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Chief Commander Robert Baldridge, SN

Chief Commander Robert Baldridge, SN will be attending our September Fall Conference. We look forward to his attendance.



National Bridge Commander for 2014, C/C Robert Baldridge of Baton Rouge, LA joined the Baton Rouge Squadron in 1976 as a college sophomore so his father would let him take the boat out by himself. His first job was on the squadron phone committee. He went on to serve on the Executive Committee, Seamanship instructor, Chairman of Local Boards, Administrative Officer, Executive Of-

ficer, and squadron Commander. He continues to serve as Newsletter Editor, Instructor Development Chairman, Operations Training Chairman, and Membership Chairman.

In District 15, he has served as Computer Systems Committee Chairman, Rules Committee Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander.

His first national job was as a member of the national Computer Systems Committee in the mid 80's. He went on to chair that committee and serve on the Marketing and Planning Committees. He was an aide to Chief Commanders Gordon, Kennedy, and Jensen and has served as the Assistant National Secretary, Secretary, Administrative Officer, National Executive Officer. He is a Life member with 30 Merit Marks.

Married in 1983, Robert and Nancy Baldridge have two boys, Taylor and Noah. The entire family enjoys boating aboard their SeaRay, MUCH ADO, mostly in the rivers and lakes of Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast. Commander Baldridge's two sons, Taylor and Noah, have joined the Baton Rouge Squadron hoping their father would let them take the boat out by themselves.

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CALL TO THE FALL COUNCIL

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 5, Section 5.2 and 5.3, District Commander Mary Dodd, SN has called the Fall Council meeting for 1400 on Friday, 26 September 2014 at the Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33483.

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 3, Section 3.1, voting members of the Council include the district bridge, immediate past district commander, chairmen of General Committees (Nominating, Auditing and Rules) and squadron commanders.

Any member of District 8 will have the privilege of the floor upon recognition by the Chair. All members of the District are encouraged to attend this meeting and commanders should urge bridge officers to be present.

An absent squadron commander may be represented by another bridge officer of the squadron and in the absence of an officer for whom there is an elected assistant, the assistant may act for the principal.

The agenda for this meeting includes:

- Reports of squadron commanders.
 (Please be prepared to stand and give a verbal report even if your report is already on file).
- Reports of district department chairmen.
- Reports of General Committees.
- Reports of Standing Committees.
- Announcements.
- Other business that may properly come before the Council.

Photos in this issue by

D/Lt Art Dodd, SN

Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron

CALL TO THE FALL CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of District 8 Bylaws, District Commander Mary Dodd, SN issues the Call to the Fall Conference. It is to be held at the Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33483, Saturday, 27 September 2014 at 1330.

The purpose of the meeting is to act on matters set forth below.

- 1. To hear and act upon reports of officers.
- 2. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before the Conference.
- 3. To consider and act upon reports, resolutions and recommendations from the Council, officers and committees.

District 8 Bylaws Article 4 and 5 describe the Conference and its functions extensively and are recommended reading for all members.

Section 4.1: The Conference shall be composed of the Council, the past district commanders of this district who are active members of district squadrons, and the delegates which persons shall be the voting members of the Conference.

Section 4.2.1: Delegates shall be selected by each squadron on the basis of one delegate for each twenty five (25) active members in good standing or major fraction thereof as of the preceding 1 March, with a minimum of two (2) delegates per squadron.

Section 4.2.3: Prior to each meeting of the Conference each squadron commander shall submit in writing to the district secretary, a list of the squadron's delegates entitled to vote at the Conference. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DELEGATES MAY VOTE ONLY IF NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITED TO SECRETARY PRIOR TO MEETING.

Section 4.2.4: If a delegate is disqualified or unable to attend, the squadron commander may appoint a substitute and notify the secretary prior to the convening of the meeting.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT COMMANDER

D/C Mary Dodd, SN

DISTRICT 8 Rendezvous







I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2014 D/8 Rendezvous that was held at the Marriott on Hutchinson Island on 11- 13 July 2014. 67 members and seven boats attended the Rendezvous. The weather was great. The only time it rained was during the Commander's meeting which was inside anyways. The rendezvous started on Friday night with the usual social. The suites had balconies and the weather was so nice in the evening that many hung out there. This year's dress code was Margaritaville. A big thank you to Cdr William Eldridge, SN; Kathryn Eldridge; Jeanne Kirch; AP and Alan Konzelman, S who did a great job making sure there was plenty of food and the drink glasses were full.





Saturday morning we had a continental breakfast that was sponsored by Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron. The Commander's meeting was then held in the suites.





Then it was off to the Elliot Museum for a fun tour. About 30 members attended the tour.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT COMMANDER D/C Mary Dodd, SN

After the tour was the ice cream social. The ice cream was great and the Nautical Trivia Game prepared by D/Lt Arthur Dodd, SN made it fun.

Immediately following the ice cream social, hospitality continued with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and then dinner at Prawnbrokers which was attended by 58 members. We also had a fundraiser for the 75th Anniversary thank you to P/D/C Marlene Herbig, SN and Rosalie Goebel.





I would like to also thank 1st Lt Arlene Widmayer for the decorations, D/Lt Ronnie Babin, S who took names of people going to Prawnbrokers, P/C John Goebel, SN who set up the reservations at Pawnbrokers; D/Lt/C Al Furtado, SN and D/Lt Jim Skeoch, P who organized the Elliott Museum Tour and D/F/Lt Gloria Schulke, JN for all her help during the Rendezvous and the meeting.

FALL CONFERENCE 26-28 SEPTEMBER 2014

Marriott at Boca Town Center

75th Anniversary Celebration

Don't forget to make your reservations for the fall conference at the Marriott at Boca Center, and remember to make a check to District 8, and mail to R/C Bill Gillette, AP to forego the taxes (reservation form on page 13).

At this conference we will be kicking off a one year celebration of the D/8 75th Anniversary.

We will also have the BOATING SKILLS VIRTUAL TRAINER (BSVT), which allows you to maneuver a "Boston Whaler" on a lake of 3.5 miles x 4 miles in a virtual mode where there are no other boats, no water and no risks. Come and demonstrate your skills in the expo room on Saturday morning. The Boating Skills VT is a USPS training unit funded by a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard with advanced water physics developed by Virtual Driver Interactive (VDI).

PUBLIC RELATIONS

By D/Lt Robert Scully, N

75 Year Anniversary - I am looking forward to the conference for various reasons and hope we have the biggest turnout yet. I will be there with my wife and we are really excited about seeing all the great video or power point presentations from our squadrons.

<u>Proclamations</u> - We would like to see Proclamations from your city or county recognizing your squadron and the district for its contribution to boating education and civic service in your respective locations. Please bring the hard copy to the Fall Conference. You may post it on our Facebook page, as well.

<u>Member Benefits</u> – Talk about it. Help promote and sell USPS. This should not be a well kept secret. For more details see your squadron Member Benefits Chair. If you don't have one raise your hand and be one. Tell your friends and neighbors about all the benefits you get as a member of this fine organization. Here is a link to tools http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/USPSMBTools.htm and this is a link to Member Benefits facebook https://www.facebook.com/USPSMemberBenefits.

<u>SailAngle</u> - I am hoping we can use this to generate ideas on a site that USPS has control over. Join this group if you would like to exchange ideas with your fellow District 8 Squadron Public Relations Officers

http://www.sailangle.com/group/home/groupid/2654.

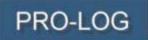
<u>Facebook</u> - If your squadron does not have one and would like to have a Facebook page, I will be happy to set it up for you. Just ask. Your District 8 Facebook page is https://www.facebook.com/pages/USPS-District-8/225852064137919.

PROLOG - A place to go for ideas to help promote/sell the squadron, district and USPS.

<u>USPS</u> - Getting there is easy. Go to http://www.usps.org/. Look at the screen. Click on these and you will get to the respective location.







Regards, Lt/C (P/C) Robert G. Scully, N USPS D8 PRO scullybg@comcast.net H 772-252-9740 C 772-453-4966

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined squadrons in our district since 7 June 2014. 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.

Fort Lauderdale

Clark Alvarado
Laura E. Barak
Kerry Borrosso
Kevin Borrosso
Angella L. Burks
Donna Cambro
Brian Connell
Steve Larimore
Peter Meyerhdef
Darell Rodriguez
Gretchen Rodriguez
Julia Thompson

Key West Sail &

Eric Mealus

Palm Beach Sail &

James DeArmond

Pompano Beach Sail &

Mark S. Rodman

Sebastian Inlet Sail &

Charmaine M. Brayton Deborah A. Sladen Richard T. Sladen

St. Lucie River

Sandy Herndon Jeffery J. Weisman

Vero Beach

James Sangirardi Larry Silver Peggy Silver Christi F. Treat Terry J. Treat Richard Yzaguirre

BE A BOOSTER

DISTRICT 8 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE SEND YOUR BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP OF \$30.00 TO R/C BILL GILLETTE, AP. YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS SUPPORT D/8 PUBLICATIONS AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE BOOSTER CLUB IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

D/Lt John Northrup, AP
Booster Chairman

DISTRICT 8 RENDEZVOUS

Friday Hospitality





Breakfast





Commander's Meeting





ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT D/Lt/C Allan Furtado, SN

Starting in June there has been a program called "Each One Reach One" which is a 100 day campaign to increase our membership. Each day SailAngle publishes a "tip of the day" during this campaign. I have been forwarding these tips to each squadron's Membership Chair every day. These tips are helpful notations of what and how to approach membership. The campaign is an in-house drive that will conclude by 10 September 2014. The goal for this drive is to increase your membership by at least one (1) more member than your June membership roster. It will be interesting to see the results which will be published later in September.

I wish to thank all who attended the summer Rendezvous at Hutchison Island. A super time was had by all, fantastic facilities (Marriott Hotel), enjoyable Elliott Museum, and finally a very nice sit down dinner at the PrawnBroker. The service was outstanding for such a large group. My Kudos go out to Cdr Mary Dodd, SN for all of her efforts in bringing it all together.

The Governing Board is sneaking up on 7 - 14 September 2014 in Arlington VA. If you want to attend, it is best to get your reservations in ASAP. I will be there on Tuesday through Sunday. There are a number of interesting events and meetings that I would recommend if you can make it. For one, I am taking a First Aid course and being recertified in CPR. This is a special class for on the water situations. This is just one fantastic event. Looking forward to seeing you there.

I wish to remind everyone of our upcoming D/8 Fall Council and Fall Conference to be held on 26 - 28 September 2014 in the Boca Raton Marriott Hotel. This is an event that everyone in the District should attend.

This year we will be celebrating our 75th year as District 8. Our Commander has a special event planned for the Saturday evening dinner involving the Squadron Battle Ribbons. All Squadron Commanders are asked to attend. I am sure it will be quite interesting and fun.

The council is where the business of the District is conducted. Members bring issues to the council and they are discussed and voted upon. Then any issues that have been approved by the council are presented to the District Conference for final approval. Once passed by the Conference, the issue is active. This is why it is so important for all squadron commanders and their respective delegates to attend the meetings to make sure that all squadrons have a say in the business issues.

And finally, I would like to commend St Lucie River Power Squadron for its participation in the Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup on 26 July 2014. See photo below. This is an outstanding example of Membership Involvement. While they were working, members of the general public looked on and joined in to help. I have been told about the vast amounts of "trash" that was collected. Great Job St Lucie River PS!

The participants were left to right: Lt Rosalie Goebel, P/C Dave Wroten, SN, Jaki 'Malley, Maureen Vaillancourt, P, UNK male. Rob Vaillancourt, UNK male, UNK female, Dane Savela, UNK female, Gloria Goebel, UNK male, John VanAmsterdam, P, Lt/C John Goebel, SN, Gordon Girvin, UNK male, P/C Jim Skeoch, P.

Note: the UNK persons were members of the general public that wished to help.



EDUCATION NEWS Stf/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN

Now is the time to be sure all your plans for your Fall and Winter Courses and Seminars are in place. Do not forget to enter the information in the 800 system.

As we start the new educational year, lets start teaching the ON-WATER-TRAINING part of Seaman-ship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, JN and SN. The lesson plan guide for these courses can be found by going to the USPS Educational Department home page and on the left side click on each course. These exercises have been preapproved and are covered by our insurance program. All the squadron needs to do is to approve the training program to be covered by insurance. No added approval is needed as long as the squadron does not make changes to the program.

By using the OWT part of the courses, it makes them more interesting and useful for the student. Also do not forget that this training time is entered into the Pfenniger D/8 ON-WATER-Training Award.

At the Fall Conference on Saturday morning Lt/C Tom Nolan, SN SEO of Pompano Beach Squadron will present the Marine Radar Seminar. This is a good chance to take this seminar presented by a great instructor. The seminar includes instruction and the book "Marine Radar" by Keven Monahan—retail price \$25. The cost for the seminar is \$25, including the book.

Hope to see many of you there.

St. Lucie River Power Squadron Summer Social

P/R/C Bill Husted, SN

St. Lucie River Power Squadron (SLRPS) hosted some 40 members and guests at its Summer Social earlier this month at Sandsprit Park in Stuart. The event was held to welcome many of the newer members who had joined SLRPS in the past three years. The Martin County group is one of more than 400 squadrons in the national boating safety education and skills enhancement organization, United States Power Squadrons which is this year celebrating its 100th anniversary. Photo by Bill Gelpke.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK News Updates Reminders

Hello D/8 from your Vessel Safety Check Chairman, P/R/C Margie Baraff, AP

Mysteries

Why was the boat owner surprised when I wished him a happy birthday?

Why was the boat owner surprised when I knew the manufacturer of his boat by looking at the boat's stern?

Why was the boat owner surprised when I knew the age of his boat?

Solutions

We begin inspecting a boat as we walk over to introduce ourselves to the owner. From 50 feet or more away, we can check the color, font and the way the registration numbers are positioned. As you get closer, check the annual registration decal on the port side for month and year and note if it is current and within 6 inches of the registration numbers. Remember that the Florida registration is linked to the owners birthday month. Mystery solved; well, OK I'm within a 30 day window anyhow – Happy Birthday, Captain.

The HIN (Hull Identification Number) is required to be etched or permanently affixed to the starboard stern quarter of the boat. The boat manufacturer's USCG assigned ID code is the first set of letters in the HIN. Mystery solved; well, most of the time. I know that the letters YAMA on the HIN represent Yamaha. Not all the ID's are that easy but enough of them are that you can seem to be like Einstein in khaki pants and a red shirt.

The boat Model Year is easy to find too. For HIN numbers assigned after 1 August 1984 the last 2 digits designate the year the boat was built.

So, there are no mysteries. There are only questions that we haven't yet found the answers for.

HIN Formats after 1 August 1984



Above graphic copied from: http://www.usps.org/national/safety/HIN/HIN.pdf

Margie

THE 2014 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

07-14 September 2014

This will be fun and informative for all. Go to the National Website and download your registration form for day and night tours of Washington, DC and to see what workshops and festivities are happening during the Governing Board Meeting.

2014 Governing Board

Sunday, September 07, 2014 - Sunday, September 14, 2014

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This is the main meeting Hotel

Hotel Web Site

2799 Jefferson Davis Highway,
Arlington VA 22202

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TIDBIT OF D/8 HISTORY

Here is another interesting tidbit of D/8 history taken from the D/8 website that you may not know: D/8 from October 1939 till February 1957 covered all Florida squadrons. Then in February 1957 the Governing Board approved the separation of D/8 into three districts. On 3 April 1957 the Spring Conference met in Ft Lauderdale to give their seal of approval. C/C William C. Wolfmuller, N; V/C Lester C. Lowe, JN and V/C Edward M. Sutton, N were present to observe and assist in this action. That was the first time any district had been divided into three districts. The three districts are District 8 South East, District 23 Northeast and District 22 West.

This tidbit of D/8 History was submitted by D/C Mary Dodd, SN.

BOAT SHOW ACTIVITIESD/Lt Ronald Babin, S





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DISTRICT 8 FALL CONFERENCE

26 - 28 September 2014



0830-1130 Squadron Educational Officers Meeting

0830-1130 Squadron Officers Meeting

DISTRICT 8 FALL CONFERENCE 26 - 28 SEPTEMBER 2014

Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Cir Boca Raton FL 33486

Room Rate: \$129.00 (including Buffet Breakfast) Deadline for Rate: 12 September 2014
Call: 1-888-888-3780 Online: www.marriott.com/pbibr Group Code: PWNPWNA

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2014 SATURDAY ANNIVERSARY BANQUET: 1400-1630 USPS® Registration Choice of Entrée: 1400-1630 Fall Council Chicken 1700-Hospitalities stuffed with Boursin, Spinach & Pancetta SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014 \$42.00 0830-1130 "MINI EXPO"......Royal Palm 3 Herb & Garlic Shrimp Skewers 75th Anniversary Displays \$47.00 Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (Simulator) Vessel Safety Check Beef Short Ribs Squadron Development with Marsala Wine Sauce and Mushrooms Teaching Aids \$52.00 0830-0915 Member Involvement...... Royal Palm 1 All Meals Served with: 0830-0915 Homeland Security......Royal Palm 2 Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Buttered Asparagus Spears Caesar Salad & Anniversary Dessert 0900-1100 Marine Radar SeminarConcierge 0930-1130 Rejuvenate Your Squadron .. Royal Palm 1 0930-1015 Coop ChartingRoyal Palm 2 UNIFORMS OF THE DAY: 1030-1115 Treasurers Workshop Royal Palm 2 FRIDAY: .. USPS Casual or Suitable Attire Daytime ... 1330-1600 Conference Royal Palm Ballroom SATURDAY:Uniform G or Suitable Attire 1900-2230 Reception/Cash Bar Evening Uniform A (with bow tie) or Suitable Attire 1930-2230 BanquetRoyal Palm Ballroom SUNDAY: SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2014 Daytime USPS Casual or Suitable Attire

Complete and mail reservation form to: R/C John A Belkengren, AP, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West FL 33040

Note: Meal reservations and check must be received by 19 September 2014

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

Thank You All!

D/Lt John W. Northrup, AP Booster Chairman



BE A BOOSTER: D/8 "PIECES OF EIGHT" BOOSTER Enclosed is my tax deductable check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to D/8 USPS. Return to: R/C William Gillette, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West, FL 33040NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE: SQUADRON:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7-14 Sep **Governing Board Meeting** Hyatt, Arlington, VA 26-28 Sep D/8 Fall Conference Marriott, Boca Raton, FL 2015 18-25 Jan **USPS Annual Meeting** Hyatt Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL 24-26 Apr D/8 Spring Conference Marriott, Boca Raton, FL D/8 Fall Conference 18-20 Sep Marriott, Boca Raton, FL

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

2014

12 Sept Room Reservations for Fall Conference
19 Sept Meal Reservations for Fall Conference
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10 Apr Room Reservations for Spring Conference
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