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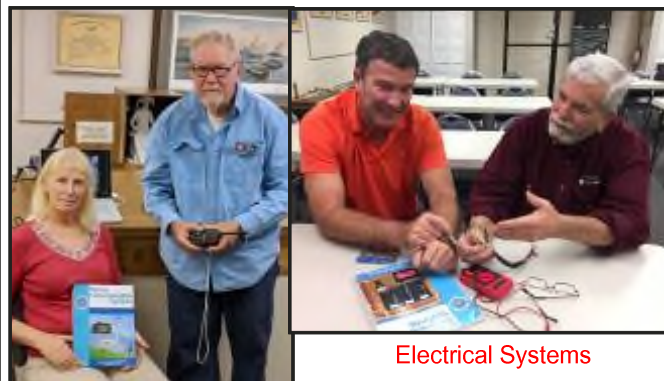
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Junior Navigation



Piloting



## In Memory

### P/D/C Gary Feguson, JN

4 September 1943 — 20 December 2017

Gary served our Squadron, District 8 & USPS, including as Squadron Commander in 2007 and District 8 Commander in 2011

His ideas were "outside-the-box" original, enhancing all levels of squadron activities. And he was a FRIEND.



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## CONGRATULATIONS 2017 MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS

- |                            |                                |                               |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Andras, Andras (2)         | Dohn, George (3)               | <b>Malone, Robert (53)</b>    |
| Aubrey, Darryl (13)        | Dohn, Patti (4)                | McClain, Mary Ann (2)         |
| Bertchinger, Katherine (5) | <b>Eldridge, Kathy (26)</b>    | McClain, Richard (7)          |
| Blair, Charles (2)         | <b>Eldridge, Bill (52)</b>     | Newman, Joyce (18)            |
| Blanchard, Paul (3)        | Flanders Bill (15)             | Palmer, Jim (19)              |
| Bloom, Jim (18)            | Galvin, Michael (13)           | Resch, Hank (10)              |
| Bouckaert, Phil (24)       | Giambalvo, Charles (5)         | <b>Roemmele, Barbara (25)</b> |
| Brooks, Michael (1)        | <b>Greene, III, Elvin (53)</b> | Scholz, Cliff (24)            |
| Carbone, Dan (4)           | <b>Heynau, Hans (36)</b>       | Southard, Rosemary (4)        |
| Cearley, Cal (2)           | Heynau, Louise (4)             | Stanley, Kirsten (13)         |
| Cearley, Jeannette (2)     | Hoover, Edwin (14)             | Stern, Michael (16)           |
| Collins, Tom (10)          | Hvizd, Helene (2)              | Sweeney, Nancy (8)            |
| Cote, Ken (7)              | Johnstone, Beverley (1)        | Widmayer, Arlene (7)          |
| DeArmond, Jim (4)          | Kirch, Jeanne (16)             | <b>Williams, Sally (26)</b>   |
| DeMarfio, Virginia (2)     | Konzelman, Alan (14)           | Witaszek, Michael (6)         |
| <b>Dodd, Art (27)</b>      | Landsman, Sandra (17)          | <b>Wood, Richard (28)</b>     |
| <b>Dodd, Mary (26)</b>     | Lawrence, Nancy (8)            | Zavalía, Laura (2)            |

## The Meaning of a Merit Mark

P/C Sally A. Williams, AP, Merit Mark Committee, Ch



The Merit Mark Committee has the honor, privilege, and responsibility of preparing merit mark recommendations for those Active and Family members who have made substantial efforts on behalf of our squadron during the calendar year 2017. In doing so, we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of this, our only reward, to those who have served so well in furthering USPS objectives.

A Merit Mark is awarded by the chief commander to USPS members who have made substantial personal efforts in furthering the interests, programs, and objectives of USPS, its districts, and squadrons. Members are limited to one merit mark per year. When a merit mark recommendation is approved, the chief commander issues a certificate of acknowledgement to the recipient, who is then entitled to proudly wear a special merit mark insignia on his or her USPS uniform.

After earning five Merit Marks, a member becomes known as a *Senior Member*, and upon earning 25 Merit Marks, the member is designated a *Life Member* and is exempt from paying dues.

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*From the Commander*  
**Cdr Richard McClain, SN**

Today I have been reviewing last year's many squadron activities. I am convinced that all who participated enjoyed themselves. Recently the squadron officers and I have been meeting to plan this year's events. Ken refers to our sessions as "brainstorming". I believe these brainstorming sessions will enable us to exceed last year's events.

Many ideas are being sifted through, including a variety of both on- and off-the-water events that we hope will appeal to a large number of members. Suggested ideas include mentoring new members as we welcome them into the squadron and teaching them squadron history, practices, and traditions. To encourage increased participation, we also plan to introduce new members to our organizational structure and illustrate the many ways they can participate and contribute. Other suggestions include offering basic computer courses on DB2000, our squadron program.

I wish to ask each member to consider how we can best accomplish our purpose and offer suggestions. With everyone fully involved in promoting the squadron, we will have an active, satisfying year. Let us know your ideas! Speak to any officer or contact me with your suggestions by my email [mcclainr@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcclainr@bellsouth.net), or by telephone at 684-2655.

Both myself, and your officers continue to look for new activities and solutions. We have to set up a strong network for members and friends and continue to look for enjoyable activities. At the present time we have a strong base of operations, but we also need your help in producing and then implementing creative suggestions. I urge everyone in the squadron to visit our website and read the Afterdeck, and other news releases for activities as they come due. Thank you!

**Welcome New Members!**



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Chad Chadbourn	\$100 (11/17)	\$ 200
Art & Mary Dodd	\$ 68 (11/17)	\$ 68
Kathy & Bill Eldridge	\$ 70 (03/17)	\$2400
Mary & Bob Flucke	\$100 (03/17)	\$ 400
<b>Louise &amp; Hans Heynau</b>	<b>\$100 (02/18)</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>
Myra Hoffstein	\$100 (01/18)	\$2500
Helene Hvizd	\$100 (10/17)	\$ 200
Jim Palmer	\$100 (05/17)	\$ 600
Ken Peters	\$100 (10/17)	\$ 450
Barbara Roemmele	\$200 (05/17)	\$1100
<b>Ray &amp; Estelle Rutkowski</b>	<b>\$200 (02/18)</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>
Nancy Sweeney	\$100 (01/18)	\$1200
Arlene Widmayer	\$635 (01/18)	\$3545
<b>MacPherson/Chalmers</b>	<b>\$100 (01/18)</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>
Sandy & Ned Voit	\$110 (02/17)	\$ 110



*From the Executive Officer*  
**Lt/C Jim DeArmond AP**

Are you having fun? Are you making a difference? Allow me to explain why I'm asking.

We are all part of a wonderful organization that makes an important contribution to the boating world. Our education programs, our Vessel Safety Check program and our support of better boating on the waters, we all enjoy, make the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron unit of America's Boating Club essential to boating in our Palm Beach waters.

So, why is it that we seem to be a big secret to most of our fellow boaters? Why do most of the boaters, each of us see, not know we exist?

I ask the questions to each of you. And, I ask you directly, what have you done to tell other boaters who we are and what we do?

I know this may be perceived as a harsh question. But, nonetheless a very important one. If you believe that we are an important benefit to the boating community then why aren't you talking about us.

I know many of you are already doing this and I thank you. I, also, know that many of you are not. For those of you that are not engaging in this all important conversation, I want you to ask yourself why not. Is it too time consuming? Is it you don't know what to say? Is it you are not excited about what we do?

I believe every one of our members is excited about what we do and what we represent. I think that our busy lives get in the way. So, I am asking each of you to think about taking a few of our squadron brochures and begin handing them out to people you see every day. Friends, store clerks, cashiers.....anyone!

Before you hand them a brochure, ask this one question: Do you know a boater? If they say yes, hand them a brochure to pass on to the person they are thinking about. And, tell them to say, "This may be the most important thing you can give a boater."

Any of you can do this. I encourage all of you to try. I know it won't be easy at first. It will feel uncomfortable. But, once you take a risk and do it, you will feel better.

BTW, your chances of running into a boater in your everyday activities are pretty good. We have 40,000 registered boats in Palm Beach County.

Let me know you want some brochures and I will get them to you.

Remember, I'm not asking you to rob a bank or do anything illegal or immoral. I'm asking you to do someone a favor, a BIG favor. Who knows, someday down the road, it just may save a life.

## What? Our Port Engine has Stopped?

From: Lt/C Calvin L. Cearley, P

Another story from my Coast Guard time in the Philippine Islands.

In the 50's and 60's the U. S. Coast Guard operated five LORAN stations at strategic location around the Philippine's.

Our Air detachment at a Navy Amphibious Air Base on Sangley Point, around the bay from Manila, had just two Grumman Albatross Sea Planes. One was always in the nose hanger for routine maintenance while the other was flying.

We flew five days a week. So, we were at each LORAN station every week. Our job was to deliver food, movies and electronic supplies to these outlying, mostly isolated locations. Two were water landings and the other three were on grass strips. The grass strips were so short for a big lumbering sea plane to take off we had to use JATO bottles (one on each side of the fuselage) to get up and airborne fast. JATO stands for "Jet Assist Take Off". They were about the size of a 50 gallon drum and they attached the back of the plane just below the stabilizers. The pilot had a button he pushed to engage the JATO bottles. When we got rudder control with our engine speed, the JATO's were started up and the whole plane shuttered and took off like a bat out of hell. We were airborne in just a few seconds.

So, now to my story.

One day on the way back to our base from Catalan Island we were at 10,000 feet in a bad cloud cover when our port engine just stopped running. Without any warning, the engine just shut down. The pilot, Lt Russell, had to feather that engine's prop until we could figure out what happened. We were flying as high as we could (without oxygen) so that we would clear the mountain range on the central part of Luzon. As the radioman, the pilot told me to go back and get on the radar and direct us to get over the coast line, away from the mountains. Remember we were in a dark thick cloud cover. The starboard engine was pushed up to max throttle and the co-pilot had to stand on the rudder to keep us flying sorta straight. We were sacrificing fuel to maintain altitude. After about two hours we were just off the coast of Manila and could see to land when we descended to 2,000 feet. On the way we tried to restart the engine and it would run for a few seconds then shut down again. We came in on one engine (just like on the training flights we had to perform periodically).

No problem. The co-pilot, Lt Greene, was just about worn out from holding the rudder over by standing on the foot controls. Once on the ground our chief mechanic came out and studied the situation for a couple of minutes and said to his helper, (go get me a class jar). He went over to the port wheel well where the fuel drain cock was and drained out a jar of gas. When the bubbles settled down we saw what the problem was. The Port fuel tank was about half full of water. It seems we had a rain storm the night before and someone at the tank farm left the lid on the top of the tank truck open and rain water came in an mixed with fuel. When we called for fuel and gassed up the next morning we were unaware of this and took on contaminated fuel.

The big question I had was, "what if we had also sucked up some water in the starboard tank?". I bent over and kissed the concrete ground.

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**Contact George & Patti Dohn, squadron members**  
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# February Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Lunch Bunch	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Juno Beach Fish House	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Board Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Lunch Bunch 11a m Duffy's	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday Cool'a Fish Bar, Legacy Place	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm Monthly Dinner Meet- ing ,Sandpiper	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Lunch Bunch 11 am Duffy's	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:30 am Boating Rendezvous, E.R. Bradley's
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday, Duffy's	<b>20</b> 5:30 pm Tipsy Tuesday, Waterway Café at Tiki Bar	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Lunch Bunch 11 am Duffy's, National Meeting, Orlando	<b>23</b> National Meeting, Orlando	<b>24</b> National Meeting, Orlando
<b>25</b> National Meeting, Orlando	<b>26</b> 5:30 pm Mischief Monday, Grande's	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm Wacky Wednesday, North Palm Beach Country Club, Tavern Restaurant			

**Sandpiper's Cove**, 116 Lakeshore Drive, NPB    **Ke'e Grill**: 14020 U.S. HWY 1, Juno Beach    **Waterway Café**: 2300 PGA Blvd; PBG  
**Duffy's**: corner Hwy 1 & PGA Blvd, PBG    **The Islander**, 181 Ocean Ave., Palm Beach Shores on Singer Island  
**North Pam Beach Country Club**: (NPBCC) 951 U.S. Hwy 1, North Pam Beach    **Cool'a Fish Bar**, 11340 Legacy Ave. E100, PBG



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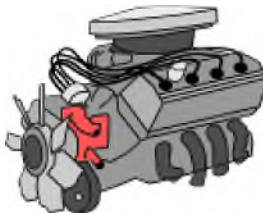

**Notice of ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION**  
 March 13, 2018 at Sandpiper's Cove,  
 116 Lakeshore Drive, NPB  
 See page 7 for details



Juno Beach Fish House

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

**NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS:** *The election of officers for the 2018-2019 Bridge Year will be held at the Squadron's Annual Meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 13 March, at Sandpiper's Cove Restaurant & Bar.*

### What you Need to Know

The Squadron's affairs are managed by the Board of Directors (Bylaws § 6.7). The members of the Board of Directors are the Commander, Executive Officer, Educational Officer, Administrative Officer, Secretary and Treasurer (collectively the Bridge Officers), Members at Large, and the most recent past commander willing and able to serve (Bylaws § 5.4). The Board of Directors is elected by the active members at the Annual Meeting in March of each year and takes office at the Change of Watch Ceremony the following June (Bylaws § 5.2).

Pursuant to Bylaws section 6.8, the Nominating Committee prepares a slate of officers for elected positions, which it then sends to the Secretary at least 40 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Secretary is required to send to each active member a copy of the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees together with a written notice of the annual meeting (Bylaws § 9.3). Publication of the Secretary's notice and the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees in this edition of the Afterdeck News satisfies the notice requirement contained in the Squadron's bylaws (Bylaw § 9.6).

There are two other ways in which officers may be nominated for election: (1) Nominees by Petition - Written petition signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before the annual meeting (Bylaws § 11.1); (2) Nominees for Vacancies in Nominating Committee's Slate - If vacancies exist in the Nominating Committee's Slate of Nominees, nominations may be made from the floor by active members at the Annual Meeting (Bylaws § 11.4).

Election to an uncontested office may be effected by a supported motion and a ballot cast and recorded by the Secretary (Bylaws § 11.5.2). Election to a contested office shall be by secret ballot, unsigned and cast in person (Bylaws § 11.5.3). No active member shall be eligible for nomination without first signifying a willingness and ability to serve if elected (Bylaws § 11.4).

### Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers

Commander..... Lt/C James DeArmond, AP  
Executive Officer..... Lt/C Calvin Cearley, P  
Educational Officer..... Lt/C Arthur Dodd, SN  
Administrative Officer..... 1st/Lt Laura Zavalia, AP  
Secretary..... Lt/C Beverley Johnstone, S  
Treasurer..... Alan Konzelman, S

Member at Large..... Lt Charles Blair, AP  
Member at Large..... D/C Joyce Newman, AP  
Member at Large..... P/C Kenneth Peters, SN  
Member at Large (Immediate Past Commander) Cdr Richard McClain, SN

Assistant Educational Officer..... Vacant  
Assistant Administrative Officer..... Lt Arlene Widmayer, S  
Assistant Secretary..... P/C Barbara Roemmele, JN  
Assistant Treasurer..... P/C Darryl Aubrey, SN

Auditing Committee (1 year)..... Michael Brooks, S  
Auditing Committee (2 years)..... Andras Andras, AP  
Auditing Committee (3 years)..... P/Lt/C Helene Hvizd, AP

Rules Committee (1 year)..... Daniel Carbone, AP  
Rules Committee (2 years)..... P/C Barbara Roemmele, JN  
Rules Committee (3 years)..... P/C Mary Dodd, SN

Nominating Committee (1 year)..... P/C Darryl Aubrey, SN  
Nominating Committee (1 year)..... Nancy Lawrence, P  
Nominating Committee (2 years)..... Lt Arlene Widmayer, S  
Nominating Committee (2 years)..... P/C Richard Wood, JN  
Nominating Committee (3 years)..... P/C Joyce Newman, AP  
Nominating Committee (Past Commander)..... P/C Richard McClain, SN

Filed by the Nominating Committee:

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P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN  
P/R/C Bob Malone, SN  
P/C Richard Wood JN  
Lt Arlene Widmayer, S  
Nancy Lawrence, P

## Operations Training

### History of the United States Power Squadrons®

Submitted by Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN



As February is the founding month of the United States Power Squadrons®, I thought it would be interesting to write about some fun facts about our squadron.

- The United States Power Squadrons® had it's humble beginnings at the Boston Yacht Club in the early 1900s
- Roger Upton was a sailing member of the Boston Yacht Club but the idea of the new fangled powerboats captivated him and he installed a 20 horsepower convertible kerosene– gasoline engine on his ketch .
- Roger Upton got together with other like-minded members and got permission of the Boston Yacht Club to start a club within a club to include the select group of gasliners.
- On 2 February 1914, at the New York Yacht Club, the United States Power Squadrons® was established.



- April 1914, the Roger Upton was granted a patent for the present United States Power Squadrons Ensign.
- During World War 1 and World War 2, members of the The United States Power Squadrons helped trained members of the Navy.
- The United States Power Squadrons is now over 100 years old.

Hope you enjoyed these fun facts. This information came from the National's United States Power Squadrons Historian Subcommittee Website. If you would like to learn more about the history of the United States Power Squadrons® go to <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/15000/15900/15200/2015-02-22-21-03-25>



### *From the Educational Officer* Lt/C Arthur Dodd, SN

How important is boating education? In 2016, Florida led the nation in boating accidents with a total of 714 reportable accidents. The leading type of accident, was collision with another vessel, with a total of 181 (25%). There were 56 fatal accidents resulting in 67 fatalities. 16 (29%) of the

fatal accidents, were falls overboard; this remains the leading cause of boating fatalities. The leading cause of death in fatal accidents was drowning, with 40 fatalities (60%). Alcohol or drug-use is reported to have played a role in 24% of boating fatalities. The 714 accidents resulted in 421 injuries. 70% of the operators involved in fatal accidents had NO formal boater education. What does this mean to us?

The USPS has been focused on boater education for decades. The result is that we have saved lives. Every student graduating from one of our classes has a significantly less chance of becoming a statistic. When someone asks you why they should take a boating class, tell them these facts. (Data from the FWC 2016 Boating Accidents Statistical Report.)

December, 2017, saw 3 courses wrap up: Seamanship (3 students passed: Judy Ballard, Joy Levin and Ivan Roman), Advanced Piloting (results not in yet) and Weather (4 students passed: Helene Hvizd, David Lee, Chuck Blair and John Findlay). Congratulations to all.

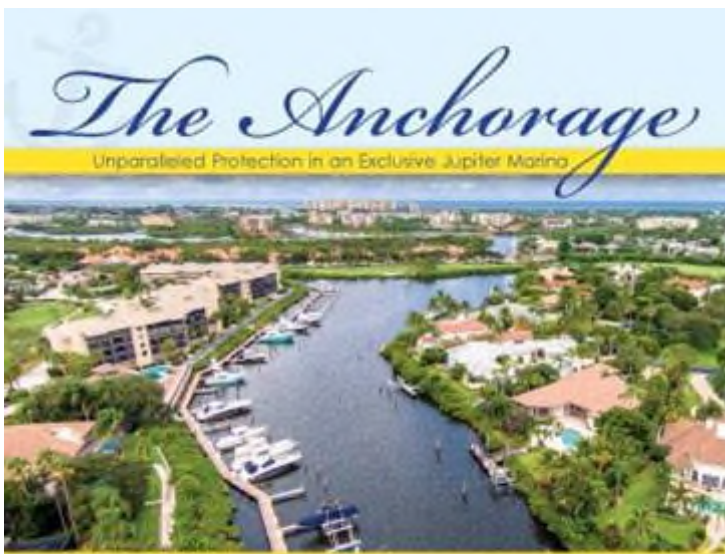
The Basic Boating Class given 6-7 January, had 7 students. All passed and 5 became new members of the Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

January had 5 courses starting: Piloting, Jr. Navigation, Cruise Planning, Marine Electrical Systems and Sail.

In March, 2018, there are 2 courses scheduled: Engine Maintenance, and Instructor Development, with P/C Rick Wood, SN, instructing.

Wanted: a Squadron member to become Assistant Squadron Educational Officer (ASEO). Duties include assisting the Squadron Educational Officer (SEO) in planning and running the Squadron education program. Requirements: the candidate should have attained at least an Educational Proficiency level (AP or higher with 3 electives).

If interested, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: P/C Darryl Aubrey, SN (561-691-9342), or P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN (561-254-5609).



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Answers from Last Month

- \*What does the number 1852 mean to a sailor? (1852 official definition of nautical mile in meters)
- \*Where will you be on 20450812? (Aug 12, 2045 = complete solar eclipse over Jupiter.)
- \*What does the "3 Minute Rule" mean to a sailor? (3 minutes is distance a boat will travel in yards in 3 min = speed in knots times 100.) Example: if a ship moves at 2 kn in 3 min., it will move in 200 yards
- \*How much is a fathom? (A unit of length equal to six feet (approximately 1.8 m), chiefly used in reference to the depth of water.)

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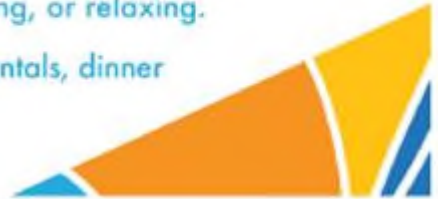
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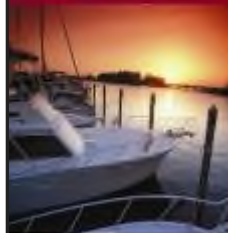
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## America's Waterway Watch

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As a person who spends time on or near the water, YOU already know what is normal and what is not, and YOU are well suited to notice suspicious activities -- activities possibly indicating threats to our nation's homeland security. As participant in America's Waterway Watch, we urge you to adopt a heightened sense of awareness toward unusual events or individuals you may encounter in or around ports, docks, marinas, riversides, beaches, or waterfront communities.

That being said, today's anti-terrorism environment is changing as evident of what has transpired recently. Our focus is on facilities, ports, waterways, infrastructure and shipping. We must be vigilant. If we are not then we are susceptible to attack. We need your help.

In 2016 the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) reported an increase in the amount of vessels stolen in the USA. Florida is ranked number one. The number is 5116. In case you were wondering. Which one of these can be used as a weapon? All 5116. Off the shelf technology has made it easier for those wishing to do us harm to carry out surveillance without alerting anyone to the activity.

We simply do not have the manpower to keep a constant eye. As with airplane pilots, most boaters have experience. Our approach is to use that knowledge and experience to our benefit. To solicit their eyes in helping us to determine things out of place or questionable activity. It maybe something as simple as somebody asking for the best fishing spot near a military base or a boat sitting directly under a bridge at night with no navigation lights on or a drone hovering over an oil transfer dock.

Recent actions have shown that the trend of people wishing to do us harm has moved from a larger cell down to a single person. This makes it even harder to detect. Even more is the need to keep our guard up. By enlisting help with American Waterway Watch adds another layer of security.

An added benefit is that areas that have fully embraced the American Waterways Watch have statistically seen a reduction in crime in those areas.

We have taken the approach to plaster American Waterways Watch all over social media, public presentations, signage, outreach and refocusing our air crews and boat crews to be alert for suspicious activities. This all gets vetted through the National Response Center at 877-24WATCH. It is up to you to report suspicious activity.



"WE SEE YOU"

There is no "one size fits all" approach that will serve in securing us from attack. We have over 12,000 miles of USA coast line. It requires continuous "out of the box thinking".

I would be more than happy to travel to you and meet when I return from sea and share ideas. In the meantime, if you have specific concerns or questions that must be addressed or if you would like literature then please contact me.

With Respect,  
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- Cookout on the beach Saturday evening
- Pancake breakfast Sunday morning on the beach for those who choose to remain overnight
- Sailing lessons in a stable American Sail 14.5' Day-sailor
- Star lecture under the many stars in an area free in light pollution – also a new moon
- Swimming and snorkeling
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If you must cancel your dinner reservation, please do so at least 24 hours before the event. The Squadron will be charged for all reservations unless cancelled in time and will seek reimbursement from those who do not timely cancel. Thank you.

### *MENU*

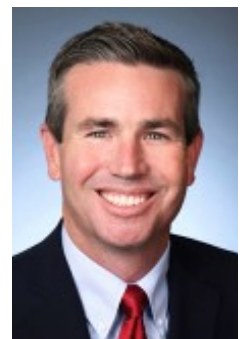
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