

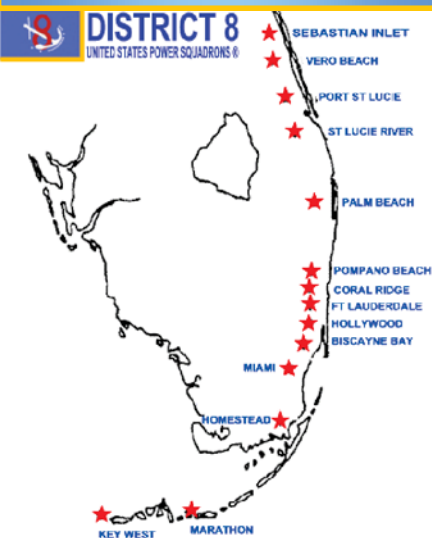


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D/F/Lt Allan Furtado, SN presents the D/8 100 Year Ensign at the Conference banquet. Upper Right: R/C Lee Popham, AP attaches the first squadron banner to the Ensign from our oldest squadron, Miami, 1939. Lower Right: Cdr Lynne Brown, AP attaches our newest Squadron's banner, Sebastian Inlet, 2003. Photos by D/Lt Art Dodd, SN (Palm Beach SPS). For all conference photos go to: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/artdodd52/sets/72157633364677909/>

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## FROM THE PAST DISTRICT COMMANDER

This past year has been an amazing watch and I would like to thank all of the D/8 Bridge officers, committee chairs and members who have provided unselfish support and guidance.

I have hosted two conference weekends for over 200 people each with “all the trimmings” such as hospitalities on Fridays and Saturdays, as well as the dinners both nights, an extremely

successful rendezvous, two National hospitality functions in Detroit, MI and Jacksonville, FL – with more than 200 people at each of these functions. Many of you participated in all of these events and some have been “hands on” seeing to it that we had everything necessary to represent our 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 Pompano Beachers, Coral Ridgers, Palm Beachers and Vero Beachers. Their efforts allowed me to receive countless accolades and thanks on the success of each event. The thanks need to go to the members’ tireless efforts to make me look good, both here in District 8 and away at National meetings.

The rendezvous at Pier 66, in Ft Lauderdale was one event I had time to enjoy due to the support of the many members who helped set up, tend bar, donated delicious appetizers, maintain the tidiness of the room and clean up at the end of the weekend. The food table always looked like it was just “set up”, the food always looked appetizing, and there were no dirty plates or cups anywhere. This suite was always clean with 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 Pompano Beachers, Coral Ridgers, Palm Beachers, and Vero Beachers. They were on top of things all day.

Some of the members who helped District 8 be recognized and awarded the best district in USPS during our watch, I would like to thank for all they did. They were: Diana and Mike Jackson, Mary and Art Dodd, Evelyn and John Northrup, Al and Pat Bruhin, Bill Gillette, John Belkengren, Richard and Denise Porter, Ron and Helena Friedman, Kathie and Dan Thomas, Tom and Pat Nolan, Doris Garner, Debbie and Larry Knight, Dana Pekunece, Ronnie and Kathie Babin, Bob Scully, Lee and Jean Devane, Ron and Arline Ziller, Marshall and Pat Bellin, Gary Ferguson, Igor Michel, Sylvia Swezy, Dave Nace, Jay Repo, Karen Campagna, Dave and Carol Bruce, Joyce Newman, Jeanne Kirch, Rose and Bryan Moskowitz, Lena Parsons, Mike Turner, Bob and Barbara Garito, John and Rosalie Goebel, Mike and Shirley Haines, Maurisia and Rudy Jeffers, Dick and Doris Pfenniger, Lee Popham and Eva, Ray and Ellen Ramey, Mike Stern, Ron Ray, Al Furtado, Kathy and Bill Pringle, my son Kevin Doyle and last, but not least, my bride Judy Doyle...

*Thank You!*

*P/D/C Jack Doyle, SN*



## FROM THE HELM D/C Diana Jackson, SN



The year of the ensign has started here in D/8 with the commencement of our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration at our spring conference (See photo on right). We had a great turn out and I am hoping that continues throughout our centennial year. I want to extend my gratitude to V/C Louie Ojeda, SN for visiting D/8 again and providing the Chief's message.



D/8 100 Year Ensign  
with all squadron banners attached.

My goal for this upcoming year is the same as our National Membership committee's goal and should be our squadrons' goals to **Retain, Gain and Remain** a member of USPS in 2013. V/C Louie Ojeda, SN says "a smile and a handshake" is how we should meet and greet all our members whether new or old. Acknowledgment and involvement is one of the best ways to keep our new members. A phone call is sometimes a better reminder than your email or text message. It is more personable and people engage better with that personal touch.

## D/8 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS HYATT REGENCY PIER 66 12-14 July 2013



The D/8 Summer Rendezvous is being held again this year at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Ft Lauderdale. It is like rolling back the clock as the prices are the same as last year. For those staying at the Hyatt, we have reserved Garden Marina Rooms at \$109.00/night and Tower rooms starting at \$139, and \$20.00 self-parking. Please call the central reservation line @ 888-421-1442 and tell them you are with USPS D/8. You can make reservations now! **Cutoff date is 12 June.**

Once you have made your reservation and you don't want to pay tax, send your reservation number and the cost of your room to our Treasurer made out to D/8 prior to 1 July and mail to:

R/C Bill Gillette, AP, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West, FL 33040

If you come by boat, you may make your reservation now, with Front Desk Agent for the marina, Ledonia Bryan 954-728-3578, or email him at [lbryan@luxuryresorts.com](mailto:lbryan@luxuryresorts.com). Dockage is \$1.50/ft - 40' minimum for boats up to 69 feet. Electric is available \$10/day for 30 amp; \$15/day for 50 amp. ('From the Helm' continued on next page.)

## **FROM THE HELM (Cont.)**

### **D/C Diana Jackson, SN**

## **USPS 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CRUISE ON HOLLAND AMERICA**

### **2 - 9 February 2014**



**ms Nieuw Amsterdam**

In case you didn't hear, USPS is having a Centennial Cruise following the Governing Board 2 - 9 February 2014. It is a 7-day roundtrip from Ft. Lauderdale cruising to the Eastern Caribbean. The itinerary includes the Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St Thomas, USVI; and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas.

Special pricing starts from \$799pp for inside staterooms, outside staterooms from \$979pp, Verandah staterooms from \$1,099pp and suites from \$1,879pp (plus Gov't fees and taxes of \$120.69pp).

Don't miss this fantastic trip with your fellow USPS members. This is Holland's newest ship and the itinerary and date are very popular, so inventory is limited. Book now to reserve the best possible stateroom location, final payment is due 17 Nov 2013. Please email Dawn Eckhart at [dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com](mailto:dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com) or call (727) 403-0406 to join in on this spectacular 100<sup>th</sup> celebration cruise!

## **2013 GOVERNING BOARD**



The Fall Governing Board will be held at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, TX. The hotel is situated on the banks of their legendary Riverwalk. Rates for the conference are \$139.00. Make your reservations now by calling 1-210-224-1234 or online at the [usps.org](http://usps.org) website. Want to come early and have something to do? Adjacent to the hotel and Riverwalk (Paseo del Rio); nearby attractions include HemisFair Park, IMAX Theater, the Shops at La Villita Arts Village, Rivercenter Mall, The Alamo, The Alamodome, Market Square, San Antonio Zoo, Fiesta Texas and Sea World.

Until next time, stay safe and see you at the Rendezvous!  
D/C Diana G Jackson, SN

# EDUCATION NEWS

## D/Lt/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN

We need to thank **Stf/C Al Bruhin, SN** for doing an excellent job as District Educational Officer for the past six years. He is not leaving us, but will be our Public Education Chairman. We also need to thank **D/Lt Michael Knapp, AP**. He has served very well as Assistant District Educational Officer for the past three years and will still be with us serving as **Trawlerfest Coordinator**. (Top photo - Stf/C Al Bruhin, SN receives plaque for service to D/8 as DEO from V/C Louie Ojeda, SN; middle photo - Al Bruhin receives his Past District Lieutenant Commander's flag and bottom photo - Lt/C Michael Knapp, AP receives plaque for his service to D/8 as the ADEO.)

We need to welcome a new member to our department, **D/1st/Lt Howard H. Kaufman, SN**. He is the ADEO. The roster did not list him as ADEO but he is listed in the members' pages.

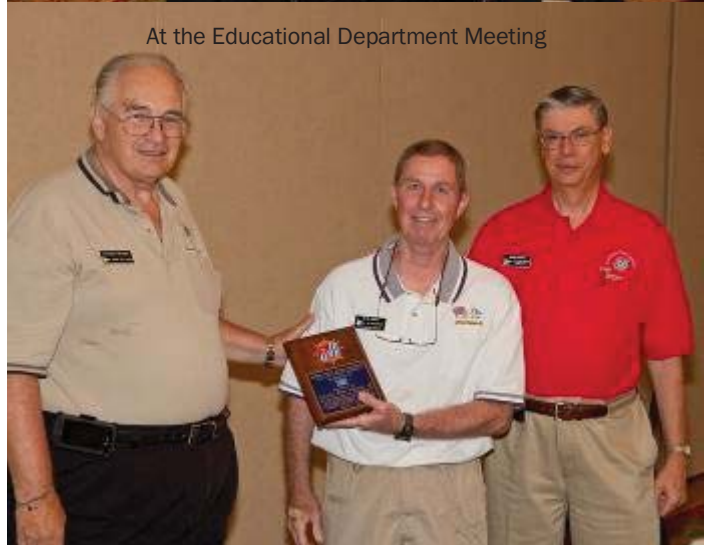
I would hope that all squadrons are starting to add the "on the water" exercises to all their courses being taught. This information is listed on the USPS web site under each course.

Practical on Water Training (POWT) is underway in one squadron and I would hope it will be started in several other squadrons this year. If you have any questions, or need help in getting started, please let me know.

### CHAPMAN AWARD

The Chapman award nominations are due to the DEO by 15 July. This is our most prestigious award in Education. Each squadron should have a nomination. The details and forms are found at USPS.org on the Educational Department home page under Chapman award.

Photo below: Educational Department Meeting at the Spring Conference



# ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

## D/Lt/C Jonathan Bensman, AP

Hello to all the members of United States Power Squadrons District 8, who know me and most of all, those who don't know who I am. My name is Jonathan Bensman, AP, and I want to thank all, who have placed your confidence in me to be the new District Administrative Officer. The upcoming year is going to be an exciting one for me and for District 8!



Summer is coming and that means being out on the water and enjoying yourself boating, fishing, scuba diving or whatever activity you do when you are on your boat. Also summertime means Rendezvous! Our annual rendezvous will be held 12-14 July 2013 at Pier 66 in Ft. Lauderdale. I hope everyone can attend and have a great time. By the way, when you come to the D/8 Rendezvous bring a couple of friends with you to show them what USPS is about.

Most of all, I want to thank the nominating committee, the members of District 8, P/D/C Jack Doyle, Cdr Brian Coleman, and of course my squadron for having the confidence in me to elect me to this outstanding job as your District Administrative Officer.

Photo on left: [R/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN](#)  
Chairman National Membership Committee



### "Doing it Right" Award

From left: R/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN; [Coral Ridge](#), Lt/C Eunice Polloway, AP; [Ft. Lauderdale](#), Lt/C Rudyard Jeffers; [Homestead](#), Cdr Brian Coleman, P; [Palm Beach](#), Cdr Joyce Newman, S; [Pompano Beach](#), Cdr Tom Nolan, P; [St. Lucie River](#), Cdr John Goebel, SN; [Vero Beach](#), Cdr Judy Peschio, P and D/C Jack Doyle, SN

# USPS 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOARMAN NATIONAL YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

By D/Lt Denise A. Porter, JN  
District 8 Youth Activities Chairman



**Tyler McCunn**  
Age Group: 6-8 years  
Vero Beach Power Squadron

D/8 held the 16th Annual Boarman National Youth Poster Contest at the Spring Conference on 27 April at the Marriott at Boca Center. We had the best turnout for poster entries to date. I want to thank Vero Beach Power Squadron, Homestead Power Squadron and Port St. Lucie Power Squadron for their hard work and enthusiasm in the very worthwhile activity.

We had fantastic posters for all three age groups with the contest theme being '100 Years of Wearing It'. Following are the three first place winning posters, which will be submitted to be judged at the National Conference in 2014.



**Molly Sullivan**  
Age Group: 9-11 years  
Port St. Lucie Power Squadron



**Sophia Faust**  
Age Group: 12-14 years  
Vero Beach Power Squadron

Here are the names of the other winners:

- Age Group 6 – 8: **Derrika Bynum**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Vero Beach Power Squadron  
**Abigail Valle**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Homestead Power Squadron
- Age Group 9 – 11: **Latavius Cason**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Vero Beach Power Squadron  
**Evelyn Simo**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Vero Beach Power Squadron
- Age Group 12- 14: **Stephanie DeMarco**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Vero Beach Power Squadron  
**Celeste Davenport**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Vero Beach Power Squadron

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 D/8 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 upcoming winter with information on the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Contest, with judging to take place at the Spring 2014 Conference. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [daporterpbps@aol.com](mailto:daporterpbps@aol.com).

# WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined squadrons in our district since February 7, 2013. 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**

Xristian Carvajal  
Megan S. Fernandez  
Melinee Fernandez  
Roberto Fernandez  
Liliya Mukhamadyarova  
William W. Strong  
Warren D. Zaffuto

## **Ft. Lauderdale**

Felipe Blanco  
Jessica Davis  
Brent Ford  
Roberto Ghitis  
Paul Meltzer  
Marlon Nasser

## **Key West Sail &**

Pavla Boan  
Elroy E. Bourgraf Jr.  
Rob Brotemarkle  
Diana Davis  
Anne K. Finch  
Nicholas A. Finch  
Richard Forney  
Richard M. Fuentes  
Tyler Goddere  
Manuel A. Gonzalez  
Denise R. Graham  
Keith R. Graham  
Gary D. Griffin  
Kris Griffin  
Warren M. Horner  
Spafford W. Hutchinson  
Charles D. Lafferty  
Nany A. Moulton  
Edward J. Noga  
Kevin R. Quaide  
Peter Reveno  
Daniel T. Ryan  
Stacy L. Ryan  
Julie W. Schaffer  
Stuart F. Schaffer  
Inca E. Schultz  
Frank E. Scudder  
Vicki R. Scudder

## **Key West (Cont)**

Dianne N. Umla  
Jeff Umla  
Wally A. Wadell  
A Elaine Wagner  
Grant Wagner  
Ellsworth Williams  
Thelma T. Williams

## **Marathon**

Alan F. Fairaizl  
Ann S. Fairaizl  
Maureen V. Quinn

## **Palm Beach Sail &**

Harry Ackerman  
Sammy R. Alzofon  
Dan Bachert  
Joyce B. Bevins  
Frank Bindel  
Dian Black  
Paul D. Blanchard  
Albert J. Cadaret,III  
Dwight Chadbourn  
James F. Corn  
Eileen Fleming  
Richard W. Green  
Fred Harrington  
Carol L. Hentschel  
Glenna J. Hilling  
Frank W. Howard  
Ronald J. Howard  
James M. Jackson Jr  
Robert Jones  
Dave Kelley  
Michael M. Miceli  
Marydenyse Ommert  
Raymond Ripley Jr  
Michael J. Scherb  
Moris Shlamowitz  
Dennis P. Sullivan  
Armond R. Vanore  
Charles Weber

## **Pompano Beach**

James A. Hines  
Kristine Kuehnle Zapf

## **Sebastian Inlet Sail &**

Doris E. Kilbane  
Holly L. Mills  
Terry A. Mills

## **St. Lucie River**

William J. Bravos  
Nancy Burke  
Wally Burke  
Donna M. Davidson-bravos  
James V. Taylor

## **Vero Beach**

Hale Adler  
Robert H. Ballance  
Cheryl S. Cesati  
Richard R. Cesati  
Anne M. Cormier  
Julie Dewitt  
Nicole M. Gash  
David Hornchek  
Sheri Jackson  
Thomas C. Jackson  
Michelle Jacoby  
Eileen M. Kennedy  
Larry F. Kiefer  
Margaret B. Kiefer  
Terry D. Lade'  
Bill Laviolette  
Diane C. McCarthy  
James Reay  
Nancy A. Rebik  
Jennie E. Risley  
Michael Risley  
William H. Rorke  
John A. Santo  
Sandra T. Souder  
Marie A. Taglione  
Joseph C. Taglione, Jr.  
Jim Tso  
Yvonne L. Tso  
Charlene Tucker



# SPRING CONFERENCE

## At the Council Meeting

Squadron  
Commanders'  
Reports



and  
Committee  
Reports



Cdr Maurisia Jeffers, S  
Ft. Lauderdale



Cdr Judith Maslowski, P  
Key West



Cdr Judith Peschio, P  
Vero Beach



Cdr Thomas Nolan, P  
Pompano Beach



P/R/C Richard Pfenniger, SN  
Hollywood



Cdr Lynne Brown, AP  
Sebastian Inlet



Cdr John Goebel, SN  
St. Lucie River



R/C Lee Popham, AP  
Miami



Cdr Joyce Newman, S  
Palm Beach



P/C Jonathan Bensman, AP  
Homestead



Chaplain Rod Landsman, AP  
Rules Committee Chm



Stf/C Gary Ferguson, JN  
Conference Chairman



Ron Friedman, AP  
Liaison Officer



D/Lt Bill Heimbaugh, S  
Coop Charting Chairman

# SPRING CONFERENCE

## Friday Night Hospitalities

Palm Beach



Key West & Marathon



Vero Beach and Pompano Beach



# SPRING CONFERENCE

## D/8 Café and 1st Timer's Meet & Greet



# SPRING CONFERENCE

## Workshops and Seminars



Registration



Seminar - Tides and Currents



Coop Charting Workshop



VSC Workshop



Public Relations



Tracking Membership Using Web Reports



Member Involvement  
Serving our Community



PowerPoint  
"How to make  
your own"

# SPRING CONFERENCE

## Meeting



V/C Louie Ojeda, SN presents the Chief's Message.



P/R/C Robert Malone, SN 50 Years USPS Membership



D/8 Member of the Year 1st/Lt David Mangold, N



Commander's Award P/C Richard R. Porter, JN



P/R/C Ronald Friedman, AP Service as D/8 Flag Lieutenant.



20 Years Cooperative Charting Key West Sail & Power Squadron

# SPRING CONFERENCE Meeting



**P/R/C Joseph A. Tringali, SN**  
For Meritorious Service as  
Chairman, Flag & Etiquette Committee  
Cdr Joyce Newman, S accepting



**District 8 Certificates of Appreciation**  
presented to

**D/Lt Michael Haines, AP** (Eunice Polloway, AP accepting), **P/D/C Al Richard, JN;**  
**P/R/C Bill Husted, SN; D/Lt Michael Sims, AP** and **D/Lt Linda Sims, AP**  
(Cdr Brian Coleman, P accepting), **P/C Joseph Fadlovich, AP;**  
**Chaplain Rod Landsman, AP** and **R/C Lee Popham, AP.**



**Joseph Caraccia, AP**  
Educational Achievement Award



**USPS Educational Fund  
Certificate of Merit**

First row: **District 8,** D/Lt Lee Devane, AP; **Coral Ridge,** Lt/C Eunice Polloway, AP;  
**Ft. Lauderdale,** Lt/C Rudyard Jeffers; **Marathon,** Carl Miller, AP;  
**Key West,** Cdr Judith Maslowski, P; **Palm Beach,** Lt/C Rose Moskowitz, JN;  
**Pompano Beach,** Cdr Thomas Nolan, P; **Vero Beach,** Cdr Judith Peschio, P;  
Second row: D/C Jack Doyle, SN; **Biscayne Bay,** Cdr Marjorie Baraff, AP;  
**Homestead,** Cdr Brian Coleman, P; **Cutler Cove,** Cdr Robert Roslund, AP;  
**Hollywood,** Cdr Doris Pfenniger, P; **Miami,** R/C Lee Popham, AP;  
**St. Lucie River,** Cdr John Goebel, SN; **Sebastian Inlet,** Cdr Lynne Brown, AP  
Missing from photo: **Port St. Lucie,** Stf/C Al Bruhin, SN



**Russell D. Hartz Award for Conference Attendance**  
**Sebastian Inlet**  
Cdr Lynne Brown, AP accepting

# SPRING CONFERENCE Meeting



**Diana Jackson, SN**  
is installed as District 8's new Commander  
by V/C Louie Ojeda, SN.

Passing of the Commander's Flag Ceremony



#1. Passed from the "Oldest" P/D/C down to...



#2. ...the "Newest" P/D/C ...

#3. ...and finally, to the newly installed D/C.



Other bridge officers are installed by V/C Louie, Ojeda. SN



District 8 2013-2014 Bridge

# SPRING CONFERENCE

## Commander's Reception



## Saturday Banquet





# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## D/Lt/C Mary Dodd, SN



I am looking forward to being your District 8 Executive Officer this year. I have a great team this year and am looking forward to working with them.

There are two new committee chairmen in the Executive Department.

D/Lt Robert Scully, N from Vero Beach Power Squadron is District 8's new Public Relations chair; he is also district's contact for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. If your squadron has a question about Public Relations or is planning a 100th Anniversary Celebration event, contact Bob.

D/Lt Ronnie Babin, S is the new Boat Show chair, he will be organizing District 8's boat show booths and asking for volunteers for the Fort Lauderdale and Miami boat shows.

Squadron commanders, I am also looking forward to working with you this year and keeping you informed on the latest information from District and National. If you have any questions or ideas on how district can help the squadrons, please let me know.

Now for some highlights from the Spring Conference:

Congratulations to Vero Beach and D/8 as the National winners of Boat US Civic Service awards. V/C Louie Ojeda, SN presented Vero Beach and D/8 with their Civic Service award at the Spring Conference. Vero Beach also received the [District 8 Civic Service Award](#) (See photo below).

There were many great workshops at the Spring Conference this year. I would like to thank the following members of the Executive Officer's Department who presented workshops at the conference.

D/Lt Bill Heimbaugh, S told us about the latest information on Cooperative Charting.

P/R/C Bill Husted, SN together with D/Lt Bob Scully, N informed us about Public Relations, Home Land Security and the 100th Anniversary.

D/F/Lt Alan B. Furtado, SN gave us the latest information about Vessel Safety Checks along with give a ways.

Thank you, R/C Kristi Anderson, P for talk during the Officer's meeting. We learned all about the Website, DB2000 and Member Benefits.

Next some reminders:

The Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show is scheduled for 31 October - 4 November 2013. The Miami Boat Show is scheduled for 13 - 17 February 2014. Mark your calendar. We are planning to man the booths this year for both boat shows. More details will follow during the summer, so mark your calendar.

Boat US Civic Service Award applications are due 15 December 2013. National is redesigning the applications. When they are finished the applications will be available on the National Website.



V/C Louie Ojeda, SN presents the  
**District 8 Civic Service Award**  
to  
Vero Beach Power Squadron, Cdr Judith Peschio, P.

For more information from Cooperative Charting and Vessel Safety Check please see the next three pages.

# VESSEL SAFETY CHECK AWARDS

Presented at the Spring Conference



**Century Club 10th Year**  
**Cdr Marjorie Baraff, AP**  
 D/Lt Allan Furtado, SN presenting



**Top Squadrons in USPS 1st Place**  
**Biscayne Bay**  
 D/Lt Allan Furtado, SN presenting



D/Lt Allan Furtado, SN presents **Special Award to Cdr Marjorie Baraff, AP** - Her old VSC shirt framed with engraved plate and a new "USPS Official Millennium Vessel Examiner" shirt to wear for future vessel exams.



**D/8 VSC Team Awards**  
**Biscayne Bay 208, Pompano Beach 158, Vero Beach 105**  
 D/Lt Allan Furtado, SN presenting



**D/8 VSC Individual Awards**  
 L-R: **Al Furtado 59, William Eldridge 34, Margie Baraff 197, Denise Porter 23 (Cdr Tom Nolan accepting), Diana Jackson 22 and Dan Thomas 25**

# D/8 VESSEL EXAMINERS ATTEND USCG AUXILIARY WORKSHOP

By D/F/Lt Allan B. Furtado, SN

In February, George Zima from USCG Auxiliary District 7, Division 6, Flotilla 61 Homestead invited District 8 to join the USCG Aux at a Vessel Examiner Workshop for Vessel Safety Check. A notice was sent to all VSC chairs within the District. That workshop was held on 16 March at the US Coast Guard Facilities in Miami. All or most of the Auxiliary training is performed at this facility.



L to R: Ron Babin, Rudyard Jeffers, Al Furtado, Tom Nolan, Marjorie Baraff and Fred Richards.

The following D/8 members attended the workshop: Cdr Marjorie Baraff, AP from Biscayne Bay, Lt Frederick Richards Jr., AP and Lt/C Rudyard Jeffers from Ft. Lauderdale, Cdr Thomas Nolan, P, D/Lt Ronald Babin, S and I from Pompano Beach Squadron.

The workshop emphasized the importance of the numbering on the front of each vessel. It has been observed that there have been too many decals issued to vessels that fail the numbering spacing. (A decal represents that a vessel passed all Federal Requirements, including numbering spacing.) A long discussion was focused on this subject.

Another issue was the serviceability of Personal Flotation Devices, Life Jackets. It has been noted that some Vessel Examiners do not even look at the jackets and pass the vessel anyway. Some jackets may have worn or frayed stitching and the jacket is

unserviceable. The main thing noted from a majority of VEs is that the boater will not have the life jackets out and ready for immediate use. Further discussion was to mention if the boater goes out into International waters the simple life jacket used inland is insufficient. Also consideration should be made for children and proper sizing of the jackets.

The subject of whether or not to tap a fire extinguisher on the bottom was also a hot topic. Kiddie extinguishers are susceptible to clogging the main “tube” inside the bottle if it is tapped on the bottom. I have witnessed a Kiddie extinguisher that was unserviceable because the gauge was in the red changed to OK or in the green when tapped on the bottom. This tapping action packed the powder up inside that “tube” and compressed the air within to show that the bottle was now good when it was not.

The last issue to be discussed was the Federal Government is changing the MARPOL sticker requirements this year (2013). The size of the decal required for vessels over 26 feet has been modified and the wording will change. Being that the requirements have not yet been issued, nor are there any replacement decals, the only thing that a Vessel Examiner can do for this item is mark it “NA” for this year only. By next year, new decals with all the proper wording and size will be out for everyone to use.

Two of our (USPS) attendees are not yet qualified VEs so this was a very good exposure to the VSC world.

After the workshop, Thomas Walker from the same USCG Auxiliary invited us to stay for lunch at the facility.



The workshop was well attended as you can see. USPS members are not in blue uniforms.

# COOPERATIVE CHARTING

By D/Lt Bill Heimbaugh, S

This past six months we have branched out from facility checks and depth surveys and have started doing other functions that are part of Coop Charting but have not been implemented in D/8 previously. They include: Range Line Surveys, Aids to Navigation inspections, Nearest Light program and Nav Inspections and others.

The Adopt-A-Chart, a subprogram provides for individual squadrons to assume responsibility to keep their chart in their local boating area up to date and we have squadrons that have added more area to their "Adopt A Chart" area.

In addition to this being the 100th anniversary of USPS, it is also the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Charting program. The agreement of cooperation between NOAA's Office of the Coast Survey and USPS makes our cooperative charting program possible. It was first signed in 1963 and has been continuously renewed, most recently by Rear Admiral Glang and Chief Commander Alter at the annual meeting in 2013. To commemorate this anniversary year, they will be awarding a special 50<sup>th</sup> year patch to the top 75 participants in the program and adding a "50 Years of Cooperative Charting" citation to their award certificates. This will be for the charting year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

The Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as the most effective user-participation program in all of the Federal services. And with federal budgets being cut, it's possible USPS will be taking on more programs and will need more of our members to help us continue making our water ways safe to navigate.

You can get involved in Cooperative Charting with a minimum of effort. After that you can decide how much further you want to get involved at any point. ***However, I warn you to be careful; It can be an insidiously habit-forming activity!***



# NEW VESSEL EXAMINER

By Lt Susan Hamel, P; Vero Beach Power Squadron



Lt/C Joe Troiano, S Vero Beach Power Squadron receives a VE pin from District 8 Vessel Safety Check Officer D/F/Lt Allan Furtado, SN for being the newest VSC Examiner in Vero Beach. D/Lt Dan Thomas, SN Vero Beach Power Squadron VSC Officer looks on.

## BOOSTERS

**Shirley Becker 4-12**

Ronnie and Kathy Babin 5-13

P/D/C Reinhard and Ruth Bruderer 10-12

Stf/C Al and Pat Bruhin 11-12

Coral Ridge Sail and Power Squadron 6-13

P/D/C Marlene and P/C Michael Herbig 4-13

**P/R/C William and Lynne Husted 4-12**

D/C Diana and D/Lt Michael Jackson 3-13

Nat. Chaplain Rodney & Sandy Landsman 8-12

**D/Lt/C Evelyn and Lt John Northrup 5-12**

**Lt/C Eunice Polloway & P/C Dean Jackson 4-12**

P/D/C Gloria and P/C William Schulke 10-12

Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron 2-13

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

*Thank You All!*

*D/Lt John W. Northrup, AP Booster Chairman*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

18 - 24 May	National Safe Boating Week
12 - 14 Jul	D8 Summer Rendezvous Hyatt Pler 66, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
3 - 8 Sep	USPS Governing Board San Antonio, TX
27 - 29 Sep	D8 Fall Council & Conference Marriott, Boca Raton, FL

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

12 Jun	Room Reservations for Summer Rendezvous
18 Jul	Submissions for <i>Pieces of Eight</i>
13 Sep	Room Reservations for Fall Conference
20 Sep	Meal Reservations for Fall Conference

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