



BEACHCOMBER



Formerly known as DAYTONA BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons Sail & Power Boating

August 2025

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"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right." —Peter Marshall

Executive & General Committees

Executive Committee

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Gary Foster, P
Kathleen Foster, S
Christine Zahornacky

Finance/Audit Committee

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

Nominating Committee

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

Rules Committee

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

Executive Department

Boat Show Committee

P/C Don Roman, AP
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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

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Educational Department

Assistant Educational Officer

P/C Don Roman, AP

Elective Courses

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

Administrative Department

Meetings & Programs Committee

P/C Don Roman, AP

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Membership Committee

Cdr. Paul S. Martines, JN

Operations Training

PC Will Benny, SN

Boating Activities Committee

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Port Captain

P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN

Secretary's Department

Information Technology Committee

D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey
Christine Zahornacky

Public Contact

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Ship's Store Committee

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Webmaster Committee

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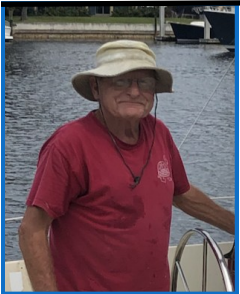
Cdr. Paul Martines, JN

Yes, it is the hottest part of summer, and yes, it is hurricane season. Please respond wisely and take care to prepare for any upcoming hurricanes. We will continue to be readily alerted by our daily broadcasts on TV. Don't take things for granted, **PLAN AHEAD!**

Many of our activities include the option of cruising to the venue. The cruises are designed to get us together at a common location to enjoy each other's company with our meal. If you don't have access to a boat, please call a friend or join us by car. We will do our best to let everybody enjoy the boat rides.

We would like some new blood and are looking for members to help our Squadron grow in 2025. You can volunteer to help our Executive Committee by serving as a Chairman/woman of one of our activities or events, or helping with some of the details (organizing, set-up, clean-up, shopping, preparing raffle baskets, etc.). Ask and you will be welcome. Let us know if you have any ideas for trips, events, get-togethers, or functions we can participate in this year. Please check schedules in Beachcomber and on the website to make plans.

Respectfully Submitted: Cdr Paul Martines, JN



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/C Don Roman, AP

We are looking for a few new faces on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Halifax River Yacht Club Activity Building (across the street from the main Yacht Club). Come and help us with planning new and exciting activities. If you can help, please contact me or Paul Martines. Bring your ideas to make us even better!

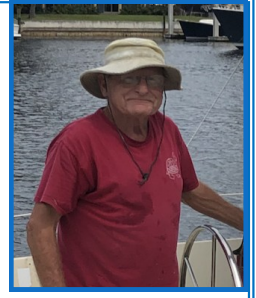
We continue to complete Vessel Safety Exams as often as we can. As of now, we have recorded 116 Vessel Exams this year. Our next planned outing for VSC's will be August 30 in New Smyrna Beach, meeting at Freedom Boat Club at 9:15. We will work on Lily's Island, just north of the North Causeway Bridge over the ICW, and will follow with lunch at Outriggers at noon. Contact Jeff Wise for details if you can help or want to join us for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP

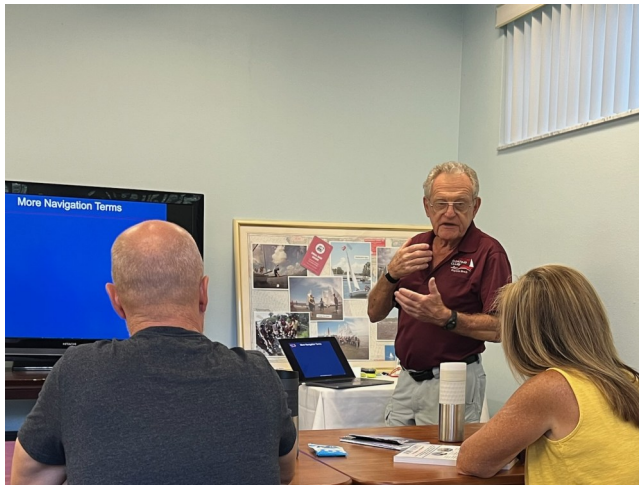
Education Officers

SEO P/C Will Benny, SN

ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP



Our next ABC3 Boating Safety Class is now set for Sept 13 and 20. If you'd like to take the class or help teach, please contact Don Roman, 386-453-6456.



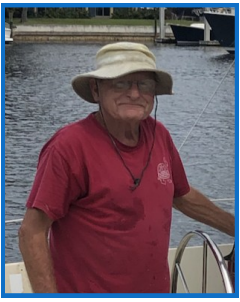
Respectfully Submitted: ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE SOME GREAT PICTURES???

Summer PHOTO Contest Time is Here. Rules: Contact Don Roman

1. Only members or immediate family can submit (kids).
2. Photo must showcase a "marine," or water environment, scenery, boating or water activity (kayaking, skiing, fishing, etc.) and hopefully illustrate a safe boating environment (life jackets, proper equipment, proper practices, etc). However, examples of unsafe boating or water recreation will also be entertained (might even be a separate category).
3. Photos must be digital, with a jpg file preferred.
4. Once photos are submitted, they become the property of America's Boating Club Daytona Beach which may use them as they wish to promote, or advertise the organization.
5. Photos must be submitted to Don at andanteroman@mac.com no later than September 1, 2025.
6. AWARDS: First, Second and Third.

Don Roman (386) 453-6456 andanteroman@mac.com



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (ACTING)

P/C Don Roman, AP

Our last summer dinner get-together will be at McKenna's Place, Port Orange (same place that supports our squadron fundraisers) at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 21. RSVP By Tuesday, August 19, so we can be seated together in the restaurant and can chat while we eat.

Our normal Squadron Dinner Meetings start up again on September 18. Let's all try to attend and to "bring a friend."

Do you think someone would be an ideal speaker for our meetings. Please contact Don Roman, 386-453-6456.

District activities again come to Daytona Beach with the Fall Council on September 27 at the Daytona Beach Library from 9-2, and the Fall Conference on October 25. Conference activities begin the night of October 24 and all Daytona members are encouraged to attend all the festivities. Remember, we are the hosts of the event! Check the D23 report for more details.

Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP



**Treasurer
Lt/C Luc Labreche**

Treasurer Luc Labreche reports that all reports have been filed and the account balance is healthy. Our SunBiz account is updated.

Respectfully Submitted: Lt/C Luc Labreche



JOIN US FOR

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

For Boaters, By Boaters™



Night at McKenna's Place

3781 S Nova Rd, Suite M, Port Orange (NE CORNER OF NOVA AND DUNLAWTON)

Squadron Summer Dinner at McKenna's
Thursday, August 21, 6:15 p.m.



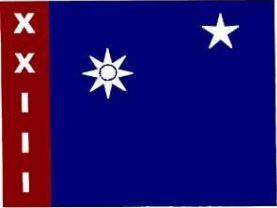
Chris McKenna generously allows us to hold four fundraisers each year at his restaurant to support our squadron and our activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back by attending our squadron dinner at McKenna's on Thursday, August 21, at 6:30. They will be saving a section of the restaurant for us so we can sit together and chat while we eat. Bring family and friends to enjoy the good food and friendship. Please RSVP to Don Roman (386) 453-6456 by Tuesday, August 19, so they can set up and staff our area. Let's have a great turnout!



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 September Beachcomber by August 25.

Respectfully Submitted: D/L/C Sharon Neitzey



DISTRICT 23 NEWS

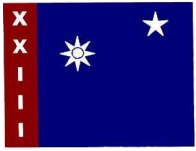
Our D23 Fall Council Meeting will be held at the Daytona Beach Public Library on September 27 from 9-3. Expected are the D23 Bridge Officers, Squadron Commanders, and Committee Chairs. Any interested members are invited to join us as well. Tentative information is on p. 11. A new flyer with updated information will be sent when I have the final agenda from our Commander. Call Sharon Neitzey if you are interested in attending.

All Daytona Members are encouraged to attend our D23 Fall Conference. We are the hosts and the only squadron that doesn't have to travel an hour or more to attend!!! You will meet members of other squadrons, see how the District structure works, share ideas, food, and experiences, and make new friends. Our meetings will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, Daytona Oceanfront (across from Bel Aire Plaza) on Saturday, Oct. 25. Watch for the latest flyer soon in your email. For now, save the date and plan to attend as much as you can.

The event actually begins Friday night, Oct. 24, at 4:30, with a Dinner Cruise on the Lady Dolphin. Those willing can continue the evening at Tiger Woods Pop Stroke Golf near Tanger Mall. Or just head back to the hotel for hospitality and socializing. The final activities occur Saturday night when we will enjoy the renowned Polynesian Luau Show and Dinner on Beach Street, followed by social time at the hotel.

We hope you will join us as much as possible as we host this event. Some of our local members prefer to stay at the hotel for a "staycation" as prices are very reasonable-\$145-\$170 per night (tax-free) if prepaid through the District. Please plan on joining us! More detailed information will follow as we finalize schedules and agenda so **SAVE THE DATES!**

Respectfully Submitted: D/L/C Sharon Neitzey, D23 Admin Officer



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UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®



D23 COUNCIL MEETING

September 27, 2025 9-2

Daytona Beach Public Library Auditorium

105 Jackie Robinson Parkway

**Downtown on the river, east of Beach Street
by the Ball Park (one block so. of I-92).**

Schedule (Tentative)

9:00 Set-up and Pastries/Coffee

9:15 Meeting Begins

10:45 Break (15 minutes)

**12:15 Break for lunch at McKay's Irish Pub (just over
pedestrian bridge from library).**

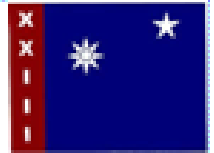
1:15 Return to meeting space for afternoon.

2:00 Leave

**Please RSVP by September 20 to Sharon Neitzey,
386-290-1243. Hope to see you on the 27th.**



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS



Save the Date

District 23 Fall Conference

October 24-25

Hilton Garden Inn, Daytona Oceanfront

Room costs-Standard king/queens- \$145

Oceanfront king/queens-\$170

*Optional Extra Activities

Friday Eve. *River Dinner Cruise

*Pop Stroke Mini Golf

Saturday Eve. *Polynesian Luau (Show +Dinner)

Reservation info, schedule, and agenda will follow soon, but save the date for the event.

For info, call Sharon Neitzey 386-290-1243

HAPPY *August* BIRTHDAYS

Robert Boxall

Marlene Maxwell

Barbara Zapata



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 POT IS NOW INCREASED TO \$100.

IT WILL BE DRAWN AT OUR SEPTEMBER 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
Tom Leitzel	704-591-6558	New Smyrna Beach/Port Orange

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL

National Meeting



Fall Governing Board
September 1-7, 2025
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Welcome to Grand Rapids—Site of Our Fall Governing Board Meeting

The National Meetings Committee is inviting you to Grand Rapids, Michigan, site of the Fall 2025 Governing Board! Grand Rapids is listed eighth on CNN's "America's Best Towns to Visit." Take advantage of the discounted hotel rates that are available beginning Monday, Sept. 1, and tour the area on your own. There are many interesting walking tours in downtown Grand Rapids such as the RAD Women Electrical Box Tour featuring electrical boxes painted with portraits of influential women and Alexander Calder's La Grande Vitesse among others, all free. National Meetings Committee is also offering a tour of Meijer Gardens and a night baseball game, Western Michigan Whitecaps vs. the Fort Wayne Tincaps—High-A class baseball at its finest—on Wednesday, Sept. 3; register early for tickets! Then Thursday, Sept. 4, begin the Governing Board's opening day with shopping at the Ship's Store from 1 to 4 p.m., and enjoy a fun evening at the always popular Welcome Dinner. Friday, Sept. 5, will focus on seminars offered by the various department committees, and Saturday, Sept. 6, rounds out our stay with the Fall Governing Board meeting with dinner and entertainment by the Sweet Adelines. This Governing Board has a little bit of everything for everyone. Accept our invitation and discover that it's true, Grand Rapids is filled with unexpected surprises! [—Kristi Watson Anderson](#)

READ MORE https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=50&mc_cid=b6061108ea&mc_eid=f70674b916

New Member Benefit: Exclusive Disaster Insurance Coverage

America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons members can now access Recoop Disaster Insurance—a new benefit offering up to \$25,000 in fast cash after hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, and more. No deductibles. No hassle. Just quick support where your homeowners or renters insurance may fall short. It's available now at a special member rate! [—James M. Milton](#)

READ MORE https://www.member-options.com/?mc_cid=b6061108ea&mc_eid=f70674b916

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- ✓ Rental Cars
- ✓ Prescription Discounts
- ✓ Pet Insurance

and much much more!



For more information, visit our website

AmericasBoatingClub.org/Benefits



THE POWER OF 1!

The 'Power of One' Membership Drive is officially live, and now's your chance to make a real impact! Every member has the power to grow America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons by bringing in just one new member. When you bring in new members, you're not just helping strengthen our organization, you're also earning awesome rewards! Incentives are available for both individual members and squadrons, so everyone has a reason to get involved. Whether it's a friend, family member, or fellow boater, your invitation could be the start of their journey. Let's work together to build a stronger, more vibrant boating community. It starts with you! [–James M. Milton](#)



Power of 1 – 2025 Membership Recruiting Reward Plan

Revision: 1 May 2025

Overview

The Power of 1, originally developed by C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN during his tenure as Chief Commander in 2006, is one of America's Boating Club's 2025 national recruiting initiatives. It encourages every member to recruit at least one new member during the year. By engaging with friends, family, marina neighbors, and fellow boating enthusiasts, members play a vital role in building a stronger, more vibrant club community. This program rewards individual recruiting efforts and introduces a new squadron-level incentive, reinforcing our shared commitment to growth.

Program Objectives

- Encourage grassroots membership growth across all squadrons.
- Recognize and reward individual members for successful recruitment.
- Support squadrons that demonstrate exceptional engagement.

General Eligibility

Full conditions on next page

- Open to all members of America's Boating Club. *Including apprentice and Woman Certificate Holders.*
- New members must have a join/certificate date between 01 June 2025, and 30 November 2025

Tracking

- New members will receive a short referral questionnaire by email after HQ processes their application.
- If they don't respond, Squadron Membership Chairs (per IMIS) will get a list of recent members who didn't complete the referral questionnaire.
- MemCom will update the referral tracking sheet on USPS.org by the 15th of each month for the prior month.

Points Earned for Member Recruitment

Points	Action
2 pts	Individual Member
3 pts	Family Membership
1 pt	Reinstatement (1+ year lapse)
1 pt	Transfer from Cyber Squadron to Local Squadron

Individual Member Rewards

Points	Reward	Description
1 pt	Free Registration	National Annual Meeting registration is free for both the new member and their recruiter.
2 pts	Power of 1	America's Boating Club Power of One Pin
4 pts	Branded Koozie	America's Boating Club Branded Koozie.
10 pts	Embroidered Hat	America's Boating Club Branded Embroidered Hat
20 pts	Branded Cup/Tote Bag	America's Boating Club Branded Cup or Tote Bag

Top 5 Recruiters Nationwide

Will be recognized in The Ensign, at the 2026 Annual Meeting, and receive special rewards.

Squadron-Level Incentive: \$500 Event Grant

To further encourage squadron-wide participation, the top two squadrons will each receive a \$500 grant as reimbursement for a member-focused event (such as a dinner, social, or recruiting celebration).

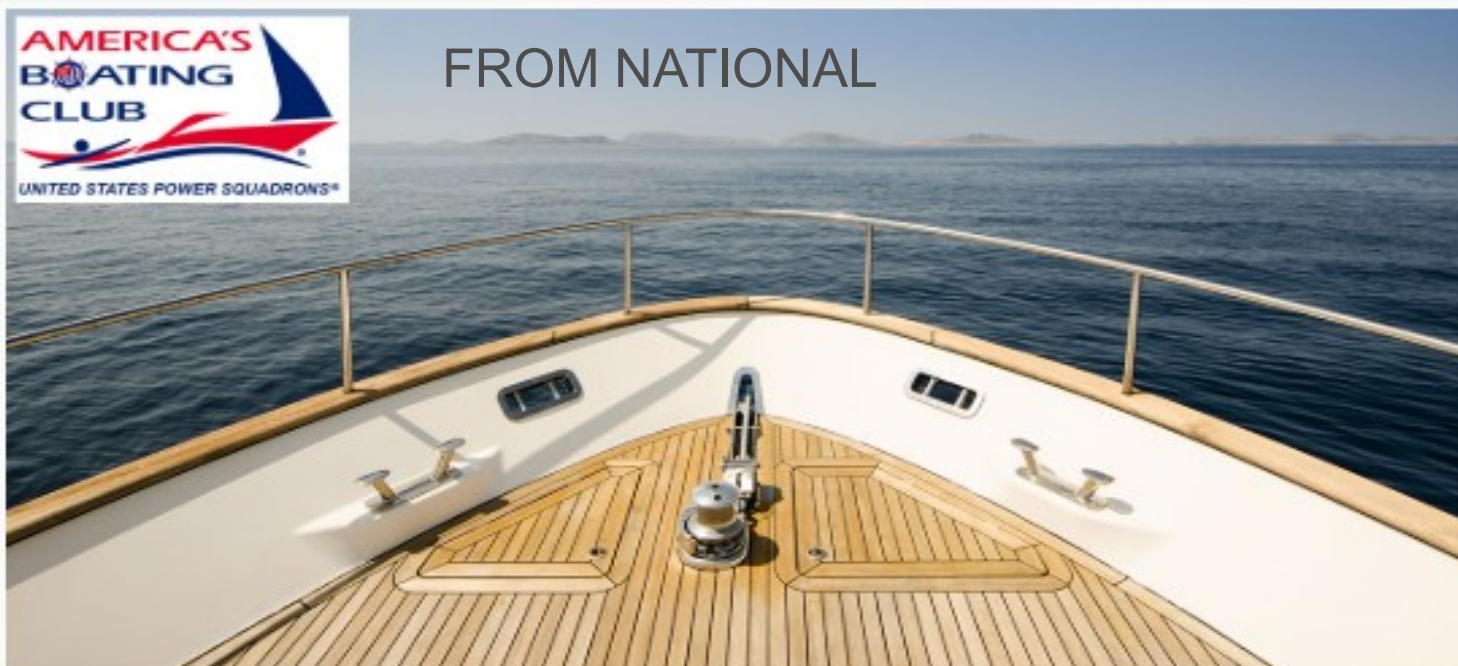
1. Squadron with the highest percentage of members who recruit at least one new member.
2. Squadron with highest total number of new members recruited by the squadron.

Grant Details:

- The grant is a reimbursement of up to \$500 for a squadron membership event.
- Events must be submitted for approval to the National Membership Committee (MemCom) in advance to qualify.
- Reimbursement will be processed upon submission of receipts and proof of the approved event



FROM NATIONAL



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We are always looking for new sponsors for our worthy organization. Contact any of our Bridge Officers (p.2) to make a donation. 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

sneitzey@aol.com gandczee@gmail.com

Please submit any information or photos for the August

*Publication to us by **July 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.

Tentative Calendar for 2025

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SQUADRON CHRISTMAS PARTY (TBA)



July Squadron Dinner at Tomoka River Grille

