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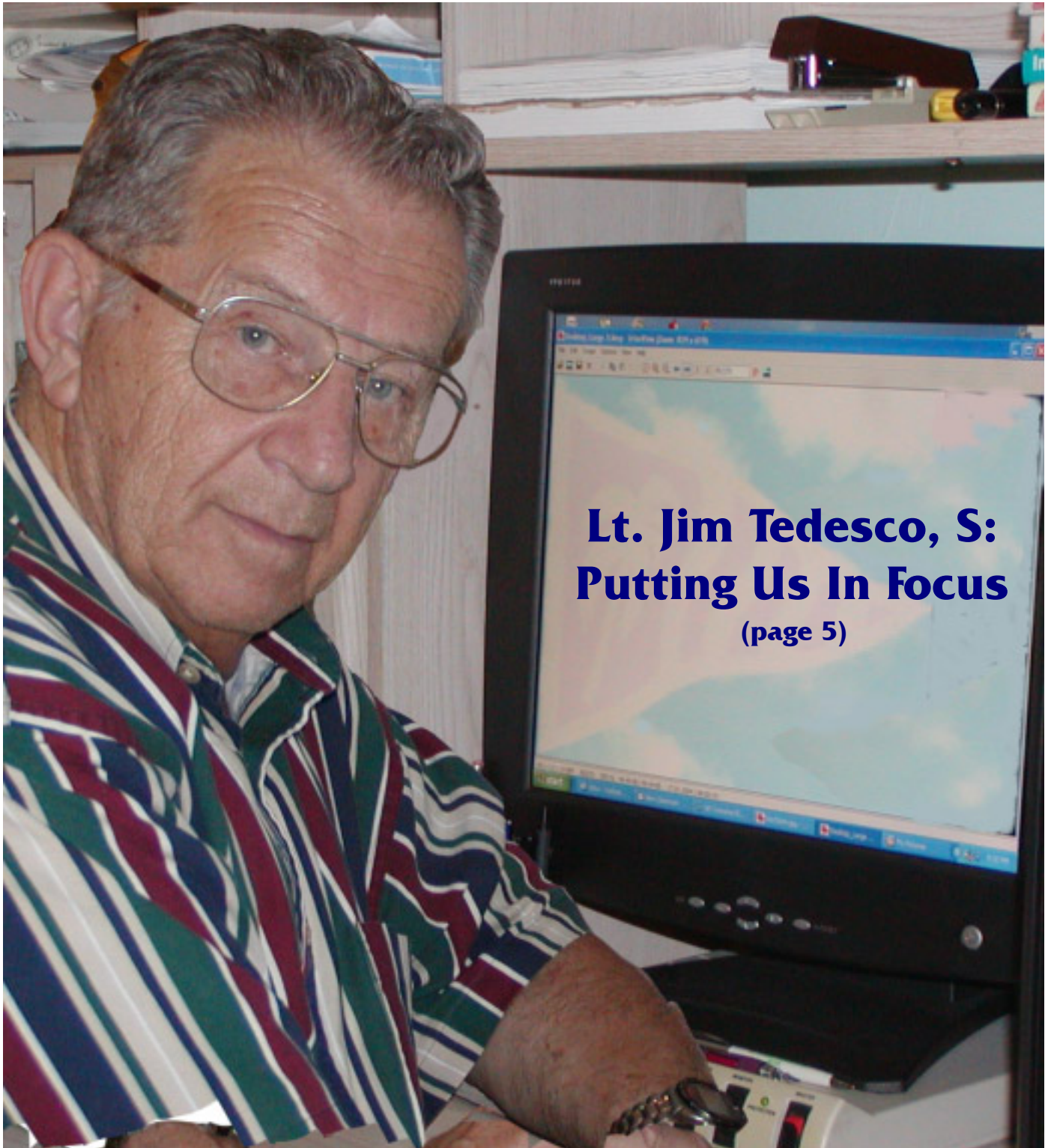
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**Lt. Jim Tedesco, S:
Putting Us In Focus**
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This Month's Meeting

Date: Tuesday 11 May.

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

Veal Piccata — Sautéed veal scaloppini with lemon-butter caper sauce, rice and garden vegetables

Chicken Monte Carlo — Sautéed chicken breast topped with ham and Swiss cheese and topped with beurre blanc and served with mashed potatoes and garden vegetables.

Bread pudding with creme Anglaise
Coffee/decaf/assorted hot teas.

Price: \$24 per person.

Program: A speaker from West Marine.

Squadron Treasurer Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P will present a budget report.

Reservations: Please respond before 7 May 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 bread pudding 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 "D."

Drink Prices: Members Club has already included tax and gratuity in the listed price of bar drinks.

Safe Boating Picnic Is May 15

The highlight of our annual Safe Boating Week will be the kickoff picnic at Loggerhead Park in Juno Beach on Saturday, 15 May. Festivities and demonstrations, including a CPR demo, start at 1030, and the food will be served at noon.

The menu includes chicken, ribs, hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings. The same caterer who handled the Founder's Day Picnic will be doing this one. The price is \$13 per person; a coupon for you to return is on Page 13.

Enter Loggerhead Park off US1 just north of Donald Ross Road.

The Palm Beach County Commission will present a Safe Boating Week Proclamation to the Squadron on Tuesday 04 May.

Make Plans for Change of Watch 08 June

The Squadron will install a new Commander and say "thanks" to Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN and several other leaders at Change of Watch ceremonies on Tuesday, 08 June at the PGA Members Club.

Please note that reservations for this event must be made by Friday 04 June. Call Loretta Bierschenk at 624-9659. The charge is \$24 per person.

The menu includes a choice of petit filet mignon (with mashed potatoes and vegetables) and sesame grilled salmon (with rice and vegetables). Dessert is key lime pie; fruit cup is available by ad-

vanced request. The salad comes with a choice of dressings.

Officers to be installed include Lt/C Mary A. Dodd, SN as commander; P/C Barbara Roemmele, JN as executive officer; Lt/C Joyce A Newman, S as administrative officer, and 1st/Lt Jeanne Kirch, AP as secretary.

The hospitality hour starts a 1800 hours (6 p.m.), the dinner at 1900 and the program at 2000.

D/C elect Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN has accepted an invitation to attend.

The dress for officers and past commanders is Uniform A with bow tie.

Memorial Day Rendezvous Goes to Marriott

One of the most popular cruising events of the year, the Memorial Day Weekend Rendezvous to the Marriott at Hutchinson Island, will take place on Friday through Sunday, 28-30 May.

If you haven't already reserved a marina slip, you may be too late. But since many events are open to drive-ups, keep these in mind:

Dockside potluck party and pineapple quiz, 1700 hrs on Friday. Bring food to share, and your beverage.

Dinner with members at a local restaurant, Saturday night.

Pizza party on dock, Sunday night.

For hotel reservations, call (1772) 225-3700. To reach organizers Les and Donna McWhorter, call 746-9622.

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CDR RAFAEL L. AYBAR, JN
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



*As the land begins to appear on
the distant horizon ...*

AHOY! AHOY! The exhilarated hailing voice is heard echoed through the misty early spring fog, as the land begins to appear on a distant horizon.



We are approaching our final destination, after charting our course of action and fulfilling our mission. I have given the order to douse the sails, and start the engine as we begin to make preparation to end our safe journey.

I have asked the Bridge to prepare the final report of our journey, as we get ready to present it, to the ANNUAL MEETING and CHANGE OF WATCH.

While standing on the quarterdeck feeling the warm, Floridian breeze, I thank the "Bridge" and the members of

our crew who have assisted me in this wonderful journey. A: I stated at the beginning of our journey; "I am very fortunate indeed, to be on the quarterdeck surrounded by an excellent group of dynamic and enthusiastic members of this organization who make our Squadron a forceful and vibrant institution." It was an honor, and indeed a great privilege to have commanded the ship of the PALM BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON for in 2003-04.

A new Bridge is about to be elected. It will be ready to embark on a new journey.

After I have retired my commander's flag and accept my past Commander's flag, I will simply say... This was my humble contribution to our great Squadron.

THANKS.

'Education and cooperation' cited in Ensign



Our Squadron was prominently featured in the April issue of The Ensign, the magazine of the U.S. Power Squadrons, in an article by Cdr. Rafael L. Aybar, JN. It's entitled, "Education and cooperation: the ingredients of squadron success."

Cdr Aybar attributes the success of the Squadron's education program to the willingness and experience of its cadre of instructors, and to a cooperative effort with such agencies as the Palm Beach County Tax

Collector's office, to alert the public.

He notes that in one year, 225 students registered for BoatSmart® classes, 210 of them passed and 69 new members joined.

As an example of the Squadron's innovations, he points to the broad use of PowerPoint in instruction and to such events as the "picnic with a flair" a few years ago, when members brought expired flares to the Safe Boating picnic and watched as they were fired off in a demonstration.

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Address changes

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

From the Editor: *Selling a used boat sure is e-zzy*

I promise this column won't turn into an advertisement, but I must mention right off that my O'Day 302, Rubaiyat, is for sale, or otherwise I couldn't tell the rest of this story.

The sailboat is listed on a couple of Internet sites, and those listings have prompted occasional inquiries. One caller seemed excited and said he'd pay \$1,000 for an option to buy, but when time came to cut bait, he was holding a plastic fork.

I have exchanged messages with bargain hunters, wishful thinkers and novices who wouldn't know a forestay from a fetlock. Not a buyer in the bunch. Then about a month ago I got an e-mail from a guy who said he was was English, was interested and wanted to see some photos and specs.



A few days after I sent the photos and gave him my price, he messaged an agreement and said he'd pay all the transportation costs. But also said he would need my bank information so he could send the money directly into my account. Suddenly the aroma of that deal changed from cinnamon bun sweet to rotten egg sour.

The next offshore request to buy the boat didn't ask for pictures, just my asking price. I added another zero and messaged back the figure of \$218,000. He quickly agreed, but said his check was for \$227,000, and would I kindly wire him the difference? I didn't respond. If boats are that easy to sell, I decided to ask for a million the next time.

But why am I dickering over trivial sums, anyway? According to another e-mail, I just won the German Lottery!

Lt. Harry Lloyd, AP, Afterdeck Editor



Transom Notes

... about Squadron
people and events



Here are some of the Squadron boats that rafted up in March near the Lantana Bridge in the Intracoastal Waterway. Spike Speckeen's Schatzi is the anchor boat, and the sailboat is Hub Wheeler's Joanie III. Photo by Bob Smith.

For the second time since the Lunch Bunch first broke bread together, a restaurant has sunk beneath it.

The Roadhouse Grill, which served up hundreds of chicken sandwiches, taco salads and cheeseburgers to Squadron regulars over the last few years, along with free peanuts and soft drinks, is now marked by an "Available" sign at U.S. 1 and Yacht Club Drive.

A few years ago the Olive Garden in North Palm Beach was the Thursday lunch site. That location suddenly closed, and is now a bank.

Squadron Treasurer Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P found a new home at Duffy's Sports Bar in Oakbrook Square, and that's where it will remain until further notice. The Bunch has a private room upstairs. If you'd like to try it out, come about 11 a.m.

Low tide, high interest

About 50 Squadron members took part in April's Nose Up on the Lox, the first such event this year. Despite a threat of chilly weather, everything

turned out perfect except for one glitch — the railroad bridge alongside Alternate A1A remained down when it should have been raised, briefly locking out a boat or two.

The next Nose Up on the Loxahatchee sand bar will be on Saturday 12 June at noon. The low tide makes a great spot for the boating public to gather. Boats of 28' or less are encouraged to attend this event, as all the craft will put their "nose" on the sand with a stern anchor out.

All the family is welcome, as are your guests. Burgers and hotdogs will be grilled. Members are asked to bring a salad, side dish or a dessert to share. Please bring your beverage of choice. The small fee of \$2 per person, \$1 for children under 12, can be paid to Lt/C Joyce Newman that day. To let us know how many you will be bringing, please call Joyce at 624-7121 so we can provide adequate burgers and hotdogs. You

might want to bring a beach-type chair (at low tide the sand is nearly out of the water) and appropriate beachwear.

To reach the sand bar, take the ICW in Jupiter to the Alt A1A bridge and go west. The sandbar will be to your port side, just past the small overgrown island. Watch for the USPS flags/squadron burgees. If you need further directions, call Lt/C Joyce Newman at 624-7121 (she doesn't operate the RR bridge, unfortunately).

Open house at JREC

All Squadron members are invited to an open house at the refurbished Joe Rawlins Education Center at 1630 hrs (4:30-6) on Wednesday May 19. That's the first floor of Headquarters Building at 1125 Old Dixie Hwy in Lake Park. The Squadron spent about \$11,000 for new lights, tables, carpet and more. Refreshments will be served.

The Man Behind The Camera, Jim Tedesco

By Lt. Harry Lloyd, AP

Editor, The Afterdeck News

His friends and fellow Squadron members almost surely wouldn't recognize Jim Tedesco if they could see him as he looked on a June day 61 years ago when he and several friends visited the French seacoast.

Not that Jim has changed so much. He still has his hair, his Jersey accent and his wide grin. He has a new set of knees and a few more saucy stories. But that's not the biggest difference.

Back then, when Jim was a Navy medical corpsman mate and the destination was a beach called Normandy, he didn't have a camera in his hands or in his backpack.

The D in D-Day might as well have stood for disarmed. But rules were rules, and that meant no Brownies, Arguses or Anscos for the troops. So on perhaps the most historic and memorable days of his lifetime, he had no shutter to squeeze.

Now he does. Lt. James A. Tedesco, S, the photographer and Webmaster of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron has captured on film or digital media almost every major event and shot hundreds of new-member ceremonies since he joined the squadron some 13 years ago.

He put the Squadron on the Internet before even a handful of its members ever thought they'd have a home computer or be able to send an e-mail. Now he is hitting another beach, moving the Squadron Web site from the shadow of USPS.org to a new location with many more possibilities.

The new site is palmbeachsps.org, which offers approximately 20 times as much space for pictures, stories and information – including archives of The Afterdeck – as there was before.

"I don't know what we're going to do with all that space," he says. So he's inviting individual members and committee heads to contribute stories and photos that might be of interest to boaters anywhere in the world.

"Now everybody has a chance to have their own Web page," he says. "I don't like to, but I'll even write the story."

Jim's interest in boating and photography goes back to his early youth in New Jersey. He built rowboats to putter around in. He bought his first camera for 25 cents, and soon learned to do all his own developing and printing.

When he joined the Navy during World War II, he said he'd like to be a photographer. They got the first two letters right. He wound up as a pharmacist's mate. From France he went to the 2nd Marine Division and was billeted in



Saipan, awaiting another invasion, when the war ended.

For a while after that he spent time with occupying forces in the city of Nagasaki, where the second of two inconceivable weapons called atomic bombs had tumbled from an American plane and given him a future.

He came home to two careers, as a photographer and a police officer in the town of South Amboy, N.J., which calls itself the "Gateway to the Shore" yet is only 30 minutes from Broadway.

With equal attention to detail, he shot pictures of crime scenes, auto accidents, autopsies and wedding receptions. He rose to the rank of captain and headed the city's traffic safety division.

He did most of his boating then on Raritan Bay, around Sandy Hook, and the first Power Squadron he belonged to was at Staten Island.

In Jersey his ultimate boat was a comfortable 40-footer. After moving to Florida he had a 29-foot Albin named *Gondola* until those bad knees — "I didn't have any cartilage left" — had their say.

Now his boating consists mostly of leisurely cruising and serving on cooperative charting crews.

Jim and his wife Janice live in Ports-O-Call in North Palm Beach.

EDUCATION NEWS



The first official use of our refurbished classroom in the Headquarters Building was on Monday, 19 April for the final exam of John Luciano's Seamanship class. Everyone was impressed. The efforts of Jim Palmer, Hans Heynau, Gary Ferguson, Kathy Eldridge, Donna McWhortier, Jean Muntz and Bill Eldridge, along with the Board of Directors, really shows. We have a "model" teaching environment. Photo by Bill Eldridge.

ABC Classes Move To HQ Classroom

The Squadron's newly refurbished Joe Rawlins Educational Center will host more classes than ever over the coming months.

Because of improvements, all advanced classes except Instructor Qualification will be held in Headquarters classrooms next year. And in another change, America's Boating Courses will move from irregular schedules in public high schools to regular schedules at JREC.

Under the change, the four-session ABC classes except for two at Boynton Beach High School will start on the third Tuesday of each month at Headquarters. The remaining sessions will be held on the succeeding Thursday-Tuesday-Thursday.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Bill Eldridge, SN said ABC classes for the remainder of this year will start on 18 May, 15 June, 20 July, 17 Aug, 21 Sept, 18 Oct, 16 Nov and 21 Jan. Classes at Boynton Beach High School will start on 21 October and 18 January. All sessions start at 7 p.m. and end at 9:30. Cost is \$30 for materials, which includes a CD and book.

All courses now taught in the Squadron have been converted to PowerPoint, and the new facilities were designed with that in mind.

Starting dates during the next year for advanced courses are as follows: Seamanship, 4 Oct; Engine Maintenance, 4 Oct; Advanced Piloting, 4 Oct; Junior Navigation, 6 Oct; Navigation, 7 Oct; Piloting, 10 Jan; Marine Electronics, 12 Jan; Weather, 13 Jan; and Sail, 7 Feb.

Class Graduates Announced

Congratulations to these Squadron members who successfully completed education courses during 2003-04. Navigation and JN are still underway.

Seamanship (16)

Al Albert, Kirsten Braaten, Gary Carmichael, Anthony Cassa, Janice Cassa, Kevin Clarke, Logan Clarke, James Fantin, Betty Katz, Harry Krivit, John Litwinka, Bryan McFaul, Marcy McFaul, Kevin Mitchell, Sam Plummer, Michael Smith.

(Instructor: John Luciano, AP)

Piloting (2; more to be announced)

Darryl Aubrey, Richard Clarke.

(Instructor P/C John Reid, SN)

Advanced Piloting (7)

Darryl Aubrey, Diane Clarke, Brian Ducharme, John Jenkins, Harry Lloyd, Carol Pienadz, Linda Smithe.

(Instructor Lt. Scott Clinton, N)

Cruise Planning (1)

W. Peter Schueler

(Instructor Phil Bouckaert, AP)

Marine Electronics (4)

Brian Ducharme, Richard Hofmann, Seymour Kaplan, Linda Smithe.

(Instructors Dick Boyak, AP and John DeCarion, SN)

Weather (6)

Darryl Aubrey, William Bowman, Charles Brice, Harry Krivit, Carol Piendiaz, Robert Kostelnik.

(Instructor P/C Harvey Walford, N)

Instructor Development (4)

Peter Schueler, Howard Brown, Catherine Slater, Larry Slater.

(Instructor Phil Bouckaert, AP)

"Well Done" to all the students and the instructors!

Lt/C Bill Eldridge, SN,
Squadron Educational Officer

WHO'S NEW

The following individuals became members of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Let's welcome:

VINCENT DiPENTIMA, ANN MARIE DiPENTIMA, Jupiter

HOLGER W. HUELS, ILILKA HUELS, Boynton Beach

JACK NOBLE, Spouse: Adrienne Tequesta

SUSAN C. PRESENT, MICHAEL S. PRESENT, Jupiter

WALTER F. RENN, Spouse: Rose, Delray Beach

CONSTANCE A. SCHERR, RICHARD J. SCHERR, Jupiter

MYRNA F. SHERMAN, Northfield, IL

MYRA HOFFSTEIN, Jupiter

41 Help Make Boat Show Booth Stand Out

The 19th Annual Palm Beach Boat Show, held recently on the Intracoastal Waterway along Flagler Drive and at the new Palm Beach County Convention Center, was a huge success if attendance is any indication.

The event, displaying over 1,000 boats at both venues, drew bigger crowds than last year despite blustery weather during the first two days, giving attendees a chance to see more than \$300 million worth of boats of all kinds, from inflatable dinghies to super yachts.

In addition, accessories and exhibits from every major marine manufacturer and affiliated boating interest were on display or represented.

Among those exhibits was The Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron booth promoting safety and enjoyment of boating through education. Our professional show booth was staffed with 41 squadron members for 11 watches during the course of the event.

Thanks to our Public Relations/Marketing Chairman P/C Les McWhorter, S, we had flyers and pamphlets addressing all aspects of safe boating in addition to items for the children, boating quizzes and Power Squadron bags for distribution to visitors to our booth. In addition, flyers promoting the upcoming "Boat Smart" course along with "Free

vessel Safety Check" cards were handed out by the volunteers who enjoyed the new air conditioned tent and wider aisles.

New handouts aimed at the trailering segment of the boating public gained lots of interest.

This annual event is a perfect opportunity for our volunteer members to meet the public face to face and tell the Power Squadron story and have a good time while doing it.

I am particularly grateful to Lt Leo McVicker, P for coordinating the volunteer roster and Lt Jim Palmer and his able crew consisting of Richard Strickler and John Worssam for transporting, erecting and removing our show booth. If it were not for their invaluable efforts we would not even be able to be in the boat show.

If any one missed the opportunity to be a part of this show or hopefully enjoyed it enough that they would like to volunteer again, we will be exhibiting at the upcoming 3rd Annual Palm Beach County Boat Show to be held at the new South Florida Expo Center at the South Florida Fairgrounds, starting June 17th and running through June 20th.

Please call me at 965-7947 to get the watch assignment of your choice .

Lt Brian W. Thompson, P

BOARD MINUTES

06 April 2004

Members Present: Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN; Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN; Lt/C (P/R/C) William Eldridge, SN; Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S; Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P; D/Lt (P/C) Edward A. Newman, S

Absent: Lt/C Dennis N. Krakow, P; 1st/Lt Ralph Morse, JN ; P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S

Guests Present: 1st/Lt Jeanne Kirch, AP; Lt Alan Patti, N; Lt Harry Lloyd, ; Lt Jim Palmer; Lt Kathy Eldridge, P; Lt Jim Tedesco, P; D/Lt Al Shemo, SN; P/C Barbara Roemmele, JN; D/Lt Bill Money, P

COMMANDER Aybar reported that he attended the D/8 Spring Council Meeting 20 March. D/8 Chairman, Coop-Charting reported that out of eleven squadrons only six squadrons filed a coop/charting report. Thanked CHM Coop/Charting D/Lt Al Shemo, SN for his leadership.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Dodd reported: **Safety Officer Lt Richard C. Hofmann, P** received permission from South Florida Yachts and Larry Smith Electronics to leave literature on Safe Boating classes for distribution.

CHM Public Relations/Marketing McWhorter has sent PSAs for Safe Boating Week. P/R/C Eldridge will accompany him to Channel 29 for a TV taping on Safe Boating Week. Contacted Tuppen's Marine about sharing an ad for Safe Boating Week.

CHM Vessel Safety Check Program Patti reported 80 inspections to date. At the Palm Beach Boat show eight people signed up for vessel checks.

CHM Cooperative Charting Shemo reported geodetic, small craft facility and Adopt-A-Chart reports were sent to NGS and NOAA.

Seven members participated in geodetic marks with approximately 900 survey marks reported: Lt Scott Clinton, N, P/R/C Eldridge, Lt Palmer, Lt Patti, Barbara Patti, P; Lt Tedesco and D/Lt Shemo.

Eight members participated in surveying marinas for chart updates with 65 marinas reported — 51 on the Intracoastal and 14 on Lake Okeechobee. They were Lt Phil Bouckaert, AP; P/R/C Eldridge, D/Lt Shemo, P/C Ben Swanka, AP; Lt Tedesco and John Worssam.

Nine members participated in the Adopt-A-Chart program surveying the Intracoastal from Martin County to Broward County and various other waterways. Members were: Lt Gene Berman, AP; Lt Clinton, P/R/C Eldridge, Lt Dick Finn, Jr., AP; John Litwinka, Jim Miles, AP; D/Lt (P/C) Ed Newman, S; Lt/C Joyce Newman and Lt. Palmer. Navigation aids corrected 177; Signs corrected 16; Navigation aids/signs added/deleted 65; miscellaneous chart items 21; Lake Worth Inlet Range 1 and number of trips on water six.

Twelve members will receive Honor Roll Certificates for work performed from 01 April 2003 – 31 March 2004.

SECRETARY Joyce A. Newman reported:

Membership Status	01 April
Active Members	329
Active Sustaining Members	2
Additional Active Members	62
Life Members	20
TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS	413
Family Members	83
Jr. Family Members	7

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Associate Members	16
TOTAL OTHER MEMBERS	106
CURRENT GRAND TOTAL	519
Honorary Members	2
Pending Membership Applications included in current total:	
Active	7
Additional Active	3
Family Member	2
Jr. Family	0
Total Pending	12

Recommendation made for a committee to work on future membership dues and an on-going committee to look for fundraising activities during the year.

PROPERTY/HOUSE OFFICER Palmer reported on Old Dixie Condo Association: wood stairway on the north side of the building has been repaired and a light has been installed at the stairway. Date for painting building is still unavailable so plans for new squadron sign is on hold.

NEW BUSINESS: Secretary Newman read the Nominating Committee Report submitted by Lt Donna McWhorter. Election will be at the Annual Meeting 08 June.

D/Lt Al Shemo, SN proposed that the squadron consider placing signs with ABC course information to be posted at marina areas as the Coast Guard Auxiliary has displayed.

Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S. Secretary

LAW LOG: New Committee Sets Goals

By Lt. Dick Finn, AP

The USPS-wide multiyear strategic planning effort, still under way, has developed a new, broader, proactive focus on government relations and external affairs. The National Government Relations ad hoc Committee, introduced in an earlier Law Log, essentially replaced the National Liaison Committee. The work of the ad-hoc committee over the last 18 months made apparent that its goals needed to be broader than the charter of National Liaison, which was consideration of government activities alone; therefore in January 2004 the expanded scope of the ad-hoc committee was recognized to additionally include liaison, relations and active cooperation with the many boating safety partners of USPS.

At the same time the National Liaison Committee was dissolved, the new organization formally took on all its duties and activities and the new national organization was named National Government and Partner Relations.

USPS has recently undertaken an entirely new task which has been assigned to G&PR — development of a “Maritime Security Support Initiative.” This initiative, still in its early stages, will identify and facilitate a meaningful role for USPS in support of homeland security. Also transferred to G&PR was the responsibility for the USPS External Guests Program.

The G&PR retains ad-hoc status until it has an adequate, trained staff. There are not yet organization changes at District and Squadron; the structure will be developed from top down. Organization goals were approved Jan. 17, 2004. Here they are, along with summaries of the tactics to be used.

Goal 1: To design and implement an internal structure within all levels of USPS to initiate, promote, monitor, and coordinate our Government & Partner “Objective”, “Strategy”, “Organizational Goals”, “Tactics”, and “Action Plans.”

Tactics: Identify the appropriate activities at all levels ... Design USPS organization ... Staff that organization.

Goal 2: To design and implement procedures and standards for the formulation, adoption, presentation and review of USPS positions intended to support or influence Government & Partner decisions.

Tactics: Review existing USPS policies that relate to

Government & Partner Relations, e.g. lobbying ... Identify existing USPS positions on national issues, e.g. mandatory boating education... Draft written procedures and standards regarding appropriate lobbying and liaison/support... Develop and implement administrative systems to manage the requisite communication with USPS policy makers.

Goal 3: To design, implement, and maintain a “Government and ‘Partners in Boating Safety’ Contacts” data base to include legislative and executive branch officials, key staff and lobbyists, and those of other recreational boating safety organizations; and to establish an interactive web site permitting two way lines of information/communication for our USPS membership; and a secure means of inputting private and sensitive contact information for use on a restricted basis.

Tactics: Identify existing databases for government agencies, elected officials and our Partners... Design an interactive website and relational database of contact and related information... Publish listing of all levels of relevant government officials to be retrievable by squadron geographic area... Upon approval, link USPS public website to appropriate websites of Government and Partners... Maintain and update above website(s).

Goal 4: To develop and maintain positive, consistent and coordinated relationships with key governmental agencies and officials, and the leadership/government relations staff of other recreational boating organizations.”

Tactics: Design and execute internal policies and procedures within all levels of USPS to manage internal and external communications... Implement appropriate roles for interaction among all levels of USPS and relevant state and federal agencies and officials and other recreational boating organization leaders, e.g. informational, advisory, commentary, consulting, and lobbying... Develop standard procedures to support the fulfillment the responsibilities of the External Guest Program as noted earlier.

Further information on the development of this major USPS strategic focus will be reported as it becomes available.

Source: P/R/C John Wilson, AP, Chairman, Government and Partner Relations