



# BEACHCOMBER



Formerly known as DAYTONA BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON  
A Unit of United States Power Squadrons Sail & Power Boating

**APRIL 2026**

**APR 5: Easter Sunday**

**9: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.**

**16: Squadron Dinner Mtg. Red Lobster, Daytona. 6:15**

**25: D23 Picnic at Herschel King Park, Flagler**

**MAY 11: McKenna's Fundraiser 5-8**

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**16: VSCs at Islands**

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**JUNE 11: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.**

**18: Summer Casual Dinner (TBA)**



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- Member Birthdays
- Gallery

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**We have our new Bridge Officers and Committee Members for the new year. Let's give them all the help and support we can to build our squadron and fulfill our goals & expectations. We need YOU! Reach out and offer help when you can.**

**Executive & General  
Committees**

**Executive Committee**

Gary Foster, P  
Kathleen Foster, S  
Christine Zahornacky  
Greg Zahornacky, P  
Tom Leitzel, P

**Finance/Audit Committee**

P/D/C Jeff Wise, SN  
P/C Cheryl W. Martines, A

**Nominating Committee**

P/C Don Roman, AP  
P/D/C Jeffrey Wise, SN

**Rules Committee**

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

**Executive Department**

**Boat Show Committee**

P/C Don Roman, AP  
P/D/C Jeff Wise, SN

**Boating Safety Committee**

P/C Don Roman, AP

**Vessel Safety Check  
Committee**

P/C Don Roman, AP

**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

**Educational Department**

**Assistant Educational  
Officers**

P/C Don Roman, AP  
Tom Leitzel, P

**Elective Courses**

P/C Will Benny, SN-CN  
P/C Don Roman, AP  
P/D/C Tim Henke, SN-CN

**Administrative Department**

**Meetings & Programs  
Committee**

P/C Don Roman, AP

**Membership Committee**

Cdr. Paul S. Martines, JN

**Operations Training**

PC Will Benny, SN

**Boating Activities Committee**

P/D/C Jeff Wise, SN

**Port Captain**

P/D/C Jeff Wise, SN

**Secretary's Department**

**Information Technology  
Committee**

D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey  
Christine Zahornacky

**Public Contact**

P/C Don Roman, AP

**Ship's Store Committee**

Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN

**Webmaster Committee**

D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey  
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Swearing in of 2026 Daytona Squadron Bridge Officers  
at Halifax River Yacht Club





## COMMANDER P/D/C Jeff Wise, SN

Greetings from the Bridge. WOW! What a great Change of Watch. We had around forty people present on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to see our Legendary Commander receive his award for five consecutive years of serving as acting Commander and Commander. Including one previous term, for six years in total. Paul, we thank you for your dedication and commitment, and also for agreeing to continue as Membership Chair. I would like you to recruit an assistant to train, so that this important job can always be done correctly.

I also want to thank P/C Don Roman for the fantastic job of putting this event together, and Lt. Tom Leitzel for sponsoring us to be able to use the elegant Yacht Club to celebrate. Many people work to make these events happen and I want to thank all who helped, especially Greg and Christine for the music, Becky and Sharon for decorations and providing the Killman's gift certificate, Kathleen for working the raffles and Rachael for the check-in. ( I know what someone needs for Christmas, LOL). Thanks to District Commander Mark Adams and Executive Officer Lisa Harris for coming from Jacksonville to join us and lead the swearing in of the new bridge. It was a pleasure to have you here.

We now start our new fiscal year with our new bridge as we continue to grow our club, and work with the new people who have come aboard. At our next dinner meeting, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Red Lobster, I would like to get orders from all of our new and old members that need logoed shirts, hats, and other items. I want to get an order in ASAP, so our new members can proudly wear the club colors. I will be looking for an assistant to handle this, so please contact me if you can help (Yes Paul, I am giving you a break on this also).

This next year, at the National meeting to be held in Tampa, Florida, I will receive my Life Member award. This means that I have 25 years of service to the club, receiving a merit mark each year. Helping with tasks like Ship Store is one way to earn a merit mark. You can also earn a merit mark for helping with other activities such as: for serving as an officer or on a committee, for helping with boating classes, for doing five Vessel Safety Checks (VSC's), or committing time and effort to other squadron activities.

VSC's can only be done by us and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. This can be a fun job to see lots of different boats and meet people and a great way to inform the public who we are, so I want to continue to grow this as well. We can always use more Vessel Examiners, another good way to get involved.

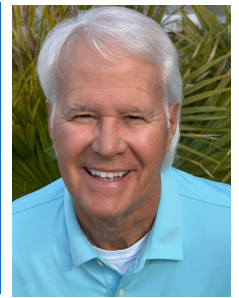
I look forward to seeing everyone at the next dinner meeting and don't forget the Lucky Star is up to \$250. Don't miss it. Until then, Happy Sails to you.

***Respectfully Submitted: P/D/C/ Jeff Wise, SN***



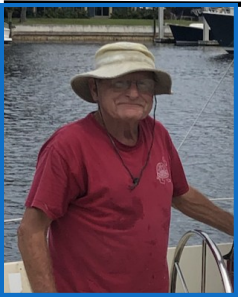
## Education Officers

**SEO P/C Will Benny, SN**  
**ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP**  
**ASEO Tom Leitzel, P**



We are holding a Boating Safety Class at HRYC, Saturday, 4 & 11, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30pm.

***Respectfully Submitted: ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP***



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**P/C Don Roman, AP**

With a heavy heart, we need to note the passing of Past Commander, Bobby Bray, AP. Bobby and Jeanette have been long-time members of our squadron, and for years a mainbrace for all our activities. He had a great sense of humor and loved being around boats. He was Mr. Vessel Safety Check and even managed over 100 inspections in a single year that earned national recognition. He was a gentleman, family man and a great role model. In the past few years, Bobby had been restricted by the effects of a stroke. He still had his sense of humor. He has crossed the bar now and has sailed into his final harbor. Throughout his voyage, Jeanette stood steadfast by his side helping him bear the physical restrictions from his stroke. She is awesome. The family has gathered as they begin the mourning and healing process. Please send them positive thoughts and prayers of support. The following is a link to his obituary. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/bobby-bray-obituary?id=61106827>

Also, please keep SEO P/C Will Benny, SN, in your prayers. He is recovering at home from recent open heart surgery.

Looking forward, April is upon us. Spring has sprung with Easter Sunday, 5 April. Our next Ex Committee mtg is Thursday, 9 April from 7-9pm at HRYC. Our next dinner is back at Red Lobster on Thursday, 16 April. Guest Speaker will be Captain Ashley. Our District 23 folks are sponsoring a Picnic on 25 April at Herschel King Park in Flagler which should be great fun.

Note: We're getting a raffle basket together for our next Monday get together at McKenna's, upcoming on 11 May. The theme is Beach Party. Bring any items you might like to include in the raffle to Red Lobster, Thursday 16 April.

***Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP***



## Treasurer Lt/C Luc Labreche

All bills have been paid and treasury account is up-to-date. Zelle payments are being accepted and processed without a problem.

We are finalizing research for the best rates for short-term Certificates of Deposit, so we can invest some of our cash on hand. Contact me if you need help using Zelle. You will set it up with your bank account.

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Code for funds to our squadron →

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The code is case-sensitive, so capital letters and punctuation matter.

***Respectfully Submitted: L/C Luc Labreche***



## Secretary D/L/C Sharon Neitzey

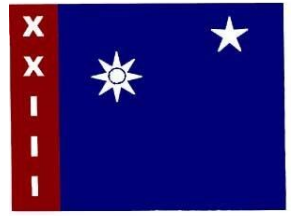
Please contact me ([sneitzey@aol.com](mailto:sneitzey@aol.com) or 386-290-1243) with any corrections or questions regarding the current minutes or Beachcomber Newsletter. Also, let me know if you have photos or news that you feel should be included in our Beachcomber. Please send photos to Christine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

***Respectfully Submitted: D/L/C Sharon Neitzey***



## DISTRICT 23 NEWS

L/C Sharon Neitzey



At our recent District 23 Change of Watch, several Daytona Squadron Members took oaths to serve on our District Bridge. Congratulations to P/D/C Don Roman, AP, who will serve as the D23 ASEO (Assistant Education Officer). Our Squadron Commander, P/D/C Jeff Wise, SN, was sworn in again as District 23 Treasurer, and D/L/C Steve Becker, AP, will serve as D23 Asst. Treasurer. District 23 is looking for a new Admin Officer and a Secretary. Let District Commander Mark Adams or Daytona Commander Jeff Wise know if you can serve District 23. It's a lot of fun and you meet wonderful people from other squadrons.



District 23 is planning another great District 23 Picnic on April 25 at Herschel King Park, Flagler County, a great venue! **SAVE THE DATE!** Thank you to Paul Martines, who finalized the reservation for that. Details will be sent out soon from your District 23 Bridge Officers.

*Respectfully Submitted: Lt/C Sharon Neitzey*

*HAPPY*  *BIRTHDAYS*

*Susan Singh*

*Don Roman*

*David Naney*

*Andrea Newman*



*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 DRAWING  
ROLLS OVER AGAIN THIS MONTH THIS MONTH.  
THE POT OF \$250 WILL BE DRAWN AT OUR  
APRIL DINNER MEETING.**

**REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

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Our examiners are trained and ready to perform these valuable exams for the boat owner’s benefit. Unlike the FL Sheriff, FWC, or USCG that conduct law enforcement boardings,” our Vessel Safety Checks are simply intended to help you meet USCG requirements.

The Decals indicate to all that you are a concerned, conscientious boater who ensures your boat is ready, safe, with required equipment.

To schedule a Vessel Safety Check, you can contact one of our Vessel Examiners:

Will Benny	386-265-5180	New Smyrna Beach/Edgewater
Tim Henke	352-483-6000	Lake Marion/Seminole Co
Paul Martines	386-265-5180	Daytona Beach/Holly Hill
Tom Leitzel	704-591-6558	New Smyrna Beach/Port Orange
Ron Radford	515-236-8206	Palm Coast/Flagler
Don Roman	386-453-6456	Ormond Beach/Daytona Beach
Jeff Wise	386-299-4536	Daytona Beach/Port Orange
John Demaye	724-462-5330	Daytona Beach/Port Orange

We will meet you at your home, boat ramp, boat storage, or a parking lot convenient for you. Call and arrange your VSC: 386-453-6456 or any of the above numbers.

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We are always looking for new sponsors for our worthy organization. It is time to renew. Squadron Members who wish to appear on our Sponsor Page should give your \$20 donation to our treasurer, Luc LaBreche. Thank you.

## 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 April*

*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.*

# Americas Boating Club Daytona Beach Change of Watch, March 2026



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*Thank you for joining us at the  
Halifax Yacht Club  
for our  
2026 Change of Watch.*

*Thank you Cmdr. Paul Martines  
for your many years  
serving as our  
Daytona Beach Power Squadron  
Commander.*

*We appreciate YOU and your service!*

Thank you to Christine Zahornacky for the wonderful picture collages.

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