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Formerly known as DAYTONA BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons Sail & Power Boating

JULY 2026

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These are our 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
P/C Paul Martines, JN

Finance/Audit Committee
Cdr Jeff Wise, SN
P/C Cheryl W. Martines, A

Nominating Committee
P/C Don Roman, AP
Cdr Jeff Wise, SN
P/C Paul Martines, JN

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

Executive Department

Boat Show Committee
P/C Don Roman, AP
Cdr 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

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 Commitee
Cdr Jeff Wise, SN

Port Captain
Cdr Jeff Wise, SN

Educational Department

Assistant Education Officers
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P/D/C Tim Henke, SN-CN

Secretary's Department

Information Technology Committee
D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey
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Public Contact
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Ship's Store Committee Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN

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COMMANDER
Jeff Wise, SN

Greetings from the Bridge.

I would like to welcome our newest member, Captain Ashley Barnett. She is now an official member. Many of you have already met her and some have even gotten boat training by her. She is native of New Smyrna Beach and has a lot of knowledge of the local waters, boating and technology. I think she is a great addition to our club.

Thank you to all our vessel examiners who have helped us to have, I think, the most successful year ever in the number of boats inspected. Our next trip to the islands for VSC's will be Saturday, July 18th. There is still a need and demand for our services, so let's get out there. If you would like to join the team of inspectors, please contact Don Roman or me for details.

We are still deciding on a date for the Conch House run in September to meet with the Jacksonville Club. I am checking on reserving the upstairs area of the main dining room for September 5th. That is Saturday of the Labor Day weekend.

We are into the informal dinner meeting months, now thru August, and we are trying some new and different locations. Please keep checking our updates for times and locations. We will resume our regular Thursday meetings at Red Lobster, Daytona, on September 17th and resume the Lucky Star drawings with $50 up for grabs. I would like to encourage new members to be at the September meeting to receive your membership packets and name tags, etc.

I noticed, looking at our member educational grades, that we have many members that have not taken advantage of our educational offerings. Please consider how you can expand your boating knowledge and think about what class you would like to see available in the fall.

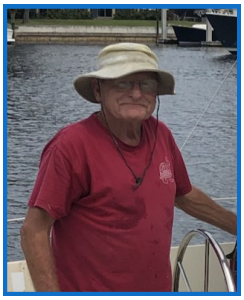
Please be prepared and have a plan for Hurricane readiness.. Stay Safe!

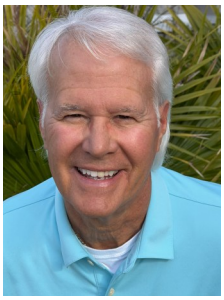
God bless us all, and till next time, Happy Sails to You!

Respectfully Submitted: Commander Jeff Wise, SN

Education Officers

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





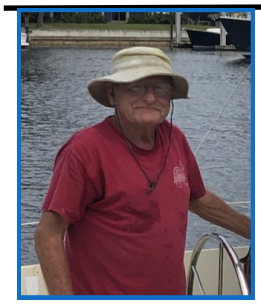
July will see a tentative schedule of classes to be held beginning in August and September. We'll begin with another ABC3 Safety Class with additional offerings to follow.

CPR was the top contender for Seminar interest. Mid to late August may be good. Dates will be considered at the July Executive Committee Meeting. Please let Don R know if you have a preference. This will be a Saturday activity.

Instructor training is now due. This is generally a half day seminar.

We are LOOKING for another instructor to assist and expand our educational offerings. If you know a teacher who's a boater and would like to volunteer some time to help educate our membership and the public in all things nautical, please have them contact Don Roman, 386-453-6456.

Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP



Administrative Officer

P/C Don Roman, AP

The North Turn Restaurant on Beachside, Ponce Inlet, will be our dinner location for Thursday, 16 July 2026 at 6 PM. Should be a great place and a historic one too. Stay tuned for additional info. Please RSVP to Don by Tuesday, July 14. See you there.

Summertime Photo Contest: This contest is open to squadron members and immediate family members. Pictures must be taken from 01 June to 01 September 2026, to be submitted by 01 Sept' 26 in digital format only - JPG please. Members can submit multiple photos for consideration with prizes given for the top three. Photos must have a water sport/boating theme.

We still need to find some members willing to assist with managing our webpage, Facebook, media, public relations, work with our local businesses, teaching, vessel safety checks, the Executive Committee, etc. There are lots of opportunities to get involved without over-extending yourself. We could surely use some help.

Organizational clothing is a big part of advertising. Wearing your ABC Daytona Beach squadron shirt or VSC examiner shirt out to shops, supermarkets, restaurants, etc. can be a simple way to spark a conversation, invite someone to our activities, and help sustain membership

Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP

Treasurer
Lt/C Luc Labreche

Our Treasury is strong and all bills are paid.

Use the code below when you want to use Zelle for payments to our Daytona Squadron.

Code for funds to our squadron. ➡

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

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Respectfully Submitted: L/C Luc Labreche

Secretary
L/C Sharon Neitzey

Please contact me (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. We will need all information and photos for the August edition of the Beachcomber by July 25.

Respectfully Submitted: L/C Sharon Neitzey

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our Membership Chair, P/C Paul Martines, JN, reports that we currently have 61 members.

DISTRICT 23 NEWS

JACKSONVILLE SQUADRONS' ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S RIVER CRUISE was held last weekend on the St. John's River. They cordially invited members of other squadrons from our district to join them at any part of the trip.

Jeff Wise, Paul Martines, and Sharon Neitzey from our Daytona Squadron drove over last Saturday to meet them at Three Bananas Restaurant on Cresent Lake for lunch. They had an adventurous trip, but made it in time for a nice lunch on the big screened porch overlooking the water.

Unfortunately, the rains were starting just as they began their return trip, so boating out to an island for some games and activities didn't happen. Still, we had a great time sharing food and fun with them. Looking forward to meeting with them again at the Conch House Restaurant in St. Augustine, which is tentatively rescheduled for September 5. Jeff Wise is working on arrangements for the outing based on availability for that date at the restaurant.

June 27, 2026 Three Bananas
Lunch with Jacksonville Squadron
(additional photos in Gallery)

DISTRICT 23 FALL CONFERENCE

Don't forget that the D23 Fall Conference will be held in Cocoa Beach October 16 ,17, 2026. Preview flyer is attached on p. 8. Hope to see lots of Daytona members there.

See attached flyer on next page and watch for Registration Information. Hope to see lots of Daytona members there to support our District 23 efforts.

DISTRICT 23 FALL CONFERENCE—OCTOBER 16-17, 2026

Friday Night: October16, 2026

ISLAND TIME
Dolphins Waterfront Bar and Grill at Cape Crossing
310 Lagoon Way
Merritt Island, Florida

Put on your Hawaiian shirts and enjoy a buffet dinner with live music.

Cost: $35.00/per person
Reservations Required

Saturday: October 17, 2026

D23 FALL CONFERENCE
Host: America's Boating Club Cocoa Beach

Brevard Veteran's Memorial Center
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway
Merritt Island, Florida, 3295
Gray Hall Conference Room

Morning Registration:
8:00 AM: Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

D23 Council
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

N Club
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

12:00 Noon Lunch:

BBQ Buffet: $22.00/person: Reservations Required

Fall Conference Meeting:
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tim Henke Katherine Val Dyke

Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday dear squadron members.

Happy birthday to YOU!!!

Lucky Star

Lucky Star Winner .

WE DON'T HAVEA LUCKY STAR DRAWING AT OUR INFORMAL SUMMER DINNERS. THE NEXT DRAWING WILL ROLL BACK TO $50 AND WILL BE DRAWN AT OUR SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING. ALL MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE. THERE IS NO COST! DON'T MISS OUT!

BUT REMEMBER… you must be present to win!

See you there.

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*You will need your membership number (on your membership card) to Log In.

This section of the National Website has been redone. There are options for discounts on meds, hotels, UPS, boat insurance, office supplies, and many more. Check it out!

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Our Daytona Beach Sail and Power Squadron America's Boating Club partners with the USCG Auxiliary in providing FREE Courtesy Vessel Safety Checks for those who wish to ensure that their boat meets USCG (and State) requirements.

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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A huge shout-out to Aaron Kilman Jewelers and to McKenna's Place, Port Orange, for their continued generous support of America's Boating Club.

We are always looking for new MEMBER 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 for your support.

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 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.

Lunch with members of the Jacksonville Squadron on their St. John's River Summer Cruise at Three Bananas Restaurant.

There's always one!

Sending our friends off into the rain.
Safe travels!

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TBA: HOLIDAY PARTY

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