

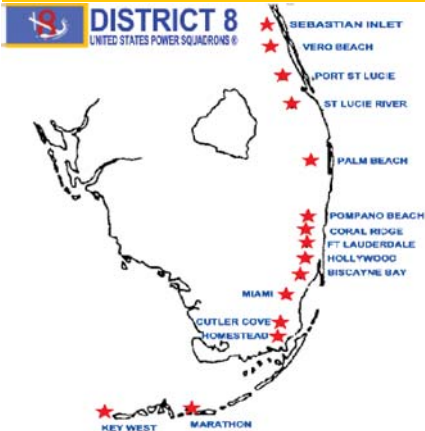


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THANK YOU, CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

I would like to express my appreciation to every member who has attended a District Conference during my tenure as Conference Chairman (2005 – 2012). I found it very rewarding and satisfying after each conference concluded when I could sit back and go “pew.... Another conference down” or words to that effect!!! Of course I couldn't have done the job without my core group of helpers. I recognized and named those members at the conference so I won't take up space here. However two members were unable to attend and I want to acknowledge their support - Charlie and Joan Vaughn.

Completing my role as chairman is going to create a void in my squadron life, but that hole was pre-filled by my work at the National level. So, before Gary asks..... The answer is “No!”.... but he knows I'm only a phone call away.

Our conferences have transformed over the last six years, firstly at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott North and currently at the Marriott at Boca Center, Boca Raton. I have always had a strong relationship with the management and staff and that is an important part of being Conference Chairman. As Gary takes over the committee, I wish him all the best - from selecting the hotels to managing the conference.

I didn't break Laura Teatero's fantastic number of 21 conferences. I came in with a mere 15, but Gary likes a challenge. I look forward to seeing my target surpassed and maybe even Laura's!!

The next time you see me at a conference you can find me on the back row!



Nigel “unwraps” his plaque for service to District 8 as Conference Chairman.

All Conference photos in this issue by **D/Lt Arthur Dodd, AP** (Palm Beach)

Please use the following link to view all photos from the conference

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/artdodd52/sets/72157629971678461/>

MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT COMMANDER

D/C JOHN T. DOYLE, SN



First, let me thank you for the confidence and trust you have in electing me to the office of District Commander and giving me the opportunity to serve you in the coming year. I pledge to do my best not to let you down.

My focus this coming year will be on membership growth and retention. District 8's goal will be to grow each squadron by at least 5%. We are fortunate to have many boating, social and civic programs together with many member benefits to attract new members. USPS has just about something for everyone. Although this past year we had a positive growth rate, sometimes it is easier to bring in new members but more difficult to retain them.

The new six month complimentary trial membership program offered to any graduate of our public safe boating course provides a great incentive to invite new members to join. However, retention is the key and we do this by involving new members in teaching or proctoring a course or seminar, vessel safety checks, helping with boating or social events, dinner meetings, committees or other activities where they can have fun, socialize with other members and feel they belong in the squadron.

This year, I would like to ask every member to invite a friend to come to a squadron or district activity, to show them what the United States Power Squadrons is about and what we do to have fun. They just may decide to join us and have fun too. Let's show every member and guest how to have fun this year while promoting Safe Boating!

I would like to wish each and every one of you a great spring and summer of boating. Remember, boating is fun. We'll show you how.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

By P/C Dan Thomas, SN

To kick off National Safe Boating week, on Saturday 19 May, Vero Beach Power Squadron participated in the National Safe Boating Council's 2012 "Ready, Set, Wear It!" event to promote life jacket use. Our event took place at our squadron building.

We had a great turn out in the hot sun at noon. The students from our ABC class participated, along with kids from the Youth Sailing Foundation class that had been sailing that morning. We had 47 people and one dog wearing their life jackets.



"Setting a World Record to bring a world of change to boating safety and life jacket wear"

Photos below by Cdr Bob Scully, JN



EDUCATION NEWS

Stf/C Al Bruhin, SN

BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF THE NEW NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL OFFICER, V/C BOB BRANDENSTEIN, SN'S VIEW OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTION.

OUR TRADITIONAL CLASS-ROOM BASED COURSES WILL BE IMPROVED.

For example: A grant application has been submitted to develop a wheel-and-throttle desktop simulator so that we may strengthen our Seamanship and AP courses.

A separate grant application, if approved, will fund the development of a Boater Decision Making simulator to augment both our Seamanship and Piloting courses. A third grant application seeks funding to develop a short course on Boater Decision Making, a focus on the situational awareness a boater employs when at the helm.

WE WILL EXPAND OUR EMPHASIS ON ON-THE-WATER TRAINING AND BOAT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION.

We seek to become the premier provider of on-the-water education in a marketplace that currently has only a few competitors. Our road show truck and boat continues its trek through the Gulf states. As the weather warms, the rig will work its way north through the Midwest, then across the Great Lakes to the Northeast as we near the fall and winter. Our Brunswick Boats relationship continues to grow, with courses and seminars planned for several dealerships this spring. If approved, our wheel-and-throttle simulator will be integrated into our Practical On the Water product as the simulator's development evolves.

WE WILL INCREASE OUR FOCUS ON SELLING OUR COURSES BOTH EXTERNALLY AND INTERNALLY.

The Educational Department's marketing advisory team will be suggesting ways by which we can achieve a consistent look to our course and seminar public promotional material. Expect a series of tri-folds, posters, etc., with a common look and theme.

An example of internal marketing is an aid to our SEOs. Currently, the only way for an SEO to decide whether the material in a seminar will sell is to purchase a copy of the seminar kit. A complete set of seminar kits for the 22 seminars becomes a costly item for almost any squadron. The Educational Department will put up a page by page promotional piece on the website, one page for each seminar.

Each page will contain two or three paragraphs on each seminar plus a copy of the first five pages of the seminar instructor guide—enough material on each seminar to give the SEO an idea about the seminar's saleability in the local marketplace.

EXPECT MORE ON-LINE SEMINAR AND COURSE OFFERINGS WHICH AUGMENT OUR TRADITIONAL CLASS-ROOM BASED COURSES.

If all goes well, a few of our seminars will begin appearing on-line to the public by year-end. Our challenge here is to make sure that squadrons not only get the e-mail address of the buyer for follow-up, but also share in the viewing fee paid by the buyer. We are continually looking at course material suggested pricing and ways to reduce costs.

CHAPMAN AWARD

The Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes outstanding USPS instructors. Once a year, each squadron nominates one outstanding instructor to its district. The District Educational Officer forms a committee to select one nominee within their district for national judging. In the final judging, the Chapman Award Selection Group of the Instructor Development Committee recognizes the five winners who represent the organization's most effective volunteer instructors. This is the only way we can formally recognize our best instructors. It is a disservice to them if we do not.

Some squadrons do not believe this is worth the effort because it is a "writing skills contest" but that does not accurately describe the value of this tool. Even if you do not think your nominee can win at the district or national level they do win at your squadron level and are recognized at the district meeting for this achievement. This is a tool you can use to encourage teachers and reward those who are contributing to your squadron.

In 2011 only a few of the fifteen D8 squadrons submitted candidates for the award. I would like to see many more submittals for 2012. Just because someone did not win in the past does not mean they cannot be submitted again. The quality of the write-up is important. So take some time to make sure it is well done. Submittals must be to me by 31 July 2012 in order to be considered. All the forms are available on the USPS website. Just search for Chapman and it will bring you to the correct location.

CHIEF COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTS AWARDS



Educational Proficiency Award
R/C Lee Popham, AP presenting to
D/Lt/C Diana Jackson, JN



Educational Achievement Award
Cdr Joyce Newman accepting for
Thomas Collins, SN



District 8 Special Service Award
for Pursuit of the USPS Educational Fund
D/Lt Lee Devane, AP



USPS Educational Fund Honor Roll

Biscayne Bay, Coral Ridge, Cutler Cove, Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood, Homestead, Key West, Marathon, Miami, Palm Beach, Pompano Beach, Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie River, Sebastian Inlet, Vero Beach & District 8

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN

As your new District Administrative Officer, I am looking forward to an exciting year and membership will be one of my priorities. As you all know, Membership is Job Number 1 and so far this year we are doing a great job. Our growth is currently 1.5%. National is working on new tools for retention as well as recruiting.

The following is a brief report from the Administrative Department's committees:

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee tried something new for the First Timer's Meet and Greet this year. It was held Saturday Morning at 0830 at the Palm Beach Café. The Meet and Greet was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the coffee and danish. First timers met V/C Louie Ojeda, SN, National Administrative Officer; R/C Lee Popham, AP, Chief Commander's representative; P/C/C Creighton Maynard, SN; Stf/C Wayne Partie, SN, of the National Membership Committee and members of our District Bridge. I'd like to thank Stf/C Anita Walker, JN; D/C Gary Ferguson, JN; D/Lt/C Diana Jackson, JN; D/Lt Arthur Dodd, SN and the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron (Palm Beach Cafe) for their help and participation.

The Membership Committee Seminar was well attended. We had two great guest speakers, V/C Louie Ojeda, SN and Stf/C Wayne Partie, SN in addition to Cdr Deborah Rodriguez, P, who gave a great talk on Member Involvement, and myself, who talked on recruiting from the Cyber Squadron and ABC3 six month Free Trial Membership .

Hope you submitted your Member Involvement Retention Award Application to Cdr Deborah Rodriguez, P. They were due to her by 15 May 2012 and to National by 30 May 2012. Applications can be found on the National Website.

I would also like to welcome D/Lt Kathie Thomas, P as the new District Membership Recruiting Chair. She will be a great chair and a great addition to the Membership Committee.

Youth Activity Chair D/Lt Denise Porter, JN did a great job on the Poster Contest. See her article on page 9.

BOATING ACTIVITIES

The D/8 Rendezvous is going to be 13-15 July 2012 at Pier 66. For more information, please see page 8.

OPERATIONS TRAINING

D/Lt Diane Di Maio, P advised that seven people participated in the Operations Training Program from Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron and two from Homestead Power Squadron. If your squadron hasn't given Operations Training lately, you should consider offering it once a year. Not only is it a great retention tool by letting our new members know what the whole organization is about and how they can get more involved; it is also good for long time members with all the changes that have been going on. Most of us could use a refresher. The Operations Manual suggests all members take the Operations Training Program every four years.

From the CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

P/D/C Gary Ferguson, JN

As you may or may not know our Conference Chairman, R/C Nigel Hargreaves SN, has retired from his auspicious reign as its chair.

Nigel's attention to detail, tenacity of purpose and selfless devotion to the District conferences is clearly manifested in his 15 successful conferences, truly a difficult act to follow. D/C Jack Doyle, SN has asked me to take on the conference duties and I have agreed to do so.

After consulting with Jack, Nigel and R/C Peter Mitchelson, SN, I have decided to change the way we do the conferences by holding the traditional spring conference at a core hotel location and alternate the fall conference to locations North and South changing venue hotels as necessary. As an example, I met recently with the Director of Sales & Marketing at the Marriott Beachside in Key West and after the meeting I am encouraged that this may be a very real possibility for a fall conference.

The spring conference location is still under negotiation and I must say that I am surprised at the aggressive competition for our business.

I have requested the current conference staff members remain in place to provide a seamless transition in our conferences (read, cover my mistakes), these folks work tirelessly behind the scenes to make it all happen.

The next conference will remain at the Marriott in Boca Raton and the same District 8 master account benefits remain available.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined squadrons in our district since February 2012. Please encourage each one of them to participate in activities - educational, civic service and fraternal that USPS, District 8 and your squadron offer. We look forward to seeing all of you at our district functions.

Biscayne Bay

Vytas R. Dargis-robinson
Amber Lugo
Joeel Lugo
Donald Maldonado
Luis Nasiff
Jurate D. Robinson
Raymond P. Robinson

Coral Ridge

Jay Rees
Gail Saltz
Cynthia Steinke
Joseph Steinke
Mark Steinke
Mike Steinke

Ft. Lauderdale

Giorgio Arra
Henry Camino
Colin Cowderoy
Franklin F. Ferrer
Joseph LaFleur
Louise Layland
Robert Layland
John Moran
Bryan C. Petley
Paul F. Tereskiewicz
Thelma E. White

Homestead

Huston C. Chandler
Alvin A. Jacobsen
Clara W. Powell
Edward C. Powell
Efen Salgado
Salvador Salgado

Key West Sail &

Heather E. Boettcher
James F. Boettcher
Mike Camp
Barry A. Chiagouris
Jared M. Chiagouris
Jeri E. Chiagouris
Theresa M. Choporis
Brenda S. Cooper
Krystal S. Dittus
Oliver E. Dittus
Vance Faber
Hunter Gatchel
Jane G. Guenther
Catherine M. Haney
Charles D. Lafferty
Kim L. Maulding
Donald M. Mcnabb
Rita C. Mcnabb
David J. Moore
Bryan H. Morrison
Patricia A. Muir
Edward J. Risavich

Key West Sail & (cont.)

Noni K. Soldo
Jeff L. Stahl

Miami

Chris Alvarez
Eugenio Alvarez
Carlos A. Arango
Lean A. Arango
Camilo Balzan
Christopher Bik
Ricardo Cheing
Linda Crouse
Beatrice De Buchet
Tanguy De Buchet
Thomas Demanincor
Daniel Dequadros
Andrew Dersch
Benjamin Dienstag
Erin Gaskin
Anthony Genes
Massimo Grimaldi
Richard F. Guertin Jr.
Andreas Hespe
Jason Ho
Manuel Hoffmann
Paul Kramer
Nigel Lewis
Jose A. Marquez
Enrique Montoya
Andrew Nestra
Hector Perez
William Ramirez
Caitlin Reneau
Carlos Rodriguez
Roberto Saeki
Carlos A. Sanchez
Jan Sjogren
Jodi Strang
Andrea Tomaselli
Stylianov Vayanos

Palm Beach Sail &

Bonny S. Arena
Linda J. Bailey
Collin J. Barch
Fred J. Barch
Alfred Brode
Linda T. Brode
Alvin D. Chavez
Rafael Chavez
Colton H. Coates
William C. Coates
Howard K. Coates, Jr.
Thomas M. Copeland
Kitty Degroot
Tom J. Degroot
Margo Delmas
Ellen T. Emerson
Sharon T. Ennist

Palm Beach Sail & (cont.)

Melanie A. Esparza
Merryl Esses-dewaele
Vincent A. Felice
Danny J. Finch
Holly Finch
Beverly Fisher
Jan L. Fisher
Barbara G. Fossett
Lee W. Fossett
Patrick R. Fossett
Rachel L. Fulton
Gregory L. Gibson
Ronald J. Goldberg
Richard S. Gurevitz
Seppo I. Hanski
Bill A. Happel
Raza Hassan
Emma Horn
Carol J. Irwin
James J. Irwin
Mark J. Jimo
Darwin F. Johnson
John F. Kent, Jr.
Gyula Kis
James H. Kutch
Scott T. Larsen
Diane C. Leo
Phil R. Light
Michael H. Lippens
Jennifer Magruder
Landon J. Mediavilla
Marc Mordkofsky
Joann L. Morgan
Derick J. Murray
Genienne Navarro
Gail L. Nicolaisen
Peter J. Nicolaisen
Tytti T. Norri
Donald J. Nuelle
Peyton M. Osborne
Jon P. Owen
Miguel Plasencia
Alton G. Pullon
Gerard A. Ritch
Gary C. Roach
Jason L. Rogers
Francis C. Salaris
Leo E. Sauer
Gerald A. Slan
Linda C. Stump
Ellen Syris
Dieter A. Thiemann
Christy M. Weaver
Melissa Wickser
Robert W. Williams
Rosemarie Williams
Juan M. Zambrano
Paul J. Zaza

Pompano Beach

Cheryl Becker
James J. Becker
Ken Crocker
Michelle M. Crocker
Colleen Guido
Fred Guido
Catherine T. Schuman
Anne G. Simmons
Peter J. Simmons
Al M. Togut
Christine R. Vecitis
Karlis A. Vecitis

Port St. Lucie

Dana C. Kaiser

Sebastian Inlet Sail &

Frank Balderama
Gerald D. Clarke
Joan C. Clarke
Sandra S. Dawdy
Steve C. Dawdy
Ralph E. Diephouse
Donald Firestone
Felice Firestone
Walter A. Husak

St. Lucie River

Elaine M. Albert
Robert A. Albert
Jane Crowe
Shane Dempsey
Chuck Devito
Margery Devito
Larry L. Hendrichsen
Marcia A. Hendrichsen
Stuart A. Klearman
Robert Odgers

Vero Beach

Patricia A. Ashby
Earle Beasley
George H. Bowman
Anna I. Calland
Doris E. Cousins
Charles A. Decerbo
Ralph R. Goldman
Serene K. Goldman
Joan A. Jarosak
Vern L. Jarosak
Peter J. Keeley
Mary J. MCGovern
Winslow D. Tuttle
Cheryl Williams
Gary L. Williams
Frances J. Zielsdorf
Robert L. Zielsdorf



D8 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

13 - 15 July 2012

**Pier Sixty-Six
Resort & Marina
(Ft. Lauderdale)**

Come by car or boat and enjoy the fun.

ROOM RESERVATIONS at the Hyatt Regency: Call 888-421-1442 for a Garden Marina Room at \$109.00/night. State that you are with the “U.S. Power Squadron District 8 Group”. Cut-off date for price and availability is 13 June 2012. Address: 2301 S.E. 17th St. Causeway, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316. Please note that a \$20.00/night/car parking fee will be charged (carpool if possible).

We have a master account to preclude taxes, so plan to hold your room with a credit card and send your checks to the District Treasurer: R/C William Gillette at 1415 Truman Ave. Key West, FL 33040-7251 by 6 July. (Email: bigille@earthlink.net)

BOAT RESERVATIONS – call 954-728-3578. The charge for dockage will be \$1.50/ft./night (40 ft. minimum) for boats up to 69 feet long. Cost of electricity is \$10.00/day/30 amp. & \$15.00/day for 50 amp service. No tax exemption is possible at the Marina.

FUN ACTIVITIES:

Friday: Cocktail party in the **Tarpon Suite** starting at 1700 (bring food to share).

Saturday: Breakfast in the **Tarpon Suite** at 0900 presented by the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron.

Commanders' Meeting at 1100 in the **Captains Room.**

Evening Dinner (Optional) at **Bravo Ristorante** (nearby). Sign up for this dinner on Friday evening.

Other fun options –

Jungle Queen Boat Trips - 954-462-5596

15th Street Fisheries – both casual and upscale dining 954-763-2777

The Carrie B for sightseeing 800-979-3370

The Water Taxi stops at Pier 66 954-467-6677

Restaurants/snack bars at the Hyatt Regency.

Poolside beverages and snacks with good friends and future friends.

USPS 15th ANNUAL BOARMAN NATIONAL YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

By D/Lt Denise A. Porter, JN

Youth Activities Chairman

D8 held the 15th Annual Boarman National Youth Poster Contest at the Spring Conference on 28 April at the Marriott at Boca Center. We had the best turnout for poster entries in many years with a total of 25 to be judged. I want to thank Vero Beach Power Squadron and Homestead Power Squadron for their hard work and enthusiasm in the very worthwhile activity.

Vero Beach and Homestead squadrons came through with fantastic posters for all three age groups. Vero Beach's entries took first place in all three age groups. The contest theme for this year was "Boat Safe and Clean". Following are the first place winning posters, which will be submitted to be judged at the USPS Annual Meeting in 2013.



J.J. Ballantyne
Age Group: 6-8 years
Vero Beach



Samantha Callingwood
Age Group: 9-11 years
Vero Beach



Madison King
Age Group: 12-14 years
Vero Beach

Involvement of the youth in our community should be a priority. Raising awareness to boat/water safety at a young age can have nothing but positive effects going forward. Our goal is for 100% participation by the D8 Squadrons next year as this would demonstrate our commitment to the community by advocating safe boating to our youth. Your Squadron Commander's will be contacted this winter with information on the 16th Annual Poster Contest, with judging to take place at the Spring 2013 Conference. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at daporterbps@aol.com

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK CORNER

By D/Lt Allan B. Furtado, SN

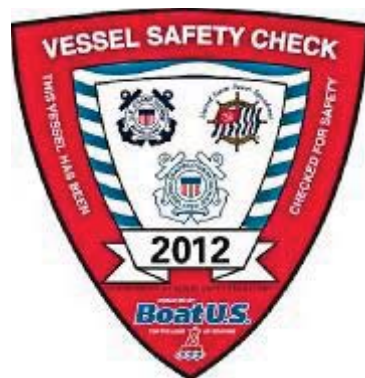
Well, the first holiday of the season is under our belt and the “Season” is officially underway. That means I will be out walking the docks asking boaters if they would like me to give them a “Free Vessel Safety Check”. I try to tell them that it is just an inventory of all of the **federally mandated equipment** required to be on a boat. I also tell them that if everything is ok, I will give them a sticker to post on their forward port side window to prove to any Marine Officer that the boat indeed had all of the required equipment on the day it was checked.

One might ask why I said “on the day it was checked”? Well, there are some items that expire and when I checked the boat they were within the expiration date. These items include: **Registration**, may be current today but expire in a couple of days. Also the **Visual Distress Signals**, (commonly called flares) have two dates stamped on them. The first date is the manufacture date, and the second is approximately 3.5 years later – an expiration date. If the Visual Distress Signal (VDS) is within the two dates during the Vessel Safety Check, I can pass the vessel. However, the VDS may expire next month and it is the responsibility of the boater/owner to make sure that they have current VDSs on board. I will tell the boater that the date is expiring and note it on the boater’s copy of the report.

An item that does not necessarily expire is a **Fire Extinguisher**. This item may be just fine when I check it, but someone might accidentally pull out the safety pin and loose it; or the valve may leak pressure slowly and the gauge would not read in the green. Either one of the conditions would cause the boater not to pass the VSC, let alone the fire extinguisher not be in working order if needed.

And of course, the really big items are **Navigation Lights** and **Horn**. These little guys are really trouble makers. They seem to have a mind of their own. They worked last week, they worked last night, but when I or some Marine Officer asked to try them, low and behold, nothing! It seems that in a marine environment (as a friend of mine once said “one would think that the manufacturer’s would consider that”) funny things seem to happen to electrical items and they cease to function.

What I am trying to say here is that it is the boater’s responsibility to be aware of everything on their boat. And as a helping hand, a Free Vessel Safety Check is a great way to keep informed.



Have You Had Your Vessel Safety Check This Year?
If Not, Why Not?

USPS 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

“The United States Power Squadrons

Centennial Anniversary

Serving the Boaters of America

P/R/C Greg Scotten, SN

The United States Power Squadrons is celebrating 100 years of community service on 1 February 2014. Your squadron needs to be part of that important Centennial event which is a national milestone. To celebrate this national milestone, several projects are underway and a national anniversary web page will post exciting activities and information. The Power Squadrons' Ship Store will be featuring items with the 100th Anniversary Logo. An anniversary postal commemorative is under discussion. All levels of the organization are planning local community activities.

The precise anniversary day is Sunday, 2 February 2014. But because the Governing Board at the Annual Meeting is held on Saturday, the climactic celebration will be conducted a day early. The Hyatt Regency of Jacksonville, Florida is preparing a major party for members. The city is planning to post signs throughout the town and is working with the Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron to conduct a celebratory boat parade on the St. John's River.

The Power Squadrons Flag and Etiquette Committee has designed a unique boat Ensign, which emphasizes the event, and is to be flown on members' vessels in 2013 and 2014. A special new Power Squadrons logo has been distributed and is available on line.

A year long ceremonial activity is planned. At the 2013 Annual Meeting Governing Board, full sized anniversary Ensigns will be presented to each of the thirty-three districts. Then, in anticipation of the 2014 Annual Meeting, each squadron will create unique ribbon streamers of specified dimensions to affix to their district's Ensign.

Finally, on 1 February 2014 the districts will parade their Ensigns with accompanying streamers in a flag presentation to celebrate this significant anniversary.

All members are encouraged to plan on a year of celebration programs for their communities. Local municipal proclamations, appearances at the meetings of civic and marine organizations, and presentations through boating safety equipment demonstration days are items at the top of the list. It is very important to involve the community which the squadron serves during this wonderful year.”



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THANK YOU FROM THE JUNIOR P/D/C

As my watch ended I was reminded of all the unselfish support and guidance that I have received from the members of District 8.

I have hosted two Conference weekends for over 200 people each with “all the trimmings” such as hospitalities on Friday’s and Saturday’s, as well as the dinners both nights, an extremely successful rendezvous, two National hospitality functions in Greensboro, NC and Jacksonville, FL – with more than 200 people at each of these functions. Many of you have participated in all of these events and some have been “hands on” seeing to it that their District Commander, me, had everything necessary to represent the District in the best possible manner. The planning, material purchase, preparation and organization of all of these events have been accomplished by a select group of Palm Beachers and Pompano Beachers and their efforts allowed me to receive countless compliments on how great a particular event was, thanking me for what “I” had done to make it a success...I am happy to report that I had nothing to do with it, the folks below were tireless in their effort to made me look good both at home and away at National meetings.

I recall, at the rendezvous at Pier 66, in Ft Lauderdale, I finally had time to enjoy one of these events and I remember coming in and out of the Commanders suite which was open all day and night. Every time I passed through the room with 30 or 40 different people each time, I would glance at the food table and other places used to place soiled cups and plates. The food table always looked like it was just “set up”, food looked appetizing, there were no dirty plates or cups anywhere. This suite was always clean, food and beverage at the ready. Some in the District have estimated more than 150 members at various times made it to this rendezvous and they were not disappointed - thanks to the due diligence of the Palm Beachers and Pompano Beachers. They were on top of things all day.

Kathy Eldridge, Joyce Newman, Jeanne Kirch, Bonnie Fisher, Barbara Roemmele, Mary Dodd, Art Dodd, Bill Eldridge, Hans Heynau, Sandy Landsman, Rod Landsman, Rose Moskowitz, Bryan Moskowitz, Jim Palmer, Cliff Scholz, Mike Stern, Joe Tringali, Phil Bouckaert...Anita Walker, Rich Walker, Ron Ray, Jack Doyle, Tom Nolan, (P), Al Furtado, Jan Furtado, Kathy Pringle, Bill Pringle, Marie Jackson, Ken Jackson, Dave Nace, Vivian Nace...thank you.



Past District Commander
Gary Ferguson, JN
USPS District 8

I look forward to your support in my new job....



SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

District 8 Website

We've Had A Makeover....

During April, the public areas of the District 8 Website, uspsd8.com, were redesigned to provide a much more user-friendly experience. All of our latest news items, upcoming events and past issues of the Pieces of Eight are easily accessible from the home page. Want more information about a squadron? Information is easily obtainable with Boating Course offerings automatically retrieved from, and linked to, the USPS HQ-800 registration system so that, if allowed, the public can register online for courses.

“Sign In” with your certificate number and password and you will have access to even more information (remember to click on the “Remember Me” option so that you do not have to log in again). Now you will be able to download our [2012-2013 Directory of Officers & Committees](#) and other member specific items.

The site is still a work in progress as we continue to reformat the member only pages and add new items of interest – so keep checking back.

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SPRING COUNCIL MEETING



Miami



Palm Beach



Vero Beach



Sebastian Inlet



Coral Ridge



Pompano Beach



St. Lucie River



Homestead



Key West



Ft. Lauderdale



Hollywood



Rules Committee



Nominating Committee



Planning Committee

DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE MEETING



D/C Gary Ferguson, JN
presides at his last conference



R/C Lee Popham, AP
Chief Commander's Representative



V/C Louie Ojeda, SN
National Administrative Officer

2012-2013 District 8 Bridge Officers Installed by R/C Lee Popham, AP.



D/C John Doyle, SN and his flag of office



Gary Ferguson, JN receives his P/D/C flag and plaque



SPRING CONFERENCE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



District 8 Civic Service Award
Homestead squadron

Russell D. Hartz Award
(Attendance)
Sebastian Inlet squadron



Service Awards
William Schulke, P; Carl Miller, AP & Doris Pfenninger, AP

Life Member Awards
Joan Zeisler; John Spilman, SN; Gloria Schulke, JN;
Albert Richard, JN; Ronald LaFontaine, AP; William Plossi, AP



District 8 Member of the Year Award
Kathie & Dan Thomas and Nancy & Carl Miller,

District 8 Commander's Award
Anita Walker, JN

SPRING CONFERENCE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Distinctive Communicator Awards (Newsletters)
 Coral Ridge, Cutler Cove, Homestead, Marathon,
 Palm Beach, Pompano Beach, Port. St. Lucie, St. Lucie River,
 Vero Beach & District 8

Distinctive Communicator Awards (Websites)
 Biscayne Bay, Coral Ridge, Ft. Lauderdale, Homestead,
 Key West, Palm Beach, Pompano Beach,
 Port St. Lucie, Sebastian Inlet, St. Lucie River,
 Vero Beach & District 8



Squadron Growth Award
 Vero Beach & Port St. Lucie

Member Retention Award
 Vero Beach



“Doing It Right” Awards

Coral Ridge, Key West, Marathon, Miami, Palm Beach, Pompano Beach, Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie River, Sebastian Inlet & Vero Beach

SPRING CONFERENCE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Emil Jensen Vessel Safety Check Award
 1st Place - Biscayne Bay
 2nd Place - Palm Beach
 3rd Place - Pompano Beach

Best Squadrons in USPS
 3rd Place Squadron
 Biscayne Bay



District 8 VSC Achievement Awards



District 8 Special VSC Award Achieving Millenium Club Status
 Marjorie Baraff, AP



Century Club
 9th Year
 Marjorie Baraff, AP



Millennium Club
 Marjorie Baraff, AP



GPS Seminar



On Water Training



VSC



Public Relations



Educational Department

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS & MEETINGS



Historian



Coop Charting



Member Recruitment/Involvement



Squadron Officers & Members

SPRING CONFERENCE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Service Award
 Richard Pfenniger, SN
 Awards Chairman 13 years



Coop Charting Awards
 Coral Ridge 15 years
 Pompano Beach 15 years
 Vero Beach 25 years

SPRING CONFERENCE FOOD & FUN

Pompano Beach, St. Lucie River & Vero Beach Hospitality



First Timers Meet & Greet at the Palm Beach Cafe

Key West Hospitality



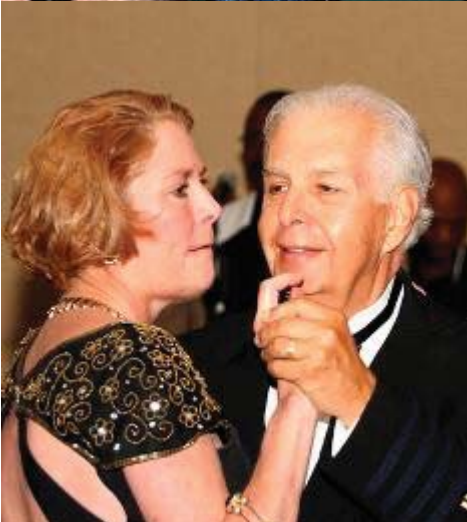
D/C's Hospitality



SPRING CONFERENCE FOOD & FUN - Puttin' on the Ritz



SPRING CONFERENCE FOOD & FUN - Saturday Banquet



BOOSTERS

P/C Darryl and Joan Aubrey
Shirley Becker

Stf/C John Belkengren & R/C William Gillette
P/D/C Reinhard & Ruth Bruderer
Stf/C Al and Pat Bruhin

Coral Ridge Sail and Power Squadron
D/Lt Art and D/Lt/C Mary Dodd
P/N/F/Lt Frank and Kathy Dougherty
D/C Jack and Judy Doyle
P/D/C Gary Ferguson

Ft. Lauderdale Power Squadron
P/D/C Marlene and P/C Michael Herbig
P/R/C William and Lynne Husted
Key West Sail & Power Squadron

National Chaplain Rodney & Lt Sandy Landsman
D/Lt/C Evelyn and Lt John Northrup
OceanGrafix

Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron
P/R/C Richard & Cdr Doris Pfenniger
Lt/C Eunice Polloway & P/C Dean Jackson
P/D/C Gloria & P/C William Schulke
Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron
St. Lucie River Power Squadron
Vero Beach Power Squadron

If your name is in RED, it is renewal time!

Thank You All!

D/Lt Shirley Haines, S, Booster Chairman



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D/8 "PIECES OF EIGHT" BOOSTER

Enclosed is my tax deductible check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to D/8 USPS.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

13 - 15 Jul	D8 Summer Rendezvous Pier 66, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
5 - 9 Sep	USPS Governing Board Detroit, MI
21 - 23 Sep	D8 Fall Council & Conference Marriott, Boca Raton, FL
2013	
16-20 Jan	USPS Annual Meeting Jacksonville, FL

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

15 July	Submissions for <i>Pieces of Eight</i>
7 Sep	Room reservations for Fall Conference
14 Sep	Meal reservations for Fall Conference

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