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### Making Great Lemonade Contributed by Ken Peters

When the Lights Go On Again, There'll Be Bluebirds Over the White Cliffs of Dover—Well, they did and there were, for this too shall come to an end. Guess I kinda dated myself with those two oldies. However, those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it, I, at least, remember that which I experienced.

“Well, Ollie, that’s one fine mess you’ve gotten us into.” To which he replied, “Let’s take this rotten situation and make some Great Lemonade.”

Online meeting and web conferencing are tools that enable businesses to collaborate with customers, clients, and/or students via the Internet in real time. Online conferencing, teaching, lecturing, Captains’ Meetings, and other “ing’s” may be the best Lemonade to result from this situation. Looking beyond Covid-19 to online classes, BOD, & General sessions during:

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*From the Commander*

Cdr Cal Cearley, P

Good day everyone,  
Well. I sure never expected my year to be like this. We are certainly in the most trying

times of our lives. Every day I pray that we will all come through this safely. Who could have imagined the whole world suffering from this virus? I am sure that by now you have seen on the news the extent to which we must act to protect ourselves from getting sick. As I read the news reports, medical research is making some progress on finding a cure, but it is months away. Cer-

tainly, staying in our houses except for absolutely essential trips has had its intended effect. So, there is a light at the end of this tunnel.

We will conduct an informal, all-voluntary, meeting at 7pm on-line the third and fourth Tuesdays, no agenda, and no minutes. Ken Peters has published the site to "go to meeting" in the Afterdeck publication. Please join us for some chit-chat and to make contact with your friends.

Everyone stay safe, wear a face mask when out in the public and stay a safe distance from others.

Respectfully yours,  
Cdr. Calvin I. Cearley, P.



*From the Rules Chair*

Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN

Operations Training  
Elected Positions Continued  
Squadron Educational Officer

Last month's article was about the Commander and Executive Officer's responsibilities. This month I will be discussing the Squadron Educational Officer's (SEO) responsibilities

Our SEO this year is Lt/C Arthur Dodd, SN. The SEO has the rank of Lieutenant Commander (Lt/C). The SEO also has an elected Assistant Squadron Educational Officer who this year is P/D/C Ed Hoover, AP and has the rank of 1st Lt. Both need to be approved by the District Educational Officer before being nominated.

The SEO is a member of the National Educational Department and the District Educational Department and manages the Educational Department

The Squadron Educational Department is led by the SEO and local boards The entire department is all about education and making it available to members and public alike and includes the ASEO, Chairs of local boards and instructors. A few of the SEO's duties are to schedule courses and seminars, train and certify instructors and offer the American Boating Course to the public. Chapter 6 in the Operational Manual will give you an appreciation of what is involved to maintain the integrity of the courses and the associated grades

Information for this article comes from the Operations Training Manual 2020 and the Operations Training in 3. Next month we will discuss the Administrative Officer's position. The answer to this month's question will appear in next month's Afterdeck.

This Month's Question: How many merit marks does a member have to receive to become a Senior Member?

Last month's answer Who was the first commander of Palm Beach Power Squadron? The first Commander of the Palm Beach Power Squadron was Henry C. Gibson, JN 1945-1946





## From the Educational Officer

LT/C ARTHUR DODD, SN

The following changes have been made to the 2020 class schedule due to the Covid-19 situation:

Cruise Planning has been tentatively rescheduled to start on Wednesday, September 23.

The ABC3 class at the North Palm Beach Library scheduled to start May 11 has been cancelled.

So far, the other courses remain unchanged. The modified schedule is shown below. Note that the schedule may (will probably) have to change further, depending on how events unfold.

**Pop Quiz:** You're cruising along and suddenly encounter this buoy (image to right) - What is it?

What's coming. There are, of course, a lot of unknowns about the future; however, we will be working to try to get something available online:

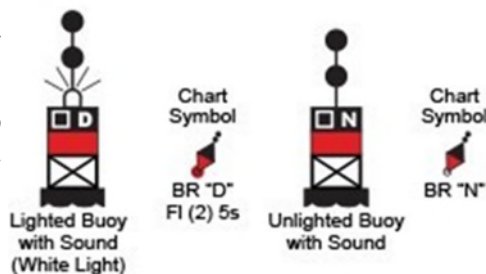
Instructor Re-certification seminar: this looks like a possibility to be held in an online session. It's not just for an instructor who needs re-certification (instructors who teach the ABC3 course must be certified, and re-certify every 4 years). The information is applicable to anyone in an instructing situation.

OpenCPN seminar: OpenCPN is an open-sourced navigational software that has been included by USPS in Piloting and Advanced Piloting. It is installed on a laptop or tablet and can be used to plan a trip on a boat; then the information can be downloaded onto the chart plotter. This seminar will act as an introduction to OpenCPN. This is another possibility to be presented as an online class.

If you are looking for something to do, may I suggest one of the America's Boating Club online seminars? Simply go to: <https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education> and find a seminar that interests you. The seminars typically cost \$30. In many cases, there is a student guide available in eBook format (additional \$13).

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**Pop Quiz Answer:** This is an isolated danger marker. It shows the location of a submerged obstruction that has safe water around it. Examples would be a shipwreck or solitary rock.

### ABC3 Classes

May sessions are cancelled

14, 16, 21, & 23 July | 1900 at HQ

Additional classes in September & early November

### 2020 Course Schedule

#### Advanced Grades

| Course  | Length/Day          | Start Date | Exam Date  | Instructor          | \$\$  |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|-------|
| Boat Handling   | 10 Weeks/Mon        | 6/15/2020  | 8/24/2020  | P/Cdr Rick Wood, JN | \$70  |
|   | 10 Weeks/Mon        | 12/7/2020  | 2/1/2021   | P/Cdr Rick Wood, JN | \$70  |
| Piloting  | 8 Weeks/Mon         | 9/14/2020  | 10/26/2020 | Lt Mike Galvin, SN  | \$100 |
| Adv. Piloting   | 13 Weeks            | TBD        | TBD        | TBD                 | \$90  |
| Junior Nav  | 20 Weeks/Weds       | 1/8/2020   | 5/27/2020  | P/C Darryl Aubrey   | \$100 |
| Navigation  | Scheduled as needed |            |            | P/C Darryl Aubrey   |       |
| * Boat Handling advisable but not mandatory before Piloting and Sail Courses. |                     |            |            |                     |       |
| **Boat Handling and Piloting must be passed prior to taking Adv. Piloting     |                     |            |            |                     |       |

#### Elective Courses

|                    |                |           |           |                     |      |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|------|
| Weather            | 8 Weeks/Weds   | TBD       |           | TBD                 | \$70 |
| Cruise Planning    | 9 Weeks/Weds   | 9/23/2020 | 12/9/2020 | P/C Ken Peters, SN  | \$70 |
| Marine Electr. Sys | 8 Weeks/Thurs  | 9/10/2020 | 11/5/2020 | Lt Larry Rudner, SN | \$60 |
| Marine Comm.       | 8 Weeks/Weds   | 7/22/2020 | 9/9/2020  | Lt Hal Leahy        | \$60 |
| Sail               | 12 Weeks/Thurs | TBD       |           | Lt Jon Arck, P      | \$70 |
| Instr. Development | 8 Weeks/       | TBD       |           | TBD                 | Free |
| Engine Maintenance | 10 Weeks/      | TBD       |           | TBD                 | \$70 |

- All courses will be held at the Squadron HQ Building, 1125 Old Dixie Hwy, Lake Park.
- All classes begin at 7 PM.
- Participants are requested to register for classes at least two weeks in advance.
- Fees listed are USPS member prices; non-member prices are 2X member prices, 2 people sharing materials is 1.5X member prices.

# Women are from Venus or Paris; Men, Mars or Detroit

By Jim Bloom

One afternoon in 2004, Judy and I were in Antigua, at the Skullduggery Coffee Shop, in Falmouth Harbour. We were sitting over cappuccinos with Marsha and Bob Perry from *Crusader* discussing the important things in life – boats, cruising and how to keep track of what is stowed where, among other things.

I explained that over the years I developed a system of listing every spare or piece of equipment on board in an A-Z telephone book, in pencil, and adding where it is stowed. I was explaining my system as it related to my coming aboard *Valiant Lady*. Initially, it was time consuming but in the long run it was a god-send. Every cubby had a designated name such as “aft berth aft” or “aft berth outboard,” etc. For example: “Pump, Bilge - aft berth aft.” I also cross reference it as “Bilge Pump.” By using pencil I was able to change the location if moved or erase items when used. It was better than a computer; no electricity needed, no time to warm up. Fast.

When Judy and I got married twelve years before, at that day, we each owned a comfortable great sailing boat; I a Gulfstar 37, *Michaya II*, and Judy a Valiant 40, *Valiant Lady*. Recognizing the fact that we did not want to be a two boat family, we decided to keep the blue water Valiant and sell the Gulfstar.

For me, moving on to *Valiant Lady* meant learning a lot of new systems and taking an inventory of everything on the boat so I could find things. This part was easy. I really had to get into every nook and learn the boat and know where everything was kept. This procedure went smoothly.

Things went less smoothly when I needed a service manual, however. For example, I'd ask, “Honey, how do I set the VHF to dual watch?” She'd respond, “Look it up in the owner's manual.” “Where's the owner's manual for the VHF?” “In the blue box,” I was told. “Great, but where in the blue box? I can't find it.” “Under 'K,' 'K' for King!” “K” for King? I'd ask myself. “Where's the service manual for the wind vane?” “Under 'M' for Monitor!” “M” for Monitor? True, everything was organized alphabetically in the blue box but I had to know who made what piece of equipment. To her it all made sense. I didn't have a clue!

To explain: Judy had *Valiant Lady* built for her in 1986, one of the first Texas Valiants, and after much research, she had specified each piece of equipment she wanted installed such as a SEA222 SSB radio, Cybernet A/M F/M tape player, King VHF radio, Monitor wind vane, Nova Cool refrigerator, Four Winds wind generator to name a few. She knew each piece of equipment and who made it. Everything, therefore, was organized by the brand name of the manufacturer instead of the generic, “rifle, model

M-1, gas operated, etc.” You get the picture.

One of our earliest “discussions,” as to how things could be changed on *Valiant Lady* to accommodate the new comer, was about reorganizing the now infamous blue box. Judy couldn't understand my reasoning; “everyone knows that the bilge pump is a Par,” unless of course it's a Sureflo! But, “everybody” didn't know, include me.

After a couple of weeks, or even less, and over Judy's objections and lack of understanding, the system was changed to generic: “A” was for alternator, not “M” for Motorola; Cybernet went under “R” for radio as did King and SEA (here I could have compromised and left it under “S” for Single Side Band, I guess). I did compromise on the autopilot and let it remain under “A,” the manufacturer was Alpha. After a while, Judy relented and agreed that it worked better for me.

As I was relating this Venus and Mars scenario to Bob and Marsha they were in hysterics laughing; I was afraid Marsha was going to have an accident right there at the table. “There's a story here,” said Marsha “you have to write an article about this.” She was right.

Remember, it's a purse not a Luis Vuitton!

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# Join With



| Week | Session Name                     |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | PBSPS-BOD-Meeting                |
| 2    | PBSPS-General-Membership-Meeting |
| 3    | Ad-Hoc-Online-Session            |
| 4    | Ad-Hoc-Online-Session            |
| 5    | -- open --                       |

All meetings occur online **Tuesday evening**

**PBSPS-BOD-Meeting** -> 5 May, 2 June, 7 July

These meetings are not that different than the regular meetings. Documents may be passed electronically. As with the regular BOD meetings, any documents

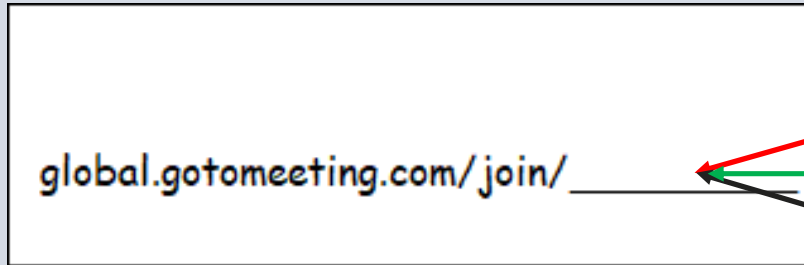
**PBSPS-General-Membership-Meeting** -> 12 May, 19 June, 3 July

This session will become an official squadrone meeting. In any event, a program will be offered.

**Ad-Hoc-Online-Session** -> 19 & 26 May, 23 June, 30 July

These twice monthly offerings will be more about computer topics, as well as member

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2-May, 9 June




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& 30 June

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This news should be greeted with, "It's about time," for us computer-savvy sailors as we can obtain the same data online for free to save as a PDF file or print it ourselves. We Little Guys should not go to sea without a paper chart. Most of us are able to print our own A-Size (8.5" x 11") charts. For larger B-Size (11' x 17") may be printed at HQ or Office Depot. Use Office Depot for C-Size and larger.

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Top photo -> D8 Conference members and supporting online crew. 25 of 53 in attendance are shown

Left -> D/C Ed Hoover and Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron crew members with a good friend from Miami Sail & Power Squadron



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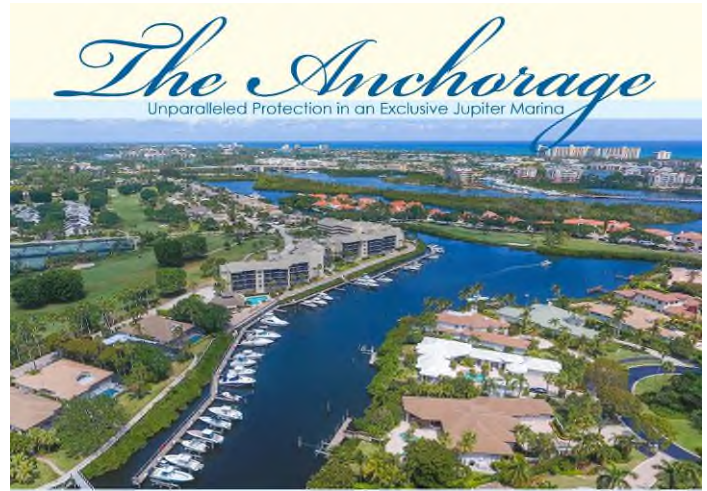
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| Week | Session Name                     | Link  | Access Code | Phone for Audio |
|------|----------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|
| 1    | PBSPS-BOD-Meeting                | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/642186045">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/642186045</a> | 642-186-045 | (872) 240-3212  |
| 2    | PBSPS-General-Membership-Meeting | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/158415957">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/158415957</a> | 158-415-957 | (669) 224-3412  |
| 3    | Ad-Hoc-Online-Session            | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/859236925">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/859236925</a> | 859-236-925 | (872) 240-3212  |
| 4    | Ad-Hoc-Online-Session            | <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/859236925">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/859236925</a> | 859-236-925 | (872) 240-3212  |
| 5    | -- open --                       |   |             |                 |

All meetings occur online **Tuesday evenings at 1900**

**PBSPS-BOD-Meeting** -> 5 May, 2 June, 7 July, 4 August

These meetings are not that different than our face-to-face meetings

Documents may be passed electronically prior to the session commencement or live during the session

As with the regular BOD meetings, any member is permitted (encouraged) to attend and contribute as outlined in our operating documents

**PBSPS-General-Membership-Meeting** -> 12-May, 9 June

This session will become an official squadron meeting only if there is a quorum present

In any event, a program will be offered as with our live meetings at the North Palm Beach Country Club

**Ad-Hoc-Online-Session** -> 19 & 26 May, 23 & 30 June

These twice monthly offerings will be multi-functional in that the content will be to flesh out some online training in marine and computer topics, as well as member driven suggestions - please let us know what you would like to see

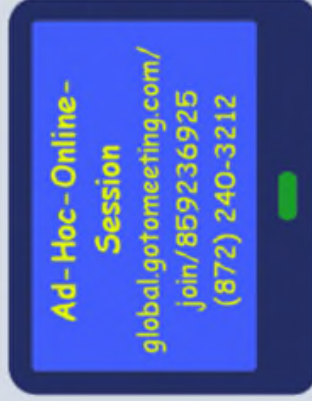
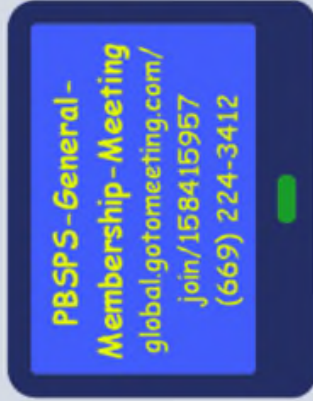
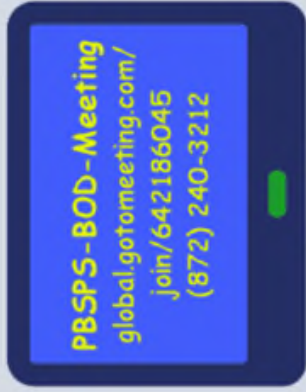
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|                              | 859236925 | Ad Hoc             |

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It cannot get much easier than that. By-the-way, the phone numbers are to use when you have poor or no Wi-Fi audio; it may be used when you are connected with video and your camera.



The below may be used for an instant one-on-one session to answer a quick question on an application where more than a phone call is required.

