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Lt. Dick Carlin & Friend
"Big" Jack Crevalle



VBPS Lunch Cruise to Cobb's Landing in Ft. Pierce



Cdr Janet Leh, P and Friends



Lt. Vern Pastirchak



Frank & Pat Bilotta-Ken & Mary Hill



M. Albrecht, B. Zilg & B. Stephenson



Lt/Cdr Al Ebstein & Crew on Annex



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**VBPS 2012 LIST OF NOMINEES FOR
BRIDGE OFFICERS AND ELECTED COMMITTEES**

The following excerpts are from the VBPS By-Laws which contain relative information regarding the election process:

Section 9.3 The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December at the Vero Beach Power Squadron building at such date as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees, including the chairmen thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this squadron, shall be sent to each active member by the secretary, in such manner as determined by the Executive Committee, at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

Section 9.4 The secretary shall provide a list of all nominees by petition as provided by 11.1 herein and shall give notice thereof to all active members in such manner that it will reach them at least seven days prior to the date of the election.

Section 9.7 At any regular or special meeting, 10 per cent of the active members, as determined by the records of this squadron, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 11.1 Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Section 11.3 If vacancies exist in the properly formulated slate of nominees at the time of the election, they shall be filled by nominations from the floor duly made by active members.

Section 11.5 At any election, each active member present and in good standing in this squadron shall have one vote for each office to be filled. Voting shall be in the following manner:

11.5.1 Cumulative voting is prohibited.

11.5.2 Election to an uncontested office may be effected by a supported motion and a ballot cast and recorded by the secretary.

11.5.3 Election to a contested office shall be effected by secret ballot, unsigned and cast in person. Such elections shall be determined by a judge of election and not less than three tellers, all of whom shall be appointed by the commander. The secret ballots shall be delivered to the judge of election and opened and inspected by the tellers, and the final results shall be tabulated and announced to the members before the close of the meeting.

11.5.4 Polls shall remain open for no more than one hour after the election is initiated as an order of business.

NOMINEES FOR BRIDGE OFFICERS

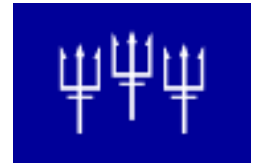
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Administrative Officer	Warren M. Miller, S
Secretary	Lt. Nora Lichty, S
Treasurer	Lt. Vernon Pastirchak, P

(Nominees list is continued on Page 11)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE FROM THE HELM

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Greetings to all VBPS Members, Associates and Friends:

Well, football season is upon us. How do we know this? The Commander's Aide, P/C Woody Boarman, AP has disappeared. Hopefully, Penn State doesn't disappoint him! Good luck! Penn State won the Temple game this past weekend but just barely.

But fortunately, my Flag Lieutenant is here, P/C Jim Ward AP, and trust me, he has been instrumental in getting me this far as Commander. Thank you Jim. Next time you see him, asked to see his special name tag. I had it specially made for him.

The summer has just flown by and now we are getting back to business. By the time you read this, Harold and I will have represented you at the Governing Board Meeting in Greensboro, NC. and also the District 8 Conference in Boca Raton, FL. Then until the end of November we will attend our own functions: the Shrimp Boil, the Halloween Party, the Pork Roast, the Vero Beach Boat Show, the Boys and Girls Fishing Program, and I will be making my last batch of Blueberry Muffins for Lt. Howard Daniels, S, who is in charge of our ABC Class. Many thanks for his long hours and hard work. Harold and I hope to make you Vero Beach Proud.

As you are all aware, our Merit Mark Man, Lt. Tom Chadwick, N, recently passed away. He was a truly dedicated to family, friends, and our squadron. He will be missed a great deal by all. We will so miss that wonderful smile.

Thank you to all who took the time to attend his service. His wife and best friend, Barbara, was so appreciative of all the support from the Power Squadron members. Please, take the time to really communicate with your friends and relatives.

More sad news, we just learned that Bill Stephenson, AP, another hard working VBPS member passed away. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our members who are vacationing or visiting relatives and we wish them a safe return.

Your Commander,
Janet L. Leh, P

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

Opportunities for Growth

I have my philosophical moments! It comes with the territory. Sometimes I think about the evil or bad things that happen in the world or our lives. Because bad or unexpected things happen does that mean we do not have a good God? Quite to the contrary, without bad we could not appreciate good. We can only know light because there is dark and pain because there is pleasure. Opposites define each other. Perhaps our life on Earth is like a 'Spiritual Boot Camp' in which we are getting opportunities to evolve to higher levels of spiritual development. We may need the pain, grief, frustration and evil the same way an athlete needs the pain of hard work to prepare to play at higher levels of performance. Every situation presents an opportunity for growth. This may seem morose, but it is a good way to approach each day. The key factor is our response. If one responds with patience, kindness, forgiveness, love and understanding we reach that higher level of performance and growth.

Questions and comments:
Chaplain SGM F.T. Jones

Happy Birthday VBPS Members

October 2011 Birthdays

Judy Gill	10/02
Helena Parker	10/02
Terry Patrick	10/03
Ruth Ritter	10/04
Brenda Sheridan	10/04
Sylvia McCurdy	10/05
Barbara Brumbaugh	10/09
Carole Kreider	10/09
Tom Jones	10/10
John Markunas	10/11
Patrick Nelligan	10/11
David Vogt	10/11
Howard Daniels	10/13
Kathie Dougherty	10/14
Bill Nicholas	10/14
Lynne Brown	10/15
Barbara Feldman	10/15
Larry Lott	10/15
Ken Hill	10/17
David Stephenson	10/17
John Brooks	10/19
Leonard Frosina	10/21
Janet Pieratt	10/22
Judi Wisniewski	10/22
Alex Fritz	10/24
Sandy Raynes	10/24
Jack Burnham	10/26
Cynthia Perrone	10/26
Charlie Pope	10/26
George Kiss	10/29
Janet Leh	10/31



November 2011 Birthdays

Bruce McIntyre	11/03
Maureen Schmidt	11/04
Robert White	11/04
Marty Ingwersen	11/05
David Werner	11/06
Frank Gavin	11/07
Don Hyer	11/09
Sharon Raynor	11/09
Dee Newton	11/11
Arlene Brosnan	11/12
Joan Curtis	11/13
Bob Sheridan	11/13
Arlene Thurman	11/14
Mary Hill	11/16
Walter Raynes	11/16
Mary Rianhard	11/16
Jack Kruiton	11/21
Paul Rubado	11/21
August Barberi	11/23
Mike Wisniewski	11/23
Bill Zilg	11/23
Mary Lichty-Nelson	11/25
Robert Bubello	11/27
James Curtin	11/27
Dorothea Clarke	11/28
Anne Magyar	11/28
Roy Thompson	11/28
Dan Dodson	11/29
John Newton	11/29
Mike Wilson	11/29

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Greetings from the Executive Officer,

Night Ops – The first night operations training class was held aboard Sandy Hook on Tuesday 8/23/11. The class sponsored by our Capt Chris Yacht Services provides a view of the boating world at night in the local waters aboard a 42' trawler. For more details see Chris or Alyse at table number 1 at most any Friday Night Social.

D8 Fall Conference – By the time you read this the event will be over. This was held at the Boca Raton Marriott 9/23 thru 9/25. There are 2 scheduled (Spring and Fall) during the year and you should consider participating. It is a fun time, boating business is the theme, you get to meet other boaters and have some fun at the same time. For details <http://www.uspsd8.com/Events.php>

Sebastian Weekend Squadron Bash (29 Sept. – 3 Oct.) I hear there is a Crab Broil Friday Night, a Saturday "Ray & Dole Pancake Breakfast", hot dogs and burgers at lunch, and a Walkers pork and turkey dinner. For more details see the flyer posted at VBPS or go to <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=167748839967564>. Event Location: Sebastian Sportsman's Lodge. Bring a beach chair if you're not staying at the hotel. Hosts: Sebastian Inlet Sail and Power Squadron, Pompano Beach Power Squadron and Coral Ridge Sail and Power Squadron. Contacts: D/Lt Allan B. Furtado, N @ 954-784-6012, Marie Jackson @ 954-345-7940 and Stf/C Anita Walker, JN @ 954-781- 8061.

Main Street Vero Beach (10/28/11) VBPS will set up a booth at this event. I have agreed to set up, work the booth and shut down as required. I will not post a sign up sheet but anyone who has an interest in working the booth with me is welcome. Vero Beach's popular street party features live music, craft vendors, community booths, food and drink along 14th Avenue between 20th & 21st Streets. The party runs from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm and is held 4 times a year (<http://mainstreetverobeach.org/>).

Fishing Day Boy's & Girl's Club – This event has been rescheduled for Saturday November 12, 2011. Lt. Richard Carlin, P our Chairman Fishing Group, is looking for members to volunteer to help with this outstanding event. Call or send Dick an email.

YSF – The Youth Sailing Foundation of Indian River County, Inc. has received a matching grant from Heisman Trust (as in Heisman Trophy) to be used for the purchase of two larger sailboats (420's). The "420's" are needed for the children who either become too old or too large to race the 8-foot Opti sailing dinghies YSF now uses. Any donations made between now and December 15, 2011 will be matched dollar for dollar by the Heisman Trust up to a maximum amount of \$7,500.00. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can do so or by mailing a check to Youth Sailing Foundation, P.O. Box 612, Vero Beach, FL 32961 or by credit card at <http://ysfirc.org/support.asp>. Since YSF is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, donations are eligible as charitable deductions for income tax purposes. YSF greatly appreciates the continuing support from our generous donors.

Regards,

Lt/Cdr Robert Scully, JN



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Hello VBPS Members , Associates and Friends,

In this issue of the NN, I am giving up my space to Capts. Chris and Alyse Caldwell so they can relate their first squadron Night Operations Cruise experiences. Their crew was: Jan Mooney, P/C Jim Ward, Lt/C Bob Scully and wife, Barb, P/C Woody Boarman and Dave Schaeffer. Their article is as follows:

The evening Night Ops was a terrific success. We had 5 VBPS members and 1 guest of varying experience so we started with basic paper chart previews, GPS Chartplotter operation, checked celestial data for moonrise status, tide charts to determine tide level and flow direction then RADAR introduction.

After casting off we headed out the marina channel that was illuminated by the condo lights then it happened, BLACKNESS was everywhere. After our aft deck table discussions about what to expect we saw The BLACKHOLE, an area that was blacker than the night was. We checked the GPS Chartplotter and there was nothing of interest on the chart except a sandbar and that would not be visible so we checked our RADAR and there it was. Whatever the BLACKHOLE we were seeing was also showed on the RADAR as a GIANT image signal return (sometimes called a Blip). We then noticed some yellow flashing lights like road workers use. As we neared the object we were able to see a tugboat and barge anchored seeking shelter for the approaching hurricane. Thank goodness we used ALL our assets to avoid running into a 200 foot long barge. Assets include all the electronics aboard and your EYES. Look out the window, yes you can see things in the dark and confirm with RADAR for size and distance by using the range rings.

The rest of the evening we ran out Fort Pierce Ship Channel using the illuminated buoys and the distant flashing Range Markers. By following the direct line the range markers provide we were able to stay in the channel without the outgoing tidal current pulling us to the side. We turned around near the jetties and ran back to the ICW and then north to Harbortown Marina and into Taylor Creek. We decided it was time to return to our home marina, steer south under the 65 foot bridge and finally east into Faber Cove Channel dealing with the same outgoing tidal current and you guessed it, the same BLACKHOLE. We entered the marina, secured the boat and had an informal debriefing to learn what everyone thought about the evening.

A few items of interest are the center line lights on fixed bridges are green and the center line lights on drawbridges are red to show the edges of the spans when in the open or lifted position. Some people had difficulty in "reading" the flashing and quick flashing lights on nav aids like buoys and range markers. BLACKHOLES disturbed a few people, depth perception was an issue (boat position relative to nearby objects like buoys) and in general Night Ops are not for everyone. Everyone enjoyed the trip but few said they would operate a boat at night because of the difficulty in seeing and there was no pleasure in having to be alert so much.

To better answer your question of what everyone thought, please contact them directly.



Our "BLACKHOLE"





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Hello VBPS Members and Associates:

Despite the summer heat, the Friday Night Socials continue to be a popular venue with our membership, with 50 – 60 plus people enjoying the socializing amongst friends. Lt.Mary Lichty-Nelson did a great job of chairing these socials during August and September—thanks Mary, and a big thank you to all of you who hosted. P/CJim and Lt.Judy Ward will chair these events the last quarter of the year, so please help them out by signing up to host one social during October, November or December.

Boating activities chair, Lt.George Scott, has had a respite from boating activities which were limited because of the heat, and we appreciate his efforts to create some additional raft-ups. The August Lunch Cruise to Cobb's Landing was enjoyed by more than 30 members and guests. The October West Coast Cruise is now a Northern Cruise which will be enjoyed by many. Thanks to P/C Woody Boarman for organizing this great trip. November 5 is the next Raft-up, so look for more email announcements with additional information.

The dinner events are always popular. Give a hearty thank you to Cdr Janet and Lt.Harold Leh and Lts. Howard and Maggie Daniels for another great Labor Day Philly Cheese Steak dinner. These are authentic Philly cheese steak sandwiches, as the Lehs have the meat flown in all the way from PA. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event which drew a crowd of 75 people. Coming up in October on the 9th is the annual Shrimp Boil provided by P/C Ed Dreher. Get out your witchy costumes for the annual Halloween Pot Luck on the 30th. Lt. Dan and Lt/Cdr Nora Lichty and Lt.Doug, Sheree and Caitlin Gough will make sure you have a lot of fun. I heard there might be prizes for best costume—make it scary! November 13th brings us the annual Brooks Pork and Chicken Roast. Looks like we will all be well fed!

Thanks to Lt.Kathie Thomas and Lt.Toby Jarman, our membership continues to grow. Since January we have added 50 new members, but considering those who did not renew or unfortunately passed, our net gain for year-to-date is 20 members. Be proud of your Squadron, as we have the largest membership in the District.

If you attended the September 12th General Membership meeting, you were fortunate to hear all about immersion suits from members Chris and Alyse Caldwell. It was valuable safety and survival information for all boaters. Thanks Chris and Alyse for volunteering to inform our membership about these suits, and how they are used. For the October 10th General Membership Meeting you will hear from Diane Wilson regarding storm water runoff prevention—an interesting subject for anyone interested in keeping our waterways clean.

We look forward to seeing our seasonal members and associates return to enjoy these events.

Regards from your Administrative Officer,
LtCdr Judy Peschio, P

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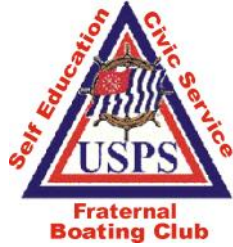
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COMING EVENTS (subject to change)			
DATE	OCTOBER EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Judy Peschio
Monday 3	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Janet Leh
Sunday 9	Shrimp Boil	1700	P/C Ed Dreher
Monday 10	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Janet Leh
Wednesday 19	Northern Cruise Begins	N/A	Lt. George Scott
Sunday 30	Halloween Pot Luck Party (costumes please)	1700	Lichtys & Goughs
DATE	NOVEMBER EVENTS	TIME	CONTACT
Every Friday	Friday Night Socials	1730-1930	Lt/C Judy Peschio
Saturday 5	Raft-Up (Location TBA)	1100	Lt. George Scott
Monday 7	Executive Committee Meeting	1900	Cdr Janet Leh
Saturday 12	Boy's & Girl's Club Fishing Day	0830	Lt. Dick Carlin
Sunday 13	Brooks Pork & Chicken Roast	1700	Lt/C Judy Peschio
Monday 14	General Membership Meeting	1930	Cdr Janet Leh
Sat. 19 - Sun. 20	Vero Beach Boat Show	0900	Lt. Glenn Rose
Saturday 26	America's Boating Course	0900	Lt. Howard Daniels