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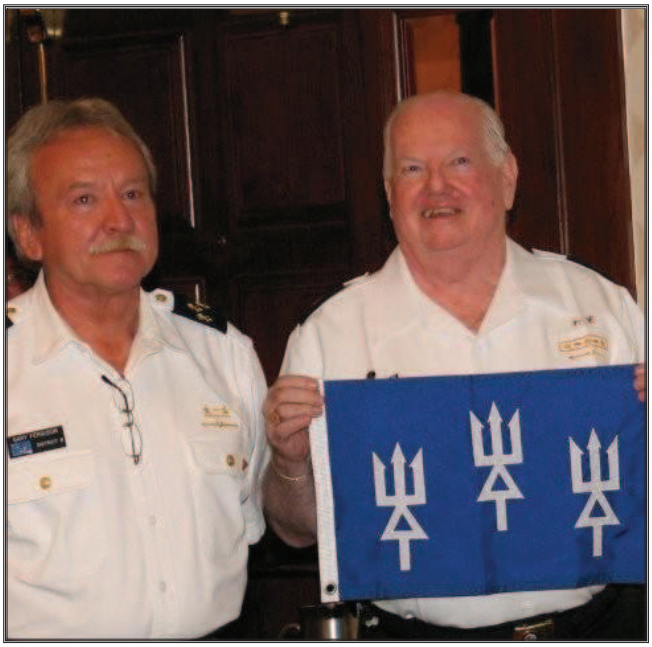

At the District Meeting (left) R/C Lee Popham, AP, pledged our new District Commander, Jack Doyle, SN,and P/D/C Gary Ferguson, AP, presented him with his Commander's Flag. Jack has done an admirable job in every position he held in our Squadron, and he will do a wonderful job for the District.

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DISTRICT 8 COMING EVENTS:

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK
MAY 19-25, 2012
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D/8 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS
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FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA
JULY 13--15, 2012

FALL CONFERENCE WEEKEND
SEPT 21-23, 2012
MARRIOTT AT BOCA CENTER

A View from the Helm

Cdr Anita F. Walker, JN

Another Award Winning D/8 Conference.

Our squadron's participation included nearly fifty members and their significant others! Both dinners and hospitality suites were well attended. We were awarded the following:

New Life Member	P/C Ron LaFontaine, AP
Doing It Right	Pompano Beach Sail & Power Squadron
MARINER	P/Lt/C Doris Garner, AP accepted
Website	Lt Bob Garito accepted
15 years Coop Charting	Pompano Beach Sail & Power Squadron
21 years Educational Fund Sponsorship	Pompano Beach Sail & Power Squadron
Special Recognition – Educational Fund	P/D/C Lee Devane, AP
Vessel Safety Check – 26	D/Lt Denise Porter, JN
Vessel Safety Check – 63	D/Lt Allan Furtado, SN
Squadron VSC – 176	Pompano Beach Sail & Power Squadron
3rd Place – Emil Jensen VSC/Member	D/Lt Allan Furtado, SN accepted

And our new District Commander, Jack Doyle, SN was pledged by R/C Lee Popham, AP.
Our own Lt Bob Garito photographed the Change of Watch and the awards.

Member Spotlight:
Let's thank the following members for helping with the Pompano Beach Sail & Power Squadron's hospitality suite that was shared with Vero Beach and St. Lucie River. These folks prepared food, helped set up and clean up, as well as managed the bar. Please accept my personal gratitude.

P/C Marie Jackson, AP and Lt Ken Jackson, P
Lt Jean Devane and P/D/C Lee Devane, AP
Lt Jan Furtado, S and D/Lt Allan Furtado, SN
Katherine LaFontaine & P/C Ron LaFontaine, AP
Vivian Nace and L/C Dave Nace, S
1st Lt Pat Bellin, S and Lt/C Marshall Bellin, S
1st Lt Kathy Pringle, P and Lt Bill Pringle, P
P/D/L/C Ron Ray, JN
L/C Tom Nolan, P

P/C Ron LaFontaine, AP is our newest Life Member.

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1st/Lt Tom Nolan, SN, A/SEO **P/D/Lt/C Ron Ray JN, P/SEO**

We listen very carefully to you to provide classes you ask us to conduct. But we have been disappointed in the last several weeks because we have had to cancel four classes, Advanced Piloting, Engine Maintenance, Seamanship, and Weather, because not enough people signed up for them. It will be difficult to sustain our educational program if we do not have more people take our courses. To promote our educational activities and to improve our own knowledge, which is one of the three missions of the Power Squadron, I would urge and challenge each and every member of the squadron to sign up for at least one class a year. Most classes have been recently revised with excellent manuals (and CP, AP, JN and ID will soon be) and would be very interesting, even for people who have taken them before. We will likely try to reschedule the classes mentioned above if we have sufficient interest, so please let me know if you would like to take one of the courses we cancelled. For more information about each course, you can go to www.usps.org → site index → education home page, where you will see the courses listed on the left column. Click on the course you are interested in, including downloads.

Also, because of problems with cancellations, we are asking people who wish to take a course to **register with me at least three weeks in advance and send me a check for the course** so I can order the correct number of student kits. This is the policy in other squadrons. If people decide after that to take a course, they can still sign up, but I will order the manuals after the fact, so it may be several days into the course before the manuals arrive.

Current activities: The boating class that started April 3 is ongoing. Aldo Aurilio, Kay Baker, Fred Guido, and Tom Nolan our Executive Officer passed Piloting. Fred Guido and Tom Nolan our Executive Officer passed Marine Electrical Systems. We are awaiting the results of the Instructor Development tests. One person is taking Advanced Piloting as a tutorial.

As part of the Power Squadron project with Brunswick, Tom Nolan and I are doing a series of 2 hour seminars at 10 am on Saturday mornings at Marine Max in Pompano Beach. Members of our squadron are invited. These have stopped for the summer, but will resume in the fall, and we will be posting the schedule. If you are interested, please contact Chris Finck at Chris.Finck@marinemax.com or 954 783-9555 for more information and to register. We started seminars at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club. There were 13 students at our third seminar, Mastering the Rules of the Road on April 18. We will be having one about once a month, but they too are on hold for the summer. These seminars are so informative and the material so good, we are planning of having them on Tuesday evenings when we do not have a boating class. We will keep you informed. Rules of the Road (the section on lights on boats is especially good) and on Radar (an excellent review of how to use radar). Eight students from the boating class signed up for on the water training. We plan on teaching it in July and then begin to offer it to members. Ron Ziller is spearheading this program. (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.)

Courses 2012:	Start	Instructors	
Boating	Tues Apr 3	Lt/C Howard Kaufman SN, 561 395-1705	hkaufmanmdjd@aol.com
Piloting	Mon Jul 2	1st L Thomas Nolan SN, 954 421-0502	latitudemarine@comcast.net
Boating	Tues Jul 10	Lt/C Howard Kaufman SN, 561 395-1705	hkaufmanmdjd@aol.com
Navigation	August	Dan McEllin N, 561 733-2148	mcellind@bellsouth.net
Sail	Mon Oct 1	Lt Marion Chafitz JN, 954 786-4714	captsirius@aol.com, and
		Lt/C Howard Kaufman SN, 561 395-1705	
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Boating	Tues Oct 2	Lt/C Howard Kaufman SN, 561 395-1705	hkaufmanmdjd@aol.com
Cruise Plann'g	Wed Oct 3	Lt Aldo Aurilio S, 561 395-0797,	aurilio@aol.com
Seamanship	Oct	TBA	
Engine Maint	Wed Dec 5	P/D/Lt James Sanislo S, 561 495-4920	fmiu2@aol.com

The schedule is posted on the cork board near the entrance of our building.

By convention, the first class of every course will start at 7:30 pm. The start time of the rest of the classes can be negotiated between the instructor and students.

We do have some prerequisite for courses for grade. You must take ABC before P, you must take P before AP or JN, and you must take JN before N. Otherwise you can take any course at any time.

A glossary of nautical terms is now available on the web site. It should be very helpful if you run across a word you are unfamiliar with. Thanks to Ron Ray for scanning it from the old version of the ABC manual and Bob Garito for posting it.

Scott Cleary, who has set up and helped take down the main room for the boating classes, will no longer be available consistently as before. Is there anyone who might volunteer for this job on a part time basis.

IMPORTANT: If you have any questions, please email me, hkaufmanmdjd@aol.com, or call me on my home phone, 561 395-1705. I don't use my cell phone often, so please call me at home.

BREAKING NEWS

ANNOUNCING SOMETHING NEW:
THE POMPANO BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
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A NAUTICAL YARDARM AT PBSPS HEADQUARTERS

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A LIVE PERFORMANCE BY LADY E FOLLOWED BY KARAOKE
AFTER THE JUNE DINNER MEETING
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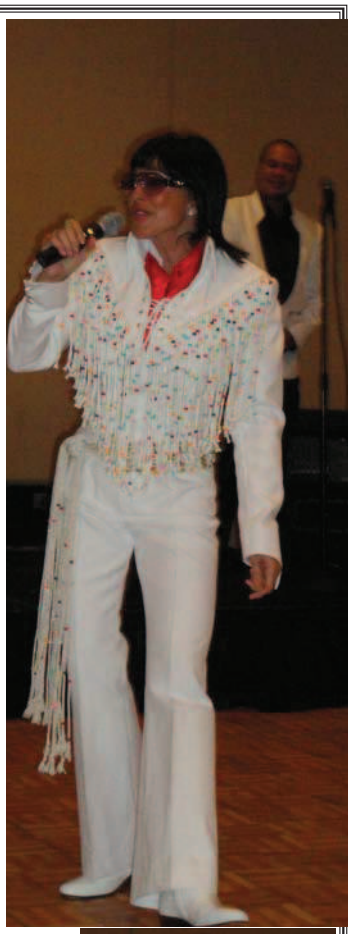

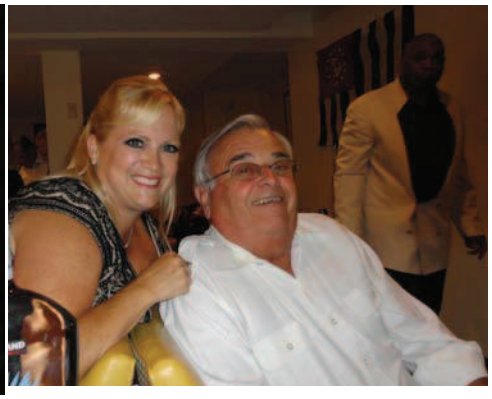
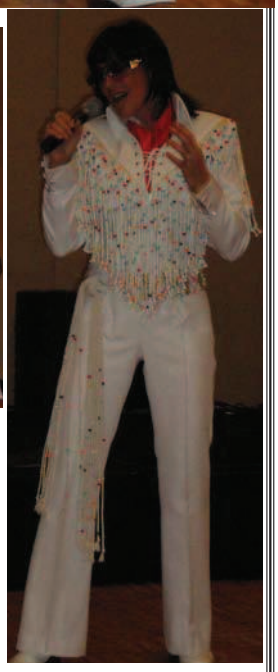

THE ADMIN'S REPORT

By Lt/C Jay Repo,S

SPRINGING INTO THE NEW!

As many of you know, in addition to my love of boating I also love growing plants and landscaping my yard. I hope you've noticed the new landscaping I've installed at our Squadron building. In my gardening out and about, I can't help but notice all the birds singing and the flurry of new buds and seedlings. Yes, it is Spring, which is all about everything new.

Experiencing new things is, I believe, how we grow and stay young at heart. Many of us experienced the outing at Dinner Key in Coconut Grove last month for the first time, and it was the first time that destination was on the PBPS calendar of events. I think you can tell from Tom Nolan's write-up of the trip in last month's Mariner that it was full of the new, and a wonderful time was had by all.

This month's adventure happened the weekend of May 18th, and was full of events that many experienced for the first time. It kicked off with a Captain's meeting on Friday at Ebbe's conch bar over the water, home of the island's best conch salad and capped the night off with pyrotechnics over the water. Have you ever done that? We'll also had a day excursion to the private island of Cat Cay, where we enjoyed a rare tour of the island by one of the owners. That definitely was a first for me!

The May dinner meeting featured some new elements. I'm experimenting with 'outsourcing' the meal to an excellent restaurant in the neighborhood, Cucina Orecchio. Karen and I had sampled their fine Italian cuisine and, trust me, it was off the page. Especially the chicken marsala! And it was a win-win for both the Squadron and the restaurant – we get good food without the cooking and clean-up, and Cucina Orecchio got publicity in that if you liked the food, you might visit their restaurant and recommend it to your friends. I think it is well worth trying this new approach, and I hope you liked it.

Another new initiative is that I'm starting a fundraising effort to secure and install a yardarm at our Squadron building. Project Yardarm will replace our flagpole with a proper nautical yardarm as part of the overall upgrading of the building appearance that has been ongoing. To kick this off, there will be a short but memorable performance of Lady E (aka Debbie Knight) and karaoke immediately after the May dinner meeting. Lady E wowed them at the District meeting this month, and I am sure you will be thoroughly entertained. Those staying for Lady E's performance are asked to make a donation to Project Yardarm. Thanks, Debbie!

Finally, if you've never been to Ocean Reef, I would encourage you to join our August excursion. This is a rare opportunity to experience this very private club in Key Largo at a very good group rate. And, hopefully, you'll have the new experience of enjoying a Saturday night dinner of fresh lobster we catch that same day. There might even be the opportunity to tour Ocean Reef by air!
I am excited by Spring and hope you join me in embracing all that is new.

A FOLLOW-UP TO HOWARD KAUFMANN'S ARTICLE

By D/LT Tom Nolan, SN, Assistant Education Officer
Pompao Beach Sail and Power Squadron Seminar Chair

We will be offering seminars on Tuesday nights when we are not conducting the Safe Boating course. Please let either Howard or I know what seminars you would sign up for.

Here is what is available:
Advanced Powerboat Handling
<http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/adv_powerboat_hand_sem.htm>

Anchoring <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/anchoring.htm>

Basic Coastal Navigation <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/basic_coastal_nav.htm>

Basic Weather Forecasting <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/wx_sem_basic.htm>

Boat Handling under Power <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/boat_hand_sem.htm>

Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/brll.htm>

Emergencies on Board <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/eob.htm>

How to Use a Chart <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/chart_sem.htm>

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Mariner's Compass <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/mariners_compass.htm>

Mastering the Rules of the Road <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/master_rules.htm>

Paddle Smart <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/paddlesmart_sem.htm>

Partner in Command <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/pic.htm>

Sail Trim and Rig Tuning <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/sail_trim_sem.htm>

Tides & Currents <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/tides-currents.htm>

Trailering Your Boat <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/trailering.htm>

Using GPS <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/gps_sem.htm>

Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio <http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/vhf_sem.htm>

The cost will be in the $30 to $50 dollar range depending on the materials.
A text is included in some seminars.
Couples can share for a small fee.

The seminars are two hours in duration and we keep them open for discussion (and some sea stories). The presentation material is really very good and it has all been recently updated.

These seminars are a great way to brush up on some skills without committing to the longer courses.

Please send me an email at latitudemarine@comcast.net
and let me know what seminars you would like to take so Howard and I can plan the schedule.

Tom (not the Exec) Nolan, SN

Outgoing Commander Gary Ferguson, AP, presents P/D/C Lee Devane with a Special Recognition Award for his many years of Chairing the Educational Fund for the District, while incoming D/C Jack Doyle, SN, looks on. Lee chaired the committee for many years, and always had a good showing. Upper Right: Thomas Nolan and P/C Richard Porter. Lower: Doris and Ritzy Judy Doyle.

DORIS' DISK & DATA

By Lt/C Doris Garner, AP, Editor

PUTTING ON THE RITZ was the theme of the 2012 Change of Watch Friday Dinner Dance. Judy Doyle was really into that time-frame. She not only always looks ritzy, but she wore a phalanx of flattened Ritz cracker boxes over her dress-front to carry out her point of Ritzy. It was nice to see so many people all dressed up and having a good time to the great music of the band.

During the daytime meeting several of us won awards for the work we accomplished during the past year. Lt Robert Garito and I both won awards for being Distinctive Communicators; he for his wonderful websight with all its bells and whistles (literally,) and I for the MARINER. People told me they always looked forward to reading the newsletter, and I personally enjoy reviewing Bob's web pages to enjoy all the pictures of past events. Have you viewed it lately? He does a great job and spends a lot of time on it, and it shows. Pictures are distributed throughout this newsletter of the actual D/8 Change of Watch, with the friendly outgoing D/8 Cdr Gary Ferguson, AP, and the incoming gregarious Cdr Jack Doyle, JN. It was a pleasure working with Gary this past year, and I know it will be good this year, too.

On Friday Lt/C Tom Nolan had to be at the Marriott by noon, so he picked me up and took me there at that time. Between the new pace-maker and the vertigo, I have been forbidden to drive for a few weeks, so it was nice arriving early and renewing friendships with friends from other squadrons. There was a serious problem at the check-in desk. We were told to arrive by 3:00 pm, and many people arrived earlier than that. The forecast was for bad weather, so people left earlier than usual, especially if they came from a distance. Actually, the weather was cloudy, but not stormy on the east coast of Florida. The west coast was a different story, so we were lucky about that. Members milled around the lobby, while some left for the bar to wait it out. I enjoyed being with so many lovely people until it was time to go up to the Cocktail Parties.

There was quite the crush, and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie as well as the sumptuous food. The bar was crowded, but I had no problem getting my usual diet Coca Cola. Not that I need anything to pep me up, just being with compatible members does that for me. When I go to these parties, I sometimes see folks I have not seen in years, but it is always nice to reminisce about the good times in the past. Jack and Judy looked so 'ritzy' and happy, they made everyone feel good.

At the dance, I had a good table (without a pillar in front of me) and sat between two charming men, P/C Richard Walker, SN, and Lt/C Marshall Bellin, which helped allay the dreary feeling of not being permitted to dance. The food was good, and no one had a complaint!

On Saturday, the Garitos brought me, and we went to the District Meeting and Change of Watch Ceremony and on to the Commander's Cocktail party, where the food, drinks and ambiance were perfect.

Next was the Commander's Ball, another enjoyable meal and table partners. Karen Compagne came over to me and said she was sure if we danced the old fashioned way (with a partner) that she would help hold me up to the beat of the slow music, and I would be okay. So we did, and she was right! At least I got on the dance floor.

The entire weekend was enjoyable and we all should make our reservations for the D/8 summer rendezvous in July.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S JUNE ARTICLE

By Lt/C Tom Nolan, P

The April District meeting provided a great showing for our Squadron. D/Lt Denise Porter, JN ran the Youth Poster Contest and did a bang-up job. The new Public Relations Officer, 1st/Lt Pat Bellin, S got into the job by going to as many of the meetings and seminars as were possible. P/C Rosemary Levin, AP kept up with the changes in membership. Lt Kathy Babin attended the Historian presentation.

P/D/Lt/C Ron Ray, JN did a great job explaining and getting the new by-laws through the district approval process. The Squadron did well in the awards department. D/Lt Denise Porter, JN took an award for Vessel Safety Checks, P/Lt/C Doris Garner, AP accepted for the Mariner, and Lt Bob Garito received another for our website. D/Lt Al Furtado, SN, keeps us up to date with Vessel Safety Checks and continues to make us look good. One of the people who set an example for me, personally, is P/D/C Lee Devane, AP. He was recognized for his work with the Education Fund.

Let's welcome the new District Commander Jack Doyle, SN. He will lead our District this year. We wish him and his Bridge good luck. The Squadron's cocktail party went well as did Jack Doyle's. Both had good food and music.

The D/8 Summer Rendezvous will be held on 13 – 15 July: Friday through Sunday. There will be a cocktail party Friday night. It will start at 1700 (5:00pm) in the Tarpon Suite. Be sure to return on Saturday morning for breakfast.

We have a date for the 2013 Change of Watch. It will be held on 12 January 2013. This is a Saturday and please, save the date.

I would like to thank P/D/C Gary L. Ferguson for all his good work for this past year. Thank you and it's time for you to relax.

D/8 Vessel Safety Chairman, D/Lt Allan Furtado, SN, and his District Committee members receive their awards for their Squadron's service. Pompano Beach did 176 inspections altogether for which we earned third place in the Emil Jensen VSC Award. Allan did 63 inspctions on his own, and D/Lt Denise Porter, JN, did 26. Well Done!!!

Before Al took over the VSC Chair, very little was done with it, but he re-vitalized it, and now it is a major part of PBSPS with a large group of inspectors.
Our thanks to all the members of his team!

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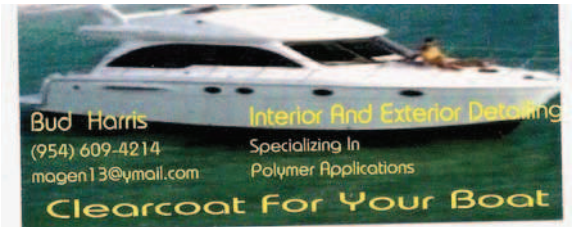

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Vessel Safety Check Corner

By D/Lt Allan B. Furtado, SN

In case you did not get a chance to attend the District 8 Conference last month at the Boca Town Center Marriott, I wish to inform you that Pompano Beach Sail and Power Squadron was awarded four Vessel Safety Check awards Two were awarded to the Squadron and two to individuals. The first was for Completing over 20 VSCs for the year 2011. It was awarded to D/Lt Denise Porter, JN. She completed 26 VSCs. Next award was for Completing over 50 VSCs in 2011. It was awarded to yours truly D/Lt Allan B. Furtado, SN for completing 68 VSCs.

Next the Squadron was recognized for a Joint Team Effort for completing over 100 VSCs last year. We completed 176 VSCs. And the final one issued to our Squadron was the Emil Jensen VSC award for 3rd place in District 8 for Proficiency In Qualifying Examiners and Leadership in Completed Safety Checks.

All of our examiners put out a fantastic effort last year and wish to acknowledge all of them. Please help me thank the following Pompano Beach Sail and Power Squadron Vessel Examiners for a job well done!

Lt Aldo A. Aurilio, P	Susan H. Blanton
Bill Carey, AP	D/C John T. Doyle, SN
D/ Lt Allan B. Furtado, SN	Eugene E. Niemi Jr., P
Lt/C Thomas Nolan, P	David J. Persing, JN
P/C Richard R. Porter, JN	D/Lt Denise Porter, JN
Lt Beverly Schaefer, P	P/C John A. Schaefer Jr., P
P/C Richard Larry Walker, SN	P/C Ronald P. Ziller, SN

Any one of the above Examiners would be willing to perform a VSC on your or anyone's boat.

Have you had your Free Vessel Safety Check yet? If not, why not?

MEMBERSHIP DUES

By Lt/C Dave Nace, S, Treasurer

It's that time of year when many of our members are asked to pay annual membership dues. If you joined the squadron prior to the implementation of anniversary billing, your dues are payable on May 31 of each year. If you joined the squadron after the implementation of anniversary billing, your dues are payable as of your anniversary of joining. More than 50% of our membership has dues payable as of May 31.

National has sent initial billings to the May 31 group via email with two alternatives for payment (either payment via credit card using the on line system or by printing the dues statement and mailing the dues payment). I'm told that National will follow up with a mailed version of the dues statement. We appreciate your support of the squadron by processing your payment for membership dues as soon as you are able.

If a member earns 25 merit marks, he or she is recognized as a Life Member. A Life Member is allowed to display a mark similar to the Senior Member's mark except that the "V" is surrounded by a gold laurel wreath.

The next time there is mention of someone being a life member, just remember that not only did they put in the time they also put in the effort. If you are going to be a member of an organization, be an active member. The USPS rewards its active members with the merit mark. During the past year, 66 members of our squadron earned a merit mark.

So, the next time there is a request for volunteers for some task or event regarding the Squadron, volunteer and get going toward earning a merit mark. Most organizations rely on the efforts of volunteers. PBS&PS is no different. Thanks in advance. I'll be looking for your name on next year's "Merit Mark List."

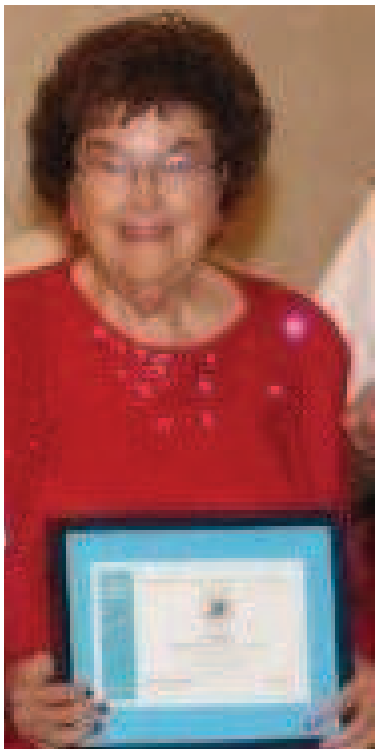
*All information in this article regarding Merit Marks was taken from the USPS Operations Manual, or the *MARINER*.

WINNERS OF THE 2011 DISTINCTIVE COMMUNICATOR AWARD:

P/Lt/C DORIS GARNER, AP, FOR THE *MARINER*, AND LT ROBERT GARITO FOR OUR WEBSITE.

MORE AWARDS ARE SHOWN IN OTHER PARTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

BOTH OF THESE JOBS CONSUME A LOT OF TIME AND BRAIN POWER, AND MUST BE DONE EVERY MONTH , BUT WE ENJOY THE CHALLENGE!



What are Merit Marks* and Why Would I Want One?

Submitted by:
Lt/C Marshall Bellin, S

That was one of my first questions when I became a member of PBS&PS. At one of the first dinner meetings we attended, the Commander asked for volunteers to assist with serving. Several people immediately volunteered. I casually mentioned that they sure were eager to "sling hash." The long-time member that was sitting next to me commented that they would earn merit mark hours for volunteering.

After a little more research, I too was quickly raising my hand the next time the Commander asked for volunteers. I went to the USPS website (www.USPS.org) and typed in **"Merit Marks"** in the **"search"** box. Here I discovered the **"*Operations Manual*."** Below is what came up:

Merit Mark Resources

The following comes from Chapter 16 of the Operations Manual:

16.1 A "merit mark" (MM) is awarded by the chief commander to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award; it is by and large the only official recognition members receive for their efforts. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive the contribution [Bylaw 14.1.7]. A certificate is issued, and a special insigne may be worn on USPS uniforms [Refer to 10.44 on page 10.8].

Recommendations for merit marks are made by squadron, district, rear and vice commanders to the chief commander. Active, family, and apprentice members may be recommended [Bylaw 14.1]. Merit marks earned by family and apprentice members shall not count toward senior, life or emeritus status [Bylaw 14.1.8].

The merit mark chair maintains a list during the year of those members who have performed significant work, noting the nature of the work and the result. A large number of hours involved are not in itself sufficient to earn a merit mark. In large squadrons, a merit mark committee may be required to keep track of the data.

The quality of hours volunteered must be equal to the quantity of the hours served. Not everything you do in the Squadron qualifies for merit mark hours. Attending a meeting or function usually does not qualify for merit mark hours. Some, but not all, ways to earn merit mark hours are listed below:

Teach a Course
Serve on the Auditing Committee
Serve on Rules Committee
Work on the Squadron Publication
Hold the job of Port Captain
Serve as Chaplain
Serve on Cooperative Charting Committee
Prepare and/or serve at Dinner Meetings
Attend Seminars or workshops
Participate in Squadron fundraising events
Take part in Committee Meetings
Serve as Law Officer
Serve on Executive Committee
Work at the Boat Shows
Serve on the Membership Committee
Serve on the Telephone Committee
Serve on Rendezvous Committee
Be a Delegate to a District/National Meeting
Chair a committee
Become a Bridge officer

The number of hours of service required to earn a merit mark are not stated. It is usually left to the Squadron/District Commander to establish the quality and quantity of the hours needed to earn a merit mark and make the recommendation. The Chief Commander awards the Merit Marks.

When a member earns 5 merit marks, he or she is recognized as a Senior Member. A Senior Member is allowed to display the following mark below their insignia of grade.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE JUNE DINNER MEETING….

POMPANO POWER SQUADRON YARDARM FUNDRAISER

LADY E **WILL BE DOING A SPECIAL ELVIS TRIBUTE FOR THE FUNDRAISER AND OUR VERY OWN LARRY KNIGHT WILL BE SPINNING THE KARAOKE DISCS FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IT A TRY**

HAPPY HOUR & HOR D'OEUVRES 5:30

MEETING 6:30

DINNER * 7:00

AFTER DINNER COCKTAILS
SHOW, KARAOKE……7:30

***if you'll be attending dinner please make sure you send in a head count…thank you**

SUMMER IS COMING

MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR LIGHTWEIGHT T-SHIRTS SOLD AT EVERY GENERAL MEETING

We have lots of new colors and styles
Please see P/C Richard Porter, JN
We also have burgees

2012 BOOSTERS FOR THE MARINER

By P/Lt/C Doris Garner, Editor

Kay Baker
Doris & Betty Garner
Ron & Katherine Lafontaine
Tom Nolan
Lacy Pinkston
Kathy & Bill Pringle
Elisa & Seth Towbis
Barbara Wyatt
Eileen & Joe Caraccia
Charlotte & Arthur Hofmeyer
Romaine & Howard Kaufman
Purvid 'Dean' Jackson & Eunice Polloway
Ronnie & Kathy Babin
Judy & Jack Doyle
Lauren & Bill Ginand
Rosemary Levin
Ella Oelrich
Denise & Richard Porter
Ron Ray
Anita & Richard Walker
Arline & Ron Ziller
Pat & Marshal Bellin
Bonnie & Don Parrish
Vivian & Dave Nace
Jay Repo & Karen Campagne
Barbara & Bob Garito
Jean & Lee Devane
Connie & Kirk Martin
Judy & Len Pinkston
Rory Porter
Judy & Ira Somerset
Patricia & Bob Westveer
Debbie & Larry Knight
Paula & Alan Teller
Janet Dean
Jan & Al Furtado
Dana & Malden Frank

A big THANK YOU to 'all of the above' for their help. I hope this list will expand as the months go by, for you are the people who keep the ***MARINER*** going. I appreciate your help, and so does the Treasurer!

SICK BAY

D/Lt Jean Devane

Our condolences go out to Jay Repo on the loss of his mother. It is always hard to lose a mother.

Judy Pinkston is still getting cancer treatments, and is looking forward to being free of it soon. Judy has maintained her good disposition throughout all her troubles.

The Garito's son is in intensive care at Coral Springs Hospital while the doctors try to figure out what to treat him for. So far they have made four different conclusions, and discarded them all. Now it is supposed to be some form of pneumonia, either viral, bacterial or chemical. It has been a long, aggravating week for the family.

Doris Garner fainted and was taken to Boca Regional Hospital, where they gave her a pace-maker. She has to let it heal before she can resume driving. Then she went to an office building that has a strange sidewalk, and she fell and hit her head, causing the Vertigo to return. But she still went to the D/8 Change of Watch. She is one tough lady!

Again, please call me at 954-782-9451 if you know of anyone who is under the weather so I may send a "get well" card from the squadron.

1ST ANNUAL
POMPANO BEACH
SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 9th 2012

We are planning to have a fishing tournament primarily for Power Squadron boaters, their guests and other members who would like to participate but may not own fishing capable boats.

Briefly, there will be an entry fee of $100.00 per boat which would include up to 4 registered anglers. Additional anglers can be registered for $25.00 each for a maximum of 6 anglers including the Captain per boat. All registered anglers are required to have a valid Florida resident or non-resident saltwater license unless exempt by age or other reasons. (Age 65 and over or age under 16.) If exempt, instead of a license angler must have ID showing age and residency such as a Florida Drivers license.

You can apply for a resident saltwater fishing license online or by telephone using a credit card. You will be issued a Temporary Authorization Number (T.A.N.) which you can print or record. This will allow you to fish immediately. Your permanent license will be mailed to you within 48 hours. Contact the FWC at www.myfwc.com/license/recreational or call toll free 888-347-4356.

Eligible fish will be Dolphin, Wahoo, King Mackerel, Blackfin Tuna, Cobia, Grouper and Snapper. This will be a team event and all entry fees will be distributed to winning boats as cash prizes for largest fish in weight, highest total weight and a third prize to be later determined. Only eligible fish of legal size and maximum number per registered angler will count. Florida possession and size limits are as follows: Dolphin - 20 inches fork length, 10 per angler. Wahoo - no size limit 2 per angler. Kings - 24 inch fork length, 2 per angler.

Boat Captains wishing to enter will be emailed the tournament rules and entry form which will include an Angler Registration form for up to 6 anglers. This will be emailed out prior to May 15th. Boat Captains will be responsible for the entry fees and angler registration. Anglers should expect to share in the costs for entry fees, fuel and bait with the boat captains. There will be a Captains meeting on Friday June 8th, 6PM at the Sands. Weigh in on the 9th will be between 3PM – 4PM at the Sands.

Prizes awarded at 5PM. Dockage at the Sands will be first come basis and rafting up with other Power Squadron boats should be available.

If interested please reply to this email and indicate whether you would like to enter your boat as Captain or would like to be listed as an Angler. Anglers without boats will be put on an invitation list distributed to boat captains.

If you have questions contact Ron Ziller, zworthy2@juno.com, Mobile # 201 213-0072.

1st Annual Pompano Beach Sail and Power Squadron Fishing Tournament
Official Rules

Boat Captains and Anglers participating in this tournament are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner and abide by these rules as set forth below.

1. I.G.F.A. Rules and Florida State Fishing Regulations will prevail.
2. Registration: Entry fees and Angler registration are the responsibility of the Boat Captain. The Boat Captain must be a USPS member. The entry fee of $100.00 will include the boat captain and three additional anglers. Up to two additional anglers can be added for $25.00 each for a maximum of 6 anglers per boat.
3. Weather Conditions: In the event of unsafe conditions at sea the tournament committee, in its best judgment, may call off or postpone the tournament until better conditions prevail. Sunday June 10th is reserved as an alternate date. Entry fee checks will be held until after prizes are awarded and will be returned if the tournament is canceled.
4. Hours of Fishing: Starting at sunrise June 9th to Lines up at 2:30 pm. All fish must be weighed in on the official scale at the Sands by 4pm.
5. Eligible Fish: Dolphin, Wahoo, King Mackerel, Blackfin Tuna, Cobia, Grouper and Snapper. Sailfish that are caught and released can count for 10 points if a digital photo of the release is submitted during the weigh in. Sailfish will not count for heaviest fish prize. One point equals one pound.
6. All fish must meet minimum size requirements and possession limits as stated in the saltwater fishing regulations.
7. Tackle: All fish must be caught on rod and reel. Lures, dead baits and live baits are permitted. No live bait chumming will be permitted.
8. Scoring: Each registered boat will receive one point for each pound of eligible fish weighed in on the official scale at the Sands. All fish must be brought to the weigh station in the boat from which caught. Judges decision will be final.
9. Prizes: Prizes will be cash consisting entirely of the entry fees received. First prize: Heaviest eligible fish; 50% of total entry fees. Second prize: Highest total points; 30%. Third prize: Second highest total points; 20%. A maximum of one prize per boat will be awarded.
10. Hold Harmless: It is expressly understood that all participants in this tournament enter at their own risks and that the United States Power Squadron, Pompano Beach Power Squadron its officers, directors and all persons connected with the operation of this tournament shall be exempt from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, angler, boat captains, vessels and equipment, which may occur during the tournament.
11. Angler Signature: All anglers are required to sign their entry blank as certification that they have read and agree to abide by all the rules 1 through 10 inclusive.

Entry fees should be submitted by check made out to PBPS with PBPS Fishing Tournament written in the memo line. June 1st is the deadline. Late entries can be accepted up till the June 8th Captains meeting for an additional fee of $10.00 per entry. Checks should be either mailed to Ron Ziller or submitted in person to any Fishing Tournament Committee member. Mailing Address: Ron Ziller, 969 SE 6th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL 33060.

Captains Meeting: 6 pm, June 8th, Sands Harbor, 125 N. Riverside Dr. Pompano Beach.

Committee Members:
Tom Nolan, SN
Tom Nolan, S
Ron Ziller, SN
Dana Pekunece
Bill Carey, AP

Boat Entry Form and Angler Registration

	Prior to June 1st	After June 1st	Totals
Entry Fee (includes captain and 3 additional anglers)	$100.00	$110.00	_____
Additional Angler #5	$25.00	$30.00	_____
Additional Angler #6	$25.00	$30.00	_____
		Total Fees:	_____

Please make check payable to PBPS.
In memo field: Fishing Tournament.
Mail check to: Ron Ziller, 969 Se 6th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL 33060 or
submit in person to any Tournament Committee member.

Boat Captain: _____ USPS Member # _____

Boat Name: _____ Length: _____

Boat Captain and Angler # 1
Name: _____ Fishing License # or if exempt write EXEMPT: _____

Signature: _____

Angler # 2
Name: _____ Fishing License # or if exempt write EXEMPT: _____

Signature: _____

Angler # 3
Name: _____ Fishing License # or if exempt write EXEMPT: _____

Signature: _____

Angler # 4
Name: _____ Fishing License # or if exempt write EXEMPT: _____

Signature: _____

Angler # 5 Additional Fee
Name: _____ Fishing License # or if exempt write EXEMPT: _____

Signature: _____

Angler # 6 Additional Fee
Name: _____ Fishing License # or if exempt write EXEMPT: _____

Signature: _____

2012 ACTIVITIES FOR POMPANO BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

By Dave & Carol Bruce --954-596-2061

June 9	Captains Meeting at 0600	Sands Harbor
June 9	Fishing Tournament	Dana Pekunece
June 16	Raft Up Lake Boca 1:00	
June 22 – June 30	Great Harbor	Jay Repo
June 27	Abacos	Aldo Aurilio
July 13, 14, 15	Pier 66 D/8 Summer Rendezvous	
July 21	Tiki Bar "Happy Hour"	
July 22	Galuppi's Brunch	Debby Knight, Arlene Ziller
August 24,25,26	Ocean Reef Lobstering	Karen Campagna
Aug 31-Sept 3	Marina Bay	Kathy Pringle
September 8	Tiki Bar "Happy Hour"	
September 21,22,23	District Boca Raton	
September 27-30	Sebastian	Anita Walker
October 12-15	Abacos	Aldo Aurilio
October 20	Tiki Bar "Happy Hour"	
October 27	Raft Up Lake Boca 1:00	
November 17	Raft Up Lake Boca 1:00	Dave & Vivian Nace
December 14,15,16	Hall Of Fame Boat Parade	Aldo Aurilio
December 16	Boat Parade Party	Jay Repo

D/8 C/W
Coctail Party

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

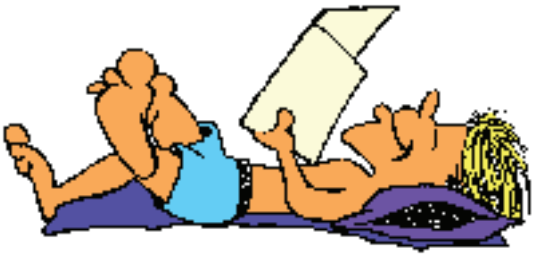
And may you have many more!
By Lt Ira Somerset

June

02	Fred Chafitz
04	Lisa Stevens
09	Diane Muth
10	Ronald D. LaFontaine
10	J. Douglas O'Hara
13	Irwin Brodie
18	Irving Buxton
19	Ken C. Boyce
20	William Celentano
22	Wm.T. Howard, Jr
23	Nathan White
25	Donald Arnott
26	Shari Harris
28	Guy Gravel

GEMINI

FLY YOUR FLAG FOR FLAG DAY



BIRTHDAYS

IF YOUR NAME IS MISSING FROM OUR LIST, PLEASE CALL IRA SOMERSET AT 954-246-4478

THE MOON IS FULL ON 4 JUNE 2012
FLAG DAY IS JUNE 14TH
FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 17TH

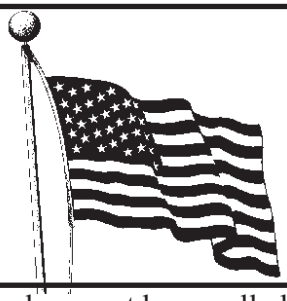
ATTENTION MEMBERS

A motion was made and approved to ask members to pay for their meal, if they told the meal caller that they were going to attend, and did not.

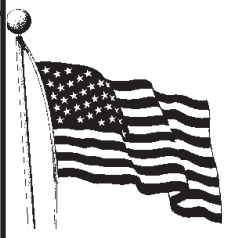
JUNE MEETING

The date is 14 June 2012
1730 is Attitude Adjustment Hour
1830 is the Business Meeting
1930 is the dinner (usually)
Donation: $15 per person

The Babins will be hosting
Cajun Red Beans and Rice
with mild sausage.
Plus all the extras.
Or chicken



If you have not been called by
10 JUNE 2012, please call
Jan Furtado at 954-784-6012 or
janfurtado@comcast.net



JULY MEETING

The date is 12 JULY 2012
1730 is socializing hour
1830 is the Business Meeting
1930 is the dinner (usually)
Donation: $15 per person

MENU; LASAGNA OR CHICKEN

If you have not been called by
8 July 2012, please call
Jan Furtado at 954-784-6012 or
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SQUADRON BD MTG IS 07 JUNE 2012
GENERAL MEETING IS 14 JUNE 2012
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