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Millie Phillips accepts her husband's Life Membership plaque from Cdr Barbara Roemmele, JN at the May meeting.

A Journey To Cherish

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This Month's Meeting Tuesday, 14 June May OLD PORT YACHT CLUB

Here's the evening's schedule:

Hospitality	1800 (6 pm)
Dinner	1900 (7 pm)
Business Program	2000 (8 pm)

For reservations call **Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P at 352-8144 by Friday 10 June**. Price is \$25 per person. Please pay by check payable to Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Members who make reservations are responsible for paying.

Menu

Half of Roasted Spring Chicken with tomato bechamel sauce, or

Baked Tilapia fish with lobster bourbon sauce, tomato, herb and Hollandaise

Smashed potatoes

Steamed broccoli

Rolls and butter

Chef's choice dessert, coffee

Bar drinks include tax and gratuity. House brands and wine are \$6; \$7 call brands, \$3 draft beer/mineral water and \$2 for soft drinks.

Tides Are Right for Nose-up on June 18

The Squadron will hold a "Nose-Up-On-The-Lox" on Saturday, June 18, from Noon to 2 p.m. on the "Coney Island" of the Loxahatchee River in the Jupiter-Tequesta area, due west of the A1A Bridge.

The Squadron will furnish dogs and burgers on the barbie. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share, and the beverage of your choice.

The charge is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Fido is welcome.

Bring your family and friends. Sorry, if your boat is too high for the fixed bridge (like one with a mast), or it can't be beached on the sandbar, you should call a friend. A runabout of 28 feet or less should do fine.

Call Jim Palmer (630-7606) for details and directions.

D/8 Plans Fall Conference in FL

Mark your calendars now and make your reservations early for the D/8 Fall Conference Sept. 23-25 in Fort Lauderdale.

Theme for Fall Conference is "Disco Magic." A chance to boogie down to the sounds of the '70s, relive those evenings you spent in the nightclubs and wear those clothes that you forgot to throw out of your closet.

We are planning a fun filled informative Conference with Information from the Spring and Fall Governing Boards in Charlotte and Portland.

Saturday morning will feature most D/8 Committee Chairs hosting an

Expo from 0830 to 1000, where you will find one-on-one discussion, handouts, displays, presentations and a sharing of Squadron & District ideas. This will be followed by seminars and workshops passing on in depth and necessary information.

Don't miss the Saturday lunch and entertainment by the D/8 Cruisers.

Saturday afternoon we will attend our D/8 Conference meeting followed by the D/8 Commander's cocktail party.

Saturday evening we will celebrate with a gala dinner dance. Free door prizes and lucky draw prizes.

Stay Current by Visiting Web Site Regularly

I trust you are viewing our Squadron Web Site on a regular basis as pages are being changes or updated regularly. Three new pages were added in the past few weeks - **May Dinner Meeting, Peanut Island Picnic and Boating Sites**. Type the following in your browser <http://www.palmbeachsps.org/> to open our site then navigate to the various pages

by clicking the page links at the top or bottom of each page, i.e; **May Dinner Meeting, Peanut Island Picnic and Boating Sites**.

The **Boating Sites** page has special interest links for boaters and non-boaters alike. You can view the current **weather forecast** for Jupiter, West Palm, Boca Raton, and South Florida, and view the **National**

Weather 12 hr Radar, even print a **Hurricane Tracking Map**, you can get the **daily tide predictions** for Jupiter, West Palm and Boca Raton. Don't go boating without all this information. For history buffs new links have been added — **Nautical Terms and Phrases** and **Naval History Center**.

*Lt James Tedesco, P,
Squadron Webmaster*

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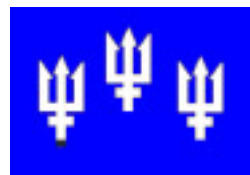
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CDR BARBARA ROEMMELE, JN
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Help Our Mission To Continue

Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron is part of the greatest organization in the world dedicated to safe boating through education. USPS continues to provide the very latest in techniques and materials for our teachers — all of whom are volunteers — so that this important mission may continue its service to the public and for our own members.

We need each and every one of you to help with the success of this mission. Dues notices have been mailed out, and the option of using your credit card is provided for your convenience. Your prompt renewal of annual dues will greatly assist our Membership and Member Involvement Committees. Even if you cannot be actively involved as a teacher, civic committee member or other position, your membership in our organization is highly valued to all of us, and to the folks we strive to educate and serve.



The month of May offered great opportunities for our members to participate in some extremely well planned activities with fellow squadron members. The dinner meeting at Old Port Cove Yacht Club, our First

Annual Family Day picnic at Peanut Island and the 21st of May Boat Safety Week Demonstrations and Picnic at the Palm Beach Sail Club. Our squadron, which continues to grow in the number of members, is fortunate in having many dedicated folks who work together make these events enjoyable and successful. Our thanks to our Administrative Officer Gary Ferguson and to his committees who worked many hours to bring about these successful events.

The summer season finds many of our members leaving their Florida residences for boating in other areas of the country. For those of you who will be here on 19-21 August there is a great opportunity to attend the D-8 Summer Rendezvous and Fall Council Meeting at Pier 66 in Ft. Lauderdale. There are boat slips reserved, and a block of rooms for attendees, as well. Reservation forms are in "Pieces of Eight". The June issue of the "Ensign" provides reservation forms for the Fall Governing Board in Portland Oregon scheduled for 6-11 September.

All members are encouraged to attend these events, which offer an understanding of the organization and the scope of USPS. They also provide lots of timely information on the latest District and National Activities, educational techniques, civic outreach and internal squadron activities.

Barbara C Roemmele

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From the Editor: A long, sandy path from everyday

Sometimes you just want to get away.

That's what Pat and I did for a week last month when we flew off to Belize, a country I never heard of while studying Geography in school. Of course, that was so long ago that then, the place was called British Honduras.

To us, the most attractive thing about Belize was its Barrier Reef, longer than the one off our Florida coast and less damaged by man's carelessness. The other attraction is that it is "away." We went to Caye Caulker, a small, sunsplashed island that was split in half by Hurricane Mitch, a wound that was never repaired. We stayed on the "developed" southern end of the Caye, but development



is hardly complete. The only paved roadway is the airstrip. The narrow streets are just sand, and the better streets are those that have been recently swept by hand and sprinkled with water.

Water is the most important commodity (after tourist dollars) brought into Caye Caulker, in the form of cooler-ready plastic jugs. Almost as important is gasoline, which at double Florida prices is too valuable to be used in anything but the outboard engines on Water Taxis and other tour boats. Caye Caulker is where old golf carts go to find a second career, and where no color of paint is too garish.

We were served by some accomplished boat operators in Belize, especially Rico, our tour guide to the Northern River and the Maya ruins at Alton Ha. He's a master of dead-reckoning, but said it's all just local knowledge.

Lt. Harry Lloyd, AP, Afterdeck Editor

You're Invited to Become a Squadron Booster!

The BOOSTER ROSTER has been established to supplement the squadron's operating expenses. This is an annual fund that begins January of each year. This list will be a standing column in each issue of the *Afterdeck*. Contributors will be listed in the *Afterdeck* during the calendar year in which they contribute.

The fund is accessible for expenditures as seen fit or necessary by the Board of Directors. The monies can be used for regular expenses, special purchases or for replenishing or adding to reserve funds.

Contributions can be made on a regular basis or in recognition of someone or some occasion you might want to honor. You may make your contribution by using the "Be A Booster" form printed in this issue of the *Afterdeck* or going directly to our treasurer and indicate that your check is for the Booster Fund. Contributions to this fund are tax deductible. The intent is to raise approximately \$2,000 or more per year.

The Booster Fund was an idea of Squadron Education Officer Bill Eldridge, SN.

Booster Roster, 2005

\$1,000 — EAGLE

Your Name Here

\$500 — HERON

Bill and Kathy Eldridge
Herb and Myra Hoffstein

\$200 — PELICAN

Your Name Here

\$100 — OSPREY

Abby and Ken MacPherson

\$50 — GULL

Angie and Leroy Batchelor

SANDPIPER — \$?\$?

Your Name Here

Use This Form Join Booster Roster

Enclosed is my TAX DEDUCTABLE check in the amount of

\$_____.

Make check Payable to PBS&PS. Send to:

Lt/C Alan Patti, N (Treasurer)
120 Satinwood Lane,
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-1603

NAME to appear in Roster: _____

The Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron BOOSTER FUND is a contribution for general expenses, maintenance and/or reserve funds of the squadron at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Education Department News...

Mike Galvin Passes Sail

Why is this BIG news? Because Sail was the final course he needed to complete his certificate.

He is now **Senior Navigator**, having passed all eleven USPS courses. *Congratulations Mike!*

6 Pass New Piloting Course

Congratulations to: John Aull, P; David Cross, P; William Mooney, P; Eugene Murphy, P; Janet Richards, P; John Richards, P. Instructor was P/C Jack Reid, SN.

Lt/C Bill Eldridge, SN
Squadron Educational Officer



A Journey To Cherish

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Van and I have had so many different adventures both on land and water, and we kept looking for something different.

Last year we came up with a two-week canal boat charter in England. They strongly recommended four boaters with experience to help with the operation of the locks – which were many. We asked our good boating friends Spike and Doris Speckeen if they wanted to go and we got an acceptance immediately.

We met at the Gatwick Airport in London on the 24th of August. We took a train to Victoria, a cab to Saint Pancrea, a train to Derby and a cab to the Tudor Hotel for the night. The next morning we took a cab to Canaltime Marina (Sawley Marina) and were told due to high waters, we would need to go grocery shopping and then would be taken by one of their trucks to our 55-foot long, 6½-foot wide canal boat, “Taylor’s Crazy Frog,” a couple of locks away. So grocery shopping we went — something we had to do too often for lack of storage and refrigeration space.

Let me tell you, you have to be good friends to be on a narrow boat for two weeks or even one. Salon “C” seating barely seated four — galley is a one-woman deal. Mid cabin had a bunk bed on each side (Spike slept in a fetal posi-

From the Safety Deck

*By Lt. Dick Hofmann
Safety Officer*

My sincere thanks go to each and every person and organization who contributed to make our National Safe Boating week Outing on May 21, 2005 such an outstanding event. I want to make sure that all of our Squadron Members are aware of those fellow members who gave their time and effort to make their presentations so effective. Special thanks go to our Commander, Barbara Roemmele, AO. Lt. Gary Ferguson, D/Lt Bill Money, P/C Fritz Bierschenk, Lt Ralph Morse, Lt. Roberta Stephens, and Lt. Harry Kravit . In addition kudos go to the Sea Scouts of Ship 777, Craig Dunstan, Marine Insurance Broker, Jeff Andrews, manager, West Marine, Lake Park, for providing Dry Type fire extinguishers for our demo as well as an excellent display of many of the Safety items they carry. Thanks also go to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's department and their representative for providing us the opportunity to inspect the equipment carried on the 31' Patrol craft they brought and to learn of their duties on our waterways, and to Eastern Marine Services for providing additional CO2 Extinguishers for our demo.



The above photo is from last summer's canal trip.

tion). The forward bed was crawl in and out. Tiller helm was aft with stand-up room for two or crowded four to go forward to a seat in the bow. It must not have been to bad — we're still speaking to each other!

After spending the night on board, getting settled in, we had a check out of the operation of the boat. Next morning and we're on our way. Next day we cruised through Burton Upon Trent, where the Inland Waterway Ass'n was having a fair! These canals are narrow as it is. And there were hundreds of canal boats of all sizes and most decorated beautifully with personal touches tied up anywhere they could and many rafted off so that we had inches to pass through. Spent the night at Alre, a delightful village. Everyone was friendly and helpful. Next morning there were hot air balloons floating through the air, a sight we saw several times.

Traveling leisurely through the English countryside is a joy and to do this through the canals is as well. You can pull over to shore, drive stakes and tie off or tie up in designated stops in any village. The homes, people, sights and countryside with farms, churches, and cattle grazing, is breathtaking. The locks are quite an experience; it takes two to open and close them, one at helm and one to handle the lines.

Other canals cross the one we chose, and we ventured up a couple of them. However, due to the slow speed we traveled we had to turn around on the 31st and allow time to get back. One of our side trips was up Fradley Junction so we could experience a swing bridge opening.

We usually ate dinner at one of the pubs along the way and fixed breakfast and lunch on board. We checked out on the seventh of September.

For a new experience on the water, this is it!

Summer Birthdays of Squadron Members

June

- 2 Jean Wall
- 3 William Mooney
James McIntire
Jay Muntz
- 8 Joyce Guignon
- 9 Estelle Rutkowski
- 11 Richard Weinstock
- 12 Robert Bruno
Barbara Patti
Robert Tanner
- 13 Vicki Plummer
- 15 Paula Weiss
- 17 Vincent DiPentima
LeRoy Batchelor
Michael Monahan
- 18 Frances Russo
- 19 Dennis Trudeau
Anita Shemo
- 21 Alan Shuster
- 22 Martin Manin
Jamey Sanders
- 23 Theodore Weiser
Mary Jane Munson
- 24 John DeCarion
- 26 Jay Mason
Joan Thompson
- 27 Phillip Fotorny
- 28 Joseph Piazza
Trent Corcia
- 29 Scott Hasday
William Bowman

July

- 1 Jack Lighton
Sandi Worssam
- 2 Clive Summers
Patricia Benson
- 3 James Fantin
Nancy Sweeney
Denise Hasday
- 5 Charles Wall
- 6 Richard Wensing
Paul Welsh
- 7 Gary Carmichael
- 10 Paul Healy
- 11 Hans Heynau
Peggy Underwood
- 12 Holger Huels
Rene Reiersen
- 13 William Wilson
Janice Tedesco
Betty Katz
Donna Luciano
- 14 Richard Meldgaard
- 15 Robert Benson
James Miles
Linda McKee
Martha Register
Peggy Bescher
- 17 Robert Smylie
Rose Prese
- 18 Richard Underwood
- 19 John Aull
- 21 Richard Hawkins
Carole Schmotzer
- 22 Donald Albright
- 23 Barbara Wilson
- 25 Harvie Walford
- 26 Jackie Steckler
John Deakin
Mariann Bruno
- 27 Gail Amelia
- 28 David Nelson
Judy Green
- 30 Michele Kaufman
- 31 Janet Hendricks

August

- 1 Marci Green
Bernard Capone
Verena Flanders
- 2 Edward Newman
Diane Slavin
- 4 Robert DeSilva
- 5 John Corcia
- 6 Louis Daniello
- 7 William Kennebeck
Brian Ducharme
Stephanie Trudeau
- 9 Charles Lusterman
Kevin Mitchell
- 10 James Stanton
- 11 Judy Shuster
- 12 Otis Peters
- 13 John Leemon
Richard Gordon
David Kimmel
- 14 Virginia Albrecht
- 16 Michael Slavin
Evelyn Gunter
- 18 David Eisenberg
- 19 Richard Christman
- 20 Joan Smith
Richard Parish
Chris Jordan
- 21 Leslie Bailey
Jay Nelson
- 22 Robert Berger
Phillip Bouckaert
Winnie Smylie
- 26 Sue Mitchell
Bunnie Kimmel
- 27 Denise Hogan
- 28 Kenneth Knight
Jerri Jorisch
Audrey Reitzel
- 30 Norman Merritt
- 31 Linda Hawthorne
Dennis Krakow
Barbara Roemmele
William Plummer

Minutes of the Board of Directors

03 May 2005

Board Members present: Cdr. Barbara Roemmele, JN; Lt/C Lesly McWhorter, P; Lt/C (P/R/C) Wm. Eldridge, SN; P/C Mary Dodd, SN; Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P; Lt/C Herb Hoffstein, SN; Lt/C Alan Patti, N; 1st Lt Alan Konzelman, S.

Others present: P/Stf/C Rod Landsman, AP (Parliamentarian); Lt Jim Palmer, AP; Lt. Kathy Eldridge, P; P/C Warren Roemmele, SN; Lt Al Shemo, SN; Lt James Tedesco, P; Lt. Ralph Morse, JN

Commander's Report: Motion to

accept British Virgin Islands cruise as a fund-raiser. Approved.

Motion to accept "Booster Fund" Seconded and approved.

New USPS Environmental Committee mentioned. No interest stated.

Executive Officer's Report: Discuss uniform for boat shows.

Coop Chart (Al Shemo): Final award – Tie between Palm Beach & Sebastian Inlet.

Public Relations Officer Ralph Morse contacted 44 newspapers and is sending announcements to stations.

Vessel Safety Check Program: Team

inspected 99 vessels since November.

Education Officer Report: 15 students took ABC course and all passed.

Secretary's Report: Grand total as of May, 502 members

Treasurer's Report: \$3,900 behind income YTD ending 30 April; Total Assets - \$58,800.

Tuppens Marine – no more advertising. Total ran up because of switch from quarterly to monthly ads. PBSPS will owe approximately \$1,600.

Submitted by PC Herb Hoffstein, SN, Secretary.