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## More Sad News: The Passing of "Someone Else"

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The boating fraternity was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of their most valuable members - "Someone Else". Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. "Else" had been around from the very beginning. "Else" did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, decisions to be made or meetings to attend, one name was on everybody's lips - "let 'Someone Else' do it". It was common knowledge that "Someone Else" was amongst the largest contributors.

Whenever there was a need for volunteers to do things, or even to simply participate in events, everyone just assumed that "Someone Else" would volunteer to do them and to participate in the activities as well.

"Someone Else" was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of "Someone Else".

Now "Someone Else" is gone! They wonder what they are going to do.

"Someone Else" left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things "Someone Else" did! When asked to help, remember we can no longer depend on "Someone Else".

Let's start a rumor - "Someone Else" is gone, but "I'll Do It" is alive and well!!!

(THE ABOVE APPEARED IN THE RARITAN BAY POWER SQUADRON NEWSLETTER FROM DISTRICT 4. WE THOUGHT ALL SHOULD GET THE SAD NEWS. THANKS.)

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## CALL TO THE SPRING COUNCIL

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 5, Section 5.2 and 5.3, District Commander Jon Bensman, AP has called the Spring Council meeting for 1400 on Friday, 8 April 2016 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

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 SPRING CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of District 8 Bylaws, District Commander Jon Bensman, AP issues the Call to the Spring Conference. It is to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, Saturday, 9 April 2016 at 1400.

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.

## **FROM THE HELM**

### **D/C John Bensman, AP**

Hello everyone, fall is upon us once again and I hope everyone had a great summer; mine was a lot better than it was last year! It was terrific seeing everyone at the Summer Rendezvous at Postcard Inn at Holiday Isle. It was a fun weekend for me and my wife Bonnie; we want to thank everyone who helped in the planning and putting it together and made it a nice getaway for us all.

**The District 8 Fall Conference:** This year's Fall Conference was a great one! At the council meeting held on Friday the 18th, we did a lot of work and passed out a lot of information which was voted on at the conference meeting held on the 19th. I want to thank everyone who helped and worked very hard to put together the fall conference. You all made it a very successful one. My wife Bonnie and I had a great time at the dinner banquet, the food and service was a lot better. Also the after dinner entertainment by the Sophisticats was fantastic! Spring Conference is coming soon and we will be at a new location; Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens, FL on 8 - 10 April 2016. Mark your calendars and come on down.

**Summer:** The summer boating season is ending and it looked like it was a lot of fun for all, but it doesn't mean it was a great summer for other people due to boating accidents. I receive a lot of reports thru most of the social media (Twitter, Facebook, and emails) from Boating Safety, USCG, Sea Tow, and others. There were quite a few boating accidents due to BUI, unsafe driving, overloading of the crafts and as always, not wearing life jackets. I know we are teaching all these things in our ABC3 and On the Water Courses, but what is in the manual is sometimes not enough! We might need to talk about the state and local laws on what would happen if they break the law, especially BUI.

**Governing Board:** Let me take this time to say Congratulations to all the members for all the combined efforts for District 8 to win the National MIRA Award for 2015, and to the following squadrons for their participation: Sebastian Inlet, St. Lucie River, and Vero Beach Squadrons. Thanks to everyone's effort on making this possible. The National Commanders' August Letter to the members of United States Power Squadron can be found at the National Web Site: [www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org), under the Chief Commander home page. The Bridge and I will have more information to pass out at the spring Conference.

**Squadron Activities:** Looking at membership numbers for the district as a whole ours and Nationals are down since this time last year. Our numbers are down at least 85 members since March 2015, and Nationals are down about 2000 since July 30, 2015. I was talking to a couple of Squadrons during the summer and the biggest thing they talked about was not retaining or recruiting new members but stagnation of the Squadron. Squadron members are paying their dues but not participating in squadron activities. We need to figure a way to keep our activities from being

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## **FROM THE HELM (CON'T)**

### **D/C John Bensman, AP**

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**boring or find a way to have District and Squadron events where it is not taking members away from their families.**

**National Meeting:** The next United States Power Squadron National Annual Meeting is from 15-21 Feb 2016 in Orlando, FL at the Rosen Centre Hotel. Also a Cruise to the Western Caribbean 21-28 Feb 2016. Check out the National web site for more information and to make your reservation. Let's get as many of our members to head up to Orlando for the Annual Meeting.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

### **D/Lt Robert Scully, SN**

The Environmental Committee (D8 EnvCom) was approved in 2014. The following sites are being used to spread the word. At this time we are looking for members to join the group. We are looking for a EnvCom Leader who is environmentally involved.

<https://www.facebook.com/D8EnvCom>

<http://www.sailangle.com/group/home/groupid/2655>

<http://epd8.blogspot.com/>

A power point presentation was shown during the Fall Conference at the Boca Marriott for those interested. It has been posted to the facebook page noted above. .

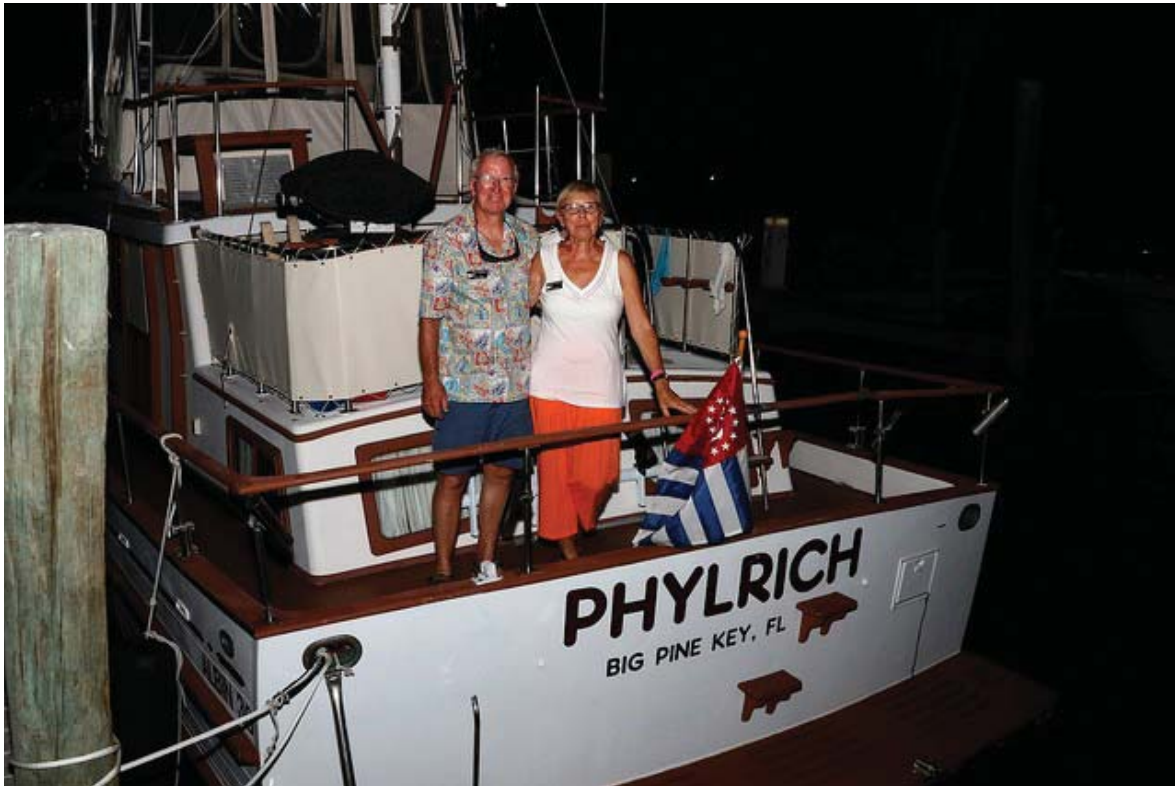
The plan is simple. Members should spread the word about environmental projects already underway at your respective squadrons, so we can learn from each other. We should also share with National.

For more details please contact me or your national EC Chair. For those who attended the D8 presentation please share the information ( this has been posted to our facebook page) with your respective organizations and have your Cdrs appoint or select a EnvCom individual to get involved.

Regards,  
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## D8 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS 10-12 JULY 2015



Lt/C Dick Schewe, SN, and Lt Phyllis Schewe, P, on their Albin 36 "Phylrich".



D/Lt Ron Babin, S, and D/Lt Kathy Babin on their 33' Grady -White "Rolling Stone V"



# D8 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS 10-12 JULY 2015



Saturday Morning Meeting



Dinner at Shula's



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## **ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

**D/Lt/C Joyce Newman, P**

It is an honor to serve as your new District Administrative Officer. My number one priority will be to work with each of our squadrons to find ways to increase membership through recruiting, involvement and retention of members and to have closer contact with our members to have effective interchange of what makes for successes between our squadrons. Together we can devise ways to better assist squadrons with major membership challenges. Squadrons can survive with small membership, but lack of interest of their members can cause its failure. There are a lot of questions, and we need your help to get the answers.

I and the department chairs and committees in the AO office will endeavor to provide the best support possible. I see many activities our squadrons are participating in through their newsletters i.e. D/Lt David "Mag" Mangold, SN the SEO in Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron is involved with the Sea Scout Ship #501 and recently honored their scouts for passing Seamanship. "Mag" and D/1st/Lt David Albury, P, Assistant Administrative Officer and Membership Committee in Youth/Sea Scouts would be a good resource to start a program in your squadron.



Many of our squadrons are involved with community environmental activities. St Lucie River Sail & Power Squadron represents part of the group that picked the Stuart Beach clean-up during the waterway cleanup on 25 July 2015. Both Power Squadron members and friends participated in the 8th yearly cleanup. D/Lt James Skeoch, P said this event has become so popular that we signed up for next year before we left. By the end of the day members had collected many trash bags full of cans, shoes, bottles, etc. and disposed.

This will be an exciting and interesting weekend. There will be squadron hospitality parties, workshops and a seminar for our educational instructors to get their recertification. Our XO D/Lt/C Al Furtado, SN plans to have a Fire Extinguisher simulator to give you the opportunity to practice your fire extinguishing techniques.

Some of our squadrons participate in a youth involvement activity by sponsoring a Youth Poster Contest. USPS announces the theme, which this year is "When You Boat be ready to float ...Wear It". These posters will be judged at the Fall Conference by members for 1st, 2nd, and third place. Then they will be taken to the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL 14 - 21 February 2016 for final judging.

I have an important final question I need to know from each of you, "What do we need to do during our District Conferences to provide more value to you and your squadron to come to these conferences?" All members are welcome to attend. Come join us and have fun! We need your support!



# GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 25-30 AUGUST 2015



District 8 representatives at the 2015 USPS Governing Board Mtg. Not shown: Cdr Doris Pfenniger, P



District Commander and District Exec Officer Mtg. District 8 Executive Officer D/Lt/C Allan Furtado, SN in attendance

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

R/C Anita F. Walker, JN

## Did You Know?

More than 1500 people have participated in the Leadership Development courses including LD 101, LD 102 and LD 103. We have held classes at each of the National Meetings since 2010. All of the Beta tests were done here, in Pompano Beach. Many of our Officers, past and present, have taken these classes. We will be teaching LD 102 and LD 103 in Orlando at our Annual Meeting. For full descriptions, go to <http://www.usps.org/national/ot/> and click on **Workshops**.

### USPS Leadership Conference Set For Raleigh

Plans are being finalized for a two-day Leadership Conference by the USPS Board of Directors in Raleigh for November 20-21, 2015 at the Ramada Inn adjacent to USPS headquarters. The Conference calls for the Leadership Development 101 seminar on Friday, November 20, followed by an all-day meeting with the National Board on leadership matters and other topics within USPS on Saturday.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the conference at the Ramada Inn, 1520 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607. The room rate is \$74.30 per night and the reservation code is "GCUSPS". Reservations may be made by calling 919-832-4100.

Cost for the two-day conference, including the LD-101 seminar on Friday, November 20, is \$90. This also includes lunch during the seminar and a buffet dinner on Friday following the seminar, at the hotel, and a box lunch on Saturday, during the meeting with the USPS Board of Directors. Breakfasts are included with the room. The meeting on Saturday is also scheduled to be held at The Ramada Inn.



*Steve Ericson took the attached picture with Chief Commander Robert Baldrige, SN, National Executive Officer Louie Ojeda, SN, National Educational Officer Robert Brandenstein, SN and the LD 102 class in San Diego on 28 August.*

As in the past Leadership Development programs held in Raleigh, plans call for attendees arriving on Thursday to optionally join a group for dinner that evening at The Pit in Raleigh, NC ([www.thepit-raleigh.com](http://www.thepit-raleigh.com)) . Attendees may also optionally join a group planning to go to The Angus Barn

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## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (CON'T)

R/C Anita F. Walker, JN

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([www.angusbarn.com](http://www.angusbarn.com)) following the conference, on Saturday evening. Both restaurants have been extremely well-received by former attendees at these seminars in Raleigh. Both offer unique dining experiences.

More information and registration may be found at [www.usps.org/national/ot/](http://www.usps.org/national/ot/) and click on the "LD-101 Leadership Development Conference Point of Contact Stf/C Harold O'Briant, Jr, JN. This is a wonderful opportunity for all members to join fellow members in Leadership Development and meet with the USPS Board of Directors at the same weekend. If you have questions, please contact R/C Anita Walker, JN at 954 781 8061 or [anita5040@bellsouth.net](mailto:anita5040@bellsouth.net) or Stf/C Harold O'Briant, Jr, JN at 252 241 4328 or [hobriant@juno.com](mailto:hobriant@juno.com).

## EDUCATION NEWS

Stf/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN

I hope everybody has had a great summer.

In South Florida the weather in the fall is usually very good for boating. This is a good time to start or restart our On-Water-Training. Remember all of our courses have an On-Water-Training component. Hopefully all Squadrons are using them. If you have a question or need help getting them started, please let me know.

Our Fall Conference had the Instructor Recertification Program. It was given by P/V/C Spencer Anderson, SN. It was and was a great time to get all your instructors updated. Even if your Instructor Certification had not expired, it was a great way to update for the next 4 years. We were lucky to have such a great instructor teaching this updated program.

The On Line Courses with BoatUS is progressing with more Seminars on line. On Line Courses have a place in our Educational Program but they do not have any on-water training in them. When a person signs up a notice is sent to the Squadrons in that area. Please follow up. Remember to keep posting all your Courses and seminars on the 800 system. This helps members in your Squadron or a close by Squadron to know what courses are being offered. It also lets the public know the Courses and Seminars we have to teach.

There is a new way that Seminars are sold. On July 1 the prices were cut. On Aug 1 a new fee (\$10.00 per student) will be charged to the Squadrons on each student listed in the 800 system. More details and other information was presented at the Fall Conference.



# FALL CONFERENCE 18-20 SEPTEMBER 2015



## District 8 Bridge

D/C Jon Bensman, Bonnie Bensman, AP; D/Lt/C Allan Furtado, SN; D/Lt/C Dick Pfenniger, SN; P;  
D/Lt James DeArmond, P, D/Lt/C Joyce Newman, P; R/C Bill Gillette, AP; D/Lt/C Jan Furtado, AP



Conference Mtg: D/C Jon Bensman, AP Report

# FALL CONFERENCE 18-20 SEPTEMBER 2015



Commanders Reception



First Timers Reception



# FALL CONFERENCE 18-20 SEPTEMBER 2015



Dinner



Night of fun dancing the Electric Slide



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### **D/Lt Robert Scully, SN**

All 13 Squadrons in D8 have Facebook pages. The USPS Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/uspowersquadrons>.

Your District 8 Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/pages/USPS-District-8/225852064137919>.

I have established Facebook links for each on your respective websites. Ask me! If you don't know what the page is just type in the name of the squadron you are looking for on Facebook and it should pop up. If you would like to be an administrator of your squadrons page just let me know and I will make it so.

On Twitter...I can set you up if you would like to get into this arena as well! It's really not a big deal. I will help! Just ask! [scullybg@comcast.net](mailto:scullybg@comcast.net).....

I am PRO for 2015/2016. If anyone has an interest in taking on the job in 2016/2017 please let me know or contact the D8 XO. You may find the job definition in USPS 2015 OPERATIONS MANUAL Page 4-7) at the following link....

<http://www.usps.org/national/om/pdfs/opsman04.pdf>.

Speaking on PRO there is a new release of the PRO Log at the following. Please get familiar with it <http://www.usps.org/index.html/images/secretary/opman/prolog.pdf>. Chapter 7 SOCIAL MEDIA: A BRIEF DESCRIPTION.

If you have any thoughts about how to improve our PR group please let me know. I am not hearing from any PR members so I must assume all is well and you have nothing to share with me.

Please remember that this is your district and you have the right to share with your team so if you would like you have my approval to send in anything you think is public relations newsworthy to our newsletter chair, Kathy Babin. She does have a deadline so consider getting things to her in a timely manner.

If you prefer to share with me I will be happy to incorporate your input as part of the D8 PR summary.

Many thanks! Hope you are all well. See you at the next meeting or on the water.

Regards,  
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# **VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**

## **P/R/C Margie Baraff, AP**

### **VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**

#### **NEWS    UPDATES    REMINDERS**

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

#### **BOAT REGISTRATION NUMBERS**

**It's amazing, translate that to interesting, how so many boat owners aren't aware of the individual states' statutes that track the Federal law explaining how to affix the boat registration numbers to their boat.**

**I've heard responses like: "That's how they were when I bought the boat", "I bought the numbers and letters at the boat supply store", "I paid a lot of money to have someone paint them", "Is that requirement new?" "I thought they went on only one side of the boat?".**

**What do we say? Sorry but the previous owner was incorrect. Sorry but the painter didn't have good direction. No, the Florida statute in its present language dates to 1959. And caveat emptor i.e. may he beware.**

**I actually print the relevant section of the Florida law and have at least 8 copies with me whenever I am going out to do Vessel Safety Checks. A brief explanation of the regulation and placement examples are on the back of VSC form 7012; however, this way I have the exact Florida statute with the chapter and section number on a separate piece of paper to hand them. And I can write their registration numbers on the paper with the proper spacing indicated. They seem to appreciate the personalization and usually put the paper in their tow vehicle to have it high and dry for reference when they get back to port to go shopping for new numeric and alphabetic decals or to take it to the boat yard to have the staff correctly repaint the registration ID.**

**Florida statute 328.48 Vessel registration, application, certificate, number, decal, duplicate certificate clearly states:**

**(4)The numbers shall be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel in such position as to provide clear legibility for identification, except, if the vessel is an airboat, the numbers may be placed on each side of the rudder. The numbers awarded to the vessel shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters of good proportion not less than 3 inches in height. The numbers shall be of a solid color which will contrast with the color of the background and shall be so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible; i.e., dark numbers on a light background or light numbers on a dark background.**

**<http://m.flsenate.gov/Statutes/328.48>**

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# VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (CON'T)

P/R/C Margie Baraff, AP

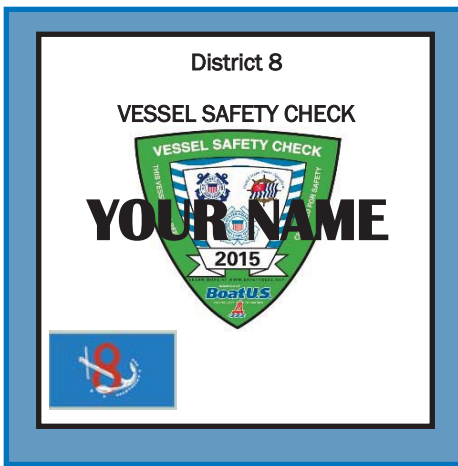
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The most recurrent questions, and ones that I've also had for years are: Why do boat supply stores, particularly, sell letter and number decals that are not bold or block or solid color and do not comply with the law? Shouldn't they know better? And, why do the numbers and letters have to be spaced in specific groups?

Well, first, remember let the buyer beware. The packaging does not say where the letter and number decals cannot be used according to any specific boating law. While some may be compliant, others are great for your home's mailbox. Retailers stock what sells.

And, the reason I've been given for spacing the 4 numbers as a group apart from the beginning and ending letters is to facilitate Search and Rescue crews or law enforcements' ability to read them easily and clearly with binoculars from the bow of a bouncing boat. Makes sense to me.

Two more boating mysteries solved.



*Margie*

**EVEN EXPERIENCED BOATERS  
NEED A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK!**





## **NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK**

**D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN**

I want to report that Jan and I attended the Governing Board meeting in San Diego and had a wonderful experience. I attended the DC/DX0 meeting which was opened by CC Robert Baldrige, SN. One of his first remarks was that Branding is an “image” not a logo. Our logo is the Ships Wheel while WE are the image. Each day we are the ambassadors of USPS. He also noted that your image while teaching a class should be in uniform. This would project our professionalism.

**Methods of filling a classroom were:**

- **Have community demos**
- **Teach ABC with on the water training**
- **Develop relationship with Brunswick Dealers**
- **Advertise ABC Classes**
- **Take photos of special events and get them published**
- **Talk to local newspapers to get free advertising by announcing special events**
- **Visit local Law enforcement and Sheriffs’ offices**
- **Talk about ABC Classes and wear USPS apparel**
- **Teach ABC in local schools**

**We were reminded about Member Benefits: USE Them!**

V/C Louie Ojeda, SN mentioned that a member in D22 Tampa had developed his own home grown simulator from scratch. They intend to have one on display at the Orlando National Meeting in February 2016. Total for parts is under \$1100. This compares vary reasonably to the units that have been built for National.

Louie also stated a consensus is that National continues with two meetings a year. This is in consideration that it puts a financial burden on District officers. 85% agreed to a registration fee to help defray cost of meetings, \$35 to \$40. Meetings provide value. He also talked about eliminating reimbursement however that would diminish the pool of attendees. And it is the Commanders responsibility to thank people for renewing.

**Other topics include that Rethinking Education by printing certificates locally if given a template from National. Develop a new business model. Come up with activities to engage members that don’t own a boat. Pricing of classes might be too low; Perception of value is important. Also Louie**

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## **NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK (CON'T)**

**D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN**

stressed to improve appearances of instructors to show "Pride". Eventually feedback will be requested on some of the items above.

The seminar stressed the importance and responsibility to attend various functions. At this meeting 11 of 14 District 8 Commanders were represented either in person or by delegate at the Governing Board. However, only 4 of 22 delegates were represented. Attendance is not mandatory, however, your vote at these meetings is very important. You can only vote if you are there or send someone else in your place as a delegate.

## **MORE NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK**

**D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN**

I was privileged to be asked to install the new Palm Beach Commander Richard Wood, JN at their Change of Watch in June. It was a fantastic evening and fun for all.

I am sorry to say I was unable to attend this year's Rendezvous. I was told that all of the remaining banners were attached to the 75th District 8 flag at this meeting. Jan and I drove out of state on Saturday heading toward New Orleans. We spent the week of July 14 celebrating my birthday there with friends.

At the Fall Council meeting our Commander's flight schedule was interrupted and he was unable to arrive in time for the meeting. I was honored to be able to take his place. The Parliamentarian that the DC had assigned was also unable to make it so P/D/Lt/C Ron Ray, JN graciously agreed to sit in for the day.

Action taken at Council in addition to normal business was to retire some Awards.

1. N Club (plaque lost)
2. Kiler (Pompano Beach won it 5 times so the plaque was given to them)
3. Wornick Membership Award belongs to Biscayne Bay which has since been disbanded. Plaque received by Marjorie Baraff on behalf of Pompano Beach
4. Move to retire Safety Award. Plaque will be reused for another award.
5. Finally move to adopt a policy that plaques and trophies awarded at conference be returned to the District at the end of the Conference in order to avoid them being lost or damaged.
6. D/Lt Mike Jackson, SN discussed hotel arrangements for the 2016 conferences at the Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens. This confirms that the conference will be held on April 8-10, 2016.

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## **MORE NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DESK (CON'T)**

**D/Lt/C Allan B. Furtado, SN**

This year's Fall Conference went well. A full schedule of workshops along with a Bullex fire demonstration in the hallway was presented. Pompano Beach Squadron and Palm Beach Squadron sponsored fantastic Hospitality suites. Fun, food and Fraternity were had by all. My thanks go out to both squadrons.

After the Conference meeting the Commander also hosted a hospitality suite and afterwards we all headed to the main dining hall. Prior to dinner being served, D/C Jon Bensman, AP distributed all of the banners suspended from our District 8 flag, thus, officially ending District 8's 75th anniversary celebration.

In addition, I have been working in the background to secure our 2016 summer Rendezvous location. It will be held the weekend of July 15-17 at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina in Stuart, FL same location as 2014. Activities will include various on and off site events as well as an Officers Meeting. The dinner location is yet to be determined. A flyer will be available at the Spring Conference.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next District 8 Conference or sooner.

## **From the Office of the Secretary**

**D/Lt/C Jan Furtado, AP**

To Squadron Newsletter and Web Site Editors:

Please review the information at the USPS web site on the importance of standard branding for all our publications. [http://usps.org/images/Exec/Marketing/Branding\\_Manual.pdf](http://usps.org/images/Exec/Marketing/Branding_Manual.pdf) Starting on Page 21 you'll see examples of web site mastheads, Facebook pages, Squadron press releases, and Squadron newsletters. Please adhere to these standards – for many reasons. 2 of the most important are that we, the members of USPS, need to present a clear view of who we are and that your newsletter and/or web site will not be considered for the "Effective Communicator" award if these changes are not made by the end of 2015.

In addition to our publications, there is information on this web link which reviews our letterhead, name badges, burgees and apparel.

And remember, our approved tag line is Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends<sup>SM</sup>



# 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 Sail & Power

Sherie N. Freeman

Denise M. Tirone

## Ft. Lauderdale

Martin Camps

Ana S. Flores Duran

Fernando J. Hambra

Nicholas Kanakis

Rebeca Kanakis

Lis H. Scanlon

Antonia S. Soto

Pablo A. Soto

Pablo I. Soto

## Key West Sail & Power

Eleanor Alexander

Nate R. Alexander

William F. Crowl

Elizabeth J. Deal

Leonard J. Deal

## Key West Sail & Power (cont)

Richard T. Defrancisci

Frances D. Dinwoodie

Joni L. Eddy

John R. Fasanella

Lisa M. Fasanella

Brad Magee

Marcia A. Magee

Timothy R. Summers

Michael B. Thompson

## Palm Beach Sail & Power

Rosemary Chiofalo

Elaine Grosso

Carson G. O'Keefe

Nancy G. Pepe

Melissa Thomas

Robert Thomas

Maureen Whelihan

## Port St. Lucie

Larry L. Neidigh

Wanda R. Neidigh

## Vero Beach

Gregory M. Barnes

Mary L. Barnes

Joey L. Dobbs

Bonnie Ebstein

Lawrence J. Ebstein

Robert J. Heckman

Penny Martin

Joanne F. Michini

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## BOOSTERS

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

**D/Lt Reinhard & Ruth Bruderer 1-15**

**William and Lynne Husted 3-15**

**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 4-15**

**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

2016

08-10 April Spring Conference & Change of Watch  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

15-21 February 2016 Annual Meeting  
Orlando, FL

21-28 February 2016 Annual Meeting Cruise  
Orlandon, FL

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

2015

31 December Submissions for *Pieces of Eight*

2016

09 March Reservation for the Spring Conference

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