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**LOCATION CHANGE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS**



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**BANANA RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON ACTIVITIES  
YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS**



Tall Ship Mary Washington

**APRIL GENERAL MEETING**

Monday April 15

6:30 Social 7:15 Program

**Kelly's Burgers and Beer**

**650 North Wickham Road**

**Melbourne, FL 32935**

**See Page 10 for more Info**



**BOAT HANDLING COURSE**

(Old Seamanship Course)

Begins April 10 for 6 weeks

6:30 pm

Keiser University

900 S Babcock St. Melbourne 32901

**CALL 321 220-7775**



**D23 SPRING PICNIC**

Saturday, May 18

10:00 to 4:00

Sand Point Park

101 N. Washington Ave

Titusville, FL 32796

See Page 18-20 for more Info

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Shari Marshall, AP

### *What's In A Name?*



Why change our name, you ask? Times are changing. Our name, United States Power Squadrons, does not resonate with the public. What does a “squadron” mean? What does “power” mean? Nowhere does it imply that we are a boating organization.

Today's boaters are different from our traditional members.

- Many have smaller boats, less than 26 feet, and are on a trailer. Most of them boat on rivers and lakes and are not interested in learning piloting or navigation.
- Many boaters fit boating into their lifestyle, but it may not be a primary focus. They have busy lives and often have older children at home.
- Young people who enjoy the water are more interested in paddle sports such as kayaking, canoeing, and paddle boarding as well as fishing and sail surfing.

America's Boating Club -For Boaters, by Boaters is exactly what we are.; a boating organization. It allows us to continue to promote education, having fun, and be a service in the community.

The logo is modern and includes elements of power, sail, and paddle craft. It shows fluidity, movement, and water. It demonstrates action and is forward looking.

Thus, we need to update our image in order to appeal to today's boaters. Our name must identify who we are and why someone should be interested in what we do. That includes moving away from “Banana River Sail and Power Squadron.” Our prospective membership lives from Rockledge to the Sebastian River, the southern half of Brevard County, i.e. South Brevard. Our current membership boats on the Indian River, Turkey Creek, Sebastian Inlet, as well as the Banana River.

Remember, we are officially United States Power Squadrons, and the Squadron is legally known as Banana River Sail & Power Squadron, but we will be doing business as America's Boating Club of South Brevard for public marketing purposes.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: LT/C STEPHANIE MURPHY, P

### BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES:

**DATE:** March 18, 2019

**LOCATION:** Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach, FL

#### Exec Board Attending

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; P/C Don Kadlac, P; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P; Lt/C Monika Bradley, SP; P/C James Merker, AP; Lt/C Gail Wall, P.

#### Exec Board Absent

P/D/C Robert Becker, SN; Lt/C John Pechar, P; Lt Harvey Inventasch, S; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN.

#### Members Attending: 12

#### Visitors:

Rudy and Jill Sechez

The meeting was called to order at 1915 by Cdr Marshall who lead the Pledge.

Cdr Marshall introduced the Sechez's who led a discussion about navigating the ICW. They did actual demonstrations of line throwing, ATON identification, and shared guide books to help in finding fuel, accommodations, emergency services, and restaurants along the ICW.

#### Commander's Report:

Cdr Marshall reported on the D23 Spring Conference attended by the Kadlacs, Gail Wall, Shari Marshall, and John Jones. Major item at the USPS Annual Meeting and District meeting was member recruitment and retention and how the new logo and name (America's Boating Club) will help with both.

#### Executive Officer Report:

Don Kadlac reported on his and Kathy's attendance at the USPS Annual Meeting and D23 Meeting. He is actively working on attending area nautical fairs and marine expos.

#### Admin Officer Report:

Gail Wall stated that the 2019 BRSPS Calendar is under development including the D23 Picnic on 5/18, Flare-Up on 6/1, Waypoint Challenge on

6/29, Man Overboard on 6/29, Corn Roast on 7/13, Fall D23 Conference 19 and our COW TBD.

Gail asked members to let her know of any activities in which they would like to participate.

Several members are checking out different venues to hold our future meetings starting in April 2019. If you have any suggestions, please contact Gail at [gail.brsp@gmail.com](mailto:gail.brsp@gmail.com).

#### Secretary's Report:

Current membership stands at 60 plus 2 associate members.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Monika Bradley reported the current checking and savings account balances. She stated that the Federal form 990 was submitted.

#### Ed Department Report:

Jim Merker provided the following report: ABC3 was cancelled due to lack of attendance. Junior Basic Boating began this morning with 8 students.

Instructor Development began on 6 March to last three to four weeks.

We will be performing several Vessel Safety Checks in the near future to allow all students who passed the previous course to attain their certification. In addition, another VSC course will be scheduled.

Boat Handling (which is the new name for the Seamanship course) will begin on 6 April to run for about six weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

Next General meeting location is TBD.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on 9 April at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy

BRSPS Secretary

March 27, 2019



**FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: LT/C STEPHANIE MURPHY, P**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH MEETING**



**Jill and Rudy Sechez with Cdr Marshall**



**Ernst, Monika, Judy, Gail and Nancy**



**Jill preparing to heave a line**



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**P/V/C Richard M. Peoples,SN**



On March 7, Dick notified Cdr Marshall that he regretfully needed to resign his duties with the Squadron. Dick moved to Victoria Landings and his new address is 1279 Houston Street, Appt. 1002, Melbourne, FL 32935-7001. His phone and email are still the same. Please give him a call or stop by to visit.

**FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY SEO P/C Jim Merker, AP**



**CRACKING  
THE  
CASE**



Jose Nunez, Tinker Murphy and Wally Jones joined Jim Merker in his backyard workshop on March 9 to tear down this older 90hp Honda 4-stroke.

Next session will be Sat 13 April at Jim's at 2470 Arizona Street, Melbourne, FL 32904 from 10 am to 12:30 pm



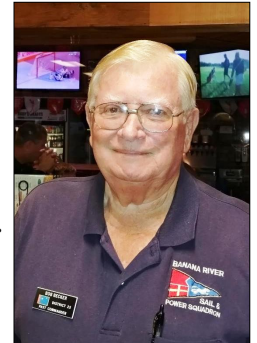
We stripped the block in the last couple sessions, now we need to remove the fly wheel and split the engine case to expose the crankshaft, connecting rods, and pistons.



## FROM THE SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: P/D/C Bob Becker, SN

They say April showers bring May flowers. Let's hope April also brings out BOATERS.

I constantly look for pleasure boaters as I cross over the Banana and Indian River bridges and don't see many. Our northern USPS members are starting to remove the winter canvas covers and formulate plans for the work ahead to get back on the water. Aren't we lucky down here? But as one passes the PAFB boat storage along the causeway, one can see that most boats never move. What a shame.



Anyway, on to my message. I would like to have each BRS&P member think about what they would like our squadron to do? Come up with NEW ideas and present them to our Exec Committee. We have about 60 squadron members, and if each one of you would give us some new ideas that will benefit ALL of US. The ExCom certainly would review them and implement those that would do the most for the organization. Remember, BRS&PS is **YOUR Club!!**

Our Squadron Commander and Bridge are constantly working for you! Many hours are spent in reviewing what programs are the best for the membership, and they are always open to new ideas and suggestions.

Take a look at the following and let's hear from you regarding them

Is our current meeting night the right night for you to attend the monthly meeting?

Do you have a suggestion for a place to hold our monthly meetings?

Should they continue to be dinner meetings?

Should we have more on-water activities?

Are our dues too high or not high enough?

Do you read the Dragon Tales monthly publication?

I want to hear from YOU. Spend a few minutes and send any and all suggestions, ideas, etc to me at [navyflyer@att.net](mailto:navyflyer@att.net).

I will be expecting your comments and will certainly pass them on to the appropriate squadron officers. In the meantime, we live in Florida where boating is year round, so Get OUT on the water if you have a boat!!! Put into practice what you learned in our squadron boating classes.

Talk up Americas Boating Club, it's **YOUR organization!**







## **APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Monday, April 15, 2019**

**Social 1830  
(6:30 p.m.)**

**Speaker  
(7:15 p.m.)**

**Kelly's Burgers and Beer  
650 North Wickham Road  
Melbourne, FL 32935**

**SPEAKERS: Nancy and Dave Haslam**

**TOPIC: Our Experiences on the Tall Ship "Mary Washington"**

Raised on Cape Cod, Captain Dave Haslam's interests in boating started early in his life when he bought his first boat at age 15. His family owned a 28 foot Lobsterman.

Dave and his wife, Nancy, purchased a Pearson 424 ketch which they sailed south from Seattle on 1 September 2003. They spent a year and a half in the sea of Cortez, spent a while in El Salvador and some time in Costa Rica, then continued through the Panama Canal in April 2005. They came north to Daytona where they joined the Daytona SPS, later became Commander of Titusville SPS, and now are members of Cocoa Beach SPS.

He captained the Lady Washington from Christmas Day 2008 to the end of September 2009 and since has captained her three more times. During these times, he sailed her up the West Coast, up to the Columbia River twice as far as Pasco Washington (328 miles and 340 feet elevation via 4 dams).

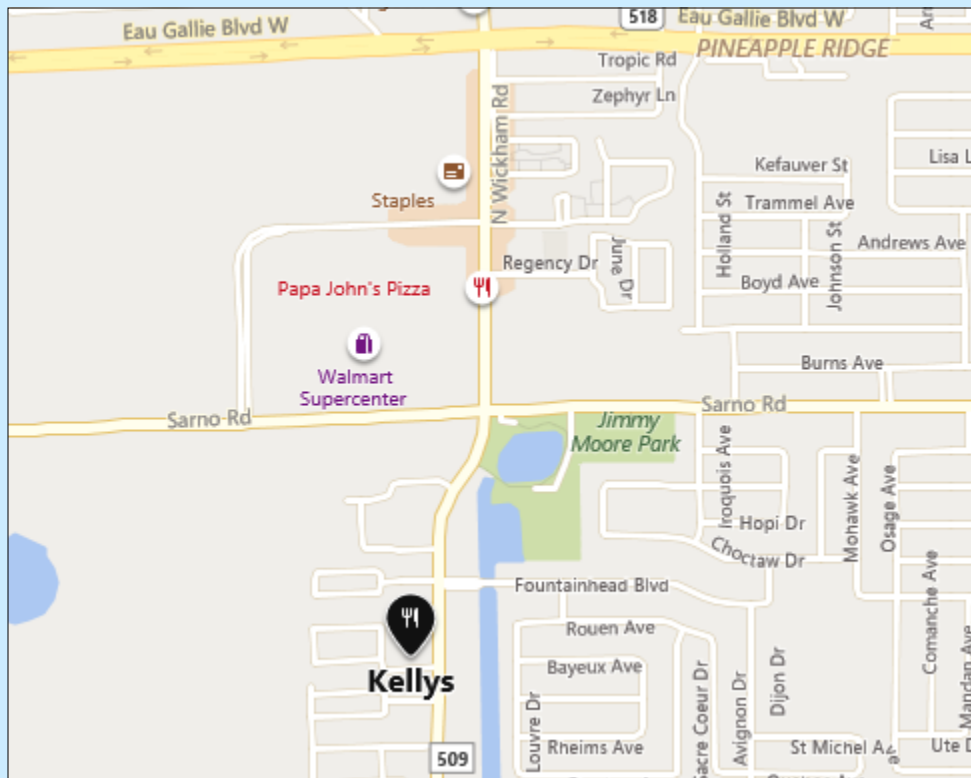
### **MEETING TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

If you are a member and need transportation to and from the Squadron General Meetings you are invited to call **Shari Marshall, 734-347-2992** who will gladly make the arrangements for you. There is no charge and no reason needed other than the desire to have a great evening with fellow Squadron members. **Call now**

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## THE LADY WASHINGTON



***Lady Washington*** is a ship name shared by at least four different 80-100 ton-class Sloop-of-war and merchant sailing vessels during two different time periods. The original sailed during the American Revolutionary War and harassed British shipping. Post war, the vessel was used as a merchant trading vessel in the Pacific. A somewhat updated modern replica was created in 1989. The replica has appeared in numerous films and television shows, standing in as other real or fictional ships

A ship replica of *Lady Washington* was built in Aberdeen, Washington, United States in time for the 1989 Washington State Centennial celebrations. Aberdeen is located on Grays Harbor, an inlet of the Pacific Ocean named for Robert Gray, the man who entered the harbor under sail for the first time as master of *Columbia*.

Named "Washington State's Tall Ship Ambassador", as well as the State Ship, the new *Lady Washington* is operated by a professional and volunteer crew under the auspices of the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority. She sails up and down the Pacific coast, regularly in pair with *Hawaiian Chieftain*, educating students in the history of merchant trading, life of common sailors, and responsibilities of the ship's officers.



Capt Dave Haslam

*Lady Washington* has appeared in various films, portraying HMS *Interceptor* in the film *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* and the brig *Enterprise*, a namesake of the Starship *Enterprise*, on the holodeck in *Star Trek Generations*. She provided the basis for the RLS *Legacy* in the Disney animated feature *Treasure Planet*. She also transported Chinese immigrants to America in the IMAX film *The Great American West*. On television, the ship played a prominent role in the miniseries *Blackbeard*, and has appeared in the music video for rapper Macklemore's *Can't Hold Us* and as Captain Hook's ship the *Jolly Roger* on *Once Upon a Time*.

## D23 SPRING CONFERENCE



March 8-9, 2019

Guy Harvey Resort, St. Augustine, FL



Gail Wall receiving the Churchill Award



P/C/C Luis Ojeda swearing in DC Kurt Mikut



John Pechar received the Arthur Buswell Award  
Jim Merker received the Walter Hogrefe Award  
Ernst Hofmann received the Felmy Ford Award



Swearing in of the 2019 D23 Bridge



Shari Marshall accepting the D23 Newsletter Award

# D23 SPRING CONFERENCE

Conference was not all work and no play!



**Cruise on  
St. Augustine  
Harbor**

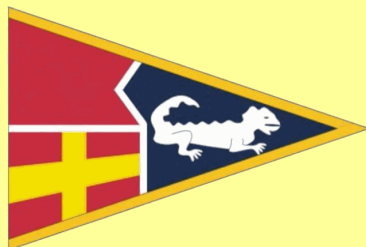


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with dinner table  
decorations...**



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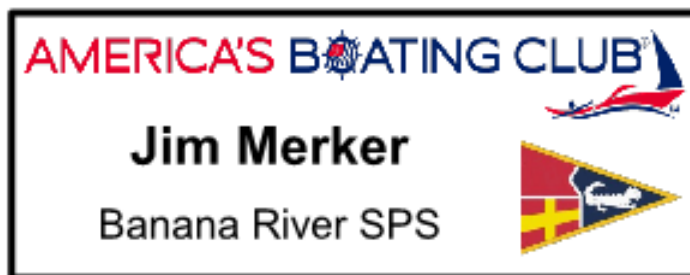
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Monthly luncheon at MYC was held on March 20 attended by Don Kadlac, Bill Veit and Maureen, Terri Friedlander, Joe Bradley, Cdr Marshall and Wally Jones



MYC offers a great bar and luncheon area.

Terrific views of Melbourne Harbor.

Super meeting facilities.



MYC has set up a container so their members can donate "old" flares for use at our Flare-Up on June 1.



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### UPCOMING COURSES

**COURSES ON DEMAND:** Select from the list and please let us know what course you would like to take and we will schedule it. Minimum class size is five. Let us know at [Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org](mailto:Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org).



**BASIC BOATING (ABC3)**

August 17, 2019

**Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)**

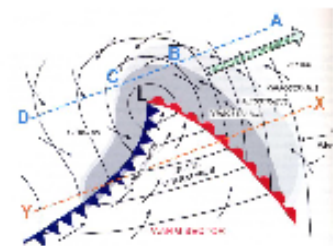
June 24—26, 2019

**BOAT HANDLING (Repl. Seamanship)**

April 10, 2019

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**DISTRICT 23 SPRING PICNIC**

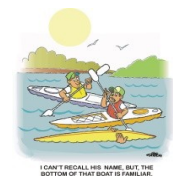


**Annual Picnic**  
 Saturday, May 18, 2019  
 Sand Point Park  
 101 North Washington Avenue  
 Titusville, FL 32796  
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Catered by:**  
 Kay's BBQ  
 Pulled Pork  
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 BBQ Chicken  
 Potato Salad  
 Cole Slaw  
 Baked Beans  
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 Dessert  
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**Cost: \$10.00/person**  
**Registration Required**

8:00 – SET UP & CREW BREAKFAST  
 10:00 – KAYAK RACE SIGN IN  
 10:30 – KAYAK RACE  
 11:00 - LINE HEAVING  
 CORN HOLE  
 12:30 – LUNCH  
 1:30 – AWARDS, RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION





## *DISTRICT 23 SPRING PICNIC*

**18 May 2019**  
**Sand Point Park**  
**101 N. Washington Street**  
**Titusville, Florida**  
**1000 – 1600**  
**Reservations Due by: 08 May 2019**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Squadron:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal catered by Kay's BBQ (3 meat choices, 3 sides, rolls, beverages & dessert)**  
**Cost of meals subsidized by grant from Titusville Sail and Power Squadron**

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**\$10.00/person X \_\_\_\_\_ # attending = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**D23 Admin Officer**  
**D/Lt/C Ronald R. Radford P/C AP**



Dear Commanders:

Let me introduce myself. Before serving as the Administrative Officer on the District 23 Bridge, I was a Commander such as you. I am writing to you because I need your support and cooperation in order to make our District spring picnic a success. I joined the USPS because I wanted to meet other men and women who enjoyed boating. After 25 years of being a part of this great organization, I am thankful for the opportunities and experiences of active membership.

I am asking you as Commanders to encourage your Squadron members to attend this event. This is an opportunity to gather with other Squadrons and their members who will be in attendance. This event provides your members with the opportunity to communicate and participate among themselves and other D23 members. Please emphasize the camaraderie, fun and food. I will be sending out additional information in a separate letter regarding registration and event plans.

As Commander, you have the benefit of building on relationships within your membership through participation in this event. Please take the opportunity to speak with me at this event and solicit any help I can provide in building your organization.

Remember our motto is, come for boating education..... stay for the friendship.

I look forward to seeing you and your members at the picnic.

Sincerely,

D/Lt/C Ronald R. Radford, AP



**BRSPS Members who  
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**Joe Bradley**

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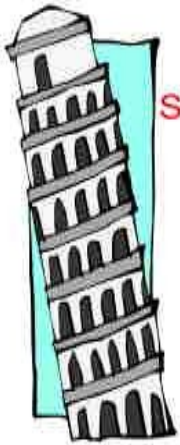
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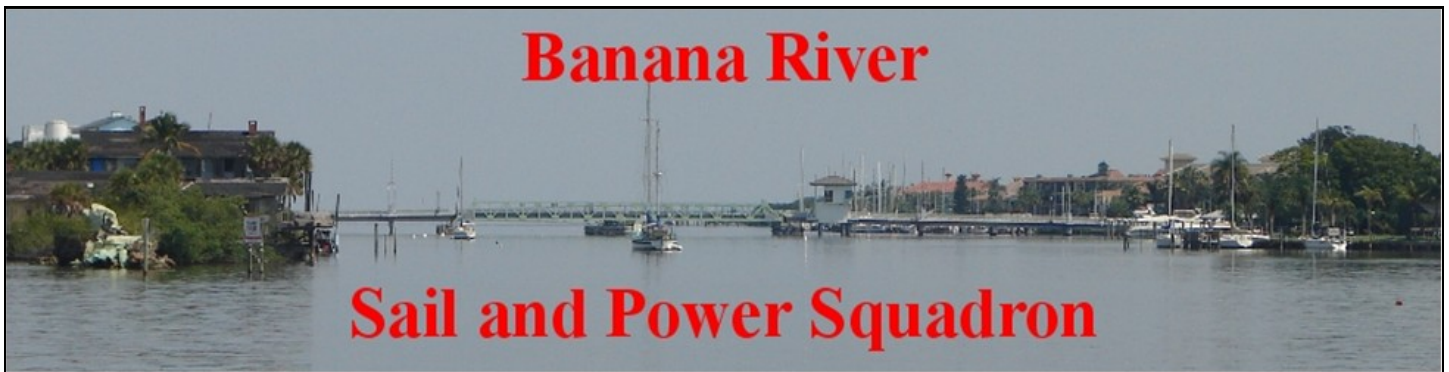
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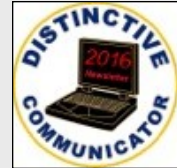
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## UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2019

### APRIL

6	BOATERS EXCHANGE BOATING EXPO	900	2145 US 1, Rockledge, FL 32955
9	<b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b>	1900	<b>BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937</b>
10	BOAT HANDLING COURSE	1830	Keiser University 900 S Babcock St. Melbourne 32901
15	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>Kelly's Burger &amp; Beer 650 N Wickham Rd Melbourne 32935</b>
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20	NIGHT SOUNDS-SEBASTIAN INLET	1900	SI State Park, South side of Inlet Bridge
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