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Celebrating 90 Years

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P/C Frederick Bierschenk, AP (at right), P/C Robert Malone, SN and Lt/C Joyce A Newman, S, carry the nation's colors to open the Squadron's Founders Day celebration on 1 February. The event celebrated the 90th anniversary of the United States Power Squadrons. Story and more photos on Page 6.

This Month's Meeting

Date: Tuesday 9 March.

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 and garnished with cherry tomatoes; selection of three dressings.

Assorted dinner rolls with butter

Corned beef served with braised cabbage and boiled new potatoes,

or

Pan seared Salmon served with citrus beurre blanc, tropical fruit relish, rice and garden vegetables.

Chocolate layer cake.

Coffee/decaf/assorted hot teas.

Price: \$24 per person.

Program: P/C Hans Heynau, N will speak on retracing the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Reservations: Please respond before 5 March to P/C Klaus Reinwarth, AP at (772) 283-3585. Please pay by check at the door.

Fruit Cup: If you prefer to substitute a fruit cup for the chocolate cake for dessert, please state that request when you make reservations.

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

Drink Prices: For those purchasing a drink at the bar, please note that the Members Club has already included tax and gratuity in the listed price.

Pot Luck at Old Port Cove March 14

Come and join your boating friends for a pre-St. Patrick's Day pot luck dinner on 14 March at 1600 hrs (4 p.m.) for an afternoon and evening of fun and great food. Contribute your favorite dish to the pot luck table. Bring your own drinks and join us in enjoying the beautiful boats at Old Port Cove Marina while visiting with friends.

The event will take place in the social room between the North and South quays, where the pool is located. Old Port Cove is a gated community, and we must have your name to pass through security. Please call Joan Thompson, P at 965-7947 by 10 March in order to coordinate the food and to get your name on the list for gate access.

There will be a charge of \$1 per person to cover the cost of using the social room at Old Port Cove.

We are looking forward to a great time!

Loxahatchee Nose-Up set for 3 April

By P/C Les McWhorter, S

The first "Nose-Up" for the year will be Saturday 03 April, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the "Coney Island" of the Loxahatchee River. This event is more suited to runabout, pontoon boats, dinghies — boats under 28 feet.

Donna and Les McWhorter will guide you to the sand bar. The cook-out will feature dogs, burgers and all, the 'fixins'. The "Nose-up" is for all the family, even Fido, and guests are certainly welcome! Each boat and crew are asked to bring a dish to share, their own bev-

erage and any special items. You should also bring a beach chair. Cost is a minimal \$2 per adult and \$1 per child under 12. Please pay Donna that day.

Please call Donna at (561) 746-9622 let her know you will attend. We need to count noses for the "Nose-Up."

If you need directions, please call.

Lunch Bunch at New China

The Thursday, March 25 Lunch Bunch will be at the New China Buffet at 5841 Lake Worth Rd., Greenacres. The set price of \$7 per person includes drink and gratuity.

To reach the restaurant, exit I-95 at 10th Avenue North, go west to Haverhill Road and south to Lake Worth Road. Go west to the restaurant, which is across from Target.

The other Lunch Bunch events this month are at the usual spot, the Roadhouse Grille on U.S. 1 in North Palm Beach. Gatherings start at 1100.

Raft-up at Lantana Bridge

The next scheduled raft-up will be on Saturday, March 20 just north of the Lantana Bridge, on the west side of the Intracoastal in a no-wake zone where the water is 6 feet deep. Spike Speckeen's Schatzi is the anchor boat. Call Gene Berman, AP at 498-1827 if you plan to attend.

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CDR RAFAEL L. AYBAR, JN
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Let's us get together and spread the word

The sound of the bugle call to duty has echoed across the Intracoastal Waterway. Let's us get together and spread the word.



Once again in March 2004, downtown West Palm Beach will witness Palm Beach County's largest annual boat show. Thousands of boat owners and boat enthusiasts will visit beautiful West Palm Beach. For three days, people looking for their dream boat will fantasize about long, romantic rendezvous on the Intracoastal Waterway of Florida. Others will dream of venturing offshore,

cruising on their own.

This is a most wonderful opportunity for our Squadron to respond to the Bugle Call and spread the word, "Safe Boating Through Education." This is the great moment we have been waiting for, the opportunity to meet the boating public at the boat show and enroll as many students, as possible into our "BoatSmart" and "America's Boating Course" and our free Vessel Safety Check program. We ensure a safe boating public a safe waterway.

Be proud to be a member of the United States Power Squadron. Be proud to fly our Ensign, because we are the most knowledgeable and respected group of boaters in the world.

The Bugle Call has sounded. Call Lt. Brian Thompson, P, Chairman of the Boat Show Committee, and

volunteer to represent our Squadron and to educate the public about Safe Boating through Education at the boat show.

Let us do our civic duty. Let us all participate this month at the annual Palm Beach Boat Show.

Haul down that gag flag

Yachting may not be as stuffy as it once was, but gag flags — such as those depicting martini glasses (happy hour), bunnies (owner sleeping), battle axes (mother-in-law aboard) and the like — are viewed as unbecoming any USPS member.

P/R/C Kenneth Russ, SN
(reprinted from *Pieces of Eight*)

Some names that are game

According to BoatUS, the 10 most popular names for boats this year are:

1. Happy Hours
2. Carpe Diem
3. Reel Time
4. Sea Biscuit
5. Freedom
6. Summer Wind
7. Aquaholic
8. Serenity
9. No Worries
10. Mental Floss

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Please report changes in address, telephone or e-mail, or birthday corrections, to the secretary.

From the Editor: *Sloganeering or public service?*

Everybody has to have a slogan, it seems, as if a proper name isn't quite enough. That's why Florida is the Sunshine State, Coke is (or used to be) the Pause That Refreshes, and why the U.S. Marines are a Few Good Men (what do you suppose can be said about the rest of them?).

Recently some folks high in the United States Power Squadrons have taken to the catchphrase "America's Boating Club." I don't know if it has been trademarked like the USPS Ensign; probably not, because I don't think you can register a phrase with "America" in it. But I don't think it will ever catch on. It sounds a little too commercialized and not



quite real enough for an organization whose forte is not selling itself, but promoting boating safety, being of service to the public and working behind the scenes to make time on the water more pleasant and productive.

The phrase "America's Boating Club" conjures up images of a maritime equivalent of the Book of the Month Club, where you're stuck with some product you don't want if you forget to send in a postcard. In that sense, a club can be a collection of people who don't have much in common and don't work for one another. A squadron, on the other hand, is made up of people — or vessels — who operate in unison and with purpose.

So if USPS must have a slogan, what should it be? Send me your ideas (by e-mail to harryl@aaahawk.com), and we'll look at them next month.

Lt. Harry Lloyd, P, Afterdeck Editor



Pendant Fever

...items about Squadron people and events

The Squadron Headquarters building on Old Dixie Highway in Lake Park is on track for an extreme makeover.

A committee consisting of Property/House Officer Lt Jim Palmer, Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P, Lt Kathy Eldridge, P, and Jeanne Muntz, P, has put together a proposal for making Headquarters both more beautiful and more serviceable.

At the February meeting of the Board, a motion was passed unanimously to accept the proposal of the committee and to spend up to \$11,000 to refurbish the main floor.

Lt/C Ferguson, and Lt Palmer gave a presentation to the Board describing the changes planned. They include new tables, which would run parallel to the front wall, for students and for members attending Bridge meetings.

A screen for multimedia presentations would be installed above the stairway. The restrooms and galley areas would be petitioned off.

The redesign effort started modestly with a proposal to replace the frayed carpeting, but with the encouragement of Cdr Rafael L. Aybar SN, it grew into a more encompassing project.



Dr. Joel Busse, a Squadron member, spoke on "Animal-Friendly Anchorages in the Florida Keys" at the February membership meeting. Busse has put together a CD with information about anchorages that welcome and discourage boaters with boats. Busse's dog, Sailor, didn't make the meeting. Photo by David Kimmel.

The downstairs area, which includes another classroom, won't be a part of the current project.

Former member Tom Noe dies

A memorial service was held on 04 February for former Squadron member

Tom Noe.

Mr. Noe, 61, a victim of leukemia, was remembered by Squadron members as a fine boater, a diver and a skilled instructor in the education program.

For several years he also did repair work on private boats, including those of many Squadron members.

Squadron selects Volendam for cruise in October

The Squadron Cruise for 2004 will be a 10-day voyage through some of the finest diving waters and recreational spots in the Western Caribbean.

Squadron Executive Officer Mary Dodd, SN, announced the dates of 17-27 October for the cruise on board the Volendam, a 63,000 ton, 781-foot ship, a part of the luxurious Holland America Line fleet.

The annual cruise serves as a major fundraiser for the Squadron besides being one of the important social events of the year.

Reservations for the cruise will again be made through Barbara Galen of Custom World Travel in North Palm Beach. Her telephone number is 841-0969.

The Volendam, built in 1999, can carry 1,440 passengers and a crew of 647. Its Rodderdam Dining Room seats 747 (there are two seatings for dinner, at 6 and 8 p.m.) and its Main Lounge seats 557.

The scheduled cruise will be the first of the season in tropical waters for the Volendam, which operates out of Vancouver and cruises to Alaska in the summer months. The repositioning cruise from Vancouver, by way of San Francisco and the Panama Canal, is an 18-day trip.

The cruise departs from Fort Lauderdale on the 17th (a



Volendam, a Holland America cruise ship, heads to sea

Sunday) and makes its first stop at Half Moon Cay, a private island in the Bahamas. Other stops are at Grand Cayman Island; Mexico's Costa Maya, Cozumel and Veracruz, and at Key West.

A committee of Squadron members considered several suggested itineraries, including Alaska and European destinations, before deciding on the Volendam.

Ports of Call for Squadron Cruise

Half Moon Cay is a private island, just south of New Providence Island (Nassau) in the Bahamas, owned by Holland America Cruiselines. It's known for its perfectly shaped half-moon beach and clear waters. The island has been designated a wild bird reserve by the Bahamian National Trust.

The Cayman Islands are a small chain of islands about 480 miles south of Miami. Grand Cayman is the largest and only significantly populated island. The Caymans are world renowned for their diving, snorkeling, and beautiful beaches. They are also known for their offshore banking.

Once the Imperial Maya's Port of Cal, now **Puerto Costa Maya** is the leader in culture and adventure travel in the Mexican Caribbean. Its natural wonders include the incredible Great Maya Reef and endless white beaches. An ancient maritime trading post of the Mayan empire is brought anew as the most adventurous port of call in the Mexican Caribbean.

Cozumel is Mexico's largest island, nestled just 12 miles off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula. Cozumel measures 28 miles long and 10 miles wide, and is world renowned for its white sandy beaches and the remarkable clarity of the multi-hued azure Caribbean. The Mayans called this the "Island of Swallows." Its reefs are among the best in the world for snorkeling or diving, and the beaches are excellent, too. Cozumel was a sleepy fishing community until 1961, when Frenchman Jacques Cousteau declared it one of the most beautiful scuba diving areas of the world.

Veracruz: Founded by Cortés in 1519, Veracruz was the first Spanish city on the continent, and the starting point of the quest for treasure, land and souls, which made it rich and powerful but not enough so to prevent the recurrent pirate raids. Although its historical center is reduced to a few blocks, any visit to Veracruz should take Boca del Río, where is located the City Museum and the Photographic Archives, along with the largest aquarium in Latin America.

Key West: Poor diving, but plenty of T-shirts here.

Last call for volunteers for Palm Beach Boat Show

Help keep America boating safely when the 19th annual 2004 Palm Beach Boat Show rafts up along the Intracoastal Waterway on Flagler Drive, downtown West Palm Beach and in the county's new Convention Center on Thursday, March 25. Members of the Squadron are needed to volunteer to staff our booth for three-hour sessions.

Show hours are 1200 to 1900 on Thursday, 1000-1900 on Friday and Saturday and 1000 to 1800 on Sunday.

Your part will be to encourage show attendees to take an introductory safe boating course and, as a representative of

"Americas Boating Club," possibly interest them in membership when they visit our information booth.

We will have four members per watch which will allow the watch to be broken up so that two can tour the show for free (a \$10 value per person) while the other two members greet the public.

To volunteer for a time most convenient for you, please call Lt Brian Thompson, P at (561) 965-7947 or Lt Leo McVicker, P at (561) 848-9752, or see either one at the Thursday "Lunch Bunch."



Leading the Founders Day ceremony were (from left) P/C Ed Newman, S; P/Stf/C Rodney Landsman, AP; Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S; P/R/C William Eldridge, SN; Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN; D/8 Cdr Reinhard Bruderer, SN; Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN; 1st Lt. Ralph Morse, JN; and P/C Robert Malone, SN. Photo by D/Lt Al Shemo, SN.



Megan Randell, the daughter of photographer David Randell, salutes the flag while wearing a USPS cap
 March 2004 Lt/C Joyce Newman, S.



Jean Munts, P; Lt/C Barbara Hoffman, AP, and Anita Shemo

Founders Day 2004: Celebrating 90 Years

Ninety-nine members and guests of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron celebrated Founders Day on Sunday, 1 February with colorful ceremonies and a bountiful picnic at Jupiter Beach.

D/8 Commander Reinhard E. Bruderer, SN delivered a solemn account of the founding of the United States Power Squadrons in 1914 by a group of power boaters within the Boston Yacht Club. He recounted how the organization has helped the country in time of war and has survived hard times and maintained its dedication to service, safety and education.



Soaking in the February sun.

February Raft-Up Fulfills Heart's Desires

Seven boats participated in a Squadron raft-up at Old Port Cove on Saturday.

The weather was perfect, the anchors held fast and the food was all tasty and packed with vitamins.

John Worssam's Euphoria was the anchor boat. The participants were:

Schatzi — Spike and Doris Speckeen. guests: Carolyn Savage, George McArthur, Chuck Eby and Anna Eby, Bob Malone, Pat and Harry Lloyd.

Kathy El — Bill and Kathy Eldridge.

Diligence — David and Adelya Nelson, Mark and Elvy Warner.

Euphoria — John and Sandi Worssam; Jay and Jean Muntz; Jim Palmer; Jean Kirch; Dorothy Talik; Les and Donna McWhorter; Ed and Joyce Newman.

Bill and Verena Flanders (Freedom Boat Club); guests, Fran and Karen Tesorero, Herb and Myra Hoffstein.

David and Bonnie Kimmel, Ralph and Barbara Morse, Al and Betty Katz.

Present Dreams — Ed and Colette Hoover, Helga Witosek, Josephine Lombard, Julia Pillet.

A Boater's Blessing

. . . from Days of Yore

May there always be water under your boat,

May she always be seaworthy and ever afloat,

May your bilge pump be certain to work all night and all day,

May your compass and charts always show the safe way,

May you find gentle harbor as every day ends,

May you lower your anchor amidst peace and good.

. . . from Nowadays

May your outdrive be saved after hitting that rock,

May your bow be rebuilt after ramming your dock,

May you find your new watch that fell overboard,

May your neighbor quit stealing your slip's power cord,

May Lysol mask the musty smell under your berth,

May you someday owe less that the boat is worth!

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Spike Speckeen on Schatzi (Photos by Lt. David Kimmel, P)

20 slips reserved for Memorial Day at Marriott

By P/C Les McWhorter, S

The annual Memorial Day Weekend Rendezvous is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 28-30 May, at the marina of the beautiful Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort.

Donna and I have agreed to act as Squadron liaison for the event. PLEASE NOTE: ALL slip reservations **MUST** be made through us at (561) 746-9622. Squadron members will have first assignment in order of their request (20 slips are reserved). Nonmembers will be on a waiting list on a first-call, first-assigned basis.

As in past years, the "Clip Board & Whistle" schedule calls for the fantastic Dock-Side Pot-Luck at 1830 (6:30 pm); please bring a dish to share, your own beverage of choice, and a deck chair. The annual "Captain's Pineapple Quiz" will be handed out that evening (return your quiz to Les or Donna aboard "La **Donna**" by 0930 (9:30 a.m. Saturday).

Plans, as of this writing, call for dinner at the new restaurant just east of the docks. (Les and Donna will try to scope it out in advance.) Reservations will be required in advance by calling Donna. More details later.

Sunday night we will hold the yearly "Pizza-Pig-Out" dockside at 1800. A form will be **distributed** on Saturday; pizza orders will be made at 1230 (12:30 pm) Sunday, so please get your order to Les or Donna by noon on Sunday.

Departure is any time Monday, or you may stay longer.

More details will be furnished later to those signing-on. REMINDER: Slip reservations **MUST** be through Les or Donna at (561) 746-9622. The dock staff will assign berth numbers as Les informs them.

New Dock Master Bruce and assistant, Becky, have lowered the per foot rate from last year's \$2.25 to \$2 (plus hook-up fees) this year.

While it may seem a bit early to sign on, five boats have already registered.

DON'T MISS THE BOAT...

BOARD MINUTES

03 February 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN; Lt/C (P/R/C) William Eldridge, SN (SEO); 1st/Lt Ralph Morse, JN (asst. AO); Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S (secretary); Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P (treasurer); P/R/C Robert B. Malone, SN (at large); P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S (at large); D/Lt Edward A. Newman, S (Immediate P/C)

ABSENT: Lt/C Dennis N. Krakow, P; Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN; Donald H. Kranendonk, P.

GUESTS PRESENT: D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP; D/Lt Al Shemo, SN; Lt Alan Patti, N; Lt Harry Lloyd, P; Lt Jim Palmer; Lt Kathy Eldridge, P; Jean Muntz, P; P/C Jay Muntz, AP

CDR AYBAR reported:

Cdr Attended USPS annual meeting in Orlando and three delegates represented the squadron. The restructuring of some national committees to different departments was approved. Sebastian Provisional Squadron was approved as an official squadron and assigned at D/8.

USPS has formed partnerships with other boating organizations such as Sea Scouts, National Safe Boating Council, American Canoe Association, Army Corp of Engineers and the Canadian Power Squadrons.

Thanked all who helped make the Founders Day picnic a great success. A thank you letter was sent to D/8 Cdr Reinhard E. Bruderer, SN for his participation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Dodd reported:

CHM Cooperative Charting D/Lt Al Shemo, SN reported everything is going well.

CHM Public Relations/Marketing Lt (P/C) Lesly McWhorter, S reported Palm Beach County Tax Collector's office needs new supply of Safe Boating flyers. TransAmerica Printing will send bill to the squadron for payment and then the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County will reimburse our squadron for the cost of the printing.

CHM Vessel Safety Check Program Lt Alan E. Patti, N reported there are five active vessel examiners. Thirty-five inspections to date and 22 percent above last year's total at this time.

Cdr reported Safety Officer Lt Richard C. Hofmann, P has collected tide-tables for distribution to marinas.

Reservations have been made for 15 May at Loggerhead Park for Safe Boating Week picnic.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER Eldridge reported:

Eight registered in ABC course at Palm Beach Lakes HS and seven took the exam.

Sixteen students registered at Boynton Beach HS and eleven took the exam. A family of five who are out of town plan to take the exam later. This represents 100 percent taking the exam.

Marine Electronics has four registered.

Cruise Planning with two students will take the exam 04 February.

Sail has seven students enrolled. There is one student in Engine maintenance and seven in Weather.

Piloting has 13, AP has 9, JN has 2 and N has four students registered.

Lt Elvin E. Greene III, SN has replaced Lt Art Dodd, SN as instructor for Sail. Cdr Aybar is an assistant instructor for the remainder of the year.

New Chairman of Elective Courses for next year will be P/Lt/C Gene Weiss, P. P/C John Luciano, AP will continue as Assistant Education Officer.

P/C Lesly McWhorter, S reported former squadron member Tom Noe passed away and his memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday, 04 February.

ASST. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Morse reported:

Raft-up 24 January near Flagler Bridge was very successful with seven boats in attendance.

Working with Safety Officer Lt Richard C. Hofmann, P on plans for Saturday, 15 May Safe Boating picnic.

SECRETARY Newman gave this membership report:

Membership Status	01 Feb
Active Members	313
Active Sustaining Members	2
Additional Active Members	56
Life Members	20
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS	391
Family Members	78
Jr. Family Members	7
Associate Members	15
TOTAL OTHER MEMBERS	100
CURRENT GRAND TOTAL	491
Honorary Members	2
Pending Membership Applications included in current total:	
Active	1
Family Member	1
Total Pending	2

TREASURER Ferguson reported:

Income little less this year than last year at this time. Cruise money donation was down this year.

Received quarterly check from National for our contributions of member use of the Visa Card in the amount of \$61.63.

OLD BUSINESS: Lt Harry Lloyd, P reported the need for a host Web site for maintaining the Afterdeck and other squadron information. There is not enough room on the present squadron Web site. Approximate cost would be \$5 per month. Cdr recommended Lloyd meet with Webmaster Lt Jim Tedesco, P and report back to the bridge.

NEW BUSINESS: Recognized PRO CHM P/C Les McWhorter, S for \$1,249.97 received from D/8 National Coop Advertising Program.

Cdr announced Safe Boating Week (15-21 May) be celebrated by the squadron the whole week. Committee chaired by Lt/C Dodd, including D/8 Safety Officer D/Lt William R. Money, P; squadron Safety Officer Lt Richard C. Hofmann, P; P/C McWhorter, CHM VSC Lt Alan Patti, N and Assistant Administrative Officer Morse will make arrangements and submit a monthly report to the Board.

National and D/8 requested names of elective officers for 2004-05 for roster. A motion passed to send the current proposal of 2004-05 elective officers to national and D/8.

Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S
Secretary

Send us your contribution!

Squadron members are invited to contribute to the Afterdeck News. Please e-mail stories and ideas to hllloyd@aaahawk.com. We prefer to receive photos (high definition, please) on a CD. When we're through with them, we'll pass them along to Squadron Historian Art Dodd, SN.

LAW LOG: Fish-friendly Wallop-Breaux Act

Back in 1950 Congress passed the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, which provided federal funds to the states for management and restoration of fish having "material value in connection with sport or recreation in the marine and/or fresh waters of the United States."

After the addition of many amendments over the years the act became known as the Wallop-Breaux Act. This law remains in effect today as the basic structure of some of the nation's most significant conservation programs. The act is funded from federal excise taxes on certain items of sport fishing tackle, fish finders, electric trolling motors, import duties on yachts and pleasure craft, as well as motorboat fuel tax revenues.

To be eligible to participate in (receive money from) Wallop-Breaux, states are required to agree to observe this law and pass laws within their state to implement the intent of the act. The amount of money distributed to the states is based on the number of anglers in each state. Florida is a participant.

Over the years WBA evolved as it was frequently amended by public laws, titles of public laws, and other forms of legislation etc which gradually increased the tax rates, the number of items which were taxable and the duration over which these taxes stayed in effect. Many of these tax rev-

enue amendments were passed with "sunset" provisions but on expiration were usually renewed and broadened. However this was not all bad because the scope of activities supported by WBA was also broadened. In later years funding was not directed predominantly to fish-related projects and was directed toward tasks to develop boating facilities such as the construction, operation and maintenance of pump out stations and boat access facilities, and to the Coast Guard for the support of boating safety programs and awards.

About 10 years ago Congress required the Treasury to redirect 25 percent of the excise tax collected on motorboat fuels each year to the General Treasury Fund, instead of having it go to the states to fund the goals of WBA. That means that out of the current excise tax of 18.3 cents per gallon, only 13.7 cents is being used on behalf of boaters and anglers.

Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., has introduced legislation that would recover this "redirected" 25 percent portion of the tax revenue for use as it was originally intended under WBA. Stay tuned we will see what happens.

Source: Seawatch The Newsletter of CCA Florida
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Web site
(compiled by Lt. Dick Finn, AP)

New members of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron

The following persons recently became members of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Let's Welcome:

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Did You Know That ...

Ancient Greeks originally determined the fathom, a measurement of six feet, by the length of a sailor's outstretched arms.

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This is an honest-to-goodness actual epitaph found on a tombstone in a New Mexico cemetery: "Here's lies Johnny Yeast. Pardon me for not rising."