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 the way as  
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## AUDETE IMPERIO

reign is  
 about to  
 get  
 underway!



The C.O.W. Came and  
 Went  
 2021 Change of Watch  
 was ...

The new officers:

On the left is Yanni Pishos,  
 Executive Officer, Joe  
 Tringali, Education Officer,  
 Pam Piccone, Administra-  
 tive Officer, Barbara  
 Roemmele, Secretary. Not  
 present physically but in  
 spirit our Treasurer Rob-  
 erta Stephens



Past Com-  
 manders pass-  
 ing the flag. Is  
 it anything like  
 passing the  
 'buck'?



The 'buck' stopped here.  
 Laura Zavalia the new Com-  
 mander.  
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 hold on!

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## From the Editor—Musings & Mutterings

We have a great new sponsor in Castaways Sailing. Soon, hopefully, they will sponsor us as it is my belief that together we can partner in better safer boating.

There are three Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron members who also are Castaways; they are Jon Arck, Jim Bloom, and myself. We have helped (or at least tried to aid) in the conduct of their sailing races.

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## From the Commander

Cdr Laura Zavalia, N

### The COW Came and Went

Change of Watch, 9 March 2021

Do y'all realize what you just did? You voted in a Los Angeles, California, Valley Girl as your next Commander! Yikes, and you know it is all Rick Wood's fault. Totally, for sure! I took his Seamanship course a few years ago and he encouraged me to attend the monthly board meetings just to see how the Squadron works. Before I knew it, I became a Member at Large, then Administrative Officer and then...

While I was helping out Arlene and the ladies put on a hospitality suite for the District at the Embassy Suites. You know the one at PGA and Military, right across from Anchor Bank. Well, in walked Lee Popham. My heart skipped a beat. We ended up chatting for a bit, then exchanged business cards and we have been together ever since! He has been gently encouraging me to become Commander. Collusion! Like for sure! Collusion! Lee and Rick have been colluding all along; it's obvious!

Let me tell you just a tiny bit about Lee. He is currently the Commander of the Miami Squadron, was Commander of our district, and was Treasurer on the National Board for 3 years. While he was Treasurer, I had the honor of decorating his arm at a lot of events and met a lot of people. Do you know who Mary Paige is? She is our Chief Commander. I was at the meeting where she was sworn in. She got up in front of 3 or 4 hundred people and said "membership is job one". Ok, hmm, membership is job one. Hey Pam! Pam is our Administrative Office and does a lot of things for our Squadron. One of those is things processing membership applications. Hey Pam! How many members do we have right now? She said 164. How many did we have, say, 12 months ago? She said 210. I'm not very good at math but that is about 50 that we lost in a year. Ouch!



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I say to myself again, membership is job one. Hmm. Why would anyone want to be a member of this organization? What is in it for them? Oh, we can spice up our meetings a bit. We could maybe put a poker table in the back of the room or, or, or, yes this is it, we could have lectures on celestial navigation! Oh, I got it now, THIS is totally it, yeah! We can have on-the-water activities! Everyone loves being out on the water in boats!

Hey Harry! Harry is a yacht broker at SYS Yacht Sales next to the Dive Bar in Jupiter Yacht Club and he is our Activities Coordinator. Hey Harry, could you make me a list of activities for say, the next 12 months? Then he handed me a list of activities! Wow Harry! I then asked him if I could keep the list to make copies to hand out then he handed me 50 copies to hand out! Wow Harry! how did you know? Beverly Johnstone promptly handed them out to all the 50 people in attendance.

*We are going to have fun this year whether we like it or not!*

What about our awesome education courses that our awesome instructors teach, you ask? As we invite our friends and their friends to these monthly outings we have, they will learn from us just by hanging out with us. Soon they will be taking our courses.

Past Commander Cal Cearley paid for everyone's drinks at the Change of Watch. Thank you, Cal.

Arlene Widmayer made arrangements for the restaurant, menu, table decorations and podium. Thank you.

Mary Ann McClain and Lois Nehmer-Schiff checked people in at the front desk, Thank you.

Lee Popham came from Miami and performed the ceremony. Thank you.

Pam Piccone helped with the set up at the restaurant and made sure the flags were there. Thank you.

Harry put together the list of activities for the next 12 months. Thank you.

In a perfect world, the events would be scheduled the weekend after our monthly board meetings but before the monthly general meetings. Invite your friends. If you are like me, and don't own a boat, there are lots of people who do and are always looking for crew. Just contact any one of us on the inside cover is our contact info.

Now this article is way too long. The future ones will be much shorter because, as far as I am concerned, writing is just another form of torture. (I have a BA degree in photography if that says anything.) Me-Silly Valley Girl!

*From the Rules Chair*

Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN

## **Operations Training**

As April is the Month of the District Council on 10 April 2021 and District Conference on 17 April 2021, which will also be the Annual Meeting where the elected officers are vot-

ed in and installed. I thought this would be a good time to talk about the districts of the United States Power Squadrons® and especially our district, District 8

Districts were and are created by National to geographically associate squadrons in that area or region.

- ◆ Their purpose is to inform and assist the local squadrons in the area, to help them stay abreast of new policies, using new technologies & tools. To facilitate the sharing of knowledge/experience among the district's squadrons
- ◆ In the past, geographical proximity was more critical than it is in today's world of electronic tools. However, it still impacts travel distances for meetings, events, activities, and the face time needed to conduct some essential business.
- ◆ Each district has its own by-laws
- ◆ Members of the districts are the members of the squadrons in that geographical area

Our squadron belongs to District 8. District 8 was chartered in October 1939. The first squadron in District 8 was Miami Power Squadron. At one time District 8 covered the whole of Florida. In 1957 District 8 area was separated into 3 districts District 22 West Coast of FL, District 23 Northeast Coast and District 8 Southeast Coast that covers Sebastian to Key West.

The District Council is similar to our Board of Directors Meeting. Voting members of the Council include the District Bridge Officers, members of the General Committees, all squadron Commanders of the District, and the Immediate Past District Commander.

A District Conference is similar to a General Membership except members that can vote at a Conference includes members of the Council, all Past District Commander and delegates from each of the squadrons who are selected by the Squadron Commander. The number of delegates each squadron is allowed is based on the mem-



bership the squadron had in March of the year and a squadron gets 1 delegate for every 25 members the squadron has.

Last month's question: The United States

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This month question: What does the gray border around District's 8 burgee stand for?

Cdr Laura Zavalia, N led a group of Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron members and guests on a tour of the US Navy Seal Museum in Ft Pierce.

The arrangements for our tour were made by our Squadron Administrative Officer, Lt/C Pam Piccone, S.



**On-The-Water, Non-water training and Visits for the next year are:**

March -> Navy Seal Museum, Ft Pierce

**April -> Raft up - ICW Marker 44**

May -> Barbeque - Carlin Park

June -> Rendezvous - Florida Keys

July -> Flare-Up Proper Use & Disposal

August -> Poker Run ICW to OPC, NPB

September -> Astronomical Observatory, FAU, Boca Raton

October -> Cruise to West End

November -> CPR/First Aid - PB County Fire Department

December -> Raft up - Lake worth by OPC

January -> Border Patrol - if we still have one then

February -> Raft up - Peck Lake

March -> Barbeque - Anchorage Park, NPB

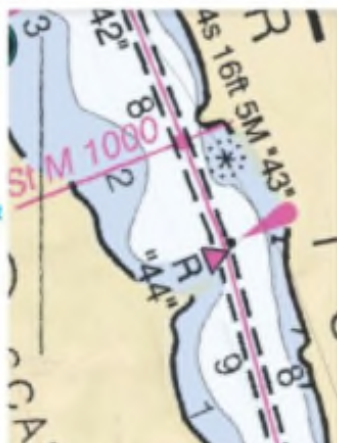


**Raft-Up at Marker 44 in the intracoastal waterway just a tad north of the Jupiter Inlet 10 April 2021 - Around 11 am to whenever**

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Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday	20-Mar-21	1100	Navy SEAL Museum	Ft Pierce
Tuesday	6-Apr-21	1900	Bridge Meeting	HQ
Saturday	10-Apr-21	TBA	Raft Up	ICW Marker 44
Monday	12-Apr-21	1730	Mischief Monday	Juno Beach Fish House
Tuesday	13-Apr-21	1730	General Meeting	Belle's Bar & Grill, Old Port Cove, NPB
Monday	19-Apr-21	1730	Mischief Monday	Grande's - Donald Ross Rd
Monday	26-Apr-21	1730	Mischief Monday	Cool-A-Fish Bar - Legacy Place
Tuesday	4-May-21	1900	Bridge Meeting	HQ
Saturday	8-May-21	TBA	Picnic	
Tuesday	11-May-21	1730	General Meeting	Belle's Bar & Grill, Old Port Cove, NPB
Tuesday	1-Jun-21	1900	Bridge Meeting	HQ
Saturday	5-Jun-21	TBA	Florida Keys	Florida Keys
Tuesday	12-Jun-21	1730	General Meeting	Belle's Bar & Grill, Old Port Cove, NPB
Tuesday	6-Jul-21	1900	Bridge meeting	
Saturday	10-Jul-21	TBA	Flare Up	
Tuesday	13-Jul-21	TBA	General Meeting	
Tuesday	3-Aug-21	1900	Bridge Meeting	
Saturday	7-Aug-21	TBA	Poker Run	
Tuesday	10-Aug-21	1730	General Meeting	
Tuesday	7-Sep-21	1900	Bridge Meeting	
Saturday	11-Sep-21	TBA	Astronomical Observatory	
Tuesday	14-Sep-21	1730	General Meeting	
Tuesday	5-Oct-21	1900	Bridge Meeting	
Saturday	9-Oct-21	TBA	West End Bahamas	
Tuesday	12-Oct-21	1730	General Meeting	
Tuesday	2-Nov-21	1900	Bridge Meeting	
Saturday	6-Nov-21	TBA	CPR class	
Tuesday	9-Nov-21	1730	General Meeting	
Tuesday	7-Dec-21	1900	Bridge Meeting	
Saturday	11-Dec-21	TBA	Raft Up	
Tuesday	14-Dec-21	TBA	General Meeting	
Tuesday	4-Jan-22	1900	Bridge Meeting	
Saturday	8-Jan-22	TBA	Border Patrol	
Tuesday	11-Jan-22	1730	General Meeting	
Tuesday	1-Feb-22	1900	Bridge Meeting	
Saturday	5-Feb-22	TBA	Raft Up	
Tuesday	8-Feb-22	1730	General Meeting	
Tuesday	1-Mar-22	1900	Bridge Meeting	
Saturday	5-Mar-22	TBA	BBQ	
Tuesday	8-Mar-22	TBA	General Meeting	

Growing up on the Jersey Shore just was available to us. This was a per mer vacations, and little else.

My Dad commuted to the city each The task of fish catching, catching very willing shoulders.

The first daytime date with Mary, with the procurement of said sea fo and later, the preparations of said

Mom and Dad remained curiously, cleaned and prepared the catch, Da hear, I was told in no uncertain ter eye as he admonished me to mind m

I digress now to the story that star

As a 50-year-old bachelor wh at least a decade, I almost g enjoyed adventure and the wa chaired a singles group. He as functions. I didn't feel comfo begged me to reconsider, and for Thanksgiving and who migh

As soon as I walked in, I noti us, and during our conversatio including boating.

On our second date, I took K liked it, she tried to out-fish and visiting Caladesi Island ne to the marina, loaded it on th

I excused myself to visit the stop included buying beer. Wh



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### Who says that grown men don't cry?

South of Sandy Hook, I was privileged do experience the fishing, crabbing, and clamming that od of the late 40s just after the war. I was in high school with interests in sports, girls, sum-

day. Every summer he would host a party at our home in Rumson for those who he worked with. the Jersey Blue Claws, and digging the soft clams as well as the hard-shell clams fell to my

the young lady who would become my wife and lover some 7 years in the future, was to help me od. Now she was not familiar with any of the means or techniques necessary for the catches seafood. Never-the-less, we together exceeded Dad's expectations and requirements.

d, as I found out later, wisely silent on the ladies that I dated. As Mom, Dad, Mary, and I d mouthed something to Mom that I did not hear. When I asked him to say it again so I could ms that it was privileged communication between a husband and wife; I did see a twinkle in his y own business.

ted my tears to flow. This appeared in The Ensign or a like magazine.

o'd been hoping to do America's Great Loop for ve up on my dream of finding a partner who ter. Then a call came from a friend who ked if I'd attend a meeting to help plan singles rtable with the idea and said I was busy. He I thought about my single sister who was down t like to go. Reluctantly, I accepted.

ced an attractive woman. My friend introduced n she mentioned she enjoyed outdoor activities,

thy out fishing. Sure enough, she not only me! After a nice day catching speckled trout ar Clearwater, Florida, we took the boat back e trailer, and parked it.

marina restroom, saying I'd be right back. My ile chatting with the marina



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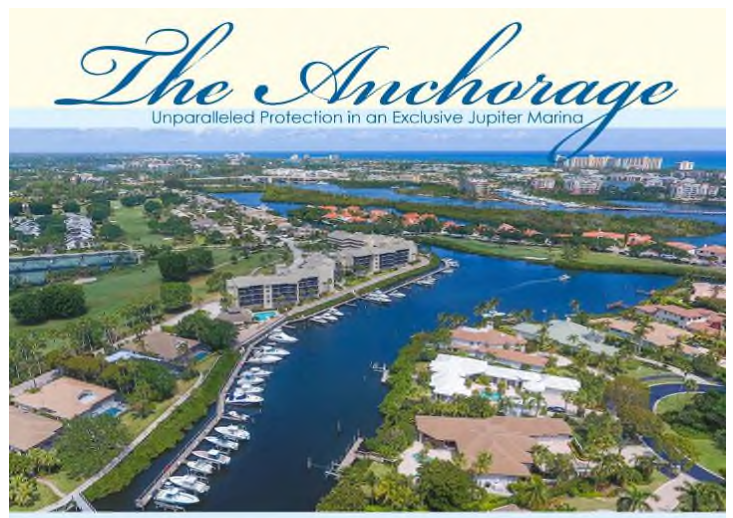
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**Celestial happenings recently include:**

- ◆ The switch to Daylight Savings was handled better by my skipper this time than the switch back to Standard Time last fall. It seems that he likes to do it precisely on time. Setting his alarm for 0300, he got up to set the clock back an hour as required in the fall—fall back and all that. Well he did it, went back to bed, but the alarm went off once again at 0300, when he repeated the process. After several iterations of this he awoke to find it light out at 0300 in the morning. Do I need a sharper captain?
- ◆ On the morning of March 5th, Mercury & Jupiter were less than 1/2 degree apart in the morning sky. The following day Mercury was at its maximum extend west of the sun.



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- ◆ On Wednesday morning, April 7, 2021, the waning crescent Moon will have shifted to appear about 5 degrees to the lower right of the bright planet Jupiter, with the planet Saturn farther to the right. The Moon will rise last in the east-southeast about 45 minutes before morning twilight begins at 4:58 a.m. EDT.
- ◆ Though active between April 16-25, 2021, the Lyrid meteor shower will this year take place under the watch of a 70%-lit waxing gibbous Moon. That's not ideal, and means you'll only see the very brightest "shooting stars" from the expected 10 to 15 meteors per hour.

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manager, both of us looked over to notice Kathy ... cleaning the boat! The manager, who was used to seeing my previous dates run for hills after a day of boating with me, asked, "Did you ask her to do that?"

"No, of course not," I said.

"Bill," he quickly responded, "she's a keeper."

We've been married for 15 years

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now — and completed the Great Loop together in 2013.

Now for the Rest-of-the-Story!

On the first day that Mary & I moved into our Merritt Island home after I had left the David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton, NJ, my Dad passed, leaving Mom alone in Rumson. After a year, she moved into the apartment she and Mary built onto our home on the island.

Most evenings Mary and I would watch, what I called the Vanna White show on her TV. Afterward we would sit and talk with Mom. Once, before she too passed, we were speaking of growing up in Rumson. We talked of the "good old days." They were actually "great old days."

Mom and my Mary were good buddies from the time I brought her to help with the catch for Dad's party. Then I remembered something from our past. I asked her what

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it was that Dad said to her that day while preparing the ocean harvest. She quickly responded, "She's a keeper." 1 April 1956 was our wedding day - it was Easter Sunday that year.

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What would be your answer to a guy who asked for your help in catching a bushel or two of these Blue Claw Crabs



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on your first daytime date together?

No one that I know of has ever been bitten by any known crab of this type.

Oh they have been pinched but never bitten!

Would I lie? Yes, I'm doing it now.

# AFTERDECK NEWS

APRIL 2021

"Come for the Boating Education . . . Stay for the Friends."



At our **April General Membership Meeting**, expect to be greeted at the door as you arrive by some VIPs. They will dine with us and provide our dinner music as well as an enlightening presentation prior to our official meeting.

Arrangements for these VIPs were provided by **Jeanette and P/C Cal Cearley, P.**  
Thank you Jeanette & Cal.

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To:

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### General Membership Meeting

Tuesday Evening 13 April Live at Belle's Bar & Grill , Old Port

Cost per person—\$40.00

**Menu choices: 1) Chicken Marsala, 2) Beef Tips or 3) Seared Tuna then Key Lime Pie or Fruit Cup.**

Seating to begin at 1730 – 1800  
Cocktails 1745 / Dinner 1845 / Meeting 1945

**FACE MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED**