pampered cows?
A. Spoiled milk!

HOW DO YOU MAKE A MILKSHAKE? GIVE A COW A POGO STICK.

# Commander
# Cdr Fred Hauck, JN

This is my last Force 12 article as your Commander. I have been honored and blessed to be the Commander of the finest US Power Squadron organization for these past two years.

Before I go, I just want to note:

We had a great Annual Meeting at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club in which we voted on our 2025 budget and elected our 2025 officers! The election results are listed in this Force 12.

*Thanks to those who brought the heavy hors d'oeuvres to share.* They were great!

Those who attended our Christmas/Holiday party combined with the musical "White Christmas" at The St Petersburg City Theater were entertained with a great show and delicious food by Louis!

Be sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming Change of Watch. It will be held on Saturday, 11 January 2025. Be sure to RSVP with your meal choice.

There will be a meeting in January at Fran and Al Lima's home to plan our 2025 boating and social events. A note will go out via email to let you know the date, time and details. Please remember to let Al know that you plan to attend. We are looking for more squadron events and need your input and involvement.

Bottom line:

***We would love to have you join fellow members by boat or 'iron dinghy' at more anchor outs, raft-ups, yacht clubs, marinas,***
***visits to local "haunts", picnics, BBQs, etc.!***
***If you have a favorite place to go or ideas for an event to do then let's go!***
***Remember, this is your club!***

Let's be safe out there and hope to see each and every one of you at the Change of Watch.

Go out and have a great 2025!

Annual Meeting
February 5-9, 2025
Orlando, Florida

Group Room Rates of $189.00
are available from February 2 — February 9.

Make your hotel reservation at the
Rosen Plaza In Orlando.

Last date for the group rate is January 3, 2025

Come to Orlando and LEARN |
ENGAGE | CONNECT!

Check out USPS.org for details.

# Executive Officer
# Lt/C Louis McBride, P

Hello all, I hope you enjoyed a delightful holiday season and look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming Change of Watch. We might not have the Beach Cleanup in January as the City of St. Pete Beach is still working to clean up the beach.

The following activities are planned over the next couple of months:

**9 January - Lunch Bunch at Kristina's Cafe**

Old-School style Saint Petersburg restaurant where you can meet other members with a tasty lunch at the famous location known for their Kristina's Hoagies!

3590 34th Street N, St Petersburg - Time: 1130

**11 January – Change of Watch at St Petersburg Yacht Club**

Our one and only 'dress up' event of the year where we gather to celebrate the new year and install the new bridge leadership team.

Time: Cash Bar Social at 1800, Dinner served at 1845

**??? Annual Events Planning Meeting**

Help plan our Boating and Social events for 2025 at the Lima's Home.
4760 4th Avenue N, St Petersburg
***Watch your email for details***

**6 February - Luncheon at Spring Garden Family Restaurant**

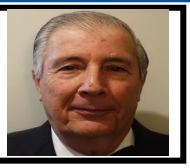
A famous brunch location of those in Northeast St. Petersburg area and old hangout area for some of those that are alumni of Northeast High School.

1018 62nd Avenue N, St Petersburg - Time: 1130

**12 February – General Meeting at St Petersburg Yacht Club**

***Watch your email for details***
Time: Social starting at 1730, Dinner served at 1800 and General Meeting/program at 1900

# Education Officer
# Lt/C Robert Cox, Jr, JN



As I close out my term as your Squadron Education Officer (SEO) let me first thank the exceptional Education Department Staff and Instructors for their volunteer efforts to educate both our Squadron members and the Tampa Bay/St Petersburg boating community. First, I want to acknowledge my Assistant SEO, Dan Schroeder, Boating Safety Coordinator, Jeff Eckhart, Advance Grade Board, Michael McBride and Elective Board, Bob Zewski. None of this is possible without the great support from our volunteer instructors, Jack Albrecht, George Baulig, Connie Beckman, Ken Beckman, Fran Lima, Al Lima, Douglas Townes, Bruce Rodgers, Louis McBride and Stan Morse. ***Thank you all, for all you do.***

Welcome to our new SEO, Robbie Paul as he takes the reigns, I encourage everyone to give him their full support.

We closed out the year with 4 students taking the Weather Exam and 3 working on completing the requirements of the new Offshore Navigation Course (JN). The new year will be bringing some challenges with needing to compete for classroom space at the St Petersburg Sailing Center, but I am sure that we will work out the details so we can accomplish the following spring schedule: .

| | Start | Day | # Week | End Date | Cost w/ Book | Sharing Book |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Boating Safety Course** | | | | | | |
| Boating Safety Course – 1 | 25-Jan | SAT | 1 Day | 25-Jan | $70.00 | $35.00 |
| Boating Safety Course - 2 | 22-Mar | SAT | 1 Day | 15-Mar | $70.00 | $35.00 |
| **Seminars** | | | | | | |
| USING GPS | 19-Feb | WED | 1 | 19-Feb | $35.00/50.00 | $15.00/25.00 |
| USING VHF/DSC MARINE RADIO | 19-Mar | WED | 1 | 19-Mar | $35.00/50.00 | $15.00/25.00 |
| SUDDENLY IN COMMAND | 16-Apr | WED | 1 | 16-Apr | $35.00/50.00 | $15.00/25.00 |
| HURRICANE AND BOATS | 23-Apr | WED | 1 | 23-Apr | $35.00/50.00 | $15.00/25.00 |
| BASIC WX & FORECASTING | 21-May | WED | 1 | 21-May | $35.00/50.00 | $15.00/25.00 |
| | | | | | | |
| **Advanced Courses** | | | | | | |
| MARINE NAVIGATION (P) | 23-Jan | THUR | 10 | 27-Mar | $100.00/125.00 | $35.00/50.00 |
| CRUISE PLANNING | 12-Feb | TUES | 9 | 8-Apr | $75.00/100.00 | $35.00/50.00 |
| BOAT HANDLING (S) | 20-Mar | THUR | 5 | 17-Apr | $75.00/100.00 | $35.00/50.00 |

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

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

## Safety Article

**By Lt Joe Muczynski, Safety Officer**

# EM Wavelength Benefits/Hazards/Safety

In 1666, Isaac Newton used a prism to separate light into individual colors. In 1800, William Hershel measured the temperatures of prism colors and discovered a region beyond red with higher temperature than for visible light. In 1801, John William Ritter, inspired by Hershel, experimented with prism light and was able to show an increase in some chemical reactions with the use of prism light just beyond visible violet light. In 1845, Michael Faraday was able to change the color of light with magnetism and theorized that light was related to electricity. In 1864, James Clerk Maxwell confirmed Faraday's theory of light by calculating that oscillating electromagnetic fields will travel at the speed of light. He theorized that other invisible electromagnetic waves could travel without wires like light. In 1887, Heinrich Hertz created oscillating electromagnetic waves and confirmed Maxwell's theory by detecting them remotely.

Today we utilize various electro-magnetic frequencies to achieve multiple benefits such as:

- communications (ELF. VLF, AIS, AM/FM, HF, VHF, UHF, GPS, etc),
- microwave ovens and radar
- infra-red cameras, food warmers, and the direct warmth of the sun
- red light medical therapies
- longer wavelength atmospheric penetration creating soothing sunsets
- circadian rhythms synchronized to warmer colored sunrises/sunsets and cooler blue daytime skies
- radiant rainbows created by water drop prisms in the sky
- LASERs - Light Amplification by the Stimulated Emission of Radiation for a multitude of applications
- Vitamin D activation
- Melatonin sun protection
- ultra-violet sanitation of water, laundry, surgical instruments, etc
- x-rays for medical inspection
- x-ray and gamma ray ionization for irradiation of foods.

We also benefit by being aware of Health Hazards and protection methods.

Short wavelengths contain photons of light energy with high energy that can individually cause damage to unprotected items, including ourselves. UV exposure requires atmospheric ozone plus zinc oxide protection. X-ray exposure requires lead plate protection. Higher energy cosmic rays require deflection by earth's magnetic field and a thick blanket of atmospheric oxygen and nitrogen.

Longer wavelengths have less energetic photon energy, but continuous exposure with large quantities at close range creates warming that can cook, not unlike water heating in a microwave.

In all cases we benefit from reducing total lifetime exposure and distance to the source, while maintaining and enhancing protection.

***We will alert you to the arrival of our 2025 Stickers***
***Remember to schedule your 2025 inspection!***

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

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

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

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

# Calendar of Events

| Time | Event | Location | Contact |
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## January

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 6:30pm | EXCOM Meeting | St Pete Yacht Club | Cdr Fred Hauck |
| 9 | 11:30am | Brunch/Lunch Bunch | Kristina's Hoagies | Lt Becky McBride |
| 11 | 6:00pm | Change of Watch | St Pete Yacht Club | Cdr Fred Hauck |
| 23 | 7:00pm | Advance Navigation | St Pete Sail Center | Lt/C Robbie Paul |
| 25 | 8:00am | Boating Safety Course | St Pete Yacht Club | Bob Cox & Jeff Eckhart |

## February

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| 5 | 6:30pm | EXCOM Meeting | St Pete Yacht Club | Cdr Louis McBride |
| 9 | 11:30am | Lunch Bunch | Spring Garden, St Pete | Lt Becky McBride |
| 12 | 5:30pm | General Meeting | St Pete Yacht Club | Cdr Louis McBride |
| 14 | *Happy Valentine's Day* | | | |
| 19 | 7:00pm | Using GPS Seminar | St Pete Sail Center | Lt/C Robbie Paul |

Accepting 2017
Silver Trident Award

### Final Farewell to P/Lt/C Howard Rothstein, SN
### 93 years old

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Howard was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving in the Korean War. He was the owner of Floorshine Industries in Carteret, NJ where he worked for 44 years. Howard's graveside service was held Friday, November 29, in Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Howard and his wife, Elaine enjoyed sailing and joined the Rariton Bay Power Squadron in 1981. They moved to Harbourside Condos, St. Pete Beach in 1994 and promptly transferred to the St Pete Squadron. They sailed to boating events on their sailboat, *Sweet Freedom,* participated in many social events and volunteered on committees.

Howard earned 40 merit marks. He taught many of our Education courses and Seminars over the years, the last one in 2023, was the Squadron Education Officer for over 10 years, achieved his SN in 1988, was teacher of the year in both 2004 and 2009 and was the Silver Trident Award Recipient for 2017.

***America's Boating Club, St Pete thanks P/Lt/C Howard Rothstein, SN for his service!***

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

## *January*

**?** - Jack Howard **?** - Robert Poplstein
7 - Sandy Krupa 8 - Harold Bray 13 - Manny Carbona 20 - Jack Albrecht
21 - Glenn Chaney 22 - Al Lima 22 - Eileen Zewski 23 - Nancy Bray 27 - Shawn Fernald

## *February*

4 - Bob Zewski 5 - Anthony Napolitano 7 – Gerald Brennan 9 - Marilyn VanGoey
12 - Michael McBride 13 - Corrine St Jean 14 – Bob Potter 22 – George Fiber
21 - Mark Van De Ree 23 – David King 25 – Norm Ferguson and Roger Kinzie

## Get to Know Fellow Member P/C James Greenhalgh, SN

Jim Greenhalgh, joined the Tampa Power Squadron in 1991. He is a Senior Navigator, instructor of the Boating, Piloting and Advanced Piloting Courses, Tides & Currents and Paddle Smart Courses, and also is one of our vessel examiners. He was Commander of the Tampa Power Squadron in 1998.

On a personal level, Jim retired as Chief Building Inspector for the City of Tampa and plays clarinet, sax and drums in a concert band.

He recently wrote the following report which we would like to share with you:

"This is an update on what has been going on behind the scenes in the past several years since I have been writing the Paddle Smarts column for *The Ensign*. I have been involved in several ad hoc groups with HQ involving communications and social media. As a member of the Social Media Team, I have been sharing my Paddle Smarts articles with over 100,000 paddlers worldwide on Facebook. This provides education as well as getting the ABC/USPS brand out to the public. While the majority of this audience is in the U.S., I have had responses from paddlers as far away as the UK, Sweden, and Australia. Currently another paddler and myself of the Northern Alabama Squadron are working with the Educational Department with the rewrite of the Inland Boating program which will include a section on paddling.

Recently I became the ABC/USPS representative on the Paddlesports Committee of NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) and am involved in projects benefiting RBS (Recreational Boating Safety). The ultimate goal in all of this is to create a paddling program for ABC/USPS, similar to the USCGA AUXPAD program, that will attract new, younger boaters to our organization. HQ and our new executive director are involved in these efforts, so stay tuned.

**Treasurer**
**Lt/C Kathryn Considine, JN**

## *Thank You!*

**2024 Donation Total Through November : $483.96**

The 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.

# 2024 Annual Meeting of the St Petersburg Power Squadron

The Annual Meeting was conducted 12 December 2024 at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club. The meeting was called to order at 1901 with a quorum present (24 members). Minutes from the November 2024 meeting were posted and approved. Cdr Hauck welcomed all and swore in new member, Buck Johnson.

The following Officers gave reports:

**Treasurer - Lt/C Casey Considine, JN**

28 tickets to the upcoming White Christmas Play have been sold
Expressed need for new Ship Store Officer.
Submitted the 2025 Budget, which was discussed and brought before the membership for approval
She moved:
For the 2025 Operations budget, seconded by Connie Beckman. Approved Unanimously.
For the 2025 Education budget, seconded by Sue Tokarz. Approved Unanimously.
For the 2025 Showcase budget, seconded by Michele Kennedy. Approved Unanimously.

**Education Officer—Lt/C Bob Cox, JN**

Thanked all 2024 instructors and gave a rundown on upcoming classes.

**Executive/Administrative Officer - Lt/C Louis McBride, P**

Thanked members who worked in these departments. COW is on track for 11 January at the St Pete Yacht Club. Vessel examiners conducted 59 Vessel Safety Checks, 57 passed.
The 9 January Lunch Bunch will be held at Kristina's Hoagies. Beach Clean still up in air due to the recent hurricanes.

**Commander - Cdr Fred Hauck, JN**

Thanks given to all squadron members who volunteered for the Squadron in 2024.

**Unfinished Business**

Lengthy discussion about unsold tickets to the White Christmas Play. P/R/C Connie Beckman made motion to give away any remaining tickets to family and friends. Motion passed 15 for and 4 against.
Secretary clarified the motion making sure Louis was to be notified of any guests that might be attending with a "free" ticket in order to obtain a head count.

**New Business: P/C Al Lima, AP, Chair of the Nominating Committee conducted the Election of Officers for 2025.**

The following were nominated for the upcoming bridge year, with no nominations from the floor, it was moved to cast one vote, the Secretary cast the vote:

Commander – Lt/C Louis E. McBride, P
Executive Officer - Open
Administrative Officer - Open
Education Officer – Robbie Paul, AP; Assistant – Lt/C Bob Cox, Jr., JN
Secretary – Lt/C Douglas Townes, SN
Treasurer – Lt/C Casey Considine, JN; Assistant –1/Lt Cory-Jeanne Houck-Cox, AP
Members at Large – Lt Sue Paul, S, Lt Glenn Dobos, AP, Lt Jeff Eckhart, AP
Past Commander – Cdr Fred Hauck, JN

Committees:

Auditing: Lt JoAnn Chamberlain, P and P/Lt/C Linda Albrecht

Rules: P/Stf/C Sandy Krupa, P, P/Lt/C Jacque D'Louhy, S and P/R/C Connie Beckman, SN

Nominating: P/C Al Lima, AP, P/R/C Connie Beckman, SN and P/C Fred Hauck, JN

Meeting adjourned at 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Douglas Townes, SN, Secretary

## *Highlights of December Events*

### *2024 Annual Meeting held on a chilly night at Boca Ciega Sailing Club*

*Cdr Hauck supplied the libations as*

***Thanks to members for their support***

*then conducted the meeting*

and

*Installed New Member*

*Buck Johnson*

*Casey submitted the budgets, explaining various items.*

## ***White Christmas Play***

The play was very nice and enjoyed by all. Not exactly like the movie so without all the scenes from the movie, some were out of sequence. Some new songs were added in addition to hearing all our favorites.

The McBride Family did a great job catering the event.
Sue and Robbie Paul were our bartenders extraordinaire!
As usual, Casey Considine, Linda Albrecht and Karen Lieberman did a phenomenal job.

**Robbie & Sue Paul—our 'Bartenders'**

**Members enjoying "Happy Hour"**

# MARGARITAVILLE at Sea

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**Travel protection & transfers are additional.**

## Feel free to invite your friends and family to join us!

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