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New NPB Clubhouse

By January, the new North Palm Beach Clubhouse will be open. Anyone that drives by the country club has watched an amazing transformation as the old clubhouse was torn down and a completely new facility built. Why is this important to us? Because we will move our



monthly General Meetings there after the first of the year. So, think about coming to an upcoming meeting and bringing a guest. Come check it out.

SQUADRON BOOSTERS

	Most Recent	Cumulative
Darryl Aubrey	\$100 (04/19)	\$1700
Goldie Bertchinger	\$ 35 (09/19)	\$ 35
Art & Mary Dodd	\$ 70 (12/18)	\$ 138
Kathy & Bill Eldridge	\$100 (03/19)	\$2600
Mary & Bob Flucke	\$200 (02/19)	\$ 600
Myra Hoffstein	\$100 (01/19)	\$2600
Jeanne Kirch	\$ 80 (04/19)	\$ 80
Marc Lewis	\$250 (12/19)	\$250
Joyce Newman	\$100 (09/19)	\$2175
Ray & Estelle Rutkowski	\$200 (05/19)	\$ 600
Nancy Sweeney	\$100 (01/19)	\$1300
Arlene Widmayer	\$286 (11/19)	\$5587
MacPherson/Chalmers	\$100 (02/19)	\$ 500

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Roberta Stephens, Treasurer
304 Golfview Road, PH8
North Palm Beach, FL 33408

*Join this supporting group then remain a Booster by contributing annually.
Thank you.*

Name Badges

If anyone wants a new white name badge with the new America's Boating Club logo, please let Laura Zavalia know via email:
ZavaliaUSPS@gmail.com They cost \$15 each.



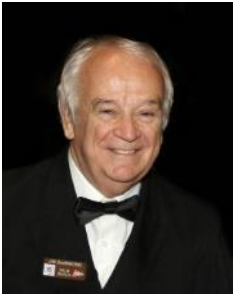
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From the Commander CDR JIM DEARMOND, AP

Holy Jingle Bells!

I look at my calendar, and it's December. Well, almost. As I write this, I'm on the squadron's annual cruise. We're having a GREAT time with a wonderful bunch of our own members and 3,000+ other fun souls.

Meanwhile back at home, we're gearing up for a couple of big events. This month is our famous Christmas Party. This event has always been very popular with members of our squadron. Rick Wood will be back as master of ceremony playing Santa, and he will be accompanied by a special group of elves. Check out the details elsewhere in this Afterdeck and plan on coming.

We will also celebrate another special occasion in December, the 75th anniversary of the founding of our squadron. WOW! 75 years of promoting boating safety and having FUN on the waters around Palm Beach. For those of you that have been with the squadron a long time, I'm certain this will bring back fond memories. For our newer members, our mission of promoting boating safety is as important as ever.

One last comment about our December meeting - it will be the last meeting at the Sandpiper in Old Port Cove. The new management is beginning a major remodeling project and will not have room for our monthly meetings, but guess who will be welcoming us with open arms in January. The brand new North

Palm Beach Country Club. Most of us have been watching the new clubhouse being built over the last many months, and it will now be ready for its GREAT unveiling. Just driving by it looks fantastic. I, for one, can't wait to see the inside. My spies say the inside is unbelievably beautiful.

So what are we going to do there in January? The Commanders' Ball! The perfect event at a perfect place. This will be special, very special with great food, great music, dancing, and some special guests. Plan on being there, you won't be disappointed.

For those of you that have never attended a Commanders Ball, it is the most special event of the season. Everyone is dressed to the "9s" and having a great time.

You owe it to yourself and your partner to come to this "special" event and check the spectacular new Clubhouse at the same time.

Finally, back to December. Set aside the last part of the month to be with your family and enjoy the beauty of the time while sharing it with those most special around you. Please do this while being mindful of the special time and special people around the world that deserve our prayers and our thanks.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you, and give your family an extra hug this year. I'll be back next month to talk about some new and exciting things going on in your squadron.

A GREAT TIME ON OUR ANNUAL CRUISE





From the Educational Officer

LT/C ARTHUR DODD, SN

The End of an Era

The Seamanship class starting 2 December will be the last Seamanship class given. The United States Power Squadrons has offered Seamanship as the first of the Advanced Grade classes for decades. In 2017, USPS announced that Seamanship would be phased out and a new course, Boat Handling, would take its place. Starting in 2018, the pilot version of Boat Handling was released as a trial for any Squadron interested in trying it. At that time, it was obvious that Seamanship had its days numbered. Within the last month, printed books for Seamanship are no longer available (electronic books, however, are still available). We have enough books for one more class.

So, what's different about Boat Handling? One large difference is that it is presented in a series of six seminars instead of a single class. The seminars are:

- Nautical Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know

These seminars can also be presented to other members who desire the information, but who don't want to take the complete course. Following the seminars, those interested in completing the Boat Handling course will take an exam. Boat Handling students passing the exam will obtain the Seamanship grade. Boat Handling student materials are only available in electronic format. At the beginning of the course, a student is given a key (passcode) that allows downloading the materials from the USPS website. The materials downloaded are for the student to keep. If a printed copy is desired, the student must print his or her own. There is an on-the-water training component that goes with Boat

Handling.

In other news, I am arranging to borrow one of the USPS Boating Virtual Skills Trainer (the boat simulator) for 19 – 30 January, 2020. The plan is to use it for the Seamanship class that will be in session at the time, and to make it available for Squadron members to come to our HQ to try it out. Exact dates will be announced later.

After about 20 years of teaching Sail, I am handing it over to Lt. Jon Arck, S. Jon is a very experienced sailor, a licensed USCG Captain, and is certified by the American Sailing Association. He also captains a Leopard 44 catamaran. See the class advertisement elsewhere in this Afterdeck.

Disappointing Results for USPS America's Boating Course
In a presentation made at the USPS Governing Board, it was disclosed that the America's Boating Course has a lot of competition out there. Also, we're not doing so well. Some of the numbers:

- There are at least 19 nationally recognized organizations that offer a Basic Boating Education Class: some offer classroom courses and some internet courses.
- Total number of people attending a course, including all types of courses, from all organizations in 2018: approximately 470,000.
- Total taking a classroom course from all organizations offering it in 2018: approximately **174,000**. Total taking the online course from all organizations offering it in 2018: approximately **282,000**.
- Now for the USPS numbers:
Total taking the classroom ABC3 course: 5,476.
Total taking the ABC3 online course: 277.
Total taking ABC3 course, both classroom and online: **5,753**.

Over the past several months, I've had to cancel our ABC3 classes due to a lack of students. Next year, a reduced schedule of classes is planned.

We need to take action on this to improve our numbers. If for no other reason, having students take our course saves lives.

2019 - 2020 COURSE SCHEDULE

Basic Boating Course

18 & 19 January
14 & 15 March
11, 13, 15 & 18 May (at North Palm Beach Library)
14, 16, 21, & 23 July
12 & 13 September
2, 4, 5 & 9 November

Advanced Grades

Course	Length/Day	Start Date	Exam Date	Instructor	Price
Seamanship	10 Weeks/Mon	12/2/2019	2/3/2020	P/C Rick Wood, JN	\$70
Junior Navigation	20 Weeks/ Wed	1/8/2020	5/27/2020	P/C Darryl Aubrey, SN	\$100
Navigation	Scheduled as needed			P/C Darryl Aubrey, SN	\$160

Elective Courses

	<u>Elective Courses</u>				
Sail	12 Weeks/Thurs	1/9/2020	3/26/2020	Lt Jon Arck, P	\$70
Instructor Development					FREE

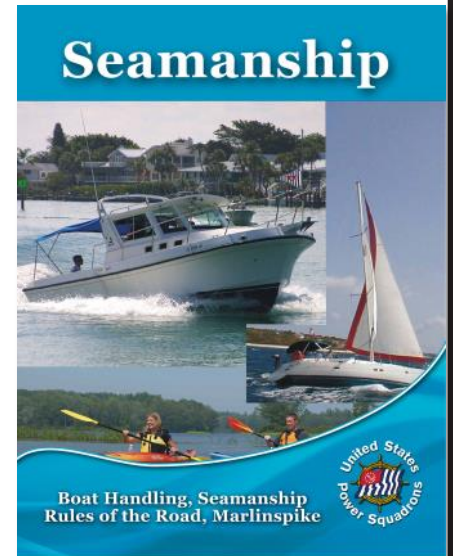
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- Communication with other boats
- How to respond to various emergencies
- Marlinspike/basic knots



When: Classes begin Monday, 2 December 2019 at 1900 (7 PM) and will continue for approximately 10 sessions

Where: Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron Headquarters, 1125 Old Dixie Highway, Lake Park, FL.

Course

**Fee: \$70 USPS members,
\$105 2 members sharing materials,
\$140 non-members**

To Register:

Contact the instructor, P/C Rick Wood, JN at: 561-542-1146

Or

Email: seamanship@palmbeachsp.org

Come for the boating education..... Stay for the friends



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and a Good 2020*

Darryl Aubrey



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and
A Happy, Healthy New Year*

Hugs, Arlene



*Happy Holidays
and
Happy New Year*

Andras Andras



*Happy Holidays
and have a
Great New Year!*

*HANS & LOUISE
HEYNAU*



*May you have a
joyful Christmas
and
blessed Kanukkah*

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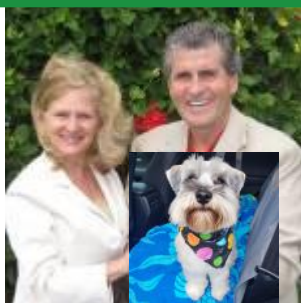
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*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

*Amy, Dan & Sammy
Carbone*



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*"Merry Christmas
to all,
and to all,
a good night"*

*Rick & Tina
Wood*

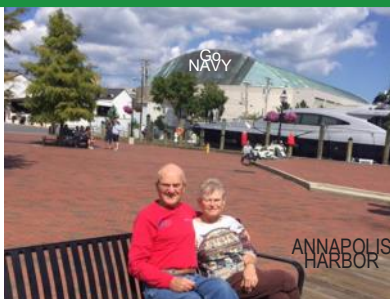


MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Billie Jane &
Warren Marton*

Noel!

*From
Bill & Kathy El*



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and
Happy New Year*

*Pam Piccone
and Dad, Bill Spencer*

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

Joyce & Jim



Merry Christmas
and a
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*Merry Christmas
and
Happy
New Year*

Hank &
Sharon
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To All Our Friends
We Wish a Blessed
Merry Christmas and a
Healthy & Happy New Year,

Roberta & Ron



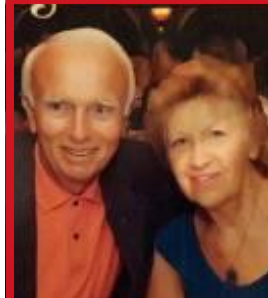
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and
Happy New Year*

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holiday season and a New Year
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Merry Christmas

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GOD'S CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

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to celebrate Christmas.
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December Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Tiramisu	3 7:00 pm Monthly Board Meeting Members are wel- come to attend	4	5 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	6	7
8	9 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Juno Beach Fish House	10 PARTY! 6:00 pm General Membership Meet- ing, Sandpiper's Cove	11	12 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	13	14
15	16 5:30 pm Mischief Monday, Keé Grill	17 5:30 pm Topsy Tuesday, Waterway Café Round Tiki	18	19 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	20	21 11:30 Boating Ren- dezvous, E.R. Bradley's
22 Hanukkah Begins	23 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Cool'A Fish Bar	24	25 Christmas	26 11:00 am Lunch Bunch Duffy's	27	28
29	30 5:30 pm Mischief Monday, Duffy's	31				

Duffy's, corner Hwy 1 & PGA Blvd, PBG, Sandpiper 's Cove, 116 Lakeshore Dr, North Palm Beach,
 Tiramisu Pizzeria & Trattoria, 12100 Highway US-1, # A, North Palm Beach,
 Juno Beach Fish House, 13980 US Hwy 1, Juno Beach, Cool'A Fish Bar, 11340 Legacy Blvd, PBG,
 Waterway Café, 2300 PGA Blvd, PBG, E.R. Bradley's, 104 S. Clematis St, West Palm Beach
 Please RSVP-Call Arlene Widmayer, 561-627-2650, lilrabbitt3@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

January is the annual Commander's Ball. Stay tuned for details.

March is our annual Change of Watch where the new officers will be sworn in.

April. Some of us members are flying to Granada then chartering a sail catamaran. Our boat, is full but anyone can set up their own boat to charter and come along with us. We will have a lot of on-the-water learning experiences like planning our course, navigation (including celestial navigation), boat maneuvering and provisioning.

Callisto Invites YOU to the Palm Beach Holiday Boat Parade

When? - 2000 hours on 7 December 2019

Where? - Callisto's pier on Jupiter

What may I bring? - a new unwrapped toy for **Toys for Tots** to be collected by the Toy Boats flashing amber beacon and/or Toys for Tots signage. The uniformed Marines and volunteers will pull right up to you or leave your toys aboard Callisto.

Why Jupiter at Callisto's pier? - It is at the end of the parade for the **Fireworks Grand Finale!**

What should I bring? - Weather appropriate clothing! This is a **Rain or Shine** event.

Registration Required - Call Laura @ 561-701-1503

Why must I Register? - Callisto's property is private with limited space, hence we are on a first call, first come status.

What is this Callisto thing anyway? - Sailing vessel Callisto is a 41' fractionally rigged sloop owned by a member of the **Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron**.

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When: Classes begin Thursday, 9 January 2020 at 1900 (7 PM) and will continue for approximately 12 sessions
Where: Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron Headquarters, 1125 Old Dixie Highway, Lake Park, FL.
Course
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To:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, 10 December
Social 6:00 pm, (Cash Bar)
Dinner 7:00 pm — Program/Meeting 8:00 pm

\$35.00 per person
For Reservations Contact:

Arlene Widmayer
561-627-2650

lilrabbitt3@gmail.com

Reservation Deadline: 4 pm, Thursday the 5th

Please note: Whenever the Squadron schedules a dinner event, it assumes financial responsibility for all reservations. Reservations are a must. If you need to cancel, call Arlene before the deadline, and she'll cancel your reservation. If you do not notify her in time, you will be asked to pay for the reservation anyway.

Our Annual Christmas Party and Our Squadron's 75th Anniversary Celebration

Rick Wood will be our Santa, and he has elves!

There will be a gift exchange (\$20 range) Please bring one gift per person and mark your gift as being for male or female or either. This is always a fun event. Please come and RSVP with Arlene.



Sandpiper's Cove in Old Port Cove
116 Lakeshore Drive, North Palm Beach

Menu

Entrée Choices:

Tenderloin Beef Tips
Turkey & Trimmings
Grilled Salmon

All served with Mixed Green Salad, Green Beans,
Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Rolls and Coffee or Tea

Dessert: Cobbler ala Mode or Fruit Cup