



BEACHCOMBER



Formerly known as DAYTONA BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons Sail & Power Boating

April 2025

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“ Many hands make light work.”

Yes, and we need more hands to keep our squadron moving forward. Our Admin Officer position is open and there are many other ways members can lighten the loads of a few. Please note the repetition of names for our officers and committee members. Where can you help? Call any Bridge Member for info.

General Committees

Finance/Audit Committee

P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN
P/C Cheryl W. Martines, AP
Rebecca Roman

Nominating Committee

P/C Don Roman, AP
P/D/C Jeffrey T. Wise, JN

Rules Committee

Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN
P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN

Commander's Department

Chaplain

Lt /C Gary Foster, P

Flag Lieutenant

P/C Don Roman, AP

Merit Mark Committee

Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN

Public Relations Committee

P/C Don Roman, AP

**Vessel Safety Check
Committee**

P/C Don Roman, AP

**Secretary's Department
Information Technology
Committee**

D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey
Lt Christine Zahornacky

Public Contact

Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN
P/C Don Roman, AP

Ship's Store Committee

Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN

Website Committee

D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey
P/C Don Roman, AP

Publication Committee

D/L/T Sharon Neitzey

Educational Department

**Assistant Educational
Officer**

P/C Don Roman, AP

Elective Courses

Lt/C Will Benny, SN-CN

P/C Don Roman, AP

P/D/C Tim Henke, JN-CN

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Treasurer's Department

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COMMANDER

Cdr. Paul Martines, JN

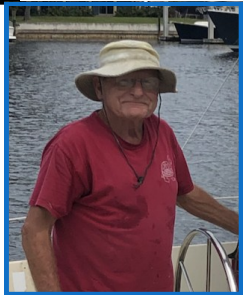
Our squadron had our Change of Watch where I was re-elected to be Commander for the next year and we have a new Bridge officers on board. I would like to thank, Lt/C Luc Labreche as our new treasurer and P/C Don Roman stepping up for the Executive Officer position. We still have a vacant position for the Administrative Officer, which is very important for scheduling membership meetings, events, and outings for the year. Please contact Jeff Wise or any of the Bridge Officers if you would like to help in this position. We are in the process of setting up Squadron outings for the year. If any of our members have any ideas for the Squadron, please let the Bridge know. We would like to have your input on what you would like to do.

Our Squadron won the Educational Fund Honor Roll Award at our D23 from USPS National. Our Daytona Squadron has won this award for the last 22 years. Thanks to all members for your contributions.

We are considering hosting a Commander's Picnic to Meet the Bridge later in the Spring. Watch for details!

We have a lot of news from the district, so please read the District 23 News report from D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey, D23 Admin Officer, in this issue of the BEACHCOMBER.

Respectfully Submitted: Cdr Paul Martines, JN



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/C Don Roman, AP

Our Squadron reported 8 Vessel Safety Checks so far in 2025. We have just received the actual stickers, so we can start some weekend cruises to the islands to perform VSC's.

On that note, this Saturday, April 5, we are planning to boat to the small island in the cut opposite Off the Hook Restaurant (Ta-ta Island to locals) to perform VSC's. We will leave from the Freedom Boat Club Dock at Boondocks at 9 a.m. Members with boats are welcome to follow us from there or to meet at the island. We will need some members to join our Vessel Examiners as PR people who will "walk and talk" to line up boats for VSC's and to promote our organization and mission to the people lounging on the island.

Afterwards we will lunch at Off the Hook (about 11:30 or 12). Any members may join us at the island or for lunch. Please wear squadron polos or you ID badges. Contact Jeff Wise (386-299-4536) to join the vessel examining team for the day. We need your help and it's fun!

Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP



Education Officers

SEO P/C Will Benny, SN-CN



ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP

ASEO Don Roman is finishing his most recent ABC3 class this week. He plans to offer a Navigation class later in the Spring. Watch for forthcoming information to register for another amazing class with Don. Please call him at (386) 453-6456 if you are interested.

Respectfully Submitted: ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP



Treasurer

Lt/C Luc Labreche

Outgoing Treasurer Steve Becker reports that all accounts and filings are complete. He is working on finalizing figures from our Change of Watch. He will continue to help with treasury as needed. His expertise in the requirements from the government and our National organization for our squadron is invaluable. He has served our squadron and district for six years. Thank you Steve for your service! A beautiful award of appreciation was presented to Steve at our recent Change of Watch.

New Treasurer Luc Labreche is new to our squadron and is eager to partner with Steve Becker on the transfer of financial data and information. His goal is to use technology to streamline our financial database and create regular reports. This will enable us to use the information to guide our activities and planning. He reports that he is **READY TO GO TO WORK FOR US!**

Respectfully Submitted: D/L/C Steve Becker, AP and Lt/C Luc Labreche

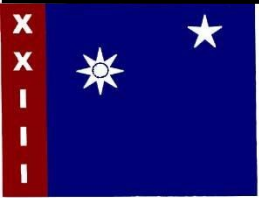




Secretary D/L/C Sharon Neitzey

Please contact me (sneitzey@aol.com or 386-290-1243) with any corrections or questions regarding the current minutes. Also, let me know if you have photos or news that you feel should be included in our Beachcomber. Please send photos to Christine Zahornacky at gandczee@gmail.com. We will need all information and photos for the May Beachcomber by April 25.

Respectfully Submitted: D/L/C Sharon Neitzey



District 23 News

Our D23 Spring Change of Watch was held at the Westin Hotel in Lake Mary on March 28 and 29. We installed the new D23 Bridge Officers. Taking the Oath from the Daytona Squadron were: P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN as Treasurer, D/L/C Sharon Neitzey as Admin Officer, P/C Don Roman as Assistant Education Officer, and D/L/C Steve Becker as Asst. Treasurer. We were also awarded the Educational Fund Honor Roll Award.

We had some great activities, meals, and meetings for the weekend and the hotel was nice (except for when all the fire trucks arrived Saturday morning as we began to eat breakfast). Fortunately it was a minor interruption for a smoking compressor in a storeroom and we returned to our conference room after waiting for the air to clear. Top Golf and the canvas painting class were fun and the food was plentiful. It was fun sharing ideas, experiences, and knowledge with members of other squadrons in our district.

Save the date for our upcoming D23 Picnic, which is scheduled for May 31 at Herschel King Park, located on the west side of the Intercoastal Waterway between State Rd. 100 and Palm Coast Parkway. Watch for more info and join in the fun by car or by boat.

Respectfully Submitted: D/L/C Sharon Neitzey

HAPPY



BIRTHDAYS!

Don Roman

Susan Singh

Ron Woxberg



Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday dear squadron members.

Happy birthday to YOU!!!

Lucky Star

Lucky Star Winner



**OUR LUCKY STAR WINNER FOR MARCH, BILL MEYER,
WAS NOT PRESENT. THE POT REMAINS AT \$50.**

**IT WILL BE DRAWN AT OUR APRIL DINNER.
REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

DON'T MISS OUT!



A major component of a fun filled outing is a reliable boat which has all the necessary equipment operating properly. A free vessel safety check (VSC) is an important safe-guard, and our certified examiners will be happy to perform the check for you. There are no negative consequences if you don't pass. Our goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends through education.

America's Boating Club and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are partners in this valuable program offered to the boating public. All examiners are certified and trained on the latest requirements. The Vessel Safety Check is similar to the review that is conducted by the USCG (& Sheriff) if you are boarded except a VSC is only for your benefit. It is not a "Boarding" which is a law enforcement activity. We perform a 15 point safety inspection which includes:

Display of Numbers	Registration/Documentation	Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)
Backfire Flame Control	Pollution Placard	Navigation Rules
Fire Extinguishers	Sound Producing Devices	MAR POL Trash Placard
Navigation Light	State/Local Requirements	Marine Sanitation Devices
Visual Distress Signals (VDS)	Ventilation	Overall Vessel Condition

The VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC) Decal shows Active Duty U.S. Coast Guard, and law enforcement, that you have been examined and did comply with USCG requirements at the time inspected. It indicates your efforts to comply with both USCG and State requirements, and may just avoid an active duty USCG "Boarding" (or Sheriff/ FWC boarding) which is a true law enforcement activity.

To schedule a Vessel Safety Exam, You can contact any of our Examiners Directly that work in the areas indicated:

Will Benny	386-265-5180	New Smyrna Beach/Edgewater
Tim Henke	352-483-6000	Lake Marion/Seminole County
Paul Martines	386-265-5180	Daytona Beach/Holly Hill
Ron Radford	515-236-8206	Palm Coast/Flagler
Don Roman	386-453-6456	Ormond Beach/Daytona Beach
Jeff Wise	386-299-4536	Daytona Beach
Ermit Zapata	386-279-2779	Deland/West Volusia

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A big shout out to Aaron Kilman Jewelers, who generously supports our America's Boating Club. Thank you for your recent donation.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS...

As the editors of this newsletter,
we welcome your input on articles in the newsletter
or suggestions for materials that you would like to see
included in future issues.

This newsletter is one of the primary tools used by the squadron to
communicate with its members.

Please review the articles and meeting flyers included and join
us for classes and events announced.

Each of us can play an important role in the success of our squadron.
Please feel free to contact us or e-mail us.

Sharon Neitzey and Christine Zahornacky

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Please submit any information or photos for the May

*Publication to us by **April 25.***

Send info to Sharon Neitzey and photos to Christine Zahornacky.

****Members please note that .pdf files submitted to the editors are
not grammatically correctable.*

*However, Microsoft Word and Publisher files are correctable.****

Photos should be in .jpeg format.



McKenna' Fundraiser, March 3rd, 2025



Thank you for attending and supporting ABCDB





2025 Change of Watch

Red Lobster, Daytona Beach, FL

March 20, 2025

Commander Paul Martines is opening the meeting.



Thank you to District 23 Commander, Gary Calahan, for swearing in our new Bridge Officers. Thanks also for joining us to Mark Adams, our new District 23 Commander, who was sworn in at the D23 COW last weekend



Outgoing Bridge members. Thank you!



*Please congratulate 2025 Commander...
Paul Martines*



*Welcome 2025, America's Boating Club, Daytona Beach, Executive Board
P/C Don Roman, AP; D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey; Luc Labreche; P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN;
Not Pictured: P/C Will Benny, SN*



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB[®]
of Daytona Beach





*Please Welcome our 2025 Treasurer,
Luc Labreche*

Welcome and Thank You!



*Gary Foster accepting his ABCDB burgee and Appreciation Awards.
Thank you for your organizational skills in planning our
monthly squadron meetings and events.*



District 23 Change of Watch

Lake Mary, FL

March 28 and 29, 2025





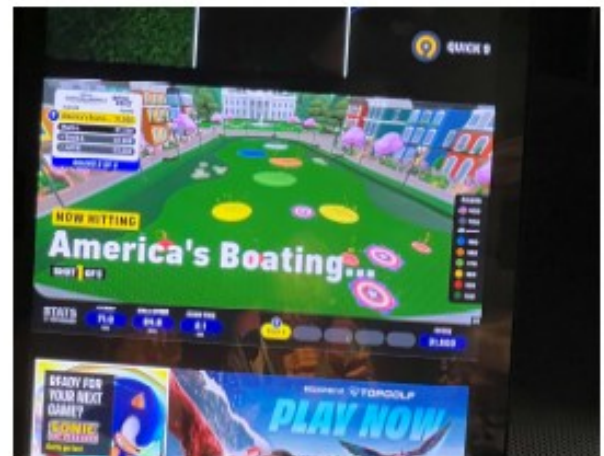
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TOP GOLF

March 28th







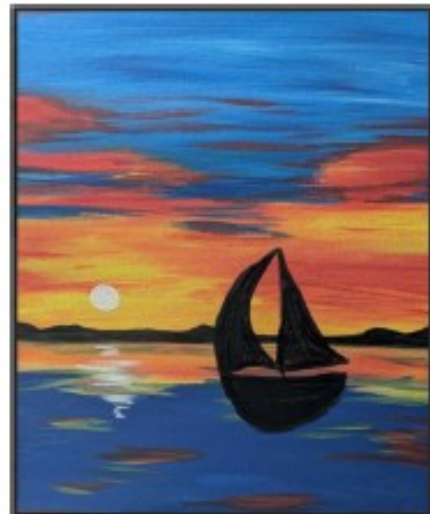
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March 29th



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- JUNE 12: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.
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- JULY 10: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.
17: Summer Squadron Dinner, TBA, 7 p.m.
- AUGUST 14: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.
21: Summer Squadron Dinner, TBA, 7 p.m.
- SEPT. 11: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.
18: Squadron Dinner Mtg. (TBA) 6:30 p.m.
- OCT. 9: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.
16: Squadron Dinner Mtg. (TBA) 6:30 p.m.
- NOV. 9: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.
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- DEC. 11: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.

SQUADRON CHRISTMAS PARTY (TBA)