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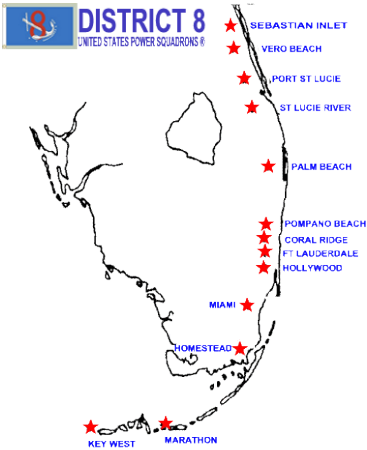
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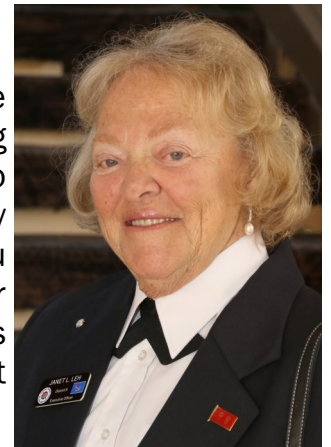
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DISTRICT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE D/C Janet L. Leh, P

Greetings D8 Volunteers

What a fast, busy and fantastic year! As we prepare for the 2019 D8 Spring Conference, it seems very appropriate to say Thank You, All volunteers are simply amazing. Your D8 Bridge Officers keep you informed, your D8 Committee's work for you, but the Squadrons and their members do so much to get the information about safe boating to their Communities.



As I traveled to the many Squadron's Change of Watch, it was easy to see how much respect was given to those responsible for the hard work. It was enjoyable to be able to attend and see it all happen. You are to be congratulated! Thank you for the invitations.

Of course, now I will be moving on to the nominating committee. There are many members, which I met on my travels, that I firmly believe would be an asset to our Team. It will be my job to get in touch with you. You were so kind to me and I now know who you are, I know where you live, I know your phone number and I have your Email address. You cannot hide. I will be in touch! Honestly, I enjoyed all three years. I am sure you would too!

Thank you,
Your D8 Commander Janet Leh, P
See you at the Spring Conference
12 April 2019

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CALL TO THE SPRING 2019 COUNCIL

Per District 8 Bylaws Article 5, Section 5.2 and 5.3, District Commander Janet L. Leh, P has called the **Spring Council meeting for 1400 on Friday, 12 April 2019 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 SPRING 2019 CONFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of District 8 Bylaws, District Commander Janet L. Leh, P issues the Call to **Spring Conference to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4350 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, Saturday, 13 April 2019 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.
4. To elect and install new bridge officers.

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.

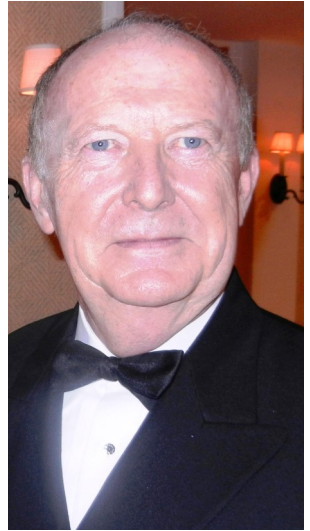
Section 4.2.3: Prior to each meeting of the Conference each squadron commander shall submit in writing to the district secretary, a list of the squadron's delegates entitled to vote at the Conference. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DELEGATES MAY VOTE ONLY IF NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY PRIOR TO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

I can't believe my year as D8 Executive Officer is almost over. I have had the great privilege of working with a team of talented and committed chairpersons and colleagues on the Bridge. We have had successes, among others, in boat shows, liaison activities and vessel safety checks. Our 2018 Fall Paddling Rendezvous was a great success and we hope to do another in the not too distant future. The Commander's Conversation has proven to be a welcome opportunity for Squadron Commanders to compare notes, share ideas and provide support to each other. I intend to continue regular Commander's Conversations next year as well.



I also want to give my personal thanks to our Squadron Commanders who provide leadership on the local level that leads to successes, awards and remarkable community service. It is in and through our squadrons that we fulfill our cornerstone missions of education, civic service and fraternal boating fellowship.

It has been my goal to make the District a more relevant and helpful resource to our squadrons. That is a commitment I intend to continue. I have heard too often that our squadron officers and members rarely see any real benefit from the District. I am confident that the District can be a valuable resource and that some tweaking and innovative thinking can prove this to be true. It is not only a major conduit from the national organization but a group of very capable people who stand at the ready to help. You will hear more about that in the future.

In side this edition of Pieces of 8 you will find a flyer for the D8 19-21 July 2019 Summer Rendezvous Cruise to Grand Bahama Island. There is still time for you to register for what will be a fantastic time of fellowship, fun and entertainment. We are planning some special USPS/America's Boating Club activities along with the usual activities you find on a cruise. I am thrilled that we have members from Key West to Sebastian participating so it will truly be a district wide event. We have almost forty cabins and eighty people signed up. As the flyer says, please let me know by email or call if you want to join in the fun!

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY

D/Lt/C Kathy Babin, S

We are in the process of finalizing plans for the District 8 Spring Conference. You can find the Spring Conference Flyer on page 5. If you haven't already made plans it's not to late. Come and enjoy the fun.

Stf/C Jan Furtado, AP will no longer prepare the Pieces of 8 newsletter. If you have an interest or know someone who might be interested in doing the newsletter, contact me at katbabin@gmail.com or call me at 954-249-1696. The Pieces of 8 is a quarterly newsletter and there is plenty of help available when needed.

District 8

Nominating Committee Report for Watch Year 2019-2020

In accordance with the Bylaws of District 8, Article 2, Section 2.9.1; Article 5, Section 5.5 and Article 6, Section 6.5; the USPS District 8 Nominating Committee submits the following proposed slate for election under Article 4, Section 4.3.1 at the 2019 District Spring Conference.

BRIDGE OFFICERS

District Commander	D/Lt/C Edwin A. Hoover , AP (Palm Beach)
District Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Michael N. Jackson , SN (Sebastian Inlet)
District Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Richard C. Pfenniger , SN (Hollywood)
District Administrative Officer	P/C Tamara Smith , S (Vero Beach)
District Secretary	D/Lt/C Kathryn Babin , S (Pompano Beach)
District Treasurer	P/R/C William R. Gillette , AP (Key West)

ASSISTANT BRIDGE OFFICERS

Asst District Educational Officer	D/1 st /Lt Richard Schewe , SN (Key West)
Asst Administrative Officer	Vacant
Asst Secretary	Phyllis Schewe , P (Key West)
Asst Treasurer	P/R/C Nigel E. Hargreaves , SN (Sebastian Inlet)

GENERAL COMMITTEES

RULES COMMITTEE

- 1 year – R/C **Peter TenBrink**, SN (Pompano Beach)
- 2 year - P/V/C **Peter Mitchelson**, SN (Sebastian Inlet)*
- 3 year – P/C **Daniel Thomas**, SN (Vero Beach)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- 1 year – Stf/C **Alan Furtado**, SN (Pompano Beach)*
- 1 year – P/D/Lt/C **Evelyn Northrup**, AP (Coral Ridge)*
- 2 year – P/D/C **Joyce Newman**, AP (Palm Beach)*
- 2 year – P/C **Richard Wood**, JN (Palm Beach)*
- 3 year - D/C **Janet L. Leh**, P (Vero Beach)
- 3 year – P/C **Richard Pontynen**, AP (St Lucie River)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

- 1 year – R/C **William E. Husted**, SN (St Lucie River)*
- 2 year – P/N/F/Lt **Frank Dougherty, Jr**, AP (Sebastian Inlet)*
- 3 year – P/C **Thomas Nolan**, AP (no middle initial) (Pompano Beach)

All nominees have indicated that they are willing and able to serve in the positions noted, if elected.

The nominees for District Educational Officer and Assistant District Educational Officer have been approved by the National Educational Officer V/C Craig Fraser, SN.

*In accordance with D8 Bylaws articles 2.9.1; 2.9.2; and 2.9.3 only new members to a General Committee need to be elected. Members listed above noted with an asterisk have previously been elected and are currently serving in a 3 year term.

Submitted by D8 Nominating Committee

P/R/C Marjorie Baraff, AP (Chair)

Harold Leh, Jr, AP

P/D/Lt/C Evelyn Northrup, AP

Stf/C Alan Furtado, SN

P/D/C Joyce Newman, AP

P/C Richard Wood, JN

DISTRICT 8 SPRING CONFERENCE

12-14 April 2019



DISTRICT 8

**SPRING CONFERENCE AND
CHANGE OF WATCH
12-14 APRIL 2019**

Embassy Suites by Hilton

4350 PGA Boulevard Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
Rates (incl. breakfast): \$140-King/\$145-2 Doubles

Deadline for rates: 30 Mar, Group Code D81

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

SATURDAY LUNCH BUFFET **\$18.00**

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

SATURDAY BANQUET **\$54.00**

Deluxe Salad

Choice of one: Grilled Filet Mignon with Béarnaise Sauce
Mediterranean Seared Grouper, Artichoke Hearts, capers
or

*Chicken Roulade-Breast of Chicken Stuff with Prosciutto &
Provolone Top with Dijon Cream Sauce*

With

Scalloped Potatoes and Green Beans Almandine

- Trio Miniature Mousse, Chocolate Dipped Strawberry &
Mini Cheesecake

Beverage Station Serving Coffee, & Hot Tea

Cash Bar

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

FRIDAY 12 APRIL

Registration: 2nd Floor Lobby..... 1400-1630

Spring Council: Ballroom 1400
Hospitality Suite 4th Floor.....1730-1830

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

First Timers, 2nd Floor Balcony 0800

Seminars and Workshops:

Operation Training, Mozart..... 0800-1050

Safe Sextant on the Beach, Bach..... 0800-1050

Taking advantage of Social media,

Beethoven..... 0830-0930

Keynote Presentation: Ballroom 1100-1200

Indian River Lagoon

Emily Dark, Environmental Specialist

Lunch: Advance Reservation Required, Atrium..1200-1300

Conference: Ballroom 1330-1600

Commander's Reception: 4th Floor.....1730-1830

Cash Bar: Outside Ballroom.....1830-1900

Banquet: Advance Reservation Required, Ballroom...1900
Live Entertainment and Dancing

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

Squadron Officers: Mozart0830-1130

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

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

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

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

Evening.....Uniform A (bow tie) or Suitable Attire

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

Complete and mail reservation form and check to Mary Wohlstein, 390 Watercrest St. Sebastian, FL 32958
Make Check payable to District 8 USPS Note: **Reservations must be received by March 30**

CERT. N	RANK	NAME	GRADE	Lunch	Banquet Grouper	Banquet Filet Mignon	Banquet Chicken Roulade	TOTAL
				\$18.00	\$54.00	\$54.00	\$54.00	
				#	NIGHTS @ \$140 King/\$145 Double (*See note above)			
I confirm I have made a reservation with the hotel and my confirmation number is								
Enclose a check made payable to "District 8".								
Is this your first time to attend a District 8 Conference Yes _____ No _____								

SQUADRON

EMAIL

2019 National Conference 18-24 February 2019 - Orlando Florida



Clockwise from upper left—
District 8 Meet & Greet, D/C
Janet Leh, P, D8 Meeting
Attendees, D8 Group Photo



2019 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

19-21 JULY 2019



YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

USPS District 8 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS CRUISE FRI-SUN 19-21 JULY 2019

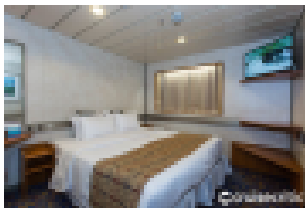


**Bahamas Cruise Line
Grand Celebration**
Palm Beach to Freeport
Grand Bahama Island

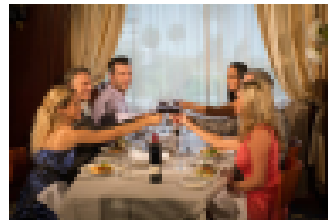
\$269.34 per person double occupancy
\$346.34 single

Includes taxes and gratuities

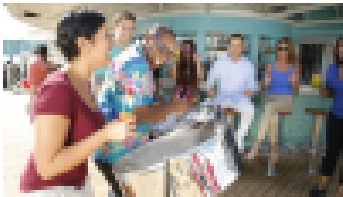
What's included....



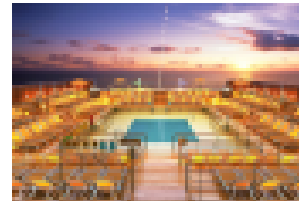
← **Ocean View
Stateroom**



Dining/Socials Together →



← **All Day/Night
Fun Onboard
Activities** →



ALL THIS PLUS....Two nights, three days, Fri. noon to Sun. morning, Commander's Cocktail Reception, special America's Boating Club activities, 6 meals, Las Vegas shows, casino, optional shore trips, and more.....

We have over 65 people and 33 cabins confirmed to date

Please let Ed Hoover know ASAP if you are interested to lock in cabins
a \$100 per person deposit is required to secure reservation

Email the following information to Skipperhoover@sbcglobal.net

Name/Email/Phone/Address/#People/#Cabins/Squadron or call 630-917-8110

BOOSTERS

D/Lt Ronnie and D/Lt/C Kathy Babin 9-19

Hal Burke & Wendy Mervis 9-19

D/Lr Art & Stf/C Mary Dodd 11-19

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

D/C Janet and Harold Leh 2-19

D/1st/Lt Richard A. and 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

2019

12-14 April

District 8 Spring Conference
Embassy Suites, Palm Beach Gardens

19-21 July

Summer Rendezvous Cruise to the
Bahamas

IMPORTANT DEADLINES


2019

2 February

Rosen Center Deadline for National
Meeting

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: _____



FROM THE EDITOR Stf/C Jan Furtado, AP

It's been a pleasure being your newsletter editor these past few years. Now, it's time for me to move on so I hope someone will be interested in keeping this fun and newsworthy publication going. Thanks to all the contributors and all the support I've received from the many members of District 8!