



# BEACHCOMBER



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

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"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.  
- Oliver Wendall Holmes-

**Executive & General Committees**

**Executive Committee**

P/D/C Jeffrey T. Wise, JN  
Tom Leitzel, P  
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  
P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN

**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 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

**Assistant Admin Officer**

P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN

**Membership Committee**

Cdr. Paul S. Martines, JN

**Operations Training**

PC Will Benny, SN

**Boating Activities Committee**

P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN

**Port Captain**

P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN

**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

**Webmaster Committee**

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## COMMANDER Cdr. Paul Martines, JN

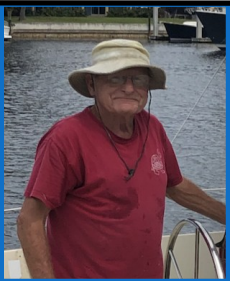
We have a busy schedule coming up next month. **We have our Squadron Change of Watch on March 22<sup>nd</sup>** I would like to thank Don Roman for setting up Vessel Safety Checks down at Harbour Village Condo's Marina last week. We met some new boaters and had a great time.

**Speaking of Change of Watch, we need some new people to help with our squadron leadership. We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in joining as Bridge Officers or as Executive Committee Members. Contact Jeff Wise or Don Roman if you can help.**

District Commander Mark Adams held a D23 Council Meeting last week. We discussed upcoming district events like the D23 Change of Watch Conference March 13 and 14 and the picnic on April 25. Watch for information in the District Report.

The squadron is very active, and we have a lot of events planned for the coming year. Make sure you read through the issues of Beachcomber and pay attention to the calendar of events planned for the rest of 2026. Please try to support our activities when you can.

*Respectfully Submitted: Cdr Paul Martines, JN*



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER P/C Don Roman, AP

First, our VSC program is up and running. Last month we enjoyed a visit to Harbour Village, Ponce Inlet. This month we go to Bouchelle Island Condos, New Smyrna Beach, on the 21st for VSCs. Additionally, we have a member who is newly- qualified as a Vessel Examiner. Congratulations to John Demaye.

Anyone interested in joining the Bridge?? We need a Commander, Admin Officer, another ASE0, also a VSC coordinator, public affairs assistant, industry liaison, and Executive Committee member(s). Don't be shy and please step up. Existing officers are here to help you too.

**Executive Department, Rules Committee:** We are currently going over new Squadron Bylaws from National Annual Meeting to update changes. When completed we will send them to Executive Members for approval.

**VSCs at Harbour Village Condos in Ponce Inlet.**

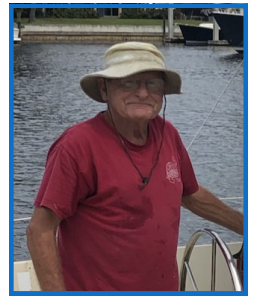
*Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP*





## Education Officers

**SEO P/C Will Benny, SN**



**ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP**

After offering a Marine Radar Course, we are looking forward to holding another ABC3 Boating Safety Course in the early weeks of April.

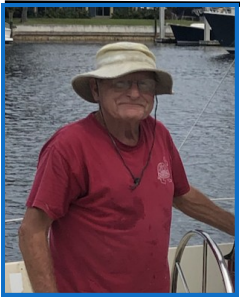
Anyone who would like to assist, observe, or audit the course should please contact ASEO Don Roman. We need another instructor too. Now would be a good time to start YOUR qualification.

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

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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**P/C Don Roman, AP**



Between District 23 and our squadron, we have a lot of activities this March.

Sunday, March 22, 1-4 p.m. is our squadron Change of Watch. This is a biggie. We'll meet at the beautiful Halifax River Yacht Club. You've already been sent an invitation and meal plan. See Pp. 8 & 9. Please provide Don Roman with your meal choice as soon as possible (but NLT Tuesday, 17 March, St Patrick's Day). You will be able to pay the squadron at the door. Paying the squadron avoids sale tax. Additionally, the squadron is providing the dessert and covering service fees. We'd love to see all of you attend. We also have a special surprise raffle of an amazing gift bag, so be ready!

Anyone interested in joining the Bridge?? We need a Commander, Admin Officer, another ASEO, also a VSC coordinator, public affairs assistant, industry liaison, and Executive Committee member(s). Don't be shy and please step up. Existing officers are here to help you too.

Coming to the Change of Watch?? We're putting together a new basket for our next McKenna's dinner raffle. The theme is, "Beach Days Are Here." If you have any items to contribute, please bring them on March 22. Proceeds from the raffles helps the squadron share expenses and afford activities like picnics.

**Administrative Department, Membership Chair:** We currently have 58 members in our Squadron.

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



**Treasurer**  
**Lt/C Luc Labreche**

All bills have been paid. We have filed for annual report and we are up-to-date on reconciliation.

This is a friendly reminder to please submit your current dues at your earliest convenience. You can do so on the USPS National Website. Go to [usps.org](https://usps.org) and click log in dropdown. Go to membership portal. You sign in with your membership number (E\_\_\_\_\_). You can then edit any personal information as well as pay your dues.

We also wanted to let you know that we are now able to accept **Venmo and Zelle** as payment options for any club-related payments, in addition to our existing methods. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you, and we appreciate your continued support.

If you would like your name to appear on the Beachcomber Squadron Sponsor page for the 2026 publishing year, give a \$20 donation to Luc Labreche. Checks should be made to ABC Daytona Beach.

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



**Secretary**  
**D/L/C Sharon Neitzey**

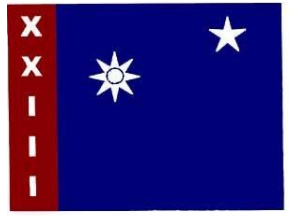
Please contact me ([sneitzey@aol.com](mailto:sneitzey@aol.com) or 386-290-1243) with any corrections or questions regarding the current minutes or Beachcomber Newsletter. Also, let me know if you have photos or news that you feel should be included in our Beachcomber. Please send photos to Christine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

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



## **DISTRICT 23 NEWS**

***D/L/C Sharon Neitzey, D23 Admin Officer***



Thank you for your support to all who have registered to attend our Spring Change of Watch Conference in Lake Mary on March 13 and 14. A flyer with final details is on Page 8. Any interested member is invited to attend the Saturday Meetings or the Friday night dinner or party. Contact Sharon Neitzey if you would like to join us.

There are a few important District 23 events coming in the next few months. Our District 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 in the April Beachcomber.

District 23 Nominating Committee is looking for some new District 23 Bridge Officers and other committee members. They especially need a Secretary and an Executive Officer. Let Jeff Wise or D23 Commander Mark Adams know if you would be willing to serve our district.

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

**DISTRICT 23 CHANGE OF WATCH CONFERENCE**

**MARCH 13 & 14, 2026**

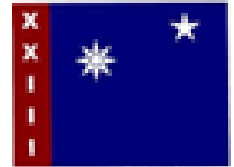
**HILTON GARDEN INN, LAKE MARY, FL**



# D23 Change of Watch Conference

## Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Currency Cir.

### Lake Mary, FL March 13 & 14



#### Friday Evening

3:00 Check in to hotel

5:00 Gather in lobby to leave for St. John's River Seafood, 550 N. Palmetto Ave, Sanford, FL.  
(PLEASE RSVP by phone, text, or email if you are coming to the restaurant so our seat count will be accurate— 386-290-1243 or sneitzey@aol.com).

7:00 60's Music Bingo Dance Party **(Wear your 60's Best!!)**



#### Saturday

7-8:30 Breakfast provided to Friday hotel guests. Others can purchase for \$16.

9:00 Final set-up

9:15 N Club

10:15 Registration (Pick up purchased lunch tickets when you register)

10:30 Morning Roundtable (Squadron shirts or appropriate casual)

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Conference Meeting, Election of Officers, and Awards

**Saturday Evening** (Class A Uniforms or Dressy Appropriate)

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Change of Watch Swearing In Ceremony

Afterparty with Music, Dancing (Bring your favorite party games)

#### Sunday Morning

7-8:30 Breakfast provided to Friday hotel guests. Others can purchase for \$16.

**NOTES: Contact Sharon Neitzey with questions or to RSVP.**

- 1) You are already registered. Tell them you are booked with America's Boating Club. Give your name at desk and leave a credit card on file for incidentals you may purchase.
- 2) Friday night party is a 60's Music Bingo Party. 60's Outfits/Costumes are encouraged. Brush up on your 60's Music for the Bingo Game. WE MAY BE A SMALL GROUP, BUT WE CAN HAVE A GREAT WEEK END!



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

**The following members have agreed for following bridge for the 2025 – 2026 year.**

### **Bridge Nominations (1 or 2 year term)**

Commander – Cdr. Paul Martines, JN

Executive Officer - P/C Don Roman, AP

Administrative Officer – Open

Education Officer – P/C Will Benny, SN - Ass't Education – P/C Don Roman, AP

Secretary – D/L/C Sharon Neitzey

Treasurer – Luc Labreche

### **Executive Committee Nominations (1 or 2 year term)**

#### **At-Large Members**

P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN

#### **Financial Review Committee**

P/C Sherry Martines, AP

P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN

#### **Rules Committee Member**

Cdr. Paul Martines, JN

D/C & P/C Jeff Wise, JN

#### **Nominating Committee**

P/C Don Roman, AP

P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN

\*Submitted to Executive Board February 2025 for approval by Nominating Committee

P/D/C Jeff Wise, JN



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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB, DAYTONA BEACH  
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR  
**2026 CHANGE OF WATCH**

CELEBRATING OUR SEVENTY SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE



**WHEN:** SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026 FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

**WHERE:** THE BEAUTIFUL HALIFAX RIVER YACHT CLUB,  
331 SOUTH BEACH ST., DAYTONA BEACH, FL., 32114

**WHAT:** DURING THIS PARTY, WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR  
OUTGOING BRIDGE AND INSTALL OUR NEW SQUADRON  
OFFICERS TO CONTINUE MOVING US FORWARD.

**RECOMMENDED ATTIRE:** CLASS A UNIFORM -OR- SUITABLE  
FOR YACHT CLUB LUNCHEON.

**PARKING:** LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE YACHT  
CLUB. PARKING ENTRANCE IS OFF OF LIVE OAK AVE JUST  
SOUTH OF HRYC ON WEST SIDE OF S. BEACH.

**MENU/RSVP DEADLINE:** PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED MENU.  
SUBMIT YOUR CHOICE(S) TO DON ROMAN, CALL OR TEXT,  
PH, 386-453-6456, OR EMAIL: [ANDANTEROMAN@MAC.COM](mailto:ANDANTEROMAN@MAC.COM).

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR MEAL CHOICE A.S.A.P BUT N.L.T  
TUESDAY 17 MARCH, ST PATRICK'S DAY, PAY THE SQUADRON  
AT THE DOOR, WITH CASH, CHECK OR ZELLE. THIS WILL  
SAVE YOU SALES TAX, PLUS THE SQUADRON WILL PROVIDE  
DESSERT AND SERVICE FEES.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE EACH AND EVERY MEMBER AT THIS EVENT.  
IT'S A GREAT TREAT TO ENJOY THE AFTERNOON AT THE BEAUTIFUL  
HRYC, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR CHANGE OF WATCH.

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

ON BEHALF OF YOUR BRIDGE,

CDR PAUL MARTINES, JN





## CHANGE OF WATCH MEAL CHOICE AND BILL

SELECT ONE ENTREE FOR EACH IN YOUR PARTY.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR MEAL CHOICE A.S.A.P BUT NLT MARCH 17TH.  
PAY THE SQUADRON AT THE DOOR, WITH CASH, CHECK OR ZELLE.  
COST INCLUDES MEAL, TAX AND TIP.

NAME:FIRST \_\_\_\_\_,LAST \_\_\_\_\_

ALL CHOICES INCLUDE: HOUSE SALAD, FRESH BREAD, ICED TEA OR COFFEE, DESSERT. ADULT BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

### **CHICKEN CORDON BLEU \$ 33.00**

CHICKEN BREAST STUFFED WITH SWISS CHEESE AND LEAN HAM, SERVED WITH WHIPPED POTATOES AND SEASONAL VEGETABLE.

### **BLACKENED SALMON \$34.00**

RUBBED WITH CAJUN SEASONINGS AND PAN SEARED WITH WILD RICE PILAF AND BABY CARROTS.

### **BEEF BOURGUIGNON \$35.00**

TENDER TIPS SAUTÉED WITH SHALLOTS, MUSHROOMS, DEGLAZED WITH BURGUNDY WINE AND DEMI-GLACE. SERVED OVER WHIPPED POTATOES.

### **PESTO CHICKEN \$30.00**

BONELESS CHICKEN BREAST PAN SEARED. SERVED WITH A CREAMY PESTO SAUCE, TOASTED SUNDRIED TOMATOES AND PARMESAN CHEESE.



### **PESTO TORTELLINI - VEGETARIAN - \$17.00**

TRI-COLOR CHEESE TORTELLINI TOSSED IN AROMATIC PESTO OLIVE OIL. FINISHED WITH ROASTED TOMATOES, WILD MUSHROOMS, CARAMELIZED ONIONS, ASPARAGUS, BABY SPINACH, AND ARTICHOKE. WITH CHOICE OF: HOUSE-CRAFTED SOUP OR A CRISP GARDEN SALAD WITH SIGNATURE VINAIGRETTE.

### **DESSERT FOR YOU:**

SHEET CAKE PROVIDED BY THE SQUADRON.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU REGISTER AND DO NOT SHOW,  
YOU STILL OWE THE SQUADRON FOR YOUR FOOD BECAUSE  
WE'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR YOU REGARDLESS.**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

*Joe Lockett    Leon Jones    Robert Ray*  
*Frank Neitzey                      Ron Radford*  
*Hallett Stiles                      John Demaye*



*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 TO \$225 THIS MONTH.  
IT WILL BE DRAWN AT OUR CHANGE OF WATCH.  
REMEMBER, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.  
DON'T MISS OUT!**

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*and much much more!*



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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 below:

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

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.

Display of numbers    Registration/Documentation    Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)  
 Backfire Flame Control    Pollution Placard    Navigation Rules    Fire Extinguishers  
 Sound Producing Device    MAR POL Trash Placards    Navigation Lights    Ventilation  
 Visual Distress Signals (VDS)    Engine Cutoff Switch (ECS)    Overall Condition  
 Trash Management Plan.    Note: requirements vary by Boat's Class

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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 **March 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.*



Tim Henke  
Life Membership  
Award  
Paul Martines



Kathleen & Gary  
Foster  
Sr. Merit Mark  
Award



**Guest Speakers:**  
*Capt Nick Foster*  
*Capt Ashley Barnett*  
Sea Tow  
Daytona Beach



Thank you, Christine Zahornacky, for posting our gallery pages each month-

**TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 2026**

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