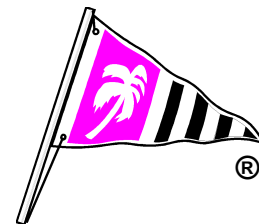


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09 September meeting Features Coast Guard

The issue of security at the Port of Palm Beach, and the U.S. Coast Guard's role in it, will be the subject of the program at the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron's first general membership meeting of the new year.

The meeting starts with a cash-bar reception at 1800 hrs (6 p.m.) on **Tuesday 09 September** at the PGA Members Club.

Scheduled speaker is Petty Officer Reales of the Coast Guard Station Lake Worth. Dinner is at 1900 and the program starts about 2000 hrs.

Members should make reservations by Thursday 04 September with a telephone call to **Reva Berman at 498-1827**. That's a Boynton Beach number. Reva will be taking reservations for this month only.

Price for the dinner is \$24 per person. Please pay by check only, payable to the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

Here's the menu:

- √ House salad with choice of 3 dressings
- √ Rolls and butter
- √ Sliced New York strip steak with mashed potatoes, garden vegetables and Bourbon sauce, or
- √ Sesame grilled salmon with orange soy sauce, rice and garden vegetables
- √ Florida key lime pie
- √ Coffee/decaf or iced tea.

You may note that the member's price for meals this year is the same as last year. Bar drinks are also the same — cocktails \$6, wine \$5, beer \$4 and \$4.50, mineral water \$3 and sodas \$2.25.



Photo by JOHN WORSSAM

P/C John Luciano flips "em for Jim Palmer, Jay Muntz, Gene Berman

New Grill Lets Squadron Cook With Gas on the Lox

The squadron's master chef, P/C John Luciano, had a useful new gadget to try out on the occasion of the Nose-Up on the Lox, Saturday 21 July on the Loxahatchee River sandbar.

John's toy was the squadron's recently purchased Weber portable propane grill, secure on a new folding table, which passed its first test by producing quantities of tasty hamburgers and hot dogs for about 25 people.

The weather was perfect and the only distractions were a couple of hungry and curious pugs that occasionally got underfoot.

Event planner P/C Lesly McWhorter, who ferried over supplies in his inflatable, declared it a success and said there would be more when the tide tables cooperate. Les thanked Lt. Donna McWhorter, Lt. Jim Palmer, P/R/C Bob Malone, Lt. John Worssam and Gene Berman for their help.

When the waters rose again, four boats and their crews retreated to the McWhorters' canal off Marlin Drive and rafted up for more fun.

Participating boats included a pontoon boat, cruisers to about 28 feet, another inflatable and even a kayak. The Nose-Up is one time when even the most skilled boater doesn't mind running aground. ▲

Here is the uniform of the evening for all Bridge officers, past commanders and D/8 Bridge officers:

MEN: Black coat, white long trousers, white shirt, black tie, white belt,

white socks, white shoes.

LADIES: Black jacket, white skirt or slacks, white shirt, black crossover tie, white belt, white shoes, white purse. ▲

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CDR RAFAEL L. AYBAR, JN

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



'Now, it will be my responsibility to emulate and maintain the high standards ...'

On June 10, 2003, a very important and significant event took place at our Squadron. Commander Edward A. Newman passed the commander flag over to the newly elected commander who will be serving in the 2003-04 term of office.

I took the oath of office and did solemnly promised that, I will serve the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron faithfully as commander, by always keeping in mind the best interest of the Organization.

After reviewing past Commander Edward A. Newman's report of the state of our Squadron, I was very impressed with his accomplishments. In his year of tenure as commander, he placed our Squadron second to none in the United States Power Squadron's history.

Now, it will be my responsibility to emulate and maintain the high standards P/C Edward A. Newman has constituted

for the Squadron, and I will do my very best to serve the Squadron well. 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. I might say that the "Observed Altitude (Ho), the Azimuth Angle (z), and the true bearing of the Geographical Position (GP) of the Star (Azimuth)" has been calculated, and we are right on course. During my watch at the helm, and with the assistance of the talented and dedicated group of our fellow members, we will steer our Squadron by the same "star," maintaining the same "course," same "speed," same "goal" and the same "mission!"

For those who wish to be part of our "journey"...

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From the Editor: *high goals and some promises*

Welcome, Afterdeck readers and fellow Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron® members and friends. This is my first issue, and I'm pleased you have gotten this far, but let's hope there are more important things in these pages than the words I will be sharing with you each month.

It's an awesome undertaking, trying to live up to the standards of some of the editors who have preceded me. The late Millie Knight was a dedicated craftsman and perfect for a job like this because she wouldn't take any guff off anybody. I know that well because back when I ran a small print shop in Tequesta I tried to persuade her to change horses and have me print it, and boy, did she know how to say no!

Ed and Joyce Newman are a lot softer-edged, but very versatile and probably never made anyone mad in their lives. I would never be able to hold down this job and



guide the squadron as they did, but they're special people.

I'm counting on a lot of you to help Pat and me every month. Ed and Joyce have been great, and David Kimmel, John Worssam, Les McWhorter, Les Bailey, Paula Weiss, Lou Levy and LeRoy Batchelor have pitched in. Thanks to Jim Bloom, whose fine first-person story you can look for next month. Let's hope it inspires other submissions.

You may have already noticed that Page 2 and the back cover are now open for news and photos. I hope you come to expect that, and anytime you don't see a story about the next squadron meeting on Page 2, the meal's free!

One more promise, a serious one, that has nothing to do with the editorship but everything to do with what this squadron does best. I'll enroll in AP next month if Scott Clinton, a classmate in P, will have me. I'll keep you posted.

Lt Harry Lloyd, P, Afterdeck Editor

Standing Rules 2003-04

*The Standing Rules of the Squadron are reviewed and adopted by the Board of Directors and Bridge at the first meeting of each bridge year. After a review of the Standing Rules, Revision #13, dated 02 July 2002 the rules were accepted as presented for the 2003-04 Bridge year. **The Standing Rules for 2003-04 will be voted on by the squadron membership at the 09 September 2003 General Membership dinner meeting.***

Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN

1.1 Upon the death of an active squadron member or of a past commander of this squadron (even though the P/C may have been inactive immediately prior to the last illness), the Board of Directors shall instruct the treasurer to send a donation of \$25 to the National Education Fund.

1.2 The amount of the donation to the National Education Fund shall be \$10 for a deceased family member or spouse who is not a member.

1.3 The National Education Fund shall be requested to list such donations to the credit of this squadron for purposes of determining squadron per capita contributions.

1.4 Commander shall fill in a "Last Horizons" form and mail it to THE ENSIGN.

1.1 All squadron bridge officers will have a budget in order to carry out the duties of their office. The squadron commander's budget is needed to partially offset the cost of attending required meetings and other duties.

1.2 The costs of attending Governing Board, District Council and Conference meetings; transportation, if by automobile at the IRS standing business rate; lodging and meals at these events; squadron hospitality expenses or other items which apply to the commander's duties are covered to the extent of the budget.

1.3 Itemized receipts on squadron forms should be submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement. Since the books of the treasurer are subject to both internal and external audit, the presence of receipts is required. Any expenditure without receipts will not be reimbursed until the treasurer brings such items to the Board of Directors, who will have the option of approval or disapproval.

1.1 No later than 01 April of each year the secretary's department shall provide to the treasurer a list of names and addresses of all squadron associate members for purposes of the subsequent year's billing.

1.2 The treasurer shall notify the secretary as soon as associate members dues are paid.

1.1 The treasurer will review all contracts and commitments with financial obligations before signatures of approval are affixed. All contracts and commitments will require two signatures; one signature will be the Bridge Officer responsible for the activity requiring the contract or commitment, the other will be that of the commander.

1.2 All financial requests brought up before the Board of Directors for approval, such as subsidizing activities pricing of courses, books and supplies, must be accompanied by a complete budget explaining and justifying the request and financial obligations incurred.

5.0 The Nominating Committee will invite the existing Bridge to make recommendations and to verify opinions as to the suitability of possible nominees. Such actions are to be held in strict confidence.

6.0 These Standing Rules, and others deemed appropriate to be added to this list, shall be reviewed and adopted at the first Board of Directors Meeting of each New Watch and then referred to the next General Membership Meeting for approval. ▲

Criteria for selecting a Squadron Member of the Year

- Does the job well that he or she has volunteered to do.
- Gladly takes on additional responsibilities.
- Attends most, if not all, committee meetings, squadron meetings and D/8 meetings.
- Always is available for whatever, whenever.
- Goes beyond that which is expected.
- Does all of the above with a smile and positive attitude.

P/C McWhorter Selected as Member of the Year

By P/C Edward A. Newman, S

P/C Les McWhorter, S, our 2002-03 Member of the Year, has met the above criteria and exceeded them.

When Les became Immediate Past Commander at the end of his term, he immediately volunteered to be the squadron public relations officer, the equivalent of a full-time job. He started out by having flyers for BOAT SMART and Vessel Safety Checks distributed every two months to most all marinas, boat stores and libraries in the county. He also did monthly public service announcements to all newspaper, radio and TV outlets. Les was at each board meeting to report on what he was doing in public relations. He established a Public Relations Council to coordinate and promote the activities of the squadron.

After our squadron lost its executive officer in October, the administrative officer moved to the executive officer's position creating a vacancy. Since we were unable to fill the assistant administrative officer's position at the beginning of the bridge year, no one was prepared to become AO. The Bridge pondered the dilemma, knowing that no one wanted to accept the AO slot, which requires responsibility for all internal squadron activities including dinner meetings, all boating activities, picnics, Operations Training and attendance at all squadron and District 8 meetings. At this point Les stepped up and said "I will volunteer to be interim Administrative Officer until you can find someone."

Les was extremely successful in this position four years previously. The bridge and board were delighted that Les made this offer and promptly voted to accept him as the temporary AO — which lasted nine months. What happened to the Public Relations/Marketing officer? Les kept that job also, but would have gladly given it up if someone wanted to do it. The



Photo by DAVID KIMMEL, P

Outgoing CDR Newman presents P/C McWhorter at July ceremony

squadron's activity calendar never lost a beat (pun) under Les' leadership.

When the D/8 Spring Council was called I asked that the Bridge attend. Les had another commitment but still was the first to say, "Commander, if you need me to be there, I will!" This has been Les' attitude all year.

Volunteerism, determination, dedication and being a "team player" are just some of the descriptors for Les. He doesn't just talk the words; he does them. His involvement was a major contribution in making the 2002-03 Bridge year a success and for that the entire squadron and I thank him!

P/C McWhorter's response to award

Fellow members:

Please know how very much the distinction you have bestowed on me as "Member of the Year" means. To join the ranks of those so selected in the past is an honor in itself.

Over the past eight or so years the many friends Donna and I have through the Squadron have become like family and have provided a storehouse of wonderful memories.

Someone once asked why do I get involved with so many facets of our organization. An honest answer is the enjoyment of -- being involved. One gets back tenfold from the fellowship and activities with our membership; it is as simple as that...

Again, thank you for this cherished honor — I shall treasure it always.
Gratefully, Les McWhorter

Chief Surgeon

*After a lifetime of learning by doing,
Cdr Aybar wants people involved.*

By Lt. Harry W. Lloyd, P
Editor, *The Afterdeck News*

The mouth of Curtis Creek is a mile wide where it joins the Patapsco River near Glen Burnie, Maryland. Take a turn to starboard, on a bearing of 100 degrees true, and you will pass under the I-695 Bridge and onto the fabled sailing grounds of the Chesapeake Bay. Turn to port and ahead are the lively Inner Harbor of Baltimore and the hallowed, star spangled Fort McHenry.

Those are the waters upon which Dr. Rafael L. Aybar, a young general surgeon who knew almost less about boats in the early 1970's than he did about haiku, was introduced to halyards and helmsmanship.

"I lived by the river and I decided I wanted a motor-boat," he recalled recently. "But a patient of mine put me onto sailing." The patient took him out in his boat, talked him into buying a 17-foot daysailer, and started him onto a course that continues to explore new waters.

Three years later, when he had "outgrown" the small boat, the surgeon attended the International Boat Show in Annapolis and ordered a solid and steady British-built sloop. He took delivery on it across the river in Dundalk and named it Doña Blanca — Spanish for White Lady.

Almost 30 years later he still has the boat, and it is well-sailed despite having fewer than 500 hours on its original diesel. "I only used the engine to dock and to leave the dock," he recalls. "It was a great area to sail."

Patapsco and the Chesapeake were a long way from where Aybar grew up — Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic on the island of Hispaniola.

Throughout Aybar's boyhood, his country was under the control of another Rafael — El Jefe, Rafael Trujillo. Aybar's father made his living with a pen, doing calligraphy on diplomas and official documents. The young man's goal from early on was to practice a different art, closer to the profession of an uncle who was a dermatologist.

"I almost always I wanted to be a surgeon," he says. "As a boy I would sneak in the operating room and watch."

Aybar completed college and medical school in his hometown and wanted to go to France for further study, but wound up instead in New York. His arrival there was the first of a series of illustrations about the differences in classroom education and practical learning.

"I had studied English and thought I knew it, but when I got off the plane in New York I couldn't understand a word anybody was saying." While serving his medical internship and residency at hospitals in New York and Baltimore, he learned again that even in the field of medicine, formal study, is but a start for a lifetime of working and growing.

After the young doctor returned to the United States, already convinced he wanted to make this his country, he went into practice in the Baltimore area and served on the staff at Lutheran Hospital, which is now closed.

In the mid-1960s open heart surgery was just a promising idea, not something to build a career on. "About 1980, I got interested in laparoscopy," he said. Soon, with the development of new machines and techniques, the field of coronary surgery opened up and Aybar went that way.

At a staff picnic in 1984 the hospital's chief operating officer asked Aybar if he'd like to be chief administrator of the hospital. He said he had never thought about it, although he had been chief of staff for eight years. For three years he ran a 300-bed hospital while maintaining his private practice — and learning to sail.

"Going out on the boat has been my therapy," he says. "It's better than having a psychiatrist."

He took a course at the Annapolis Sailing School, but found that when he got behind the wheel of his boat, he had to learn all over again. To learn more and to meet other boaters, he joined the Patapsco River Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons. Although he took classes in Seamanship and Sailing and served three years as Fleet Surgeon, he wasn't able to devote much time to squadron activities until, with his pediatrician wife, he retired and moved to Florida.

"I told Bill Eldridge (Squadron Education Officer and another Chesapeake Bay sailor) the only reason I'm here is because of him," he said. "When I came to the first Lunch Bunch, he stood up and met me at the door. Every Thursday he was there to meet me. Then he asked me to give a lecture at BOAT SMART."

With a new commodity called free time, he was eager to serve. First he headed raft-ups, and then Barbara Hoffman made him assistant administrative officer. He continued to climb.

His chief goal for the year, he says, is to get more new people involved by giving them a job "from day one."

"There are a lot of people who would like to do it but are waiting for someone to ask," he says. (Administrative Officer) Dennis Krakow is only involved now because of me.

"We want people to apply themselves, not just to be a member."

Although the Commander doesn't scrub up and operate any more, he is still practicing a form of life-saving medicine, as several Palm Beach Squadron members can attest.

One of them invited Aybar to go on what would have been a boat-moving trip of several days. But after a few minutes of talking and noticing his labored breathing, he told him he should check into a hospital rather than go boating. "The man was on the verge of a heart attack," he recalled.

Like a big brother, he unabashedly cautions members when they are endangering their health by carrying too much weight — or just eating too many peanuts.

"People know, but sometimes they need a reminder," he figures. ▲

Here's what the commander of USPS Patapsco River (Md.),

Cdr Joseph Parks, AP, says about Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN:

"Congratulations to our former member, Rafael Aybar! May his year as Commander be a great success!

"Our P/C Frank Webb, AP knew Cdr Aybar personally and found him to be a delightful person. He met him while he was working on the Cdr's boat, Doña Blanca. He was so impressed with Rafael that he was his sponsor in joining USPS/Patapsco River.

"Cdr Aybar served as our Fleet Surgeon for a number of years and was the guest speaker at our Merit Mark dinner where he presented a talk on being medically prepared for an emergency while at sea.

"When Rafael moved to Florida and asked for a recommendation and the names of nearby squadrons we were happy to comply and are happy for your Squadron to have a Commander of his quality."

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CERTIFIED VESSEL EXAMINERS

The Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron's Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Program is expanding. Several additional Vessel Examiners are needed to conduct vessel safety inspections at marinas, yacht clubs and boat ramps/yards throughout the Palm Beach County area. As a certified vessel examiner you 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 from personal watercraft to yachts 65 feet in length.

Some of the items covered include the following:

- Proper display of numbers
- Registration / documentation
- Personal flotation devices
- Visual distress signals
- Fire extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Backfire flame control
- Sound producing devices
- Navigation lights
- State and local requirements
- Overall vessel condition

REQUIREMENTS

To become a certified Vessel Examiner you must be an active member of USPS, over 18 years old and in good physical condition.

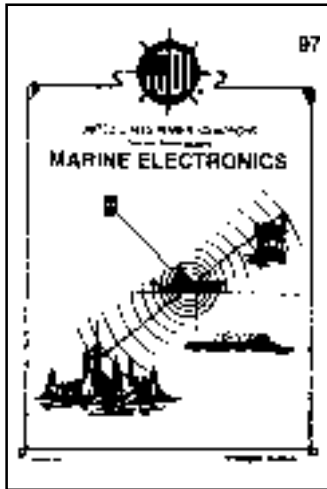
Successful candidates must achieve a minimum 90% score on a 70 question (open book) multiple-choice examination and must conduct five Vessel Safety inspections under the supervision of a currently qualified Examiner.

If you are ready to participate in this exciting opportunity and join the VSC team, contact Lt. Alan Patti at (561) 626-6606 or e-mail gpatti@bellsouth.net for further information.

Fall Classes Start 08 October — Let's Fill Our Classrooms!

Here's the information you need on the education courses starting this fall. The complete schedule for the year is at right.

ADVANCED PILOTING (AP) begins **Monday, 06 October**. Some suggest AP is our most practical course. It really teaches you how to get from here to your designation, taking into consideration the movement of the waters, the charts, compass, other tools of navigation and problem solving. A hands-on, learning experience. AP runs approximately 14 weeks and the cost is \$40. The course begins at 7 P.M. Monday, 06 October at Headquarters. Instructor Lt Scott Clinton, N, says: "Last year's class enjoyed the new PowerPoint presentation of the material. Ask Jack Reid, Hans Haynau, Bill Eldridge or Gene Berman what they think about this teaching method, and about Advanced Piloting. Call me at 741-4680; e-mail me at scClinton@bigfoot.com, or just come and join the class on October 6."



MARINE ELECTRONICS begins **Wednesday, 08 October**. P/Lt/C Dick Boyack, AP, Instructor.

The course covers essential details about the boat's electrical and electronic systems. Proper wiring, grounding, batteries, electrolysis, depth sounders, VHF radios, GPS, radar and their maintenance are covered.

The course will run approximately 10 weeks and the cost is \$35. Call Dick at 740-1941 or email rwboy@juno.com and tell him you'll be there.

JUNIOR NAVIGATION (JN) begins **Wednesday, 08 October**. P/Stf/C Joe Rawlins, SN teaches this course with the assistance of Lt Les McDermott, JN. These guys team up to teach you "steering by heavenly bodies". JN introduces you to celestial navigation with the use of the sextant and all the tables, charts, star finders, etc. that make this science work for you. It runs approximately 6 months and the cost is \$65. Call Joe (622-4283) or Les (775-8060) to set your sights on working up sun, moon, and star sights.

NAVIGATION (N) begins **Thursday, 09 October**. The same P/Stf/C Joe Rawlins, SN, will again teach this "more celestial navigation" course. N takes what you learned in JN to practical use in exercises using your newly developed skills. It runs about six months and the cost is \$65. Call Joe (622-4283) to sign up, you'll be proud to be an "N", the highest grade USPS offers.

SEAMANSHIP (S) begins **Monday, 13 October**. P/C John Luciano, AP, will teach this "need to know" course. Learn all about "the boat," how and why it behaves the way it does, the many parts, the language, knots and bends, and all kinds of "salty" stuff. "S" runs approximately nine weeks and the cost is ONLY \$15. This price is discounted to get you started into the Squadron's educational program. Call John at 627-8755 to sign up for this fun course.

Piloting, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Sail, Weather and Instructor Qualification will begin after the New Year.

USPS "GRADES" -- USPS members earn their "grade" by taking advanced grade courses. They are: Seamanship for the grade of "S," Piloting for the grade of "P," Advanced Piloting for the grade of "AP," Junior Navigation for the grade of "JN" and Navigation for the grade of Navigator of "N." These courses are taken in order. When you pass all these AND all of the elective courses, your certificate is "full" and you will have earned the grade of Senior Navigator or "SN."

SEO Lt/C William C. Eldridge, SN

P/C Heynau, Presentation 'Father,' Is Teacher of the Year

By Lt/C William C. Eldridge, SN

P/C Hans A. Heynau, N, is the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron's member of the year and its nominee for the 2002-03 Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Hans has been assisting teaching JN and N for about eight years. He consistently is available for an evening out for taking "sights" for both JN and N—every year, all year long. He attends about 75 percent of all classes October through May. He is the creator, guru, "father" of our Squadron's PowerPoint presentations.

Initially he researched what to purchase and how to purchase it. He determined what and how many licenses we would over the next two years and established the licensing agreement through Microsoft. He completed the research on which projector would satisfy our needs for small classrooms and large lecture halls and purchased the InFocus projector. After substantial research, he purchased battery back-up line protection, cordless mouse with laser pointer, cables and grouped the cables into a bundle for easy set up, and solicited for and received a donated IBM laptop computer. Then sought out the most suitable carrying case (with wheels) to contain the whole package. And he engineered a precise way to package this system for the most protection of the instruments. Total expenditure was less than \$1,700.

Hans' kit was so successful that a second kit was necessary. He assembled a duplicate set, including a donated laptop computer. The two sets are identical, so an instructor will be familiar with both. Hans had to search for the same vintage In-Focus projector—and was successful.

Hans then authored a PowerPoint presentation to teach PowerPoint presentation to lecturers.

He went to each instructor's home and assisted in the installation of the program on their individual computers. And followed up with individuals as they needed additional help to prepare their particular class slides.

He was a guest lecturer, demonstrating the ins and outs of PowerPoint, thereby pumping the students up on what they could now do with the squadron's new capability. ID used PowerPoint extensively. The same procedures were repeated for the Weather course. And Seamanship is being developed for use this fall.

Hans tutored and coached each instructor in preparing his class. He attended many of the classes, not to check on the instructor, but to see if the presentation could be tweaked to better assist the instructor—and we did upgrade extensively after his observations.

Hans has instated PBS&PS policy of sharing what we develop. All of our programs are available upon request.

Hans has instructed members of our Bridge the use of PowerPoint for presenting programs at membership meetings. We've had members and guest speakers use power point to great advantage at our meetings.



Remembrances

Joyce Malone, Cece Palmer

Joyce Malone, who fought valiantly against cancer for more than a year, passed away 01 June at the Hospice of Palm Beach.

Joyce and her husband, P/R/C Robert Malone SN, were both members of Palm Beach Power and Sail Squadron and the Northern Virginia Power and Sail Squadron.



Joyce was born in Harrisonburg, Va. She spent most of her working life in Alexandria, Va., where she was known as an outstanding medical transcriber.

Here are some of the comments of longtime friend and neighbor Lt. LeRoy Batchelor at a memorial service at Gardens Presbyterian Church:

Good afternoon. We have gathered to share memories of our friend Joyce Malone. Joyce and Robert are close friends to many of us. They enjoyed a long and loving marriage which started late in life for both. My wife Angie and Joyce were like sisters and shared an unspoken bond of trust that only true friends can have. Although we have known Robert and Joyce for many years, we did not establish a close friendship until we shared a cruise down the Intracoastal Waterway in the early '90s. I retired in 1989 and Angie and I cruised the ICW, the Bahamas and the Florida Keys beginning in 1990.

When Joyce and Robert joined us for one of our cruises south, we formed a close friendship that endured over the years. They were like family.

Joyce did not go easily. She fought valiantly because she loved life, her husband and her life here in Florida. In the last days she was unable to speak and started a sort of daily diary of her thoughts and desires about what she wanted for Robert after her death. She knew for a long time that the doctors could not help her and kept that secret. She maintained an optimistic outlook to spare those close to her the anguish of knowing. She had the courage of a warrior and the heart of a lioness!

All of us here have heavy hearts about losing Joyce, however, on reflection, we all know that we have not truly lost her. The memories of her humor, caring and kindness to others remind us that she was a very special person. Her humor and upbeat wit is still with us. I know she is happy now and looks down upon us all with great fondness. We can leave this place today uplifted by our memories and in the certainty that she is at peace and wants all of us to share in that peace.



Cecilia T. Palmer passed away on 20 July in the Hospice of Palm Beach after a protracted illness. Services were held on 12 August at the Gardens Presbyterian Church.

Along with her husband of 38 years, Jim Palmer, "Cece" was an energetic and active member of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron, and seldom missed a picnic or similar event. Both she and Jim were longtime boaters and actually lived aboard for a time after their retirement.

She taught girls' physical education in Chicago area high schools for 43 years before retiring to Florida in 1990.

Friends may make a donation to either the Gardens Presbyterian Church or the Alzheimer's Community Care of Palm Beach and Martin Counties. ▲

Minutes of the Board of Directors

05 August 2003

Editor's note: This summary has been edited to include only items not reported elsewhere in Afterdeck News.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN; Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN; Lt/C (P/R/C) William C. Eldridge, SN; Lt/C Dennis N. Krakow, P; Lt/C Joyce A. Newman, S; Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P; Ralph Morse, JN; Donald H. Kranendonk, P; Immediate P/C Edward A. Newman, S.

GUESTS PRESENT: P/Stf/C Rod Landsman, AP; Lt James Tedesco, P; Lt Jim Palmer; 1st/Lt Jeanne Kirch, AP; Lt Bill Money, P; P/Stf/C Joe Rawlins, SN; Lt Leslie F. McDermott, JN; Lt Harry Lloyd, P

ABSENT: P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S

COMMANDER Aybar's report:

- Recognized the Education Department & Membership Committee for their professionalism at the **BOAT SMART**® graduation 30 July 2003.
- Attended D/8 Commanders meeting 19 July 2003 at Cannonsport Marina. Received from D/C the new D/8 flag, which will be displayed in our squadron headquarters.
- D/8 Fall Council Meeting will be 23 August 2003 at 1000 at Pompano Squadron (application form on Page 18). Cdr will represent our squadron at this meeting. Bridge members are encouraged to attend and all members are welcome.
- 2003 Fall Governing Board will be held in Reno, NV 03-07 September 2003. All are invited.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Dodd reported:

- Lt Al Shemo, SN reported that Lt Scott Clinton, N and his crew have been doing range surveys. Lt Clinton reported as of 01 July the Palm Beach Inlet range survey has been done and waiting for the dredging of the Loxahatchee River to do surveys there and at some marinas.
- Presented a copy of the latest PSA from P/C Lesly McWhorter III, S, which will be mailed to about 55 marinas and stores. P/C McWhorter ordered 10,000 of the 2003-04 Fall/Winter/Spring flyers with new dates and they will be distributed to members to deliver to various marinas and stores. These flyers will also be used at boat shows and mailed to media. Our squadron ads are listed with Tuppens Marine, and Marine Mall.
- CHM Vessel Safety Check Lt Alan Patti, N reported 140 VSC's have been conducted as of this date by four examiners. We rank third in VSC performance in D/8. Vero Beach has 229 and St Lucie River has 162 VSC's. Lt Patti is looking for additional examiners to staff boat ramps and marinas. Presented three different flyers that could be used to advertise **BOAT SMART** courses and/or VSC.

EDUCATION OFFICER Eldridge reported:

- **BOAT SMART** graduation at Palm Beach Lakes High had 50 students registered and one-no show for the exam.
- **BOAT SMART** class begins 07 August at Burns Road. A good response by telephone and by website for this course.
- Three squadron members passed JN: Doreen Baxter Lipp, JN, Michael D. Galvin, JN, and Cdr Rafael L. Aybar, JN.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Krakow reported:

- 09 Dec 2003 Commander's Ball at PGA Members Club. Contract signed for entertainment by "Special Edition" at \$375.
- Raft-ups and rendezvous to be arranged.

SECRETARY Joyce Newman:

- Said thank-you letters sent to Life Member William Pensyl, SN for \$50 donation and to Jay and Gail Nelson for \$25 in memory of Joyce Malone.
- Said after second dues billing of members, there are 71 non-renewals.
- Historian Report for period June 2002 to June 2003 sent to D/8 & National. Thanks to Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN for preparing an excellent report.
 - Chm Advertising P/C Ken MacPherson, AP reported loss of donations of \$175 for inside back cover of 2003-04 roster and \$540 for *Afterdeck News* for a total of \$715. 2002-03 roster cost was \$1,242.85 and 2003-04 roster cost will be \$1,318.11 because of gold ink on front cover. Cost 2003-04 includes printing, bindery and color separations, but not postage. Motion passed unanimously to include ad on inside back cover of the 2003-04 roster only.

Membership Status	May	July
Active Members	330	288
Active Sust. Members	2	2
Addl Active Members	59	53
Life Members	20	20
TOTAL ACTIVE	411	363
Family Members	83	69
Jr. Family Members	4	6
Associate Members (holding)	17	16
TOTAL OTHER	104	91
GRAND TOTAL	515	454

TREASURER Ferguson presented the 2003-04 Budget submitted by the finance committee. A motion passed unanimously to accept. Cdr Aybar commended the treasurer and the finance committee for their cooperative efforts.

Merit Marks – D/Lt/C Sally Williams, AP reported (by secretary) that Merit Marks are due for the calendar year 2003. Board members are asked to work with their predecessors in order not to miss anyone.

New Business: Lt Jim Palmer thanked everyone in the squadron for support in memory of his wife Cecilia Palmer.

01 July 2003 Meeting

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GUESTS PRESENT: P/Stf/C Rod Landsman, AP; Lt Richard B. Finn, Jr., AP; Lt James Tedesco, P; Lt Jim Palmer; 1st Lt Jeanne Kirch, AP; Lt Alan E. Patti, N; P/R/C Robert Malone, SN.

COMMANDER Aybar reported:

- The locks at headquarters have been changed and new keys are numbered. Ask Lt Jim Palmer if you need a key.
- Cdr has squadron letterhead stationery available.
- P/Stf/C Rod Landsman, AP will conduct an Operations Training course in September.
- Action taken on Standing Rules, Revision #13, dated 02 July 2002. A motion was passed unanimously to accept the Standing Rules as presented and will be voted on by the membership at the 09 September General Membership dinner meeting.
- A motion passed unanimously to change the November Board of Directors Meeting to 11 November and the General Dinner Membership meeting to 18 November because of the Squadron Cruise (01–10 November).

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Dodd reported:

- Lt Brian Thompson, P thanked Lt/C Gary Ferguson, P, Lt Jim Palmer and John Worssam for setting up and taking down the boat show booth. Also thanked others who participated at the show.

SECRETARY Joyce A. Newman read thank-you letter from 'Member of the Year' P/C Les McWhorter, S

- A motion passed unanimously for Scott Van Deusen and CWO James L. Robertson to remain as honorary members for the 2003-04 bridge year.
- Last Horizon submission sent for Joyce Malone. Her memorial will be in the October 2003 EN-SIGN. Treasurer sent squadron donation to National Education Fund for Joyce.
- **Property House Officer** Lt Jim Palmer reported working on postal service assigned with headquarters mailbox.
- Lt/C Ferguson commented on previous discussion of last Board meeting in regards to squadron projects where visibility of the squadron and what we are about could be better projected. e.g., VSC's at boat ramps. Cdr recommended Lt/C Dodd follow-up with CHM Vessel Safety Check Program Lt Alan Patti, SN.
- P/C Les McWhorter reported 42 people signed up for squadron cruise and four are pending.
- P/R/C Bob Malone, SN thanked everyone for cards, telephone calls and support in memory of Joyce Malone.



Kevin Clarke family



Charles Brice



James Fallon



James (Ned) Kerr



Mark Weiner family



Victor Niemi family



John, Mary Jane Munson

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Coast Guard Emphasizes Numbering

Of the 185,000 vessels examined nationally in 2002 under the Vessel Safety Check program, 10,000 failed due to improper display of numbers.

State marine patrol officers and vessel examiners for the VSC program have noted several problems, especially with newer, sportier vessels whose owners want the numbers to match the designs and color schemes of their boats.

A recent memo from John Malatak, chief of the Program Operations Division of the Coast Guard, serves as guidance for applying the basics as outlined. Here are excerpts:

The numbers must be painted on or permanently attached to both sides of the forward half of the vessel. Generally numbers are applied to the hull, but this is not required. Numbers may be applied to the superstructure or cabin sides, provided the placement is still on the forward half of the vessel. Self-adhesive numbers are accepted as permanently attached. Numbers

Numbers on Your Boat Should Be as Tall as This Box

The manner in which numbers are to be displayed on vessels is prescribed under 33 CFR 173.27. The regulation states the numbers must:

- Be painted on or permanently attached to both sides of the forward half of the vessel.
- Be in plain vertical block characters not less than 3 inches in height.
- Contrast with the color of the background and be distinctly visible and legible.
- Have spaces or hyphens that are equal in width to a letter or number other than "l" or "1" between the letter and number groupings.
- Read from left to right.

There are exemptions and exceptions for vessels operated by dealers for demonstration and for vessels that cannot fully comply due to their construction.

may also be placed on placards or plates, and then bolted or screwed in place. Plates or placards may not be attached to removable stanchions or rails, nor may numbers be placed on glass windows, as they are not considered permanent attachment points.

Numbers and letters must be in plain vertical block characters of not less than 3 inches in height. They must be of a single color, not outlined, shadowed, or rounded, and appear in the manner as illustrated:

FL 1234 AB

Some self-adhesive numbers may be a fraction of an inch off in height. Generally, the Coast Guard does not require the measuring of the num-

bers unless they appear to be too small. The rule of thumb used by the Coast Guard to determine proper height without measuring is, if the numbers can be read at a distance of 100 feet, accept them. If not, then measuring may be called for.

Numbers must be in contrasting color to the background and be distinctly visible and legible. If the background of the surface of the vessel is multi-colored or patterned (e.g., paisley pattern or product graphics), it may be necessary to block out an area in a single color to allow the numbers to be distinctly visible.

Thanks to Lt John Worssam for passing along this story.

Law Log: Government Relations

A few years back USPS eliminated the National Liaison Committee while retaining the structure in District and Squadron. At that time political activity by USPS at any level was a prohibited activity. Over the past couple of years there has been some change of opinion regarding active political participation such that about a year ago, National authorized the formation of a Government Team, which in turn formed the "National Government Relations Ad Hoc Committee."

That committee has established an overall objective to achieve governmental recognition, at all levels of government, of USPS's leadership in recreational boating safety and education. The strategy to accomplish this is to stay a step ahead on governmental issues, regulations and legislation that effect USPS, our "Partners in Boating Safety" and/or the recreational boating public. A Government Relations Committee will be organized at the National level within USPS to provide national direction, regional oversight and/or coordination for the formulation, adoption, presentation and review of USPS positions. A goal is to lead to greater flexibility with regard to lobbying in order to support or influence governmental decisions of interest.

From comments to Legislative/Liaison meeting by P/D/C Hal Zitter at District 8 Spring Conference

Lt. Dick Finn
Legislative Liaison

DISTRICT 8 FALL CONFERENCE 17-19 October, 2003

The Fort Lauderdale Marriott North, 6650 N. Andrews Ave. (I-95 & Cypress Creek Road)

Friday 17 October 2003

1400 -1645
1830 -2230
1930- 2230

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Reception Cash Bar
Dinner Dance (OCTOBERFEST)

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Saturday 18 October 2003

Complimentary Continental Breakfast (for hotel guests) 0700 – 0830
USPS Registration 0800 – 1145

Assembly Foyer
Second Floor Assembly

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0830 – 1000

Member Recruitment
Cooperative Charting
Secretary/Treasurer

1015 – 1145

Safety
Operations Training
Legislative / Liaison

Public Relations
Vessel Safety Check
Boating Activities

Member Involvement
Computer Systems

0830 – 1145

Joint Luncheon

Education

1200 – 1315

Salon A/B

Split Pea Soup, Chicken Pesto Wrap, Potato Salad, Chocolate Cake, Tea, Coffee \$15.00 all incl.

***District Conference Meeting

1330 – 1600

Salon D ***

Reception / Cash Bar 1830

Banquet & Dance 1915 – 2300

Grand Cypress D

Caesar Salad, Rib Eye Steak, Broiled Red Snapper, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Vegetables, Strawberry Cheese Cake \$31.00

Sunday 19 October 2003

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Sunday – Casual Attire

District 8 Meal Reservations

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Will Attend Saturday Lunch @ \$15.00 each

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Total \$ _____

(Indicate Sat. Banquet Entrée Choice and # of each) BEEF () or FISH ()

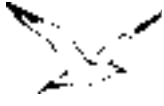
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Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

(MEAL RESERVATIONS AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9 October, 2003. Checks payable to District 8)

September 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 • Joseph L. King	2 Craft Ladies 0900 Board Meeting 1900 Headquarters • Rita Margaret Bailey	3 USPS Fall Governing Board, Reno, NV (through Sunday)	4 Lunch Bunch 1100 Roadhouse Grill • Lt/C Gary L. Ferguson	5 • Sue Meldgaard	6
7 • James L. Fallon	8 • Joseph L. King	9 Craft Ladies 0900 Gen Meeting 1800 PGA Memb Club • P/R/C William C. Eldridge, SN * Hal B. Ridgeway	10	11 Lunch Bunch 1100 Roadhouse Grill • Diane Clarke, P	12	13 • Michael A. Sweeney, AP
14 • Jean Mellert * Jerry Baggett * Frank Slauson	15 • John J. Prece	16 Craft Ladies 0900	17 Boat Smart, 1900 PBLakes HS • P/C Frederick P. Bierschenk, AP • Josephine Swanka	18 Lunch Bunch 1100 Roadhouse Grill • D. John Sperano	19 • Jean Emerson	20
21 • P/R/C Robert B. Malone, SN • Russell Jester, AP	22	23 Craft Ladies 0900 • Frank D. Fritz, S • Lt. Richard B. Finn Jr., AP	24 Boat Smart, 1900 PBLakes HS	25 Lunch Bunch 1100 Roadhouse Grill • Lawrence P. King	26 • John E. Blackert • Martin A. Berman, AP	27 • P/C Kenneth P. MacPherson, AP
28	29 • Maria Christman	30 Craft Ladies 0900 • P/Stf/C Rodney G. Landsman, AP	Note for November: The Board of Directors Meeting has been changed to 11 November and the General Dinner Membership Dinner Meeting changed to 18 November because of the Squadron Cruise 01 - 11 November. Many of our squadron members including some of the Bridge officers will be on this cruise.			

October 2003						
			1 Boat Smart, 1900 PBLakes HS	2 Lunch Bunch	3	4
5	6 Adv Piloting	7 Craft Ladies Board Meeting	8 Boat Smart, PBL Jr. Navigation Marine Electronics	9 Lunch Bunch Navigation	10	11 Operations Training Program, 0930, Headquarters
12	13 Adv Piloting Seamanship	14 Craft Ladies Gen Meeting 1800 PGA Members Club	15 Jr. Navigation Marine Electronics (Phil Foster Park)	16 Lunch Bunch	17	18
19	20 Adv Piloting Seamanship	21 Craft Ladies	22 Boat Smart, Dwyer Jr. Navigation Marine Electronics	23 Lunch Bunch Boat Smart, Boynton Navigation	24	25
26	27 Adv Piloting Seamanship	28 Craft Ladies	29 Boat Smart, Dwyer Jr. Navigation Marine Electronics	30 Lunch Bunch Boat Smart, Boynton Navigation		

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...items about Squadron people and events

P/Stf/C Rodney G. Landsman, AP, will hold an Operations Training Program class at 0930 hours on Saturday morning, 11 October, at Headquarters. The session, which is open free to anyone in USPS, will last about 2½ hours.

▲
Lt/C Dennis Krakow has lined up these general membership meeting speakers for the rest of the year:

14 October — Leland Smith, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, “The Taking of Fort Fisher”

13 January — Sheriff’s Marine Enforcement Unit, “Theft Prevention: Securing a Boat from Loss”

11 May — Pam Wall, Director, West Marine Outfitting, “Hurricane Awareness.”

To Be Announced — Joel Busse, M.D., “What’s in your First Aid Kit?”

To Be Announced — David Atlas, Ph.D., “Weather or Not.”

▲
Lt. James Tedesco, P, our talented Webmaster, reminds everyone to check out the pictures of the Change of Watch ceremony and all the new officers at www.usps.org/localusps/palm. Jim also has some fine pictures from summer classes and the Boating Safety Week picnic. We’re saying these complimentary things because there’s a good chance Jim will also post the Afterdeck News on the site, making it possible for anyone in the world with an Internet connection to read these pages.

▲
A couple of Squadron stalwarts, P/R/C Robert Malone, SN, and Lt. Jim Palmer pass along heartfelt thanks to USPS members who expressed their love and concern after the loss of their wives this summer. Both said they gained strength from the support of friends. Remarkably, both Joyce Malone and Cece Palmer both tried their



It’s sundaes on Thursday at Lunch Bunch (Roadhouse Grill, 1100 hrs) for Joan Money, 1st Lt Jeanne Kirch, AP, and Lt. Janice Tedesco.

best to stay active in the squadron even when they were quite ill. (The obituaries of Joyce and Cece are on page 12).

▲
New Commander Rafael L. Aybar is one of three students who successfully completed the Squadron’s USPS Junior Navigation course this year. Others who passed the course and earned the JN were Doreen Baxter-Lipp and Michael Galvin.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Bill Eldridge, SN also announced that Michael Spiezio passed Piloting.

▲
A casual visit to the Air and Sea Show in Fort Lauderdale in May turned into a longer trip than expected for Norm and Carol Schmotzer aboard Clasea I. They were stopped at the inlet to Port Everglades by five police boats and a helicopter so military vehicles could pass. To reach their destination at Bahia Mar, they had to retreat to the Hillsboro Inlet and go south via the ICW.

Four other squadron boats had less difficulties. They were Schatzi (Spike and Doris Speckeen), Clam Dipper (Jay and Jean Muntz), Lady Leticia (Joseph and Leticia Piazza and children) and Lady M (Martin Berman, Aime Lerner and guests).

The Air and Sea Show was as spectacular as usual, Doris reports, and the best bargain of the weekend was an all-day Water Taxi pass at \$5. Too bad the Schmotzers didn’t know about it earlier!