



BEACHCOMBER



Formerly known as DAYTONA BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons Sail & Power Boating

May 2025

MAY 3 and 4: VSE's at Harbor Village Condos

8: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.

15: Squadron Dinner Meeting, Red Lobster, 6:15 p.m.

17: VSCs at Island (across from Down the Hatch)

17-23 National Safe Boating Week

D23 31: D23 Picnic 11-3, Herschel King Park, Palm Coast

JUNE 12: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.

19: Summer Casual Dinner, Outriggers, NSB, 6:30 p.m.

D23 21: Lunch w/ Jacksonville Squadron, Three Bananas, 11 a.m.

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REPOST

“ Many hands make light work.”

REPOST

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

Administrative Department

Membership Committee

Cdr. Paul S. Martines, JN
Lt/C Gary Foster, P

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR
BRIDGE OFFICERS AND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

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COMMANDER

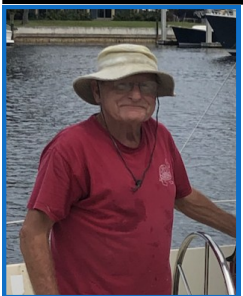
Cdr. Paul Martines, JN

We are getting into the thick of boating season. I hope all of our members are ready to go boating and come to our squadron cruises, outings and picnics this season. Our Squadron and District are setting up a lot of events in the coming months, so please check the Tentative Calendar on the final page of each Beachcomber Newsletter for dates and times of events. We don't want you to miss anything!

We need to have better squadron member participation to make our efforts successful. Come to our events and bring friends along. Let them see what we're all about. Maybe they too will want to join as members of our squadron

We are having a great interest in boaters wanting to have Vessel Safety Inspections down on the islands near Ponce Inlet. This is a great way to meet the public. We tell them about our squadron and all the boating education services we offer. We suggest that they join us for a squadron dinner and we share with them the benefits of becoming a member of **America's Boating Club, Daytona Beach**. If you would like to participate in our outreach efforts, please contact Jeff Wise or Don Roman for times and dates.

Respectfully Submitted: Cdr Paul Martines, JN



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/C Don Roman, AP

Our Squadron has reported 39 Vessel Safety Checks so far in 2025. On May 3 & 4, our Vessel Safety Examiners will work with the Harbormaster and boat owners at the Harbour Village Community in Ponce Inlet to perform Vessel Safety Exams. If you would like to be a Vessel Safety Examiner, please contact Don Roman to find out how.

On May 17, in honor of National Safe Boating Week (May 18-24), we will again perform Vessel Safety Exams at Tata Island. It is in the cut across from Down the Hatch Restaurant in Ponce Inlet. We will need one or two "ambassadors" to line up the exams and to tell boaters about our organization and its purpose and activities.

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 your 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

Executive Officer P/C Don Roman (Continued)

A letter from Don:

I am privileged to again serve on the Bridge of our squadron. This time as Executive Officer. That is to say, I'm supposed to do whatever helps the Commander do his job. I also coordinate our Vessel Safety Check program, pay attention to boating safety programs, and assist wherever required which includes membership, and squadron activities, such as, Boat Show presence, public relations, and the list goes on. That's where you come into the picture.

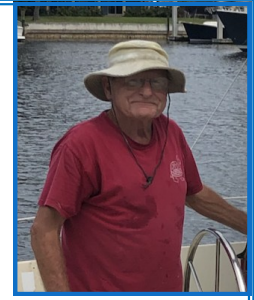
Let me say that there are lots of opportunities for you to help with squadron activities. Specifically, we need some folks to step up and assist managing the squadron Facebook page, website, public relations, commercial contacts (boat dealers, etc) and encouraging member attendance at our events, dinners, picnics, outings, etc. We also need a couple of folks to join the executive committee (no relationship to the Executive Officer). The executive committee meets once a month on the second Thursday of the month at 7PM for about an hour and a half. They set the calendar, plan upcoming events, and make sure the squadron stays on course. Attending ExCom meetings is a terrific way to find out, how the squadron functions and what it's up to, as well as staying abreast of District 23 and National issues. If you want to help, just contact any bridge officer, or ExCom member. We are fortunate to have some excellent, experienced members serving on the bridge. However, we need others to help lighten the load. Many hands make for light work - you can volunteer to help. Perhaps become a Port Captain to welcome transient boaters that stop in your harbor. (Hint - lots of opportunities to help!)

We have 8 Vessel Examiners at this time. Tom Leitzel has completed the necessary training and is now fully qualified as a VE. There is plenty of room for more. It's a great way to see lots of different types of boats; from canoes, kayaks and PWCs to vessels meant for blue water passages. If interested let me know. (Hint - lots of opportunities to learn and help).

Spring is here and summer arrives soon. Planning a day on the water, or extended cruises, please remember that it's "Weather or Not You Go!" Safe passages to all. Don R



Education Officers
SEO P/C Will Benny, SN-CN



ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP

I finished the most recent ABC3 class last month with I am now attending the National SEO meetings as the new ADEO (Assistant District Education Officer. I plan to offer a Navigation class later in the summer. Watch for forthcoming information to register for another amazing class. Please call me (386) 453-6456 if you are interested. More Info From Don: I recently attended a USCG Safe Boating Class in New Smyrna Beach for a little cross training on how they conduct their safety class.

Tom Leitzel is a newly certified Instructor and will start teaching portions of the ABC3 Safety class soon.

I am looking for a Volunteer to help me organize a Photo Contest for the Squadron this summer. Please let me know if you're interested.

I am planning a class schedule for this summer and fall. If you're interested in an advanced class, please let me know. The Boat Handling seminar series, and navigation classes come to mind, as well as other options, such as marine weather. Go to our website: www.abcdb.club and link to the national site for a complete list of courses and over 28 seminars.

Respectfully Submitted: ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP



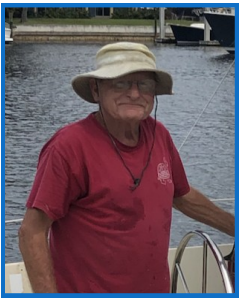
Treasurer
Lt/C Luc Labreche

Treasurer Luc Labreche says, "I am fully onboard in my new position and have met with Steve Becker to transfer financial access and information. I am now reviewing and uploading our data into my system. The yearly financial audit is complete and passed review with no problems. Our account is up-to-date and all fees/bills are paid.

Our income from McKenna's was \$229 for meals, plus \$70 for the basket and \$42 for the 50/50, for a total income of \$341. Thanks to McKenna's for continuing to support our group. Unfortunately, our squadron turn-out was very small, which affected our income for the night. We are in the process of scheduling our next McKenna's night and hope to see many of you there with family and friends.



Respectfully Submitted: Lt/C Luc Labreche



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
(ACTING)**

P/C Don Roman, AP

MAY DINNER MEETING

Red Lobster, Daytona Beach

PLEASE JOIN US...BRING A FRIEND!

Thursday, May 15, 2025 @ 6:15 p.m.

RSVP by Tuesday May 13

DON ROMAN (386)453-6456

Our speakers for the May Meeting will be representatives from our Halifax Health Hospice Organization of Volusia County:

[Becca Gation](#) is the Executive Director. She is excited to briefly explain the philosophy of Hospice Care-Palliative vs. Curative, when and how to seek Hospice care for a loved one, and what Hospice care actually looks like in its many forms-non-profit and for profit, Care Centers and Home Care.

[Lisa Remillard](#) is the Volusia Coordinator of Volunteer Services. She works directly with the Volunteer Team Leaders of each of the four Hospice Care Centers in our county and guides our volunteers in using their many varied talents to serve the care centers, our patients and their families. She will also mention a variety of opportunities for people who wish to get involved.

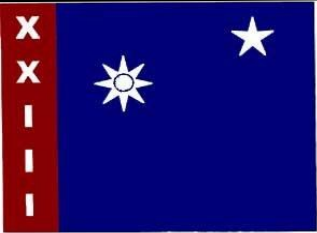
Respectfully Submitted: P/C Don Roman, AP



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 June Beachcomber by June 25.

Respectfully Submitted: D/L/C Sharon Neitzey



DISTRICT 23 NEWS

Save the date for our upcoming D23 Picnic, which is scheduled for May 31, 11-3 at Herschel King Park, Palm Coast-located on the west side of the Intercoastal Waterway between State Rd. 100 and PalmCoast Parkway. Look for the flyer with all the information on page 9 in this Beachcomber. Hope to see you there for lots of fun, food, and good times with our District 23 members.

We have also been invited by the Jacksonville Squadron to join them June 20 and/or 21 on their Annual St. John's River Trip. They will stay at the Crystal Cove Resort (ask for Samantha) and the attached Crystal Cove Marina and RV Park (ask for John).

Some of us usually join them for lunch on Saturday at 11 at the Three Bananas Restaurant in Crescent City. We are also invited to join them for dinner at Corky Bell's Restaurant in East Palatka at 6. Check with Jeff Wise or Sharon Neitzey if you want more info. Also RSVP to Jon Vanatta, Jacksonville (904) 859 1724 by **June 15** for the rooms and meals.



2024 D23 Picnic

Bing's Landing Park



Coming May 31



BOAT RIDES
MUSIC
50/50 Raffle



DRINKS
GAMES
FOOD
FUN

Bring a life jacket for a group photo.

DISTRICT 23 ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC HERSCHEL KING PARK-FLAGLER

1000 Grady Prather Jr Cove, Palm Coast, FL 32137

WHO? All members of District 23 are invited to join us. Feel free to bring guests, but **MUST RSVP AHEAD OF TIME** so we are prepared for you.

WHAT? This is a day of fun and friendship with our fellow members of D23 ABC Squadrons. Bring yard games and chairs if you wish. We will serve hot dogs, burgers, coleslaw and potato salad, plus tea, lemonade, and water. Please bring an appetizer, dessert or snack to share if you would like to help.

WHEN? 11:00-3:00 (Set up at 10:00 if you can help). Lunch at noon.

WHERE? I-95 to FL #100E. go 1.8 mi., left on Colbert Ln., go 3.2 mi., then rt. on Grady Prather Jr. Cove/Herschel King Dr. Continue straight 1.2 mi.

WHY? Because it's fun to socialize with our D23 friends.

HOW? Come by boat or by car (nice floating dock). Carpool if you'd like..

COST? \$5 per person, checks to USPS D23 or cash. **PAY AT PICNIC!**

RSVP By May 15 to Sharon Neitzey, sneitzey@aol.com, (386) 290-1243 and let me know how many people (and what you might bring), so we can shop appropriately. Thanks for your help..

HAPPY



BIRTHDAYS!

Bobby Bray Becky Roman Luc Labreche

Danielle Heath-Jones Tom Leitzel

Peter Singh Sherry Martines



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 APRIL, KATHERINE VALDYKE, WAS NOT PRESENT. THE POT IS NOW \$75.

**IT WILL BE DRAWN AT OUR MAY 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
Tim Henke	352-483-6000
Paul Martines	386-265-5180
Ron Radford	515-236-8206
Don Roman	386-453-6456
Jeff Wise	386-299-4536
Ermit Zapata	386-279-2779
Tom Leitzel	704-591-6558

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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 **May 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.

ABC Daytona Beach @ Red Lobster

April 24, 2025



Thank you...
Niles Cyzykic
Volusia County Coastal Construction
Program Manager



and
Thank you
DB Squadron
members
for joining us this evening!
See you next month.



Tentative Calendar for 2025

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- SEPT.** 11: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.
25: Squadron Dinner Mtg. (TBA) 6:15 p.m.
- OCT.** 9: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.
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- DEC.** 11: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.
- SQUADRON CHRISTMAS PARTY (TBA)**