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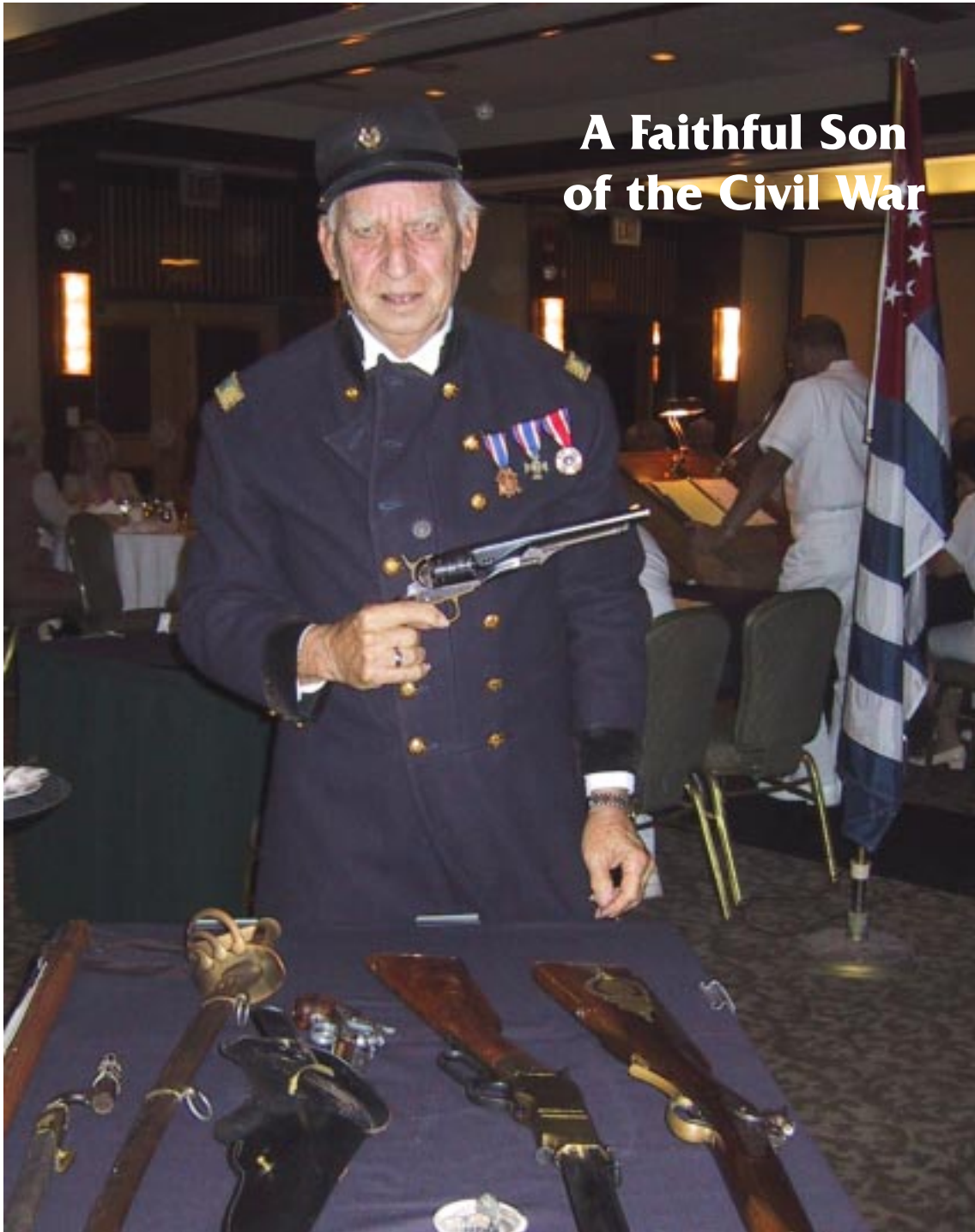


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A Faithful Son of the Civil War

**Commander's
Ball, Holiday Party
set for 9 Decem-
ber: Reservation
Deadline is 1 Dec.
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**Education News:
4 classes are
underway, 4 more
start in January.
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**Lt. Jim Tedesco will
present program
on Pearl Harbor at
November general
meeting.
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Civil War historian Leland Smith of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, dressed in the blue of a Union soldier, shows off some of his antique weapons at the October general meeting of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron. He spoke on "The Taking of Fort Fisher." Photo by Lt Ralph Morse, JN.

This Month's Meeting

Please note the later date for this month's general meeting due to the Squadron Cruise.

Date: Tuesday 18 November.

Location: PGA Members Club

Time: Social Hour 1800 hrs (6 p.m.)

Dinner: 1900 hrs

Program: 2000 hrs (approx).

Menu

House Salad (Garden greens wrapped in a cucumber slice and garnished with cherry tomatoes).

Rolls with butter

Choice of entree:

- Pork chops, stuffed with apples and sweet onions and served with mashed potatoes and garden vegetables.

- Baked Pacific salmon with a lemon-dill beurre blanc, served with rice and garden vegetables.

New York style cheesecake

Coffee/decaf/iced tea

Price: \$24 per person. Please pay by check payable to PBSPS.

Reservations

Call P/C Klaus Reinwarth, AP (772-283-3585) by Friday 14 Nov.

Program

Lt Jim Tedesco, P will give a multimedia presentation on Pearl Harbor.

The uniform of the evening for all Bridge officers, past commanders and D/8 Bridge officers is Uniform "G."

Bar Prices

Cocktails \$6, wine \$5, beer \$4 and \$4.50, mineral water \$3 and sodas \$2.25.

Commander's Ball, Holiday Party is 09 Dec

The Squadron will celebrate the holidays at its annual Commander's Ball and Holiday Party on 09 December at the PGA Members Club.

If that sounds like a long way off, look again — reservations are due by 1 December, so you should act early to make sure you have a place.

The band Special Edition — you may know them as P/C Lesly McWhorter's dance combo — will provide the music.

Menu choices for the dinner (starting at 8 p.m.) are prime rib (queen cut) and chicken marsala. Appetizers, including cheeses and a vegetable tray, will be served at 7 p.m.

For reservations contact Lt. Janice Tedesco at 624-2814 by 1 Dec. Please do not call before 11 Nov.

The price for the event is \$46 per person. The uniform will be Uniform "A" with bow tie,



Al Albert and Betty Katz of Delray Beach take the oath as new members of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron at the 9 October meeting. They're listed, along with other new members, on Page 6. Photo by Lt. Ralph Morse, JN.

Old Port Cove Raft-Up Scheduled for 29 Nov

The squadron's first raft-up of the season is scheduled for Saturday 29 Nov at Old Port Cove. Plan to arrive around noon.

Participants are invited to bring a dessert to share with others, and your own beverages. Also, please wear soft-soled deck shoes out of consideration for other boat owners.

If you're interested, please call Gene Berman, AP (498-1827) to say so.

Lunch Bunch Change

One of the most popular Squadron events is one at which no official business takes place — the Lunch Bunch gathering at 11 a.m. each Thursday (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) at the Roadhouse Grill on U.S. 1.

As of 01 October, the ground rules have changed somewhat. Added to your ckeck will be an 18 percent gratuity for the wait staff.

The peanuts and the soft drinks are still free!

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CDR RAFAEL L. AYBAR, JN
COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



It's Squadron Cruise time again!

Our traditional annual Squadron cruise is on the last minute preparation. At the last roster call, 48 members were getting ready for embarking on this luxurious Princess Cruise, destined for the Lesser Antilles, departing Ft. Lauderdale November 1st, 2003.

Due to personal circumstances, I will not be able to accompany this happy group sail the beautiful crystal aqua blue waters of the Caribbean. However, I have appointed P/C Edward A. Newman, S my flag Lieutenant, to personally represent me and the Squadron in this glorious Princess vacation, as well as Lt. James A. Tedesco, P with his charismatic friendly smile assuring a great time and a successful voyage.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the members of the annual Squadron Cruise Committee for

It's a Party!

P/C Ed Newman, cruise chairman, reports that Sun Princess Cruise will host a cocktail party 03 November in the Shooting Stars Disco for squadron members. It's the first time the squadron have been so entertained. A reminder, though: cruisers are expected to chip in for a gratuity for serving staff.

making this dream a reality, offering the Squadron not only a time for fun, relaxation and friendship but also assisting the Squadron with our main fund raiser event supporting our Squadron's treasury.

Calm sea and blue clear sky.

Bon voyage

Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN

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

From the Editor: Solving the bugs to a Web presence

It's only fair that Lt. Jim Tedesco, P contributed to our little essay this month. After all, your editor has been trying to contribute to our Webmaster's noteworthy efforts. Here is what Jim wrote:

"Regrettably, we had to temporarily discontinue inserting a link in our squadron Web site (www.usps.org/localusps/palm) that pointed to our monthly Afterdeck News. The problem was, each squadron is allocated 5 megabytes of free space on the USPS national server for its web site. That is very nice but quite frankly barely enough space.



"Many squadrons are now renting anywhere from 50 to 100 megs of space on commercial servers for a nominal fee — around \$7.50 monthly. This cost is absorbed because the squadron newsletter is now given to the

printer on a computer disk resulting in a large monthly saving. So bear with us and hopefully next month we will again be able to post a link to The Afterdeck on our website so Aunt Millie in Peoria can see your name or picture.

"Also, with the added space we will post three months of Afterdeck News so you can reference back three months. See you on the Web.

"Lt James Tedesco, P, Squadron Webmaster"

Jim has been more than cooperative in trying to make the Afterdeck available to browsers everywhere, including our own members who can't wait for the Postal Service to deliver. It's another issue, but we're also grateful to those who served on a committee to make sure the WebDeck doesn't infringe on the privacy of any of our members. You can read about that on the back page. Meanwhile, visit Jim's Web site for its own great content!

Lt Harry Lloyd, P, Afterdeck Editor



Pendant Fever

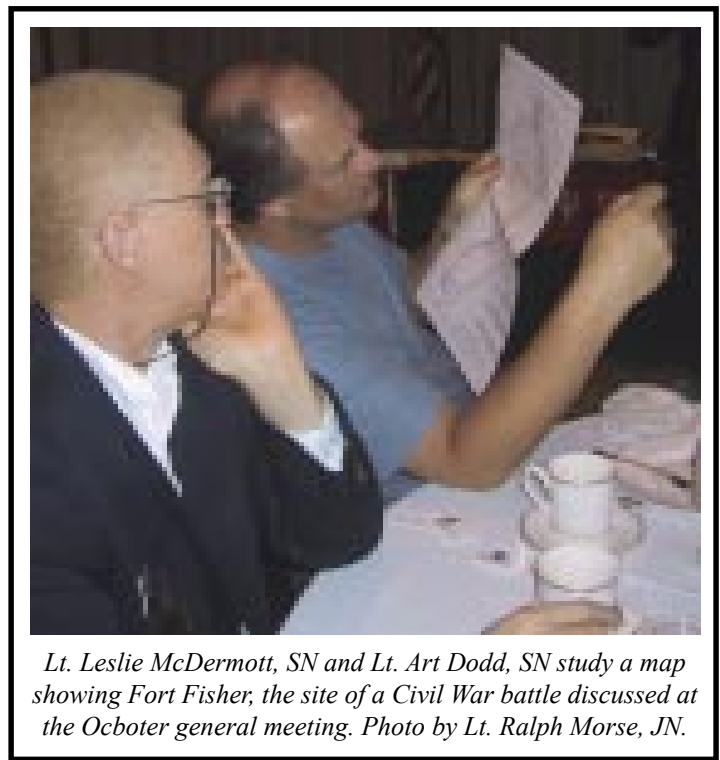
...items about Squadron people and events

P/C Fritz Bierschenk, AP has volunteered to man a booth at West Marine (on U.S. Highway 1) flea market at first Saturday of each month. Fritz is looking for volunteers to help. Persons with items to sell may choose to contribute the receipts to the squadron if they wish. Also, vessel safety check signup sheets be available.

The Afterdeck News®/Website Committee met 25 September and discussed legal issues and privacy of members' information published on the website. Editor **Lt. Harry Lloyd, P** and Secretary **Lt/C Joyce A Newman, S** agreed to edit newsletter items for privacy concerns before it is placed on the web site. Other committee members were **Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN**; Squadron Law Officer **Lt Michael Shalloway, P**; Webmaster **Lt. Jim Tedesco, S**; Editor Lloyd; and **P/C Hans Heynau, N**.

Following the recommendation of **P/C Les McWhorter, S**, the Squadron Board of Directors has decided not to host a hospitality room at the District 8 Spring Conference 23-25 April 2004 in Palm Beach Gardens. P/C. McWhorter said no suite was available at the Marriott Hotel, and a room would have cost \$325.

The Squadron will not pursue for now an agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard whereby members would assist with security efforts at the Port of Palm Beach and on nearby waterways. Instead, the squadron will send a thank you letter to USCG Petty Officer Ivan Reales, OPS Officer from Lake Worth Station, declining his offer to enter into such an agreement. Cdr Rafael L. Ayubar, JN explained that local squadrons should await a decision by USPS national officials before undertaking any volunteer efforts now handled by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Lt. Leslie McDermott, SN and Lt. Art Dodd, SN study a map showing Fort Fisher, the site of a Civil War battle discussed at the October general meeting. Photo by Lt. Ralph Morse, JN.

P/C Ed Newman, S has been making inquiries aimed at perhaps entering into sponsorship of a Sea Scout unit in this area. P/C Newman contacted Boy Scout Council for information on Sea Scout Ships that might be in need of a sponsor. Such information has been elusive, but P/C Newman will continue to work with council regarding possibilities for squadron to serve as a Sea Scout sponsor.

The Squadron is attempting to expand its Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program, but first it needs additional examiners to conduct safety inspections at marinas, yacht clubs and boat ramps throughout Palm Beach County. Once certified, vessel examiners will assist the recreational boating public to achieve voluntary compliance with all federal and state boating regulations, particularly regarding the carriage of safety equipment. Examinations are conducted on all types of recreational boats. To volunteer, call **Lt. Alan Patti, N** at (561) 626-6606 or e-mail him at gpatti@bellsouth.net.

Minutes of the Board of Directors

07 October 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT — Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN; Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN; P/C John R. Luciano, AP; Lt/C Dennis N. Krakow, P; Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S; Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P; Donald H. Kranendonk, P; Ralph Morse, JN; P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S; Immediate P/C Edward A. Newman, S; **ABSENT** — Lt/C (P/R/C) William Eldridge, SN

GUESTS PRESENT — Lt Jim Palmer; 1st/Lt Jeanne Kirch, AP; Lt Al Shemo, SN; Lt Alan Patti, N; D/Lt/C Sally Williams, AP; Lt Harry Lloyd, P; Lt Jim Tedesco, P; D/Lt (P/Stf/C) Rod Landsman, AP.

COMMANDER Aybar reported:

- Three questions that were voted on at the Governing Board in Reno were sent by e-mail to the Bridge and Members-at-Large (see story on Page 5).
- At the D/8 Fall Conference two members will be honored: George A. Delatush, SN will be presented with 50-year plaque and pin and Lt Les McDermott, SN will receive the Senior Navigation Achievement Award.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Dodd reported:

- Congratulated Lt Alan E. Patti, P who passed the VSC exam. Lt. Patti, chairman of the Vessel Safety Check Program, reported 154 vessel inspections to date. Our squadron ranks third in D/8.
- Congratulated Lt William R. Money, P, who was appointed D/8 Safety Officer.
- Chm Cooperative Charting Lt Shemo reported activities will pick up in the fall.
- PRO P/C McWhorter reported last of PSA releases were sent. Prepared a package of sample PDS releases for P/Stf/C Rod Landsman, AP to deliver to the D/8 Fall Conference for the Public Relations Workshop.

ASSISTANT Education Officer Luciano reported:

- BOAT SMART®, Palm Beach Lakes HS will have 18 students taking the exam 08 October. BOAT SMART will start at Dwyer HS 22 October and at Boynton Beach HS 23 October. Advanced classes starting in October for AP, JN, N and Seamanship.
- Questioned what is the youngest age requirement for a family member to take an advanced course. First, established family members under the age of 18 are classified as junior family members for dues purposes only and that family members can take advanced courses upon passing BOAT SMART/Approved exam.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Krakow reported:

- Speaker for 04 March 2004 will be P/C Hans Heynau, N on "Lewis and Clark's Expedition."
- Working in preparation for the Holiday Party and Commander's Ball in December and needs volunteers.
- Requested that someone be assigned to be responsible for setting up audio-visual equipment for speaker presentations. Commander recommended waiting until Education Officer Eldridge returns from vacation since the equipment is assigned to the Education Department.
- Checking on locations for Safe Boating Week picnic (Safe Boating Week: 15 – 21 May 2004).

- Chm Membership Involvement Lt Paula Weiss working on ways to involve young children of squadron members in squadron activities.

SECRETARY Joyce A. Newman reported:

- P/D/Lt/C Jim O'Connor, SN reminds that 30 November is deadline for squadron to solicit a donation of \$1 per member to the USPS Educational Fund.

Membership Status (01 October)

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| Active Members | 297 |
| Active Sustaining Members | 2 |
| Additional Active Members | 54 |
| Life Members | 20 |
| TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS | 373 |
| Family Members | 71 |
| Jr. Family Members | 6 |
| Associate Members | 12 |
| TOTAL OTHER MEMBERS | 89 |
| CURRENT GRAND TOTAL | 462 |
| Honorary Members | 2 |
| Pending Membership Applications | |
| included in current total: | |
| Active | 1 |
| Family Member | 1 |
| Total Pending | 2 |

TREASURER Ferguson reported:

- First quarter income running about the same as last year.
- Membership and Fleet Roster cost for printing increased this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Merit Marks – D/Lt/C (P/C) Sally Williams, AP reported there are 96 active and eight family members recommended for merit marks. Approximately five are first-year members. One member is up for his 25th merit mark and six members will be become senior members.
- Property/House Officer Palmer reported 09 September condo meeting was postponed.
- The condo parking lot will be recoated this month.
- The headquarters carpet needs to be repaired or replaced. Acquired one estimate of \$1,100. Cdr recommended a committee of Lt Palmer, Lt/C Ferguson and Lt Kathy Eldridge, P meet and report to the bridge.

OTHER:

- Cdr requested AO Krakow to set up a telephone committee to contact squadron members when needed.
- P/C Ed Newman congratulated the bridge for emphasis made on the importance of education however is concerned regarding the lack of activities for the squadron for the first four months of the Bridge year. Would like to see additional emphasis in the area of activities for squadron members.

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

Education News

4 Courses Underway; 4 More in January

Classes got underway in October in four advanced courses — Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation.

Meanwhile, enrollment is still open for a fifth advanced course, Piloting, which starts in January, and for six elective courses. The education program has received favorable notice twice recently in the Coast Guard's Notices to Mariners!

Here's information on the upcoming classes:

PILOTING: This course emphasizes accurate charting and prepares you to find your way around on the water. The first class is 8 January 2004 (all meetings are on Thursday nights at Squadron Headquarters) and the final exam is 19 March. Call instructor P/C Jack Reid, SN at 747-5428. There is a \$30 fee for materials.

WEATHER: This course won't qualify you to join the National Hurricane Center, but it will help you better understand why storms develop and how to deal with them. The instructor is P/C Harvie Salford, SN (1845-1540). You may also call SEO Bill Eldridge, SN at 863-1461. The first class is Thursday, 15 Jan at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Building in Phil Foster Park, off Blue Heron Boulevard. The final exam is 25 March. Fee is \$40.

CRUISE PLANNING: P/D/Lt./C Jim O'Connor, SN (743-4408) and Lt. Phil Bouckaert, AP (863-7971) teach

this course, which deals with the nuts, bolts and other details of planning a successful boat trip. The 9-week course runs from 07 January to 03 March and meets on Wednesdays at Headquarters. The fee is \$35.

ENGINE MAINTENANCE: Diesel or gasoline, this course helps you understand regular maintenance requirements and emergency measures. Call instructor Lt. Carl Nyman, JN (630-2072). Dates are 05 January through 14 March (Mondays). The fee is \$35.

SAIL: Two groups are scheduled for four Mondays each, from 02 February through 22 March. Instructor is Lt. Art Dodd, SN (743-4702). Fee: \$20.

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION: Dates will be announced soon for this free course.

MARINE ELECTRONICS: Dates to be announced. The fee is \$35.

BOATSMART®: An introductory course to boating. The next scheduled classes start on Wednesday, 7 Jan at Palm Beach Lakes HS and Thursday 8 Jan at Boynton Beach HS. Hours are 7-9:30 p.m. and the course lasts four weeks. The fee is \$30 per person and \$20 for additional family members.



Cathy Schroll



Jim Schrage



Jim Fantin



Kit and Don Lehrer

Welcome these new members to the Squadron

Al Albert, Betty Katz
Delray Beach, FL

Glenn E. and Carole Toft
North Palm Beach, FL 33408

James T. Schrage
Tequesta, FL 33469-2362

George and Sue Cunniff
Tequesta, FL

Randy and Justin Wills
West Palm Beach, FL

John and Cathy A. Schroll
West Palm Beach, FL

Alfred D. and Betty Jane Leonard
Hypoluxo, FL

Donald and Kathryn Lehrer
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Rocco J. and Yvonne Sainato
West Palm Beach, FL

Upper Keys Squadrom gains provisional status

The following is a summary of action taken at the 06 Sept Governing Board Meeting in Reno, Nevada. It was received in a memorandum from D/C Reinhard Bruderer, SN.

Provisional status has been granted for Upper Keys Squadron. Commander is Marvin Glade, P.O. Box 1267, Islamorada, FL 33036. Telephone: (305) 664-0026. E-mail: marv7g@aol.com.

These bylaws changes were approved:

- **Section 4.5.4** – Multiple Flag Offices are possible, provided they are not at any single level of USPS.

- Apprentice Members become the fourth category of members (Section 3.1). They are between the ages of 12 and 18, not related to USPS members with the same privileges and restrictions as family members.

Non-prorated entrance fee \$10, non-prorated certificate fee \$2.

- **Section 3.1** – There shall be four classes of members, namely, active members, family members, apprentice members and honorary members. Active members shall have all the privileges of membership in USPS while the other classes of members shall have limited privileges as noted below.

- **Section 3.8** – Apprentice members of USPS shall be persons who have reached the age of twelve and have passed an examination approved by the Operating Committee.

- **3.8.1** – Apprentice members shall be entitled to the same rights and benefits of membership in USPS as family members, including the right to take advanced grade and elective courses, serve on appointed committees except as chair, and earn family merit marks.

- **3.8.2** – Apprentice membership shall terminate at the end of the dues year in which the apprentice reaches his eighteenth birthday.

- **Voluntary** Headquarters Dues Collection and Anniversary Dues Billing.

Squadrons from up to three districts will be eligible for this test run. A new section 12.12 is added “notwithstanding any contrary provision contained in Articles 3, 5, and 12 of these Bylaws, the Governing Board may authorize the National Treasurer to design a voluntary alternative dues collection program, with the approval of the Operating Committee, and to test such program for a period of five years.”

D/8 exercised complete voting privilege through personal or proxy representation.

USPS Bylaws are available at <http://www.usps.org>.

Submitted by:

Lt/C Joyce Newman, S

Secretary

C. Heliotis Passes

Constantine H. Heliotis, P, a USPS member for 51 years, an avid sailor and the recipient of eight merit marks, passed away on 05 Sept. Mr. Heliotis is survived by his wife, Astrid.

LAW LOG

More on Marine Fuels Tax

(This article is from Coastlines magazine, a publication of the Marine Industries of Palm Beach County.)

About a year ago, Law Log noted that virtually all of the state marine fuel tax revenue is allocated to the Department of Transportation (think new roads). The session of 2002-03 ended without a bill that would have ensured that marine interests who pay this tax would benefit.

The first 2003-04 session, however, did pass appropriate legislation and it has been signed by the governor over DOT objections. The law initially sets aside \$2.5 million from the approximately \$32 million total expected to be collected at marinas in fiscal year 2004. The amount to be set aside is scheduled to gradually increase each year, and then remain constant at \$13.4 million beginning in FY 2008.

The law also creates an Office of Boating and Waterways, which will be outlined in a future Log.

Lt. Dick Finn, Legislative Liaison