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**PALM BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**  
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## *Commander One Hauled Out at Cracker Boy Boat Works*



Steve O'Brien replacing letters.



P/C Rick Wood, SN, sanding.



Cracker Boy Manager, Phil and Petie!  
Petie greets customers and helps out around the yard.

Commander One has fresh bottom paint, new boot stripe, and fresh wax. Thanks to our volunteers!

Cracker Boy Boat Works' personnel were excellent to work with. It is a great place to haul out your boat to have a survey done or work on it yourself. They have all the supplies you could ever need for boat works. They were very accommodating, always a smile, and everything went like clock-work.

# Change of Watch

SATURDAY, 30 JUNE

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Thank you

Richard McClain, SN, for serving!

Our outgoing Commander is Richard McClain, SN. He attended Florida State University. After receiving his law degree, he returned to his home in West Palm Beach. In 2000 when he learned of the Power Squadron, he was an active practicing attorney. He immediately developed an affinity for the squadron and its members and began taking classes and studying squadron procedures. In a short time, he had taken all available courses and achieved the grade of Senior Navigator. One year ago he reached the rank of Commander. Commander McClain believes the squadron is very rewarding and exciting to those people who make use of its benefits.

## Welcome New Members!



Carol Nolan

and



Ana Corum with Cdr Richard McClain.



## Life Member!

Barbara Roemmele, JN, was awarded her Life Member certificate.

The status of Life Member is awarded to those earning their 25th Merit Mark.

Congratulations and thank you Barbara for all the hours you have contributed to the squadron's endeavors--including being commander twice, once up north and again here at PBS&PS.

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# Change of Watch

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Welcome

Jim DeArmond, AP, you have our support

Lt/C Jim DeArmond, AP, is our incoming Commander. He has been serving on the Bridge for the past three years. He joined USPS in 2014 and has taught workshops at District 8 Conferences as well as participated in USPS National Conferences. He has worked vigorously, creating new marketing materials for our squadron as well as outlining ways to grow our squadron with new members. His first job with the squadron was to act as Assistant Treasurer and ensure the squadron's books were in proper order.

During the day, he runs his own "small business" consulting firm. Prior to that, he worked for over 20 years with IBM.

He brings his experience to our squadron to take us in a new and exciting direction.



## Raft Up — Saturday, 12 May

Under mostly cloudy skies, with comfortable temperatures, an abbreviated (unofficial, since it was officially cancelled) raft-up was held south of Peanut Island. The host boat, *Spendarella*, is owned by Lt/C Calvin and Jeannette Cearley. Bill Eldridge joined us with his boat, *El Hart*. We had more than enough food. All-in-all, it was a very pleasant day. We made it back to the dock before any rain fell.



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*From the Educational Officer*

**Lt/C Arthur Dodd, SN**

Results of the final exams for Piloting and Sail have been received. Six students passed the exam for Piloting, taught by Lt Mike Galvin, SN; two students did not take the exam. All four students passed the exam for Sail class, taught

by Lt/C Art Dodd, SN. The exams for Engine Maintenance, taught by P/C Ken Peters, SN, have been given, but results have not been received.

The Basic Boating class was given 5-6 May. Three students attended, all passed.

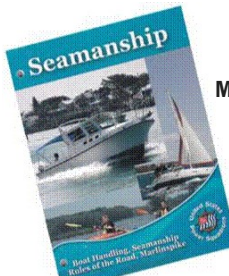
Seamanship, taught by P/C Rick Wood, SN, is currently scheduled to start 18 June. Another Seamanship class is scheduled for 10 December.

An Instructor Qualification recertification class is scheduled for the District 8 Fall Conference. If you are a Certified Instructor with certification that expires this year or next year, you should take advantage of this. I will.

**May's Public Boating Course**




Darius Robinson, Lilyan & Timothy Buchanan with instructors Kathy Redmond and Bill Eldridge.



**Seamanship**  
Mondays: **Beginning 18 June**  
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**Preview of Fall and Winter Course Schedule**

Subject to change, final schedule will be published in Sept & Oct Afterdecks

Course	Begins		Cost
Seamanship	18 June	Mondays	\$ 70
and	10 December		
Piloting	24 September	Mondays	\$ 80
Adv Piloting	12 December	Wednesdays	\$ 90
Jr Navigation	9 January	Wednesdays	\$100
Navigation	Skip year	not scheduled	\$160
Marine Electronics			
Communications	3 Dec	Mondays	\$ 60
Electrical Systems	13 Sept	Thursdays	\$ 60
Weather	18 July '18	Wednesdays	\$ 70
Cruise Planning	2 May '19	Thursdays	\$ 70
Engine Maintenance	18 Mar '19	Mondays	\$ 70
Sail	10 Jan '19	Thursdays	\$ 70
Instr Development	TBD		

*Above listing is first glance for your schedule planning. Official, finalized schedule and details will be published in September and October issues of the Afterdeck News.*



# June Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:15 am Basic Boating
<b>3</b> 2:00 pm Basic Boating Course	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Cool'a-Fish Bar	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm Board Meeting at HQ	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Juno Beach Fish House	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 11:30 am Boating Rendezvous E.R. Bradley's
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Seamanship 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Hong Kong Wok n Grill	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Topsy Tuesday Waterway Café at the Tiki Bar	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Kee Grill	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Wacky Wednesday Rafiki Tiki (New Venue!)	<b>28</b> 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm Change of Watch Sandpiper's Cove <i>See back page.</i>

**Sandpiper's Cove**, 116 Lakeshore Drive, NPB **Kee Grill** 4020 U.S. Hwy 1, Juno Beach **Waterway Café** 2300 PGA Blvd, PBG  
**Duffy's**, corner Hwy 1 & PGA Blvd, PBG **Rafiki Tiki**, 190 E. 13th St. Riviera Beach **ER Bradley's** 104 N Clematis St, WPB  
**Cool'a Fish Bar**, 11340 Legacy Ave. E100, PBG **Juno Beach Fish House** 13980 US-1, Juno Beach,  
**Hong Kong Wok n Grill** 185 Indiantown Rd

## Mark your calendar for the up-coming Change of Watch 30 June

### E.R Bradley's Rendezvous

16 June — 11:30am

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	Most Recent	Cumulative
Andras Andras	\$ 70 (01/18)	\$ 890
Darryl Aubrey	\$ 90 (03/18)	\$1600
Cal Cearley	\$1000 (04/18)	\$1000
Chad Chadbourn	\$100 (11/17)	\$ 200
Art & Mary Dodd	\$ 68 (11/17)	\$ 68
Kathy & Bill Eldridge	\$100 (04/18)	\$2500
Mary & Bob Flucke	\$100 (04/18)	\$ 500
Louise & Hans Heynau	\$100 (01/18)	\$ 400
Myra Hoffstein	\$100 (01/18)	\$2500
Helene Hvizd	\$100 (10/17)	\$ 200
Joyce Newman	\$500 (03/18)	\$2075
<b>Jim Palmer</b>	<b>\$100 (06/18)</b>	\$ 700
Ken Peters	\$100 (10/17)	\$ 450
<b>Barbara Roemmele</b>	<b>\$200 (06/18)</b>	\$1300
Ray & Estelle Rutkowski	\$200 (02/18)	\$ 400
Nancy Sweeney	\$100 (01/18)	\$1200
Arlene Widmayer	\$ 55 (04/18)	\$3600
MacPherson/Chalmers	\$100 (01/18)	\$ 400
Alan Konzelman	\$100 (04/18)	\$ 100



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# District 8 Conference

27-29 APRIL



Andras Andras, Paul Blanchard, Ken Peters, and CoCh/Ch Ellis Simon in Cooperative Charting Workshop.



P/D/C Joyce Newman receiving Past Commander's Flag.



D/8 Members becoming Certified Vessel Safety Check Examiners.



Mary Dodd receiving certificate of appreciation from V/C Ben Coons, JN.



Bill Eldridge, Cdr Richard McClain, Hank Resch, and Ed Hoover accepting "top squadron in the district" award in the Vessel Safety Check program.



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Jim DeArmond teaching workshop on Membership

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## Do You Know?

Lt/C Beverley Johnstone, P. She has been our Secretary for the last year. She has been in the United States for approximately 34 years, and was born in Nottingham (Robin Hood Country), England. A few years ago, her husband Paul acquired a sailboat (McGregor), which led them to the USPS. The two are now weekend sailors.

Beverley is a full time legal secretary for Palm Beach County, mother to Emily, who is on the heels of becoming a high school graduate, and she finds time here and there to produce art. Beverley is an artist and has a passion for portraiture. Here are photos of Beverley as she paid tribute to her father, by drawing him on the sidewalk at the Lake Worth Street Painting Festival, a few years ago.



## Callisto's Tips, Tricks & Techniques for Sailors

### A Battery of Lessons TT&Ts

#### The Story of All Vessels

As with any home, recreational vehicle, aircraft, or marine vessels comprised of many systems it is quite unlikely to have everything working up to full potential at any point in time. To make an offshore cruise the important items regarding the safety of crew and vessel must be in topped-off condition.

#### Learn from Others (in this case me)

Certain events of a potentially dangerous nature are best experienced in port; we are lucky when they do occur in port. Here are a couple that we can add to our lessons learned file.

*Callisto* was about to depart from her berth with an excited crew of non-maritime experienced visitors. After the pre-departure lecture the Skipper pressed the starter button. There was an instantaneous explosive noise from below along with a pungent odor. The engine starter battery had exploded. All batteries aboard a sailing vessel are best of the AGM (Absorbed Glass Mat) variety. In the year and a half ownership the owner believed that they were. When the exploded battery was found to be of the wet cell type and different from the all AGM compliment of house and auxiliary types, the skipper admitted that it was his responsibility for the difference in types. The exploded battery was not identified by the Surveyor as the wrong type. He did not check what was under the cover of this single item; the owner accepted the word of the Surveyor without checking for himself. The measure has been rectified with the installation of a proper AGM battery. All is now well with the S/V's auxiliary power.

On another trip again with, this time, an experienced visitor crew, the auxiliary engine was started, and the thruster unit powered up. Prior to releasing the lines, the thruster was engaged in a manner where the helmsman could see a proper discharge of water from the unit. All lines were cast off, the vessel exited the slip, engaged the thruster to execute the sharp turn required to navigate out of the marina. The thruster failed to work. With a degree of difficulty, she made a safe exit. After a shortened trip, the experienced crew aided in a safe return to the slip without the use of bow thrusters. A dead battery had killed its paralleled neighbor. The failed units were both the proper AGM type but buried below the forward bunk were not checked often enough.

#### Lessons Learned

AGM batteries are the best for marine use. If non-AGM, stick with the same type throughout your vessel. Install only Smart Three-Stage Marine Chargers; automotive chargers will shorten battery life. Prevent short circuits; cover your batteries. Keep them clean.

These lessons were dollar wise expensive but luckily there was no harm to crew or vessel. *BoatUS*. Magazine for June | July 2018 has an excellent article on Marine Batteries.





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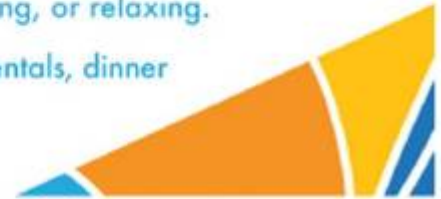
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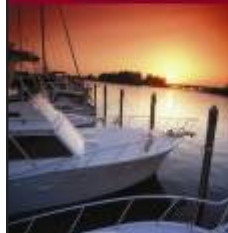
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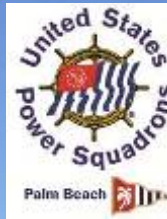


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JUNE 2018

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Our cruising gang bussing it from Freeport Harbour to Port Lucaya during Grand Bahama Cruise —22-24 May. See page 6 for photos of this fun cruise.



## Change of Watch

Saturday, 30 June,  
Cocktails & Social 6:00 pm,  
Dinner 7:00 pm — Program 8:00 pm

**\$55.<sup>00</sup> per person** Please pay by check only, written to PBS&PS, presented at door.

Reservations Required.  
Reservation Deadline: 4 pm, Monday, 25 June

**For Reservations Contact:**

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Dress code: Uniform A w/bow tie or appropriate dress

Music by:  
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Sandpiper's Cove Restaurant & Bar  
116 Lakeshore Dr., North Palm Beach

### Menu

**Appetizers:** Cheese and Fruit Display, Veggie Spring Rolls, Mini Meatballs, Mini Chicken Sliders

**Entrée Choices:**

Grilled Atlantic Salmon  
Roasted Prime Rib of Beef  
Chicken Franchise

All served with Caesar Salad, baked potato, Veggie Medley, Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Tea

**Dessert:** Brownie ala Mode or Fruit Cup

Dinner is optional, the General Meeting begins at 8:00 pm

2018  
Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron  
fundraiser cruise

# Royal Princess

## November 9-17, 2018

(8 nights)



Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Nov 9	Ft. Lauderdale		4:00pm
Nov 10	At Sea		
Nov 11	At Sea		
Nov 12	Curacao	8:00am	10:00pm
Nov 13	Aruba	8:00am	10:00pm
Nov 14	Bonaire	7:00am	5:00pm
Nov 15	At Sea		
Nov 16	At Sea		
Nov 17	Ft. Lauderdale	6:00am	

*Come and join a fun group of people that believe in safe boating through education, community service and social activities. What could be more social than cruising for a cause? Help make 2018 another exceptional Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron group cruise.*

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
MB	MINI SUITE	\$1889
DB	DLX BALCONY	\$1604
BB	BALCONY	\$1504
DW	OBS BALCONY	\$1394
IB	INSIDE	\$1084

**FYI** Princess Cruise promotions that are a better deal than the group price or perks happens and the agency wants you to get the best deal possible. You are booked with that promotion. If previously booked, I can move you to the promotion with your permission. This can be done as long as your booking is within the rules of the promotion and prior to final payment.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Prices include all taxes. Bus transportation costs will be given closer to final payment date. Trip insurance is highly recommended. Deposit is fully refundable till final payment. Above prices are standard group rates with **\$50 per cabin onboard credit.**

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