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DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE D/C Janet L. Leh, P

Dear Members and Friends,

Another summer has almost come to a close. We all hope everyone had a safe, healthy and good time with family and friends. From reading all the newsletters I see that each and every Squadron has been very busy doing a lot of volunteer work for your communities, making boating safe, and also having fun with picnics and get togethers.



Our bridge has also been busy this summer. We have been working on plans for The D8 Fall Conference, October 26,27,28, at the Embassy Suites PGA Hotel, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. We have attended the Governing Board Meeting in Minneapolis hosted by District 10. They made the week very enjoyable. They encouraged us to get involved, meet new friends, and just have fun. And we did!

The many hospitality suites were amazing. What a way to get to know everyone. D8 was well represented with the D8 at 8 Theme. My husband Harold volunteered to make mudslides so we decided to make it a dessert party. The evening went very well. Thank you Nigel, Peter and also Lee.

I was very lucky to have won the 50/50 and immediately went shopping in our ship's store. The weight of our bags when we got to the airport was touch and go. But we survived.

During our days, we all attended many seminars and of course Saturday was the Governing Board Meeting. Then Saturday Evening was the Dinner Dance. I do wish more members of all Districts could have attended. These meetings are very worthwhile and you get to hear and see what is being done to help the USPS grow. Hopefully you will all attend our Fall Conference and we will try to let you know what information we brought back for you about our experiences and what we learned.

The Bridge would like to extend get well wishes to our Vessel Safety Check Chairperson and Nominating Committee Chair D/Lt Margie Baraff, AP and our Secretary, D/Lt/C Kathy Babin, S. We all hope you both have a speedy recovery.

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CALL TO THE FALL 2018 COUNCIL

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 5, Section 5.2 and 5.3, District Commander Janet L. Leh, P has called the **Fall Council meeting for 1400 on Friday, 26 October 2018 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.**

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 3, Section 3.1, voting members of the Council include the district bridge, immediate past district commander, chairmen of General Committees (Nominating, Auditing and Rules) and squadron commanders.

Any member of District 8 will have the privilege of the floor upon recognition by the Chair. All members of the District are encouraged to attend this meeting and commanders should urge bridge officers to be present.

An absent squadron commander may be represented by another bridge officer of the squadron and in the absence of an officer for whom there is an elected assistant; the assistant may act for the principal.

The agenda for this meeting includes:

- Reports of the Squadron Commanders
- Reports of district department chairs
- Reports of General Committees
- Reports of Standing Committees
- Announcements

Photos in this issue

by

D/Lt Art Dodd, SN

Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron

(Except where otherwise noted)

CALL TO THE FALL 2018 CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of District 8 Bylaws, District Commander Janet L. Leh, P issues the Call to **Fall Conference to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, Saturday, 27 October 2018 at 1330.**

The purpose of the meeting is to act on matters set forth below.

1. To hear and act upon reports of officers.
2. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before the Conference.
3. To consider and act upon reports, resolutions and recommendations from the Council, officers and committees.

District 8 Bylaws Article 4 and 5 describe the Conference and its functions extensively and are recommended reading for all members.

Section 4.1: The Conference shall be composed of the Council, the past district commanders of this district who are active members of district squadrons, and the delegates which persons shall be the voting members of the Conference.

Section 4.2.1: Delegates shall be selected by each squadron on the basis of one delegate for each twenty five (25) active members in good standing or major fraction thereof as of the preceding 1 March, with a minimum of two (2) delegates per squadron.

Section 4.2.3: Prior to each meeting of the Conference each squadron commander shall submit in writing to the district secretary, a list of the squadron's delegates entitled to vote at the Conference. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DELEGATES MAY VOTE ONLY IF NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY PRIOR TO MEETING.**

Section 4.2.4: If a delegate is disqualified or unable to attend, the squadron commander may appoint a substitute and notify the secretary prior to the convening of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Edwin A. Hoover, AP

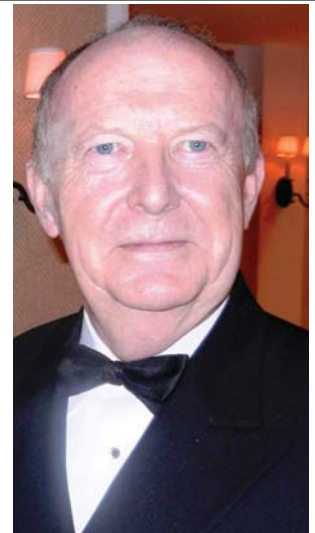
The United States Power Squadrons®, We are America's Boating Club™ is something we are all hearing a lot more about these days. Let me clarify that we will always be The United States Power Squadrons with our rich history and dedication to boating education and safety. The emergence and development of the America's Boating Club identity is intended to help us attract and keep a broader spectrum of people who enjoy the recreational boating lifestyle. If you look carefully at the America's Boating Club logo it is an amalgam of power, sail and human powered boats.

We are a changing organization. Over the years, the number of members with power and sail boats has decreased while nationwide the numbers of kayakers and canoers has grown rapidly. As our membership has gotten older, the average age of members is now 64, many find greatest value in our social programs reminiscing about our days on the water. For these members the concept of America's Boating Club as their boating club appeals to their interests and needs.

In the spirit of America's Boating Club District 8 will have its first ever PADDLING RENDEZVOUS on 3 November 2018, 0830-1430, at Jonathan Dickenson State Park north of Jupiter. A registration form is being emailed to all D8 members in September. You will find it on page 4 of this issue of Pieces of 8.

After continental breakfast 0830-0915 at the Loxahatchee Pavilion, sixteen paddlers, along with their two guides, our own Mary Dodd and Art Dodd, will enjoy a two hour, two mile tour on the scenic Loxahatchee River and Kitching Creek. Bring your own boat or rent one at the park. After the tour we will celebrate with a barbecue lunch included in the registration fee of \$5.00 per person at the pavilion. All ABC members are invited and are encouraged to invite friends to experience our great camaraderie. Admission to the park is \$6 per vehicle for up to eight people. If you don't want to paddle, come and enjoy the park, the Kembell Visitor Center, perhaps a walking tour, a bike ride (they're for rent) or a 2 hr. trip on the tour boat, \$24 at 0900, and have lunch. If you enjoy nature, to exercise in an environmentally friendly way, paddling may be for you. Why not give it a try! I hope you will join us.

You will find other articles by members of the D8 Executive Team in the newsletter. I thank each of them for their great effort and hard work on behalf of all of us.



DISTRICT 8 FALL CONFERENCE 2018

Embassy Suites by Hilton

Palm Beach Gardens

4350 PGA Boulevard

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

TEL: 1-561-622-1000 – FAX: 1-561-626-4860

Fall Conference 26-28 October 2018

Room Rate: **\$121 King; \$127 - 2 Doubles**

Special Rate Code: DUS

Deadline for Rate 12 October 2018





PADDLING RENEDEZOUS

United States Power Squadrons

District 8

We are America's Boating Club®



Sat. 3 November 2018, 8:30—2:30 Jonathan Dickinson State Park
 North of Jupiter on Highway 1
 Cost: \$5.00 per person, includes barbecue lunch
 For USPS Members and Their Guests
 Bring your kayak/canoe or rent one
REGISTRATION FOR PADDLERS LIMITED TO 16 PEOPLE

Schedule:

0830-0915 Arrival, continental breakfast

0915-0930 Orientation and Safety Review

0930-1230 Guided Paddling Adventure on Loxahatchee River, or you can stay on land, enjoy the park and have lunch

1230-1430 Barbecue lunch, included



Afternoon options: paddlers can return to water on their own, take the tour boat to Trapper Nelson's Camp (cost \$24) or enjoy a complementary guided walking tour.

Cameras and other electronics need to be in waterproof pouches

Water pistols optional for possible self defense :-)

Admission to Park: Per vehicle: \$6 (2-8 persons)

Registration (include with check/use additional forms as needed)

1. _____, Paddling ___ Yes ___ No, USPS Certificate # _____

2. _____, Paddling ___ Yes ___ No, USPS Certificate # _____

3. _____, Paddling ___ Yes ___ No, USPS Certificate # _____

4. _____, Paddling ___ Yes ___ No, USPS Certificate # _____

Contact: Email _____ Phone _____

Squadron _____

Registration fee enclosed \$5.00 x _____ #attendees = _____ Make Check Payable to "District 8" and

mail to: D/Lt/C Ed Hoover, AP 16940 Bay Street, N205, Jupiter, FL 33477, cell 630-917-8110

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN

Great news! The new Boat Handling Course/Seminar came out September 10, 2018 in E-book format only, at this time. Hard copies should be out the first of next year. The E-book format lets you use your laptop, tablet or smart phone. If you want a hard copy you can print it. The cheapest way to do this is to take the download to the local Office Depot and use your member's benefit card to print it. This is a skill-based program. It can be taught as a course or independent seminars. All material needs to be ordered by your SEO. This should help bring new life to our educational program. I will go into more details at the Fall Conference Sunday Educational meeting. I have seen the new material and it's great. Several of the Seminars can be taught at a Marina.



Another new course came out September 1, 2018. It is Radar for Boaters - a classroom course of 8 to 10 hours. This course was written by the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons. Recommended classes to take beforehand include the ABC Course, Marine Navigation, Advanced Marine Navigation (Piloting and Advanced Piloting) and have boating experience.

All members are invited to the free Instructor Recertification Course at the Saturday morning Fall Conference. Recertification can be done at any time and is good for 4 years. This time the course will be taught by ADEO Richard Schewe, SN.

Hope to see you at the Fall Conference.

NATIONAL SAFETY COMMITTEE

Stf/C Allan B. Furtado, SN

There are now two new articles of interest posted on USPS.org (search for the Safety Committee) web page. They are:

[Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association.](#)

Provides a strong overview of the understanding of the mechanisms of Electric Shock Drowning

-And-

[The Boat Live 365 year Around program.](#)

Boat live 365 is a movement to empower recreational boating advocated to create a safe boating culture 365 days a year.

I recommend everyone take the time to look at these specific articles and perhaps take a moment to look at the rest of the information provided by your National Safety Committee on the same page.
<http://www.usps.org>

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

D/Lt/C Michael N. Jackson, SN

I hope everyone had a pleasant summer like Diana and I did. We were busy with several trips. We took a Great Lakes Cruise with 175 people and visited both Canadian and US ports starting in Toronto, Canada. A highlight was transitioning between Lake Ontario to Lake Erie via the Welland Canal locks. Another experience was hiking up to the top of Mackinac Island (up over 200 stairs) where we took the picture of the arch. We ended our cruise with fireworks over Chicago on a raining night July 4th. On our cruise we were able to promote America's Boating Club to several of our fellow cruisers.



We closed the summer with a trip to our Governing Board in Minneapolis. The conference was educational and fun. I attended several of the seminars. Ed Lehert, President of Ed Lethert Associations, Inc., gave an informative seminar on Electric Shock Drowning (ESD). The presentation showed the human impact, causes, and solutions for ESD. I would like to have a presentation on ESD at a future district conference. There were several fun activities for the attendees. We went to the Minnesota Twins baseball game where District 10 secured the use of the Delta Sky Club which provided a great view of the game and food in air-conditioned comfort!

I am looking forward to the Fall Conference. There are informative seminars planned and a keynote speaker. Reach out to your new and old members and let them know that the conference is educational and fun!

D8 BOAT SHOW COMMITTEE

P/C Richard J Wood, JN

We are currently scheduled to participate in shows in Miami and Ft Lauderdale and are working to include the Palm Beach show in that agenda as well.

Our concept is to promote the Jump Start Program as a means to generate interest in the Squadron. My personal experience with MANY shows is that the Squadron has NOT been effective in getting people to our Boating courses, much less join the Squadron.

The Jump Start program, where we will actually train someone on their own boat, is a new angle and worth trying to leverage. Once we are on someone's boat, we have a much better opportunity to get them into one of our classes and hopefully choose to join our Squadron.

Our plan is to purchase a booth to use within District 8. The details have not yet been developed.

DISTRICT 8 RENDEZVOUS

13-15 July 2018 - Bahia Mar, Ft Lauderdale Beach



We had speakers (D/C Janet Leh, P, D/Lt/C Ed Hoover, AP, D/Lt Margie Baraff, AP, Cdr John Goebel, SN, and P/R/C Ellis Simon, SN—to name a few) and lots of people from lots of squadrons having lots of fun!



DISTRICT 8 RENDEZVOUS

13-15 July 2018 - Bahia Mar, Ft Lauderdale Beach

And we happily ate all kinds of food all weekend long, including celebrating the birthday of Stf/C Al Furtado, SN, French toast a la Harold Leyh, "pizzas of eight", tasty sandwiches and awarding a prize for the best chili!



DISTRICT 8 RENDEZVOUS

13-15 July 2018 - Bahia Mar, Ft Lauderdale Beach

Several boats attended and then D/Lt Art Dodd, SN got creative with a lightening storm cloud.



MEMBERSHIP

National Membership Chair R/C Robert Howd, JN

Membership thoughts:

Did you know that new members are living in your neighborhood? Try mass mailing to various neighborhoods when you have a class coming up. One squadron did that for a seamanship class and gained four new members.

Spread the word:

Make sure your friends, neighbors, acquaintances know that you are a member of the United States Power Squadrons®. You now have something else to highlight: We are America's Boating Club®.

Keep in contact with non-members:

The list of contacts that you have—past students, contacts from information booths, contacts from events, cyber members, USPS university students, VSC contacts—are all potential members. You never know when they will pop up again at another event or a class.

MEMBER BENEFITS:

The United States Power Squadrons® are always adding to the benefits that being part of the organization entitles you to. Some recent additions include:

***LTC Global** is Long Term Care Insurance. As a USPS member you can save more when you prepare for the future. Learn how in a free educational webinar that can be found on the Membership Benefits Home page on the National website.*

***Vistaprint** offers an assortment of discounted business card templates for general members and Vessel Examiners - easily edited - and promotes "America's Boating Club®".*

More information and the full list of member benefits can be found on the Member Benefits Home page.

MEMBER BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

***Active members are needed to work on the Member Benefits Committee.** If interested in learning more, please contact Stf/C Andy Hyman, SN, or complete the USPS Resume Form*

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined squadrons in our District **from 6 June to 31 August 2018**. Encourage each one to participate in activities — educational, civic service and fraternal — that United States Power Squadrons®, District 8 and your squadron offer. We look forward to seeing all of you at our District functions.

Key West

Brice A Cook
James R Gilleran
Joseph J Schroeder
Gigi Varnum

Palm Beach

Richard D Brusca
Harry R Diener
Shari Dunham
Scot W. Northrup
Steven Stacey

Pompano Beach

John T. Brown
Carlton S. Schenck

Sebastian Inlet

James A Cable
Linda Cable

Sebastian Inlet (cont'd)

Bob Gwiszcz
Lily M. Hom
Judy K. Nicol

Vero Beach

Mary Ann Springall
Mike Springall

D8 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



DISTRICT 8 2018 FALL CONFERENCE 26-28 OCTOBER

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

Registration: 2nd Floor Lobby.....1330-1600
Fall Council: Ballroom.....1400
Evening Aboard "Honey Fitz"1700-1930
 ADVANCE RESERVATION REQUIRED
Commander's Reception, 4th Floor Balcony.....1700-1800

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

Seminars and Workshops:
Instructor Recertification, Bach..... 0830-1030
Website, Social Media for Squadron Public Relations, Beethoven.....0900-1000
Merit Mark Earning and Reporting, Beethoven..1000-1100
Keynote Presentation: Ballroom..... 1100-1200
Living and Working Aboard the largest American-flagged luxury yacht in the world MY "Limitless"- Mark Hamilton
Lunch: Advance Reservation Required, Atrium..1200-1300
Conference: Ballroom.....1330-1600
Commander's Reception: 4th Floor.....1730-1830
Hosted by Pompano Beach Power Squadron
Cash Bar: Outside Ballroom.....1830-1900
Buffet Banquet: Ballroom.....1900
 Live Entertainment, and Dancing
 ADVANCE RESERVATION REQUIRED

Embassy Suites by Hilton

4350 PGA Boulevard Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Rates (incl. breakfast): \$121-King/\$127-2 Doubles

Deadline for rates: 12 October, Group Code DUS

561-622-1000/palmbeachgardens.embsuites.com

Reg. Guests enjoy Breakfast and Happy Hour in the Atrium

***NOTE:** Make your room reservation with the hotel, indicate your confirmation number on your registration form and include payment with registration

FRIDAY EVE. ABOARD "HONEY FITZ" \$55.00

Board 1700, Return 1930

2 ½ hour social and cruise to Jupiter Lighthouse

Loggerhead Marina 2700 Donald Ross Rd. Palm Bch. Gardens

Includes beer, wine, soft drinks and party platters

Questions: Call Cdr John Goebel, 772-781-1098

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

SATURDAY LUNCH BUFFET \$17.00

Assorted Field Greens with Two Dressings or Soup

Sliced Roast Beef, Turkey Breast, Honey Baked Ham

Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and Pickle Spears

Assorted Cheeses, Breads, Chips Cookies, Beverage

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

SATURDAY BANQUET BUFFET \$52.50

- Build your own Caesar Salad

-Salmon with Maple Glaze

-Herb Crusted Prime Rib Carving Station

-Mashed Potato Bar, Sweet and Yukon Gold Potatoes

-Mixed Vegetables, Rolls and Butter

-Pecan Pie, Red Velvet Cake, Lemon Bars

-Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Cash Bar

(Please let us know if you have a food allergy)

ADVANCE RESERVATION REQUIRED

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER

Squadron Officers: Chopin.....0830-1130

Squadron Educational Officers: Mozart.....0830-1130

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

Friday Day.....USPS Casual or Suitable Attire

Saturday Day.....Uniform G or Suitable Attire

Evening.....Western Wear or Suitable Attire

Sunday Day.....USPS Casual or Suitable Attire

Complete and mail reservation form and check to Mary Wohlstein, 541 Breakwater Terrace, Sebastian, FL 32958

Note: **Reservations must be received by 19 October**

CERT. NO	RANK	NAME	GRADE	Lunch \$17.00	Buffet Banquet \$52.50	TOTAL
ACCOMODATION NIGHTS # _____ NIGHTS @ \$121/\$127 (*See note above)						
I enclose a check made payable to "District 8" for						
I confirm I have made a reservation and my confirmation number is _____						
Is this your first time to attend a District 8 Conference Yes _____ No _____						

SQUADRON

EMAIL

D8 FALL CONFERENCE SEMINAR DETAILS

It's the 21st Century.

How can I use Digital Media to promote my Squadron?

By Lt/C James McEntee, S & Lt Emily Pepperman Atkinson, P

This one-hour seminar will introduce you to the basics of websites and Facebook - including posting, calendars and free/paid advertising.

In this seminar we will show you ways to easily find new audiences online and transform them into students and members. Examples of free and paid online advertising will be discussed and how these work in correlation with print advertising. We will also review setting up automation of posts and marketing to your local market.

With all this new traffic to your website you will want to have a website with a good user experience. Most likely more than half your users are on mobile devices when they view your website. Have you ever looked at your website on a mobile device? In this seminar you will learn current website best practices, add-on apps, and Rich-Content practices.

After this hour-long seminar you will have a better understanding of how to successfully use digital media to create more interest and attract a wider audience to your squadron social events and educational classes. Material will be available for digital download after the seminar.



Living and Working Aboard

The Luxury Yacht "MY Limitless"

By Mark Hamilton

Matt Hamilton is a Wealth Management Assistant with Paul Williamson & Company in Vero Beach where he assists clients with their financial goal setting and implementation.

"Limitless" is 315 feet – longer than a football field, and has a permanent crew of 17. She cruises at 20 knots but can do a maximum of 25 knots if necessary. Four months of the year the boat is in the Caribbean and the other eight months she is in Mallorca, Spain, her home base when cruising the Mediterranean. Matt was hired as a deckhand, and after three years on the boat he was promoted to one of the five engineer positions.

While working aboard "Limitless", Matt met his wife Emily with whom he left the boat to move back to Pennsylvania to coach college and high school soccer. Matt moved down to Vero in 2014.



Instructor Recertification by D/1st/Lt Richard A. Schewe, SN



Merit Mark Earning and Reporting by P/R/C Ellis Simon, SN

DISTRICT 8 SAFETY OFFICER'S DESK D/Lt Marshall Bellin, AP

Safety is vital when you are boating. There are many things that can go wrong when you are on the water, or even preparing to launch. Weather is always a consideration here in Florida. You can forget to insert the drain plug; you can forget to turn on the bilge blowers; you can forget to turn off the engine or electrical power when refueling; when departing the dock, you can forget to instruct everyone regarding the location of emergency items (fire extinguishers, throwable cushions, extra life vests, first aid kit, etc.). Forgetfulness could result in tragedy. Use a pre-launch checklist to help avoid "forgetting" some vital procedure.

When talking to other boaters, new or seasoned, the topic of PFD's needs to be brought up. Providing PFD's for children and adults alike is the responsibility of the boat operator. All recreational boats must have one PFD for every person aboard. All boats over 16 feet must have one throwable. Remind them that children under the age of 6 must wear a PFD at all times when under way on any motorized boat under 26 feet. Children 13 and under must wear a PFD whenever they are in Federal waters. America's Boating Club actively endorses the "Wear It" campaign.

For those of us that trailer their boat, there are many things that could go wrong when going to or coming from the boat launch. Once again, a trailering checklist is very helpful in preventing forgetfulness. Keep the trailer and tires well maintained. Make sure the lights and electrical wiring are operable and in good condition. Check all tie down straps for wear or damage.

One of the worst things that can happen when towing is for the trailer to come off the vehicle hitch. Make sure that the safety chains are crossed under the trailer's tongue. This keeps the trailer tongue from dropping to the ground and thus causing the trailer and boat to overturn. I am not promoting the following item for any personal gain or interest in profiting from its sale in any way. I had a trailer disconnect and luckily my safety chains worked as they should. I immediately looked for a way to prevent this from happening again. Thanks to Sebastian Inlet Commander Ron Ray, JN, he told me about the following device:

The DuraSafe Coupler Connect



A Helpful Device



I have since purchased this device and found it to be an excellent item. The main bracket is attached by mounting it under the ball. It serves two purposes. First, the coupler wing assists in centering the trailer tongue over the hitch ball. The second, and in my opinion the most important, is that the lockdown plate is inserted into the bracket after the trailer hitch is latched on the ball. The plate is adjustable enough to allow free movement of the trailer tongue without allowing it to rise up enough to release from the ball. The clamp is held in place by a steel rod, and can be locked into position. The best news is that this device costs less than \$50.00 and can be purchased at most West Marine stores or search online at: durasafelocks.com. There is a great video showing exactly how it works.

Boating should be a fun venture. Safety while boating and/or trailering is always a priority. Be safe and enjoy your time on the water.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
HOMELAND SECURITY LIAISON/TEAM LEADER
P/R/C William E. Husted, SN

Guidelines for District and Squadron Liaison Committees

The District Liaison Committee (DLCom) is charged with several functions, especially to promote and maintain good relations with public officials and outside organizations concerned with recreational boating safety. Such organizations include, but are not limited to, those responsible for promulgating, enforcing and teaching rules and regulations relating to recreational boating. Good relations with these organizations aid in promoting programs of mutual interest. (Excerpted from Operations Manual 4.21)

The chair of the DLCom is appointed by the District Commander. His or her committee is comprised of Squadron Liaison Officers, one from each squadron within the district. The DLO reports to the DXO and the National Liaison team leader on the National Public Affairs Committee (PACom). (Excerpted from Operations Manual 4.21)

The Squadron Liaison Officer (SLO) is a member of the District Liaison Committee and carries out duties as assigned by the DLO in addition to promoting and maintaining good relations with entities suggested below. The SLO may also function as the Homeland Security Officer and reports to the DLO on matters pertaining thereto. (Excerpted from Operations Manual 5.70)

Suggested Local Points of Contact for District and Squadron Liaison Committees

- U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Specialist (DLO contact)
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla
- Community Emergency Response Team
- American Red Cross Affiliate
- Boat/U.S. or Sea Tow Operator
- Sea Scouts Ship and/or Brunswick Dealer
- Marine Industry Trade Association, Marine Patrol, Port Security Council
- Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Office, Police Department
- County Commissioner, City Mayor, Community VIPs

***Important to Remember: America's Boating Club™ maintains ongoing relationships with a number a national safe boating-allied organizations. The Chief Commander makes annual appointments of ABC members who are listed in the online National Directory. You are asked to contact the corresponding ABC representative for questions or further information about the organization involved.

Additional information about Liaison activities at any level may be directed to:

P/R/C William E. Husted, SN
Homeland Security/Liaison Team Leader
Public Affairs Committee
United States Power Squadrons/
America's Boating Club™
uspsprc@att.net
954.980.8300

ST LUCIE RIVER NEWS

Cdr John Goebel, SN

St. Lucie River Power Squadron was unable to stage an event in conjunction with the planned "Wear It" campaign dates.



So last weekend we asked our members to bring their life jackets to our summer picnic and assemble for a group photo wearing them.

The event took place on 21 July 2018 at Sandsprit Park in Stuart, Florida. We had 32 participants and two dogs in the photo.

PALM BEACH NEWS

Stf/C Jan Furtado, AP

Congratulations to the new bridge of Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron, installed at their Change of Watch in June 2018.



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2019 NATIONAL MEETING Orlando, FL

Rosen Centre
9840 International Drive
Orlando FL 32819
Telephone: (407) 996-9840
Rate: \$159

District 8 members can make your hotel reservations and then send a check to D/Lt/C Bill Gillette, AP, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West, FL 33040 to take advantage of the savings available to us.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Orlando, FL
18 Feb-24 Feb, 2019



D22 2019 CARIBBEAN CRUISE

7 days: Sun, 24 February – Sun, 3 March 2019

7 days roundtrip from **Port Canaveral** on Royal Caribbean's OASIS OF THE SEAS

Itinerary: Nassau, Bahamas; Charlotte Amalie, St Thomas; Philipsburg, St Maarten

GROUP PRICING FROM \$729pp

Inside stateroom from \$729pp

Outside stateroom from \$849pp

Balcony from \$999pp

Price does not include \$114 pp taxes & port fees. Travel protection & transfers are additional.



Are you ready for a whole NEW ADVENTURE? If you've ever wanted to try one of those unbelievable mega ships-NOW is the time!
The ship is a complete destination in and of itself so even if you've been to these ports before, you will still have PLENTY to see and do. The best part is you will be able to share the fun with fellow members, friends and family if you join us!
One of the other benefits is the ship embarks from Port Canaveral so transportation is much easier for both those who drive in and those who are flying into Orlando-now they can fly round trip (*charter bus service will be available*)

THIS CRUISE WILL BE DEPARTING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING SO BE SURE TO SIGN UP NOW FOR BEST AVAILABILITY AND PRICING

PLEASE NOTE: IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GROUP BENEFITS & PARTICIPATE IN GROUP EVENTS, EVERYONE MUST BOOK THROUGH DAWN ECKHART

Please email Dawn Eckhart at dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com or call (727) 403-0406 to join our group on this fun-filled cruise!

BOOSTERS

D/Lt Ronnie and D/Lt/C Kathy Babin 6-19

Stf/C Allan and Stf/C Jan Furtado 2-20

D/C Janet and Harold Leh 2-19

Cdr Richard A. and Lt Phyllis Schewe 4-19

Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron 4-19

If your name is in RED, it is renewal time!

Thank You All!

D/Lt John W. Northrup, AP, Booster Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018

26-28 October District 8 Fall Conference
Embassy Suites, Palm Beach Gardens

3 November Paddleboard Rendezvous, Jonathan
Dickinson State Park

2019

17-24 February National Meeting, Orlando, FL

12-14 April District 8 Spring Conference
Embassy Suites, Palm Beach Gardens

IMPORTANT DEADLINES


2018

12 October Deadline for Reservations at
Embassy Suites for Fall Conference
(payment to Bill Gillette by 19 Oct)

2 December Articles for Winter "Pieces of 8" Due

2019

30 March Deadline for Reservations at
Embassy Suites for Spring Conference
(payment to Bill Gillette by 5 Apr)



BE A BOOSTER !

D/8 "PIECES OF EIGHT" BOOSTER

Enclosed is my tax deductible check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to D/8 USPS.
Return to: **D/Lt/C William Gillette, 1415 Truman Ave, Key West, FL 33040-7251**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SQUADRON: _____

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