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Rafting-Up Just for Fun

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Lt. Kathy Eldridge, P tightens a bow line from a neighboring boat at a Squadron Raft-Up near the Flagler Bridge in January. Seven boats took part in the event, including several belonging to new members. For another look at Kathy — as Mrs. Santa Claus — see page 4.

This Month's Meeting

Date: Tuesday 10 February.
Location: PGA Members Club
Time: Social Hour 1800 hrs (6 p.m.)
Dinner: 1900 hrs

Dinner Menu

House Salad — Garden Greens wrapped in a cucumber slice, garnished with cherry tomatoes; selection of dressings

Assorted dinner rolls with butter

Choice of entrees:

Chicken Piccata sautéed with white wine and lemon butter sauce and capers.

Macadamia nut encrusted snapper served with rice, garden vegetables.

New York-style cheesecake

Coffee/decaf/assorted hot teas

Price: \$24 per person.

Program: Dr. Joel Busse will speak on "Animal-Friendly Anchorages in the Florida Keys."

Reservations: Please respond before 6 February to P/C Klaus Reinwarth, AP at (772) 283-3585. Please pay by check at the door.

The uniform of the evening for all Bridge Officers, past Commanders and D/8 officers is Uniform "A" with black four-in-hand tie for men and black cross-over tie for women.

Raft-up on 7 February

The next Squadron raft-up will be on 7 February in Old Port Cove. Please call Gene Berman at (561) 498-1827 if you plan to come.

The anchor boat will be there at 11 a.m. Bring your own drinks and a dish or two to share.

LAW LOG

Legislature considers manatee protection

By Lt. Dick Finn, AP

Legislation governing manatee protection (370.1201 FS) is expected to be amended by the Florida Senate during 2004. The proposed amending legislation (SB 540) is supportive of the present legislation but is much more specific with regard to the goals of the research to be undertaken, the relationship of the research to the regulatory process and, significantly, recognizes for the first time some of the interests of the boating community.

FWC is directed to contract with Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota to undertake areas of manatee population research. MML founded in 1955, is an independent, nonprofit research organization affiliated with MIT, FSU and the University of South Florida dedicated to marine science. Research results are to be used to provide scientific data upon which "to develop policies to ensure that manatee populations receive the maximum protection possible while also allowing optimum recreational use of the state's waterways."

The bill also says that these sound policies should protect manatees while "permitting maximum use of the state's waterways" and improving boating opportunities.

The funded research tasks, among others, must include: conducting an annual population census which assesses the manatee mortality pattern in the state; describing the size and quality of the manatees' environmental habitat; assessing the manatee population that congregates at power plant warm water discharge portals and evaluating the risk of potential diseases resulting from the increased population density at these sites; surveying the size and condition of the state's sea grass beds and after taking into consideration the net rate of consumption of the sea grass beds by the manatees, determining the ideal size population that the sea grass beds can support; identifying current and future factors affecting manatee health and reproduction

If passed this act would take effect July 1.

Pot Luck on 14 March

The first potluck event of 2004 will be held on 14 March at one of the community rooms at Old Port Cove. Joan Thompson is serving as the chairperson of this event, and will announce the time and exact location in the March Afterdeck.

Turnberry Rendezvous

Dock spaces are still available for a Squadron rendezvous the weekend of 22 February at Turnberry Isle in northern Dade County. Please call Spike Speckeen at 842-9589 if you're interested. Only two boats attended the January rendezvous at Sebastian.

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Founders Day

"WHEREAS; United States Power Squadron was organized on 2 February 1914 and through the succeeding years in peace and war, has demonstrated its value and importance in the teaching of navigation, seamanship and good sportsmanship afloat; and WHEREAS: The ensign of United States Power Squadron is recognized by the nautical world as a signal that the vessel flying it is under the command of a lover of the sea who is skilled, capable, trustworthy and law abiding; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-



SOLVED: That February second of each year be designated by the chief commander as FOUNDERS' DAY, and that on that day throughout the United States recognition be given to work, growth and progress of United States Power Squadrons and to its founders."

This Resolution was ratified by the Governing Board of the United States Power Squadron. This year we will commemorate our 90th anniversary.

We will commemorate and celebrate the founding of our local Squadron as well.

On 20 November 1944 a new Squadron of the United States Power Squadron was founded. It was called "THE PALM BEACH POWER SQUADRON." It had 10 original members. Since that time, our membership has grown to be more than 400. In addition, our name has changed to "THE PALM BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON." We have seen a succession of dedicated Bridge Officers

Commemoration Picnic is 1 Feb.

The Squadron's annual Founder's Day picnic will be held on Sunday, 1 February at the Jupiter Beach Island Pavilion, from 1130 to 1430 hours.

Here is the order of events:

Call to order 1200 (Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN)
Presentation of colors (Commanded by P/C Frederick Bierschenk, AP)
Pledge of Allegiance (P/C Bierschenk)
God Bless America (P/C Clive Summers, SN)
Founders Day Commemoration (Cdr Aybar)
Invocation (Lt/C (P/R/C) William C. Eldridge, SN)
Announcements
Picnic (all you can eat)
Uniform of the day "G"

Price for members and guests is \$12 per person. You may pay at the door even if you haven't made a reservation. The event will be held rain or shine since it is under cover.

and members through the years. Through the years, we have maintained our high standards and tradition of the teaching "Safe boating through Education."

Let us never forget that continuing education is the foundation of the United States Power Squadron.

Let us continue holding the torch of our "mission" and pass it on to generations to come.

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From the Editor: *A short course in Nineteen-fourteen*

This month we recall and celebrate something that happened 90 years ago, the founding of the United States Power Squadrons. As Longfellow might say, hardly a man is now alive who remembers the year 1914, but by the magic of research I will acquaint you with that amazing year.

In 1914 my own father was 2 and my mother was -2. The first traffic light was installed in Cleveland, Mother's Day was first celebrated, and the builders of the Ford Model T instituted an eight-hour workday with a minimum daily wage of \$5. Carl Sandburg wrote the poem *Chicago* and W.C. Handy wrote *St. Louis Blues*. The *Bismarck* was launched and



the *Empress of Ireland* sank, killing 1,024 persons, but that was just a prelude to more deaths. One month later, a shooting the Archduke in Sarajevo set off World War One. *Squaw Man* was the top movie. Significant births included Joe DiMaggio and Joe Louis, Lester Flatt and Hank Snow, Dylan Thomas and Danny Thomas, Howard K. Smith and Alec Guinness. Interestingly enough, *The Colonel Bogey March* was written that same year.

Here are some familiar words that my faithful *Webster's* says became a part of the language in 1914: air raid, aquaplane, assembly line, backpack, battlefield, birth control, devaluation, diesel-electric, headphone, hell-raiser, submarine, photostat, insulin, mental retardation, war room, trial lawyer, intelligence test and wing commander.

And aptly, one more: founding father. Salut, Roger Upton!
Lt. Harry Lloyd, P, Editor, Afterdeck News



Pendant Fever

...items about Squadron
people and events

The 2002 cruise brought in \$4,310 for the Squadron treasury, a decrease of \$3,462 from the previous year but an important amount nevertheless to our budget.

Cdr Rafael L. Aybar invited Barbara Galen of Custom World to present the donation at the General Membership Dinner Meeting but she was unable to attend.

Here's another benefit from the Cruise, as reported by our Webmaster, Lt. Jim Tedesco, P:

"D/Lt/C Clive Summers, SN and his wife Joan took the last squadron Cruise and with friends was viewing the Cruise Power Point slide presentation that I created.

"Among Clive's guests was Lt Jeanne A. Sangiorgio, AP, who is in charge of USPS Membership Involvement booth at Expo in Orlando. Jeanne thought it would be a good idea to play the slide show CD of the Squadron Cruise at the USPS Expo to show passerby's the social and fun aspects of squadron membership.

"If you would like a copy of the Cruise CD (a 100 plus slide show)



Craft Ladies raised \$1,700 this year for the Squadron. Above right, Kathy presents the check to Cdr Rafael L. Aybar at the January dinner meeting. Contact Kathy (863-1461) or Joan Smith (845-8385) to become a part of this fun and worthwhile group, which functions all year long. Photos by Lt/C (P/R/C) Bill Eldridge, SN and Lt. David Kimmel, P.

contact me and I will gladly give you a copy to view on your computer."

— Lt James Tedesco, P

Raft-up draws 7 boats

The most successful raft-up of the season was held on 24 January just south of the Flagler Bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway. Seven boats and more than 50 persons participated, with John Worssam's *Euphoria* as the host boat and center of conversational activity.

Several new members participated, including Kevin Mitchell of West Palm Beach, who came solo in his runabout. Kevin tied up alongside 1st Lt. Ralph Morse, JN, who promptly enlisted him for a boat inspection. Kevin's boat will wear a new red shield as soon as he outfits it with a fire extinguisher and a set of flares.



Playing Mrs. Santa Claus (left, with Mike Sweeney as one of many volunteer Santas) is just one way Kathy Eldridge and the



Do you really know USPS? Take this test and see

1. When the U.S. Power Squadrons was formed in 1914, owners of power boats were commonly known as: (a) putterers (b) gasoliners (c) motormen (d) spark plugs.

2. In the Boston Yacht Club, power boaters and sailors cruised together for the first time in 1912 to (a) Portland, Maine (b) Newport, R.I. (c) Cape May, N.J. (d) Provincetown, Mass.

3. On this historic trip, what happened? (a) A disastrous engine fire. (b) There was no wind (c) Several sailboats were dismantled in a storm (d) Roger Upton was inspired to start the first USPS Cruise Planning Course.

4. One of the original requirements for holding Squadron membership was: (a) Owning a boat at least 29 feet long (b) Participating in four drills a year (c) Passing a test on charting (d) Knowing Morse code or semaphore.

5. During World War I, the USPS set up four free nautical schools with the endorsement of what political leader? (a) Theodore Roosevelt (b) Woodrow Wilson (c) William Howard Taft (d) Franklin Delano Roosevelt

6. In 1919, USPS Vice Commander Adolphus Bennett fought against a proposal to: (a) Admit women as non-voting members (b) Allow electricity on boats (c) Disband the organization and pay off its debt (d) Allow non-members to take Piloting classes.

7. The first treasurer of the Power Squadrons went on to earn 50 merit marks in the organization. Every serious boater knows his name. He is: (a) Thomas Lipton (b) Charles Chapman (c) Christopher Craft (d) Nat Herreshoff

8. The original ensign of the U.S. Power Squadrons is: (a) almost identical to the U.S. Ensign except for having vertical stripes (b) blue, gold and silver (c) in public domain (d) Always flown below the U.S. ensign..

9. When USPS dropped its requirement of belonging to a yacht club, annual dues of the organization were set at (a) \$100, and 1,235 persons paid. (b) \$50, and 2,752 members paid (c) \$25, and 438 members paid (d) One dollar, and 142 members paid.

10. The first advanced boating course sponsored by USPS was (a) Seamanship (b) Piloting (c) Advanced Piloting (d) Navigation.

11. Formation of the U.S. Power Squadrons officially took place at (a) The Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass. (b) The New York Yacht Club (c) The Boston Naval Yard (d) The Harvard Club.

12. After USPS first allowed female members in 1982, how many years was it before the Palm Beach Squadron had a female Commander? (a) 4 (b) 6 (c) 11 (d) 15.

(Answers on page 6)

Volunteers needed for PB Boat Show

The 19th annual Palm Beach Boat Show cruises in March 25-28 along the Intracoastal Waterway at Flagler Drive and in the county's new Convention Center.

The Palm Beach show is now one of the world's largest boat shows and covers 350,000 square feet on land as well as 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 you, will have sole responsibility to proudly represent USPS at this event and meet face to face with the public to encourage safe boating education.

You are invited to volunteer for standing a three-hour watch at our booth. Call the Boat Show chairman, Lt. Brian Thompson, P at 965-7947 to reserve a time slot.

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.

Photo program

Fatima Nejame of the Palm Beach Photographic Center gave the program and showed examples of original work by young photographers for 56 Squadron members at the January meeting. Many of the photos were taken at Yesteryear Village at the Fairgrounds and at Butterfly World.

47 attend Crazy Buffet

Things are usually crazy at the Roadhouse Grill on U.S. 1 around 11 a.m. on Thursday when the Squadron Lunch Bunch meets there. On the fourth Thursday in January, however, another restaurant hosted the group — Crazy Buffet in West Palm Beach, where 47 members assembled. Some even experimented with chopsticks.

BOARD MINUTES

06 January 2004

(Edited from Secretary's report. Portions are elsewhere in this issue).

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN; Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN; Lt/C (P/R/C) William Eldridge, SN; 1st/Lt Ralph Morse, JN; Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S; Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P; Donald H. Kranendonk, P; P/R/C Robert B. Malone, SN; P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S; D/Lt (Immediate P/C) Edward A. Newman, S.

ABSENT: Lt/C Dennis N. Krakow, P

GUESTS PRESENT: D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP; D/Lt Al Shemo, SN; 1st/Lt Jeanne Kirch, AP; Lt Alan Patti, N; Lt Harry Lloyd, P; Lt Jim Palmer; Lt Jim Tedesco, P; Lt Richard C. Hofmann, P; Joan Thompson, P; Lt Brian W. Thompson, P.

COMMANDER Aybar's report:

- Thanked everyone involved in the Commanders Ball and Holiday Party.
- Sent letter to CHM Nominating Committee Lt Donna McWhorter and committee members asking for slate of incoming bridge officers and committee members for 2004-05. District 8 needs names for directory.
- A Founders Day Committee chaired by Cdr Aybar will also include

P/C Fritz Bierschenk, AP, P/C McWhorter; P/C) Newman; P/Stf/C Landsman 1st/Lt Morse.

- Motion passed to send \$25 donation for D/8 commander's gift.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Dodd's report:

- CHM Cooperative Charting Shemo reported the National Ocean Service server backups had failed and all data submitted after 08 Sept 03 was lost. Shemo and Lt Scott Clinton, N are submitting all available records.

- Safety Officer Hofmann is preparing packets for Boat Safety Week.

- CHM PRO/Marketing McWhorter displayed flyers, VSC information and plastic bags with USPS emblems for distribution of information for the Boat Show (approx. 200 each).

- CHM VSCP Patti reported 2004 VSC decals have arrived.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Morse's report:

- Rendezvous 6-7 January at Capt. Hiram's Marina in Sebastian. Only two boats in attendance.

- A rendezvous is scheduled at Turnberry Isle the end of February. Only three boats have been signed up.

SECRETARY Newman's report:

- Membership totals are Active 310, Total Active 1388, Family 77, Junior Family 7, Associate 13, Grand Total 485, Honorary 2, Pending 1.

TREASURER Ferguson's report:

- All bills have been paid up to date. The profit & Loss YTD comparison reflects a \$1,656 increase in expenditures over last year.

- Cost for printing the *Afterdeck News* is down monthly by \$100.

PROPERTY/HOUSE OFFICER

Palmer reported the quarterly condo dues for headquarters increased from \$375 to \$625 due to the rising cost of garbage collection, electricity, landscaping, water and sewage, etc.

A motion passed to dispose of some old wooden chairs and tables stored at headquarters.

- Cdr invited Barbara Galen of Custom World to present the donation from the annual squadron cruise at the General Membership Dinner Meeting but she will be unable to attend. Cdr turned check for \$4,310 over to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S

USPS board reconfigures committees

By D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP

The U.S. Power Squadrons' National Governing Board, meeting in January in Orlando, overwhelmingly approved a structure changing many committees to different departments.

The purpose is to place committees with membership-related responsibilities in the National Administrative Department.

The Operations Training Committee was renamed the Leadership Development Committee. The Legislative Committee was assigned to the Special Assistant to the Chief Commander for Governmental Affairs.

In accordance with *USPS Bylaws* Section 5.10, this is the new department and committee structure:

THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT now comprises these five committees: Cooperative Charting, Marine Safety, National Meetings, Squadron Development, Vessel Safety Check.

THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT still includes these 10 committees: Basic Public Education, Boat Handling, Curriculum Development & Coordination, Educational Department Operations, Electro-Mechanical Systems, Inland & Coastal Navigation, Instructor Development, Marine Environment, Offshore Navigation, Publication Support.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT is now made up of these committees: Auxiliary Advisory, Leader-

ship Development, Member Benefits, Membership, Squadron Activities.

THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT is now composed of these seven committees: Flag & Etiquette, Historian, Information Technology, Operations Manual, Publications, Ship's Store and *The Ensign*.

THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT now includes these five committees: Budget Officer (Exec/Admin), Budget Officer (Educ), Budget Officer (Secr), Budget, and Planned Giving.

Two other changes also passed. The first increases the Law Committee from seven to 10 members (*USPS Bylaws* Section 5.7.4); and the other eliminates the \$2 reinstatement charge (*USPS Bylaws* Section 12.2).

Answers to USPS Quiz:

1. (b); 2. (a); 3. (c); 4. (b); 5. (d); 6. (c); 7. (b); 8. (a); 9. (d); 10. (c); 11. (b); 12. (c).

D/8 Spring Conference 'invades' PBG Marriott in April

By Stf/C Laura Teatero, SN
D/8 Conference Com Chair

The District 8 Spring Conference, 23-25 April at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott, is planned as an informative and entertaining event starting off with a "British Invasion" on Friday night and including a costume contest on Saturday.

Here are some of the events planned for Squadron officers and members (a registration form will be in next month's *Afterdeck*):

Friday Night: The British Invasion, complete with Fish and Chips, as we all enjoy a progressive dinner, with games (yes, we will have darts, of the magnetic type) prizes and dance to some great 60's music. You may want to dress for the 60's and we will have prizes for best costume. You can choose to go 60's style or dress for the 21st century. The D/8 Cruisers will

provide special entertainment for all to enjoy.

Saturday Morning will feature an EXPO with most D/8 Committee Chairs manning a table, displaying their wares, providing handouts and information on a one-to-one basis.

Plan to visit the Expo, gather information and perhaps win the prize drawing. You will not want to miss the Saturday lunch and entertainment by the D/8 Cruisers

Saturday afternoon we all get together for the D/8 Conference meeting, where Educational Awards, Safety Award, D/8 Member of the Year Award, Commander's Award, Conference Attendance Award and Teaching Aids Award will be presented. V/C Ernie Marshburn, SN will be our Chief Commander's Rep and will install new D/8 Commander, Nigel Hargreaves, SN as we say goodbye to our 2003 D/

8 Commander, Reinhard Bruderer, SN, and Ruth.

Saturday evening please join us for cocktails and a celebration of our 90th USPS Anniversary. There will be music for your dancing pleasure and a delicious dinner, topped off with Turtle Cheesecake. We will also have free door prizes, lucky draw prizes and more surprises.

If you would like to make hotel reservations, do it early. Call (800) 678-9494 and say you are with the United States Power Squadrons. The rate is \$95 per night and includes a complimentary continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Uniforms are not required for any part of this weekend. All new members are encouraged to attend and visit our special 1st Timers Table and participate in the special 1st Timers Reception, Saturday at 1630.

EDUCATION NEWS

Instructor Development, Sail start this month

Two elective courses start this month, the final two starts of the Squadron's education year. They are Instructor Development and Sail.

Meanwhile, classes continue in Piloting, Junior Navigation, Navigation, Weather and Cruise Planning.

Instructor Development: Starts Wednesday, 11 Feb (8 weeks)

Location: Squadron Headquarters

Need 6 to 8 students.

Call instructor Phil Bouchaert (863-7971). Cost: FREE

This course will make you better in front of an audience, in fact, it will make you a better person by improving your communications skills whether you teach or not.

Sail: Starts Monday, 2 Feb. (9 weeks)

Instructor: Bud Greene (585-7465). Cost: \$40.

This course provides a thorough study of the terminology of sailing; types of hulls, rigs and sail plans; running and standing rigging and their adjustments and tuning; and sailboat marlinspike. The dynamics of sailing are covered including: hull and water forces caused by wind and waves; forces vs. balance; techniques of sailing; points of sail; sail handling; sailing under various wind conditions; boat operation and emergency techniques.

Next **America's Boating Course:** Wednesday 7 April, Palm Beach Lakes High School, 7-9:30 p.m.