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DISTRICT 8 COMMANDER JON BENSMAN, AP

The Change of Watch ceremony is the District 8 Sail & Power Squadron member's opportunity to support our organization and to honor our leaders. The Change of Watch marks the official installation of the new bridge officers. The ceremony also allows us to thank the outgoing bridge officers. This year the Spring Conference was held at the Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton FL.



For the 2015/2016 timeframe your District 8 Commander is Jonathan Bensman, AP. In 2010 he joined the United States Power Squadrons®. He served as Commander of Homestead Power Squadron from 2011-13. He was elected as District 8 Administrative Officer in 2013 and District Executive Officer 2014.

Your District 8 Commander grew up in Toledo, Ohio. After graduating from high school he went into military service in both the Marines and Army. He retired from service in 2009. He is a licensed Captain, scuba instructor trainer, first aid and CPR instructor.

The commander and his wife Bonnie, have 5 children, 10 grandkids and 2 great grandchildren. They spend time between North Carolina and Florida.

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CALL TO THE FALL COUNCIL

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 5, Section 5.2 and 5.3, District Commander Jon Benson, AP has called the Fall Council meeting for **1400 on Friday, 18 September 2015** 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

CALL TO THE FALL CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of District 8 Bylaws, District Commander Jon Bensman, AP 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, 19 September 2015** 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 SUBMITTED 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.

DISTRICT 8 2015-2016 BRIDGE OFFICERS



Conference Meeting: D/C Jon Bensman, AP; D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN; Stf/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN;
D/Lt/C Joyce Newman, S; D/Lt/C Jan Furtado, AP; R/C William R. Gillette, AP



Formal Dinner: D/C Jon Bensman, AP; V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN; Cdr Jane Brandenstein, SN; D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN;
Stf/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN; D/Lt/C Joyce Newman, S; D/Lt/C Jan Furtado, AP; R/C William R. Gillette, AP; P/D/C Mary Dodd, SN;
D/Lt Arthur Dodd, SN

FROM THE HELM

D/C John Bensman, AP

I am much honored to be selected as the District 8 Commander. I want to thank everyone who gave me their support: the past district commanders, Anita Walker, SN and the nomination committee and most of all the squadron commanders and all the members of each of our squadrons.

This is our 76th year. Let's continue doing what we started during our 75th Anniversary year: increase our membership through education, work on our partnership with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and support the coordination with the National Safe Boating Council: "Wear It" Program.

These are programs that seem to work for District 8 in the past years:

1. **Vessel Safety Checks.** These are our first contact with the public and we do extremely well in getting many of these. If we use this to get some members from these safety checks this could build up some of our squadrons.
2. **Social Programs.** Through these programs District 8 received the Boat US Civic Service Award for the being the best in USPS. One of our squadrons received honorable mention for their programs also. We need to continue to work on our social programs to let South Florida know that United States Power Squadron District 8 is here and we support them.
3. **Boating Courses,** we need to continue to teach the ABC3 to the public and recruit new members to join our squadrons. This could be done in many ways and each squadron needs to look at what works for them. One way is through the public and private school systems. We need to get into the schools from junior high to the college level. Also through the Sea Scouts organizations.
4. This one is being stolen from Sail Angle and the membership committee: **PARTICIPATION!** Get everyone involved and recognize their contribution of time and effort. Even for a fun boating outing, some boats may not be suitable or some members may not have a boat – get all involved if at all possible. Even rotating through the bridge, nearly every one can do it with the right preparation and support. Sometimes the least likely turns out to be the best. Sustain each other in what we each do. Participate, participate, participate. Burnout is not usually the result of doing too much – rather it is usually the result of not being recognized and appreciated sincerely.
5. The "Wear It" Campaign, Safe Boating Week (May 16-22 2015) and wear your life jacket to work day on May 22nd. This is with the National Safe Boating Council, www.safeboatingcampaign.com . You can download the press kit from the website. I'd like to see all the squadrons get pictures of members and their pets with life jackets on and submit them to the above web site.

FROM THE HELM (CON'T)

D/C John Bensman, AP

- This is one of the things that I stressed in my speech at the District Change of Watch Dinner, and that is to “have and make things FUN!” We are a volunteer organization while we do a lot of different things from VSC, boating classes, dinners, meetings etc, we need to have fun in everything we do!

We will continue to work with the plan developed last year to bring up membership through our outstanding education programs, our social programs with nationals new motto: “Come for the Education and Stay for the Friends!” I look forward in working all of you this year and making this a fun and exciting year.

ACR ARTEX



Gabriel Roura Accepting Appreciation Certificate from P/D/C Mary Dodd, SN

FROM AFTER THE HELM

P/D/C Mary Dodd, SN

I am honored to have been District 8's Commander and to have served you this past year. D8 had a successful year. I would like to thank everyone for their support and help.

This was a very exciting year. During the 2014 Spring Conference, D8 approved the design of a new District 8 flag with a platinum border designating 75 years. D/Lt/C Alan Furtado, SN and P/C Marjorie Baraff, AP donated the newly approved 75th Anniversary flag to the District.

The Summer Rendezvous at Hutchinson Island was a success with seven boats and 60+ members attending; even some of our youngest members attended as Cdr Rudyard Jeffers, S brought his children.

The actual 75th celebration started during the 2014 Fall Conference as the City of Boca Raton gave us a proclamation and at the dinner where the squadrons' ceremonial streamers were removed from the 100th Anniversary United States Power Squadrons Ensign. The streamers were returned to each squadron. Since then and continuing through to the 2015 Fall Conference, D8 squadrons have been and are going to be visited by members of the D8 Bridge to have the squadrons place their streamers on the new D8 flag.

Since the 2014 Fall Conference the following squadrons have been visited by a member of the D8 bridge with the new D8 75th Anniversary Flag: Biscayne Bay Power Squadron, Pompano Beach Power Squadron, Sebastian Inlet Sail and Power Squadron, Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron, Vero Beach Power Squadron, St Lucie River Power Squadron, Ft Lauderdale Power Squadron, Coral Ridge Sail & Power Squadron, and Port St Lucie Power Squadron. Now it is Jon's turn to visit the remaining squadrons.

At the National Meetings this year, D8 won 1st Place "Member Involvement Retention Award" and 1st Place Boat US Civic Service Award. St Lucie River Power Squadron received honorable mention. As that made them the highest ranking D8 squadron at the National Level it meant they received the D8 Civic Service Award.



District 8 Civic Service Award, St. Lucie River

FROM AFTER THE HELM (CON'T)

P/D/C Mary Dodd, SN

D8 also made honor roll for the Educational Fund Award (100% participation – all squadrons in D8 contributed to the fund). One of our members, Cdr William Eldridge, SN won National's Chapman's Excellence in Teaching Award. Two of our members received their 50th Merit Mark, P/R/C Bob Malone, SN and Lt Elvin Greene, III, SN, making them voting members of the National Governing Board. P/C Marjorie Baraff, AP received the Century Club in Vessel Safety Checks for the 12th Year and Biscayne Bay Power Squadron received top squadron for Vessel Safety Checks.



P/D/C Mary Dodd, SN; V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN; P/R/C Bob Malone, SN



P/D/C Mary Dodd, SN; V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN; Lt Elvin Green III, SN

Five of our members became Life Members which means that they no longer need to pay dues.



P/Stf/C Carolyn A. Sanislo, SN; Lt/C Richard Wood, JN; Cdr Marjorie Baraff, AP

FROM AFTER THE HELM (CON'T)

P/D/C Mary Dodd, SN

Thank yous

I would like to thank my bridge for their help this year: Now D/C Jon Bensman, AP for keeping squadron commanders informed on what was happening at the district level; D/Lt/C Allan Furtado, SN for ensuring we had workshops for Saturday mornings, helping with the 2014 Rendezvous, donating the new D8 flag to the District, and attending the changes of watch and D8 celebrations at Coral Ridge Sail and Power Squadron and Pompano Beach Power Squadron, and helping with the flag celebration at Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron; D/Lt/C Dick Pfenniger, SN for his advice and his help with the awards at the same time as being DEO and officiating at Vero Beach Power Squadron COW; R/C William Gillette, AP for collecting and disbursing our district funds; and Evelyn Northrup, AP for doing the minutes.

Thank you to the following people who helped to make this year a success: V/C Peter Mitchelson, SN and P/R/C Nigel Hargreaves, SN who were always there to help even with their busy schedules and had the answers to my questions, Stf/C Diana Jackson, SN who was helpful with the D8 polo shirts and making certificates, D/Lt Michael Jackson, SN, who stepped in as conference chair when there was a vacancy and P/D/C Marlene Herbig, SN for officiating at Port St Lucie Power Squadron Change of Watch and D8 flag ceremony.

And thank you to my Hospitality Team who made the hospitalities successful and very easy for me this year: 1st/Lt Arlene Widmayer, S and Kathy Eldridge who were the best organizers, planners and follow thru people I could have asked for; Cdr William Eldridge one of the greatest bartenders; Alan Konzelman for bartending; P/C Michael Herbig, AP and Lynne Husted, who did a great job bartending at the fall conference when Cdr Eldridge was unable to do so; Cdr Eldridge and Kathy and D/Lt/C Joyce Newman, P and Jim De'armond, P were also my away hospitality organizers; and Jeanne Kirch, AP; Bonnie Fisher, Lt/C Richard McClain, SN and Mary Ann, P/C John Goebel, SN and Rosalie; Lt Sandy Landsman for their help at the hospitalities.

Thank you Cdr Lena Parsons, JN, Cdr Marjorie Baraff, AP and R/C Anita Walker, JN for their help and advice throughout the year. Thank you Chaplain Rod Landsman, AP for being District Chaplain and Parliamentarian for two conferences.

I would like to thank my Flag Lieutenant P/D/C Gloria Schulke, JN who stepped in to be my flag when there was an unexpected vacancy. She did a great job keeping me on time to meetings, giving advice and making sure I took time to relax and "make myself look pretty" before a hospitality. Also, thanks to her sister, P/D/C Marlene Herbig, SN who updated the District Bridge Officers' guide, helped with the planning and instrumentation of the 75th Anniversary celebrations including decorating the dinner hall for the Fall Conference and for being Parliamentarian for two Council meetings.

FROM AFTER THE HELM (CON'T)

P/D/C Mary Dodd, SN

I would like to thank my husband nicknamed 'Flash', D/Lt Arthur Dodd, SN photographer extra ordinary, who put up with loading and unloading the car full of flags and hospitality items, traveling around to National meetings and District 8 squadrons' events (always ready to take pictures for the past three years), his work on the D8 History video and my 'go to' guy for anything that needed art work and pictures.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the D8 Bridge and all D8 squadrons for your donations for the Commander's Gift: A Dell Inspiron 11 3000 series 2 in 1 convertible touch screen lap top and check. I have been wanting one for a while as it will be lighter and easier to travel with than my existing laptop and I plan to use the check for accessories.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to all members of D8, for letting me be your commander this year. I now leave you in the capable hands of D/C Jonathan Bensman, AP.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

D/Lt/C Jan Furtado, AP

It is an honor to serve District 8 as the Board Secretary for the 2015-16 fiscal year. I want to thank all the committee chairs who have agreed to continue in their positions for another year (see details below) and I want to welcome D/1st/Lt Maurisia Jeffers, S in her new role as Assistant Secretary. Please do whatever you can to support these people in their assignments.

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CHANGE OF WATCH ONBOARD CRUISE SHIP

P/D/C Marlene J. Herbig SN

This may be a “First” for USPS or at least District 8. Port St Lucie Power Squadron held their Change of Watch on the bridge of Paradise Cruise Lines’ *Grand Celebration* while docked in Freeport, Grand Bahama on Saturday, 28 March 2015. P/D/C Marlene J. Herbig, SN, a member of the squadron, represented D/C Mary Dodd, SN as the installing officer. Of the 30 members in our squadron, 17 members and one guest attended, including two new members, Nancy and Andrew Hosie. That’s a pretty high percentage.

Following the installation of our new bridge, Cdr Malischka Dunlap, AP presented our squadron burgee to the Master of the *Grand Celebration*, Captain John Payne, our newly elected Honorary Member and then she attached the Port St Lucie ceremonial streamer to the 75th Anniversary District 8 flag.

When the festivities were completed, we all had a detailed tour of the bridge which was recently updated with all the latest electronic equipment. Afterwards we relocated to the main dining room for our group dinner.

If you are looking for a new venue for your squadron’s change of watch, why not try a cruise ship?



P/D/C Marlene Herbig, SN; Cdr Malischka Dunlap, AP; Lt/C George Hehner, JN, Lt/C Ann Boeckler, S;
Stf/C Al Bruhin, SN; Lt/C Gail Bird and Lt/C Norman Scheffner

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

D/Lt Robert Scully, SN

The Environmental Committee (D8 EnvCom) seminar was held from 11-12 at the District 8 Conference at the Marriott in Boca Raton. Special Thanks to Toby Jarmin Vero Beach Power Squadron Save the Lagoon Committee Chair, for the loan of the oyster mats that were on display.

During the meeting P/D/C Mary Dodd, SN introduced V/C Robert E. Brandenstein, SN who shared a few thoughts. He suggested we look into a program to dispose of old flares similar to the program established by the Canadians. There was also some talk about utilizing tech soup

(<http://www.techsoup.org/>) for our software needs and conference calls for meetings

(<http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/>).

The D8 EnvCom Group continues to search for committee members to join us to share squadron environmental involvement items inside District 8. Anyone who would like to be a part of the group should contact me. Attendees please let your squadron commanders know we would like a representative from each squadron on the committee.

The power point pitch (ref B.) has been added to the following locations.

1. <https://www.facebook.com/D8EnvCom>
2. <http://www.sailangle.com/group/home/groupid/2655>
3. <http://epd8.blogspot.com/>

The current plan environmental committee plan is simple. Members should spread the word about environmental projects already underway at your respective squadrons, so we can learn from each other. We should also share with National by submitting information to greatlaker1@gmail.com.

Over the next few months a draft version of what the committee foresees as our mission and a job description will be written. This will be sent for review, comment and approval by council at the September Council meeting.

Regards,

D/Lt (P/C) Robert Scully, SN

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References: (A) Environmental Committee article **PIECES OF EIGHT** ©2002 - 2015 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS ® PAGE 9. (B) Environmental Committee Presentation – dated 4/25/15 Author D/Lt (P/C) R. Scully, SN (C) Nautical Newsletter Article by Save The Lagoon Committee, Toby Jarmin, S <http://www.verobeachpowersquadron.com/Newsletter/2015machapril.pdf>

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

P/R/C Margie Baraff, AP

Hello D8 from your Vessel Safety Check Chairman, P/R/C Margie Baraff, AP

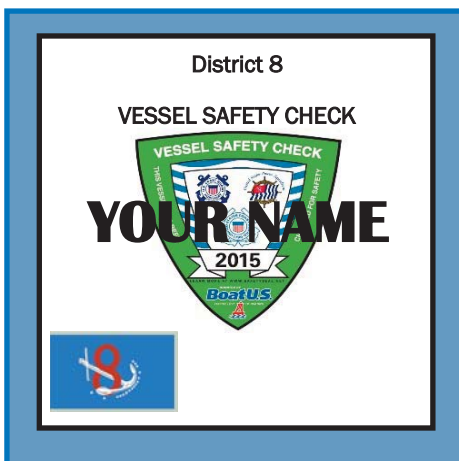
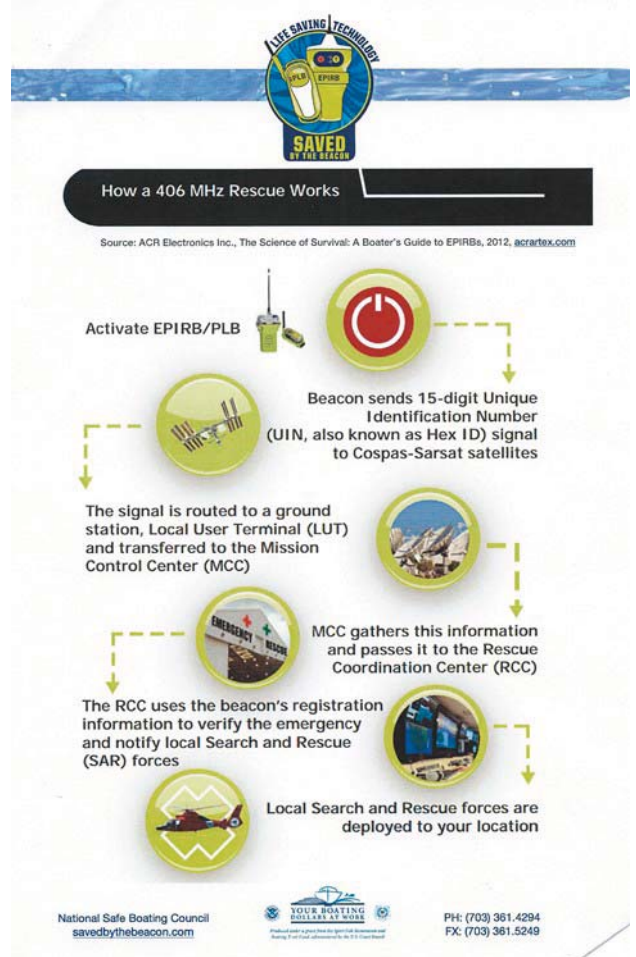
I recently had the pleasure of meeting with Rachel Johnson, CAE Executive Director of the National Safe Boating Council and learned that their 2015 campaign is “Saved by the Beacon”.

Although an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) is not required safety equipment on pleasure boats in the United States, they are required in New Zealand and some other countries. Believe me I’m not going to New Zealand any time soon but thought this would be as good a time as any to discuss the 2 main types of locator beacon devices available to recreational boaters and how they work.

First, an EPIRB is registered to the boat. It transmits a coded message on the 406 MHz distress frequency via satellite and earth stations to the nearest Rescue Coordination Center which then notifies local Search and Rescue forces. EPIRBs are available as automatic or manually activated and the response time from activation to location can be as little as 3 minutes. It’s said that they take the “search” out of Search and Rescue.

Another type, the Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) technically works in the same way as an EPIRB but is registered to the person not the boat and may be used on land as well as on the water. The draw back to the PLB is that it must be manually operated and may need to be held above the water to function properly even though they are waterproof.

Both types should be registered with NOAA for optimization and it’s easy to do online via beacon.registration.noaa.gov. But don’t forget, nothing takes the place of wearing your life jacket.



Margie

SPRING CONFERENCE

Seminars



Safety Seminar: V/C Brandenstein, SN,



Environmental Seminar: D/Lt Robert Scully, SN



USPS District 8 Summer Rendezvous 10–12 July 2015



Schedule of Events:

Friday, 10 July 2015

- Check-in— Mile Marker 84—Oceanside
- 1700–2200: Commanders Hospitality Marina Suite.
- Dinner: on your own.

Saturday, 11 July 2015

- 0800–0930: Breakfast
- 0930–1130: Officers Meeting, Marina Suite
- Lunch: on your own.
- 1700–1815 & 2030—Closing: Hospitality Marina Suite
- 1830: Dinner at Shulas 2 (order from the menu). Contact D/Lt Lee Popham, AP, for info 305-904-4400, or Popham@earthlink.net.

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NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK

D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

Wow did the past year go by fast. It seems like yesterday I was thanking everyone for electing me to the Admin position. Now after a wonderful year of traveling to the Governing Board in Crystal City and the National meeting in Jacksonville and two District Conference meetings we are off toward another year as DXO.

I sure wish you all could have been with the rest of District 8 at each of the above meetings. Perhaps you will be able to attend the upcoming Governing board at San Diego in August. If so I will meet you there.

We have a great line-up of Chairs this year. Boat Show D/LT Ronald Babin, S, Cooperative Charting D/St Bill Heimbaugh, S, Liaison R/C Lee Popham, AP, Public Relations/Environmental D/Lt Robert Scully, SN, Safety D/Lt Christopher Caldwell, AP, Vessel Safety Check Cdr, Marjorie Baraff, AP, Homeland Security D/Lt Maurisia Jeffers, S and Squadron Development D/Lt James Skeoch, P. Please offer your support if called upon if possible.

We have a new Chair position this year in the DXO department. That is Environmental and we started off with a seminar at the last Conference in April headed by D/Lt Robert Scully, SN. His objectives were to:

- Educate membership, the boater's beneficial contribution in supporting environmental stewardship.
- Publicize/share internally successful stewardship programs between the squadrons.
- Publicize externally USPS contribution to the environmental stewardship.

As you can see this is a very aggressive set of objectives. I would hope each Squadron will form an environmental Chair and contact Robert for additional information. Robert's email is scullybg@comcast.net.

In closing I would like to say, "You are the United States Power Squadrons." Without you there would not be any Squadrons, District or National organization. Your participation is the "Key". I hope each and every member would look into attending any and all USPS functions as possible. At the minimum, attendance at Squadron, District Council or Conference would increase your knowledge of current activities within the District and would expand your power squadron friendships.

FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

5 - 9 November 2015

Volunteers needed to work USPS Booth

Contact Ronnie Babin to volunteer at 954-232-3725 or rbabin@hyperband.com

SPRING CONFERENCE Commander's Luncheon



POMPANO BEACH SQUADRON STARTS SAFE BOATING WEEK

D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

Pompano Beach Squadron Starts Safe Boating Week with a joint USCGAUX/USPS VSC Venue.

Lt/C Tom Nolan, SN of Pompano Beach Power Squadron wanted to do something special for Safe Boating Week. Starting several weeks in advance, Tom approached the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary District 7, Division 3, Flotilla 4 Commander Jack Doyle. Tom proposed a joint Vessel Safety Check (VSC) event to kick off Safe Boating Week.

That set the stage for the event that took place at the Alsdorf Park Boat Ramp which is also called the 14th Street Boat Ramp in Pompano Beach on Sunday May 17, 2015. The plan was that Vessel Examiners (VEs) from both USCGAUX and USPS would meet at the park at 8:00am.

As members arrived they were greeted by Mother Nature with a down pour that seemed to go on forever. We were thinking that the event might be a washout. Fortunately, the rain lasted only 30 mins. or so and after the clouds dispersed, boaters started to bring their trailerable boats to the ramp for launching. This is where we approached the boaters as they were launching and later hauling their boats.

P/C Ron LaFontaine, AP, one of Pompano Beach Squadron's prospective VEs, completed his initial 5 joint examinations at this event. The team of VEs had some good discussion of methods of approach to the boaters and pitfalls to avoid during the VSC. In addition, the USCGAUX members had access to some newer items, such as the MARPOL stickers, and shared them with PBPS.

We worked the docks until noon or so and then other members of both organizations arrived and we all shared in a BBQ picnic. All in all, fun and good work was done by everyone.

Below is the joint VSC team:



From left to right: Bruno Berti FSO-MA, FSO-VE; Lt/C Tom Noal, SN; P/C Ronald La Fontaine, AP; D/Lt/C Allan Furtado, SN; Joseph Caraccia, AP; Marvin Merritt - Vice Commander of Div 3; P/C Ronald Ziller, SN; David Persing, JN; Bruce Fried, FSO-MS

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER D/Lt Robert Scully, SN

District 8 Change of Watch occurred during the weekend meeting at the Marriott Boca Raton. Consider including a write up in your squadron newsletter about the new bridge officers.

For some ideas on the Press Release see our PROLOG (pages 24 and 25)

<http://www.myvirtualpaper.com/doc/prolog/uspsprologjune2014/2014053001#24>.

You may also want to share a note about the new bridge on your facebook page with a link back to your district 8 website <http://www.uspsd8.org/Officers.php>.

Congratulations' to Commander - Jon Bensman, AP; Executive Officer - Allan B. Furtado, SN; Educational Officer - Dick Pfenniger, SN; Administrative Officer - Joyce Newman, P; Treasurer - William R. Gillette, AP; Secretary - Jan Furtado, P.

I have accepted the challenge of PRO for the coming year. If anyone is interested in taking on the job in 2016/2017 please let me know or contact Executive Officer - Allan B. Furtado, SN. A Public Relations job description is in USPS 2015 OPERATIONS MANUAL Page 4-7 <http://www.usps.org/national/om/pdfs/opsman04.pdf>.

Regards,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

USPS District 8 Summer Rendezvous

10 - 12 July 2015

Postcard Inn Beach Resort & Marina

Islamorada, FL

See page 14 for all the details

Governing Board Meeting

25 - 30 August 2015

San Diego, CA

[Meeting Details](#)

See pages 20 - 21 for more details

District 8 Fall Conference

18 - 20 September 2015

Marriott at Boca Center

Boca Raton, FL

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Commander's Reception



United States Power Squadrons® Governing Board Meeting

San Diego, 23-30 August 2015

NATIONAL MEETINGS COMMITTEE

MAY 2015

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Greetings All! Excitement is building for our San Diego Governing Board 23-30 August. The venue is terrific and the hotel beautiful. We're on the water, close to shops, restaurants, and museums. Best of all, our agenda is jammed packed, fun, and worth the trip.

National meetings are for everyone. We'll renew old friendships and forge new ones. We'll learn some, do a little business, and have a lot of fun. San Diego is a wonderful place and full of opportunities.

From the keynote breakfast, to the seminars, to the business session on Saturday, you'll have the chance to meet our partners, our volunteers, and our staff and come back refreshed, recharged, and ready to help your squadron succeed. Come Fall for San Diego! I hope to see you there!

— Chief Commander Robert Baldrige, SN



Your Guide to Online Registration

The best way to register for the Governing Board Meeting is online. From the United States Power Squadrons® home page, log into the member site. Click on the National Meetings button at the bottom of the left-hand menu to reach the Meetings & Events page (top right). From the main menu, click the links you need.

- **Event Information** connects to a page (top middle), where you'll find information and links to make all of your reservations.
- **Event Reservation.** This link goes directly to "Begin Reservation Process" page. Enter our USPS certificate number and your zip code or PIN number. This will pre-fill your registration form with your member information, making it easier to complete your registration.
- **Hotel Reservation Site.** This link goes to the Manchester Grand Hyatt's dedicated web page for our meeting. Making your reservation on line is the surest way to reserve the room and amenities that you need. Avoid disappointment: **Do not use Hyatt's 800 number.** (Call center agents may not be familiar with our block of rooms or the very special pricing USPS is enjoying for this event.) Our **\$145/night** special room rate will be honored through **12 July 2015** on available rooms during the 22 August-1 September 2015 period .
- **Agenda.** A draft agenda has been posted. Check back for updates. The official Notification of Meeting will be posted on the Secretary's Department page 30 days before the meeting and mailed to delegates shortly thereafter.
- **Newsletters.** Use this link to retrieve electronic copies of all newsletters related to this event.
- **First-Timer Information.** This link takes you to a wealth of information that will be useful not only to members who are attending a USPS Governing Board Meeting for the first time, but also to anyone who would like to have a comfortable, productive stay in San Diego. **Check it out!**
- **RV Information Website.** This link provides useful information for all members who will be using a recreational vehicle during the meetings and a direct link to the nearby [San Diego Metro KOA](#).



SPRING CONFERENCE FORMAL DINNER



WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined squadrons in our district since 28 January 2015. 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.

Coral Ridge

Cynthia L. Forman

Ft. Lauderdale

Nicole M. Angell

Eric J. Archuleta

Kimberly E. Archuleta

Noah Archuleta

Rayne Archuleta

Darra Deperro

James Devenny

Susan Devenny

Alica Garcia

Raiza Gomez

Janet E. Jeffrey-Bartlett

Jayden Jennings

Casey Q. Ogden

Cristina L. Orizondo

Javier A. Orizondo

Laura P. Orizondo

Ft. Lauderdale (cont)

Patricia N. Orizondo

Anna Peters

Milagros Sanchez

Paul D. Schlicher

Jordan Terzado

Key West Sail &

Sandra L. Dorley

Karen Hirst

Charles S. Hornby

James S. Sottile

Palm Beach Sail &

Elizabeth E. Bartholomew

Thomas G. Bartholomew

Carol Jo Brown

Terry L. Brown

Robert Campbell

Margaret Crosbie-Burnett

Shaymus D. McTeague

Palm Beach Sail & (cont)

Robert S. Murphy

Wendy L. Murphy

Melvin G. Soriano

Moises E. Villalta

Pompano Beach Sail &

Katherine G. Brighton

Kenneth B. Brighton

Fabiola Castaneda

Manuel a. Castaneda

Gary E. Fountain

Nanette Fountain

Edward L. McGrath

Port St. Lucie

Stephen B. Butler

Sebastian Inlet Sail &

Dorothy A. Billington

St. Lucie River

John H. Canada

St. Lucie River (cont)

Grace DiJohn

David P. Mich

Roy Netherton

Vero Beach

Theresa B. Atkins

Daniel a. Czernicki

Linda M. Durso

Lynn A. Helfferich

Daniel Hoogterp

Danielle D. Hoogterp

Helena R. Hoogterp

Peter C. Hoogterp

Bob Matusiak

Susan McCoy

Myrna a. Olsen

Fred W. Shriner

Patrick Sullivan

Regine Sullivan

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

BOOSTERS

D/Lt Ronnie and D/Lt Kathy Babin 7-14

D/Lt Reinhard & Ruth Bruderer 1-15

Hal Burke & Wendy Mervis 07-14

Coral Ridge Sail & Power Squadron 08-14

D/C Mary and D/Lt Arthur Dodd 7-14

D/Lt/C Allan and Jan Furtado 2-15

P/D/C Marlene and P/C Michael Herbig 6-14

D/Lt John & D/Lt/C Evelyn Northrup 2-15

Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron 3-15

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

Thank You All!

D/Lt John W. Northrup, AP Booster Chairman



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015

10-12 Jul	D8 Summer Rendezvous Ocean Reef Club
25-30 Aug	Governing Board Meeting Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA
18-20 Sept	D8Fall Conference Marriott at Boca Center, Boca Raton, FL

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

1 Jul	Room Reservations for Summer Rendezvous
12 Jul	Reservations for the Governing Board Meeting
04 Sept	Room Reservations for Fall Conference
30 Sept	Submissions for <i>Pieces of Eight</i>

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