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Ron Blair, P and friend "Amber". A little on the heavy side, but he loves her dearly.



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D/8 Summer Rendezvous at the Hyatt Pier 66

Row 1: Pool Aerobics; "Rocky" was in the house; Pier 66.

Row 2: D/C Gary Ferguson, P/CDan Thomas, P/C Mary Dodd; "Sandy Hook" - Capt. Chris & Alyse Caldwell.

Row 3: VB Squadron Members party aboard "Sandy Hook"; D/Lt/Cdr Jack Doyle flippin' pancakes (one handed).

Row 4: Sat. Morn. Breakfast; Barb Scully & Friend; Your editor is clueless as to the identity of these people.

Row 5: Same as Row 3

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE WHICH CONCERNS ALL USPS MEMBERS UTILIZING GPS

A recent FCC decision to allow high-speed internet and cell phone service to use frequencies close to existing GPS radio frequencies could disrupt GPS signals and cause severe interference to a wide range of GPS receivers, including those used by boaters. On January 26, the FCC gave conditional approval to a private company, LightSquared, to build 40,000 ground stations within the U.S. that would transmit high powered signals in the middle of the existing satellite band of frequencies. As part of that conditional approval, FCC required that additional testing and a report be prepared on the service's potential to interfere with the GPS signals. That report was completed on June 30th and raises significant concerns for boaters and other users of GPS. To see a copy of this report and for additional info. go to www.boatus.com/gov/ and click on the following links: [GPS Working Group Final Report](#) [Save Our GPS Coalition](#) [GPS.gov](#)

Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

I'm sure that many of you are aware of this issue as shown above. I felt this subject was important enough to convey the following to the FCC, Rep. Posey, Sen. Nelson, and Sen. Rubio:

As you consider the conditional approval for LightSquared, I write to ask you to preserve the integrity of the nation's GPS system. Last year, the federal government shut down the Loran navigation system, making recreational mariners solely reliant on GPS for all electronic navigation needs. Like so many other GPS users around the country, GPS is now integrated into our daily outings and we look to the FCC to protect the integrity of the GPS signal.

Recently, I was cruising between Ft. Lauderdale and Vero Beach, Florida when a storm front moved in quickly which left me totally closed in so that I could not make out any land mass. I was able to duck into the Lake Worth Inlet (Palm Beach) only because of my GPS system. If this signal had been interfered with, I would have had to stay in the ocean until the storm front cleared which would have put me in harm's way with regard to other larger boats in the vicinity. I urge you not to allow LightSquared to begin a nationwide broadband service right next to the designated radio spectrum used for GPS. Can you imagine the devastating results of this FCC approval with regard to the airline industry as well as small plane pilots and the many thousands of boaters. Please stop this insanity before lives are lost.

Sincerely, Robert W. Boarman

Just recently I received the letter below from Bill Posey, U.S Congressman, Representing Florida's 15th District.

July 19, 2011

Mr. Robert W. Boarman
12 Sailfish Rd
Vero Beach, FL 32960-5279

Dear Mr. Boarman,

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about new technology in the 4G LTE spectrum and your concerns with LightSquared wireless. I appreciate hearing from you. You will be pleased to know that I share your concerns and was joined by a number of my colleagues in writing the Federal Communications Commission to express our concerns about this project.

As you know, in January the FCC granted permission to offer wholesale broadband via its satellite and base station networks to a wide variety of mobile broadband partners, one of these being LightSquared. LightSquared is a mobile satellite service (MSS) provider with two space vessels that cover North America. These systems operate in the 1.5-1.6 GHz zone, part of what the FCC calls the L-Band. In November of 2010 the company applied to the Commission for more expansive rules that would allow it greater leeway to transmit satellite broadband signals to its "Ancillary Terrestrial Component" (ATC), sometimes referred to as Ground Based Systems. One apprehension is that LightSquared's L Band frequencies may broadcast close to the Global Positioning System (GPS) bands, and there have been concerns within the FCC and commercial GPS users about this possible interference.

Because of these concerns, the FCC instructed LightSquared to convene a study group addressing the interference concerns regarding GPS before LightSquared commences offering commercial service pursuant to a waiver on its L-band MSS frequencies. LightSquared cannot commence commercial operations of its terrestrial network until the FCC concludes that harmful interference concerns have resolved.

Rest assured, I will continue to work with my colleagues on this issue. I am very concerned about the import of this initiative. The concerns that you have expressed have also been conveyed by both the Department of Defense as well as the Department of Transportation because of the possible detrimental effects that these signals could have on commercial GPS systems.

Thank you again, Robert, for contacting me. I appreciate having the benefit of your views. It is an honor to serve you in Congress. For more information on my work in Congress, to sign up to receive my E-newsletter, or to participate in telephone town hall meetings, please visit my website, <http://www.posey.house.gov>, or call my office at (321) 632-1776. If I may be of service to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

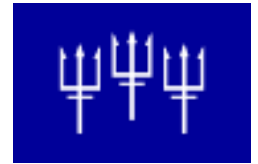
Sincerely,

Bill Posey
Member of Congress



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

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Hello to all Members, Associates, and Friends,

I certainly hope everyone is enjoying this hot, hot, summer. What a great 4th of July we all enjoyed! Many thanks to Lt. Harold Leh, AP, P/C Bill Heimbaugh, S, Caroline Bargren and my family for the terrific job they did taking over the party. My grandson Frankie made delicious hot dogs and Bill made the best hamburgers ever.

Bill Heimbaugh, Caroline, Harold and I attended the Sebastian Inlet Sail and Power Squadron June Social at Suzy's Tiki Bar and had a great time with a very friendly group. Even though the rains came, no one left. It just brought us closer together!

I would like to say thank you to all our members who attended the District 8 Summer Rendezvous at Pier 66 in Ft. Lauderdale. 20 of our members had a really great time. Our District Commander Gary Ferguson, JN and his staff did an excellent job along with our P/C Dan, SN and Lt. Kathie Thomas, P for making the week-end a huge success. We thank them all. There were a few not-to-be forgotten moments: Someone got a marriage proposal, someone left their cell phone in the canal, someone got a good misting, a few members got a hot ride in a water taxi and we all enjoyed lunch on Saturday aboard Capts. Chris and Alyse Caldwell's yacht, the "Sandy Hook". Someone we all know and love is still playing a new game we all learned. Oh, Woody! Look around. We all left the boat and are home now!

Don't forget about our District 8 Fall Conference. It will be held in Boca Raton the week-end of September 23 - 25th at the Marriott in Boca Raton. Please see the reservation form on Page 11 of this issue. Plans have already been made for a great, informative, fun-filled week-end. Please try to attend even if it's just for the Saturday meeting.

Sadly, we will all miss a favorite member, Shirley Carr. She was always there for all of us to help in any way. When I started out as Administrative Officer she was always willing to help me out any way she could and believe me, I needed help. Our hearts and prayers go out to Ed. Keep Cool and have a great vacation. We will see you in September at the District 8 Conference. In addition, P/C George Reid, AP passed away recently. George was our very dedicated Chaplin for many years and a loyal Vero Beach PS member.

Your Commander, Janet Leh, P

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER Lt. Frank "Tom" Jones, III, S

Well, I'm still up in Michigan proclaiming that every day is a new adventure and story. Last weekend I was on the Riverfront in Downtown Detroit as my children were treating Bev and I to a Riverboat cruise, dinner and entertainment on the Detroit River in between the USA and Canada. It was easy to find a parking spot because unlike other major cities, Detroit is vacated on weekends. Of course, there was a lot of action on the "Riverwalk" including the normal bevy of bums and beggars. You have to be pretty callous to walk by them and not giving into their pleas for money. The Lord says 'Love Your Neighbor' ... and I do, but you can't finance the planet. I did waver however. A well dressed gentleman in a panama hat approached me and said that he wasn't a beggar but had a story to tell me. He was a Vietnam veteran and had driven down from northern Michigan to get some assistance at the Detroit Veterans Hospital. As there was not much else to do in the city he came down to the Riverwalk to pass the time of day. To make a long story short he was robbed and his car was vandalized. He said he needed \$12.30 in order to get his car repaired and enough gas to get home. He said he knew he would not be able to repay me but promised to pay the loan forward to another person when he could. He may have been a great con man but he said all the right things that touched my heart. Although I have my doubts, my contribution served the giver much more than the taker. God works in strange ways.

SGM FT Jones, Chaplain

Your questions and comments: fjones@peoplepc.com

Happy Birthday VBPS Members

August 2011 Birthdays

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Jim Crawfis	08/05
Leslie Khalaf	08/05
Ken Simone	08/05
Dick Weiler	08/05
Sally Lake	08/06
William Price	08/06
Gail Partee	08/07
Stan Rockwell	08/08
Kathie Thomas	08/09
Tom Ellis	08/10
Nancy Hamiton	08/13
Bill Stahl	08/13
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Kevin Brogan	08/16
Don Colby	08/16
Sandy Maloney	08/19
Beverly Jones	08/20
Austin Walsh	08/20
Kevin Maloney	08/21
Gayle Duggan-Miller	08/21
Ron Hall	08/22
Sterrett Campbell	08/24
Jim Ward	08/25
Caitlin Gough	08/27
Pat Crawfis	08/29
Shirley Becker	08/30
Ken Hindley	08/30
Beverly Ford	08/31



September 2011 Birthdays

Edward Hamilton	09/01
Rob Kane	09/03
Margaret Longmire	09/05
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Pilar Turner	09/07
Judy Lott	09/08
Ken Quick	09/08
Deborah Borelli	09/09
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Richard Myers	09/09
Dick Beeson	09/10
Cynthia Stahl	09/12
Tim Buhl	09/15
Jan Bush	09/15
Tom Peschio	09/15
Toby Jarman	09/16
Harold Leh	09/19
Gwen Cook	09/23
Stephen Haigis	09/23
Bill Woody	09/23
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Carolyn Macmillan	09/25
Tammy Smith	09/26
Jeff Feldman	09/27
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Pam Young	09/30

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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

D8 Summer Rendezvous – Thanks to all who made the weekend a good time. The event was held at the Pier Sixty-Six Resort and Marina in Ft Lauderdale. Our Commander Janet Leh, P stated VBPS had 20 participants attend. Special thanks to Capt. Chris and Capt. Alyse Caldwell for the lunch they hosted on board their trawler “Sandy Hook” on Saturday. Entertainment was a game called “Worst Case Scenario”. You had to be there to understand it but if you missed it, ask around during the Friday Night Social and you may find someone to tell you all about it! Then start thinking about going to the upcoming District 8 Fall Conference at the Marriott at Boca Center. See Page 11 for Res. Form. http://www.uspsd8.com/Newsitem.php?news_id=45&news_pic=&news_desc=10

Waterway Cleanup – by the time you read this the 4th Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup scheduled for July 23, 2011, conducted by the Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast (MIATC), will be finished for this year. April Price, the Event Coordinator, appreciates all who participated from the VBPS. Results of the event along with photos will be published shortly.

YSF Summer Camp – Some of our volunteers supported this event held at the Moorings Club during June and July. I hear it was a big success and parents, kids and instructors all enjoyed the experience. All learned a lot. Numerous photos were taken and will be posted at the YSF website <http://www.ysfirc.org/>.

Fishing Day Boy's & Girl's Club – I know many of you have already seen a message posted recently by P/C Woody but I thought I would mention it again. Our next fishing day for the Boy's & Girl's Club will be 6 August. Lt. Richard Carlin, P our Chairman Fishing Group, is looking for members to volunteer to help with this outstanding event.

Coop Charting – Continues to meet on Thursdays. See Chairman Cooperative Charting, Lt. Harold R. Leh, Jr., AP for additional details.

Boating Safety – The Safety process is one of “prevention through education, outreach and volunteer compliance” helping recreational boaters to gain a respect for the boating environment. For more see <http://www.usps.org/national/safety/>

On The Eights – You can keep in touch with the District Eight activity by going to www.uspsd8.com and then click on NEWS items. You may also find out all about District 8 by reviewing the Directory of Officers and Committees booklet for 2011-2012.

Did you know there are 15 squadrons in District 8? There are 34 D8 individuals who are holding national positions...and 4 of these fine people are VBPS members. Trivia question? Who are they?

Thanks for Your Support!
Lt/Cdr Bob Scully, JN



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Hello VBPS Members, Associates and Friends,

ON THE WATER EXERCISES

My last message noted that eventually all our courses will have "optional on the water exercises" to help students experience various aspects of a course curriculum in real time on the water. This is an optional part of the course and will not affect the credit given for the course.

To date, we have received On-The-Water Teaching Aid Guides for Seamanship and Sail. There is a sign-up sheet for the Optional Seamanship On-The-Water exercise. Hopefully, current and past students that signed up for or completed Seamanship will participate in the optional portion of the Seamanship course. Presently, "*The Annex*", a 38' Regal Express Cruiser has been made available for this exercise.

Captain Chris and Alyse Caldwell have offered to conduct a "Night Exercise" on their trawler "*Sandy Hook*". The intent is to expose you to what you can expect when trying to pilot your vessel at night. Situational awareness at night is more challenging than what is required in daylight. As you may know, Capt. Chris and Alyse are professional educators and are a delight to be with and learn from. Let's have some fun — sign up for this and become a more experienced and safe boater.

A sign-up sheet for the Sail On-The-Water exercise will be available shortly.

We welcome our more experienced members with or without boats to either make their boats available for these exercises or assist in making these exercises successful. Please contact me if you are inclined to help.

THE CHARLES F. CHAPMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Each year the USPS Educational Dept. conducts an extensive search through every Squadron and District to identify and recognize five of our very best instructors. This search culminates in the presentation of the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching.

This year our Squadron Executive Committee recommended that P/C Daniel A. Thomas, SN be nominated for this award. Accordingly, several of our members have submitted letters of recommendation and these letters along with all the other necessary forms will be forwarded to our District Education Officer.

All of our instructors work very hard and this is one way we can reward them for their efforts.

THE ABC COURSE

Our last ABC class had 6 students. We asked them if they would prefer that the course be given in one day instead of the current two day format. We would make the course material available well ahead of the scheduled class date for self study purposes and then conduct the course and administer the exam on the same day. Every student agreed that was a more desirable approach. We are hoping that a one day session would also increase enrollment.

Thanks for Your Support!!

New Member Corner



Ken & Mary Hill

Also:
 Kevin & Sandy Maloney
 Stephen Haigis
 (pictures to follow)



Youth Sailing Foundation - Melbourne Regatta



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Hello VBPS Members and Associates:

We continue to get great attendance at the **Friday Night Socials**. Thanks to Chairs Chris and Charlie Pope and all of you who hosted during July. Mary Lichty-Nelson will chair during August and September. You can help her out by signing up to host one of the open dates. The sign-up sheet is close to the bar, so you can't miss it!

The **Independence Day Picnic** was a great success enjoyed by more than 70 members, associates and guests. We were blessed with great weather and a great view of the fire-works. A big THANK YOU to Cdr Janet, P and Lt. Harold Leh, AP, P/C Bill Heimbaugh, S, Carolyn Bargren and all of the other helping hands for toiling away in the kitchen to make this a great celebration of our Independence.

Coming of 5 September is the **Philly Cheese Steak Labor Day Party**. The word is - you don't want to miss these delicious sandwiches made by Cdr Janet and Harold Leh and Lts. Howard and Maggie Daniels.

There has been a some boating activities within the Squadron as well. Several boats and boaters enjoyed a raft-up at Faber Cover on June 4. On June 22nd more than 30 members enjoyed lunch at Harbortown Marina in Ft. Pierce. Although most everyone arrived by car, it's been reported that driving rather than boating to this destination did not deter from the enjoyment of the event. Thanks to boating chair Lt. George Scott for organizing these events. Look for more information about the next **lunch cruise** scheduled for August 17.

There are no speakers scheduled for the August and September General Membership meetings. In October we will hear from Diane Wilson, Indian River County Stormwater Co-ordinator.

As we approach the Dawg Days of Summer, stay cool and stay safe on the water.

Regards from your Administrative Officer,
LtCdr Judy Peschio, P




Youth Sailing Foundation Chairman Charlie Pope holds court at the recent Melbourne Regatta

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SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2011

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- 0900-1200 Squadron Officers & Members Meeting
- 0900-1200 Squadron Educational Officers Meeting

FRIDAY EVENING "HOMECOMING DANCE": \$ 39.00

Creamy Tomato, Cucumber & Onion Salad

Choice of Entrée:

Baked Virginia Ham with Pineapple Sauce Herb Breaded Tilapia with Lemon Beurre Blanc,

Scalloped Potatoes

Buttered Corn with Red & Green Peppers

Choice of Dessert:

Apple Streusel Cake Red Velvet Cake with Cream Cheese Icing

SATURDAY BANQUET: \$ 39.00

Iceberg Wedge

with Diced Tomato, Bacon and Blue Cheese Crumbles

Choice of Entrée:

Grilled Chicken Chardonnay with Roasted Tomatoes, Artichokes & Garlic Confit Italian Roasted Pork Loin with Sun Dried Tomatoes & Raisins

Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes

Bouquet of Marinated & Grilled Vegetables

Choice of Dessert:

Chocolate Chiffon Pie Fresh Fruit Tart With Whipped Cream

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

Note: Meal reservations and check must be received by 11 September 2011

DISTRICT 8 FALL CONFERENCE MEAL RESERVATION					FRI	SAT	TOTAL
CERT NO	RANK	NAME	GRADE	FIRST TIMER?	\$39.00	\$39.00	
					Please CIRCLE choice of one Entrée and one Dessert		
					Ham OR Fish Streusel OR Red Velvet	Chicken OR Pork Chocolate OR Fruit	
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					I enclose a check (made payable to District 8) for \$		

SQUADRON: EMAIL:

Editors Note: With regard to the above District 8 Fall Conference Reservation Form, for many years your squadron has been a benchmark for squadrons all across our nation. It is very important that we continue to show our strength in numbers by attending this District Conference which will make Vero Beach even prouder. The VB Officers and Committee Chairs thank you for considering this request to participate. You will be very glad you did — we do have fun at these conferences. Woody.



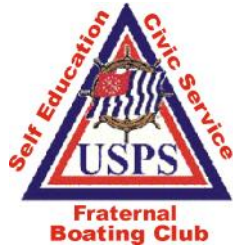
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COMING EVENTS (subject to change)			
DATE	AUGUST EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Judy Peschio
Saturday 6	Boy's & Girl's Club Fishin' Day	0830	Lt. Richard Carlin
Monday 8	Executive Committee/General Membership Meetings	1900/1930	Cdr Janet Leh
Wednesday 17	Lunch Cruise (Location TBA)	1130	Lt. George Scott
DATE	SEPTEMBER EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Judy Peschio
Monday 5	Philly Cheese Steak Labor Day	1700	Lehs & Daniels
Sat. 10 & Sun. 11	America's Boating Course	0900	Lt. Howard Daniels
Monday 12	Executive Committee/General Membership Meetings	1900/1930	Cdr Janet Leh
Wed. 14 - Sun. 18	Governing Board Conference in Greensboro, NC	N/A	National Event
Fri. 23 - Sun. 25	District 8 Fall Conference @ Boca Raton Marriott	N/A	District Event