



BEACHCOMBER



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

October, 2023

OCTOBER	10: Lunch Bunch , Aunt Catfish, Port Orange, 11:30 12: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m. 19: Squadron Dinner Meeting, 6:30, Houligan's, Daytona 31: Halloween
NOVEMBER	9: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m. 11: Veterans' Day 14: Lunch Bunch, 11:30, TBA 16: Squadron Dinner Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Red Lobster, Daytona. 23: Thanksgiving
DECEMBER	12: Lunch Bunch 14: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m. 17: DB Squadron Christmas Lunch, Palmetto Club, Info TBA 25: Merry Christmas 31: Happy New Year



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**“Have an anchor so that life
doesn’t toss you around.”**

Debby Ryan

General Committees

Auditing Committee

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Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN
P/C Cheryl Martines, AP

Finance Committee

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

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

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**Vessel Safety Check
Committee**

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Secretary's Department

**Information Technology
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D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey
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Cdr Paul S. Martines, JN

Website Committee

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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

Asst. Administrative Officer

1/Lt Kathleen Foster, S

Membership Committee

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

Treasurer's Department

D/Lt/C Steve Becker, AP

Assistant Treasurer

D/Lt/C Sharon Neitzey

Executive Committee

P/D/C Jeffrey T. Wise, JN

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COMMANDER

Paul Martines, JN

We had a good turnout at our last dinner meeting at the Trails South Forty Clubhouse. I would like to thank Don Roman for getting this spot for us, and Gary and Kathleen Foster for making all the dinner arrangements. We had three guests attend the meeting and join our squadron. They were recruited from the Daytona Boat Show. We also had one member transfer from Central Florida Squadron to our squadron. We expect get a few more. Our guest speaker was Lisa Herbster, who is Commodore at the Halifax River Sailing Association. She gave a great presentation and shared information about their club.

Plans have already begun for the annual Christmas party in December. We had the most amazing party last year and are looking to continue that this year! We will keep you posted as soon as the event details become available.

Make sure you read through this issue and pay attention to the calendar of events coming up. We hope you will join us as often as you can.

Respectfully Submitted: Cdr Paul Martines

Executive Officer Report

Vessel Safety Report:

We have 6 Vessel Safety Officers and we have completed 91 Vessel Inspections this year.

Rules Committee Report: The updated Bylaws were completed and sent to members. Our bylaws are posted on National web site and on our web site. Any members who would like a printed copy can contact Cdr. Paul Martines, Rules Committee Chair.

Boat Show Committee Report: We had a booth at the Daytona Boat Show and it was well attended. We had a few people sign up for classes and three people took applications to join our Squadron. I would like to thank all the Squadron members that helped with the show for 3 days. We had 14 members who participated in manning the booth. We also gave away key chain /bottle and can openers printed with the squadron name and web site address to the boat show attendees.

Respectfully Submitted: Cdr Paul Martines



Administrative Officer Lt/C Gary Foster, P

After a successful BBQ season opener at Don Roman's South Forty clubhouse, Fall promises to be a great start to the new business year. Welcome to our four new members: Chris and Stacy Conomos, Eugenio Ortiz and Robert Ray. Longtime member and lucky dog Jeff Wise took home another STAR prize, this time \$100. He promptly donated half back to the squadron. Thanks, Jeff. A \$34 50/50 went to Christine Zahornacky. Thanks to all who came for the event as we learned about the Halifax River Sailing Association from Commodore Lisa Herbster.

October 19 will find us ordering off Houligans (Speedway Blvd location) menu and listening to speaker Buddy Davenport commissioner of the Volusia County's Florida Inland Navigation District. We'll get underway at 6:30. And, as usual, let me know at least two days prior as to your attendance. Call or email Gary Foster at 706-255-3007/ garyeugenefoster@gmail.com.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet for a meal at Aunt Catfish (Dunlawton and US 1) on October 10, 11:30. Rita will be glad to see you.

Respectfully Submitted: Lt/C Gary Foster, P



Treasurer D/Lt/C Steve Becker, P

Our event at McKennas on September 4 netted \$426. That consisted of \$184 for baskets and 50/50, plus a pending check for the food percentage for \$242. Our secretary retained \$150 for change for the upcoming squadron dinner meeting. An invoice from USPS Headquarters for ABC course kits for \$479.10 was paid on September 22. After the above purchase is debited to our account, our checking account balance will be \$23,160.70.

The squadron treasury was audited on September 5 – no discrepancies.

Respectfully Submitted: D/Lt/C Steve Becker, P

Welcome to new members for our Daytona Squadron:

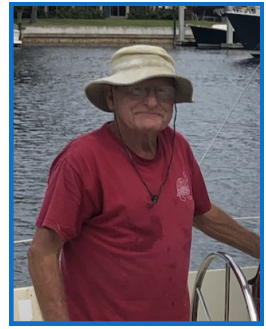
Stacy and Christopher Conomos in Daytona Beach Shores

Robert Ray in Longwood

Eufemio Oritz in Clermont



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



ASEO P/C Don Roman, P

An ABC3 class will be held the next two Saturdays, October 7 and 14, at the Halifax River Yacht Club. We are hoping to offer Advanced Navigation soon. Call Don Roman, Asst. Safety Education Officer, (386)453-6456 to schedule your class. Don just presented a class on the use of sextants for navigating on the seas to our District 23 Fall Conference St. John's Navigation Club. He is very knowledgeable about all aspects of boating.

Respectfully Submitted: SEO P/C Will Benny, SN-CN and ASEO P/C Don Roman, P



Secretary
D/L/C Sharon Neitzey

Please contact me (sneitzey@aol.com or 386-290-1243) with any corrections or questions regarding the minutes that were sent last week. Also, let me know if you have photos or items of interest that you feel should be included in our newsletter. I will need all information for the November Beachcomber by October 26. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted: D/L/C Sharon Neitzey

DISTRICT 23 NEWS

Thank you to all who attended and supported our D23 Fall Conference. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our District 23 operations and to meet and share with our fellow district members. A special thanks goes out to all who generously contributed their time and talent to helping make the conference a success. And a special thanks goes to all who bravely participated in "laying on of your hands" to complete our conference banner. You were all good sports! It was announced that our Spring Change of Watch will be held February 23-25 in Jacksonville Beach at the Hampton Inn Beachfront. Save the date!

Respectfully Submitted: D/L/C Sharon Neitzey

OCTOBER 19 DINNER MEETING
HOULIGAN'S DAYTONA, 6:30 P.M.
1725 W. INTERNATIONAL BLVD.

COME JOIN US. BRING A FRIEND



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

An ACCURATE count of persons committing to attend is still required by the deadline so the venue can efficiently staff and serve our group. Please RSVP to Gary Foster before the **October 17, 9:00 p.m. deadline.** You can email him at: garyeugenefoster@gmail.com OR Text or Call Gary at (706) 255-3007. Let's have a huge turnout for our invited speaker, Buddy Davenport, Volusia County Representative to the Florida Inland Navigation District Commission, who will speak about the Intercoastal waterway.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!



William Benny Kathleen Foster

Paul Martines Richard Schmidt

Lisa Smith



Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday to you.

Happy birthday dear squadron members.

Happy birthday to YOU!!!

Lucky Star



Lucky Star Winner ...

Congratulations to Jeff Wise, who won \$100 at our September Dinner Meeting. The next Lucky Star drawing will be on October 19 at our next regular dinner meeting. The pot will be \$50 at that time.

***Remember... you must be present to win!
See you there.***

YOUR BUSINESS AD COULD
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Beachcomber Advertising

September 2023 thru February 2024

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Our advertisers for the Daytona Beach Sail & Power Squadron's monthly publication, The Beachcomber, are important to us. Please won't you help? The following information includes the yearly rates (March 2023 thru February 2024) and a contract form for ads. All must be paid at time of contract. Make checks payable to the (DBSPS) Daytona Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Mail with contract to **Sharon Neitzey, 724 Central Park Blvd. Port Orange, FL 32127**. Please include your business card or camera-ready ad. We would like all contracts in as soon as possible.

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Signature: _____ **E-mail:** _____

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Paid by
Check# _____ **Cash** _____ **Date** _____

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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 November

Publication to us by October 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.****

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PAUL MARTINES AND PETER SINGH, AS THEY
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PONCE INLET AND ST. AUGUSTINE INLET.

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Get ready for hurricane season

Ready or not, hurricane season officially starts June 1. Experts encourage residents of hurricane prone areas to start preparing now. If you boat in hurricane-affected areas, follow these recommendations when securing your boat for a storm:

Remove trailer boats from the water. Take them home or to an area elevated above the anticipated storm surge. Consider [storing trailer boats](#) in a garage.

- Choose a location free of trees, overhead wires and other potential dangers when storing boats on land. Avoid areas prone to ground saturation, because shifting ground can topple boats.
- Strap boats to the ground when possible.
- Reduce a boat's surface area—whether it's stored on water or land. Remove all covers, dodgers, canvas, biminis and gear stored on deck, including dinghies, small outboard motors, spare sails, and fuel containers. Remove all sails from the rigging.
- Consider removing expensive electronics and storing them at home.
- Close all through-hull valves (except auto bilge drains or other deck drains).

Ensure that all [batteries](#) are fully charged. Turn off all electronics except for automatic bilge pumps.

- Close and secure all ports, windows and hatches as well as all vents and dorade boxes to engine spaces.
- Add extra dock lines. Use as many cleats as possible to distribute the forces on these lines to a larger area. Secure some heavy lines to pilings, allowing for tide and storm surge.
- Keep lines from the boat to floating piers as tight as possible. Tighten again after the lines are wet. The shock load of lines pulling on cleats is what usually causes their failure.
- Add chafing gear on dock and mooring lines where needed, especially if the lines go through chocks. The heavy strain placed on these lines significantly increases the amount of wear on them.
- Put out all your fenders, even if your boat is in a slip with no other boats beside you.
- Check your insurance policy, and keep it in a safe place.

—John Schwab

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Brief your crew



Brief your crew before setting out for a day on the water. Tell them where to find safety equipment and how to operate emergency equipment.

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Limit CO exposure



Avoid these common mistakes and take simple precautions to limit carbon monoxide exposure.

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Fall boating preparation



Follow this essential fall boating preparation to avoid surprises in the spring.

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VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)



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.

The United States Power Squadrons 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 performed by the U.S. Coast Guard if you are boarded, except that it is the results.

Our Vessel Safety Examiners will perform a 15 point safety check which includes:

Display of Numbers	Registration/Documentation	Visual Distress Signals (VDS)
Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)	Fire Extinguishers	Ventilation
Backfire Flame Control	Sound Producing Devices	Navigation Lights
Pollution Placard	MAR POL Track Placard	Marine Sanitation Devices
Navigation Rules	State and/or Local Requirements	Overall Vessel Condition

To schedule a Vessel Safety Exam, you may contact any of our Daytona Beach Squadron examiners in any of these area's:

Jeff Wise	386-299-4536	Daytona Beach
Paul Martines	386-451-4575	Daytona Beach / Holly Hill
Don Roman	386-453-6456	Ormond Beach / Daytona Beach
Will Benny	386-265-5180	New Smyrna Beach / Edgewater
Ron Radford	515-236-8206	Palm Coast / Flagler
Tim Henke	352-483-6000	Lake / Marion / Seminole Counties

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The following is an excerpt from the USPS Operations Manual:

A “merit mark” (MM) is awarded by the chief commander to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award; it is by and large the only official recognition members receive for their efforts. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive the contribution. A certificate is issued, and a special insigne may be worn on USPS uniforms.

Recommendations for a merit mark are made by squadron, district, or rear and vice commanders to the chief commander. Active, family, and apprentice members may be recommended. Merit marks earned by family and apprentice members shall not count toward senior, life, or emeritus status. Five merit marks are required for Senior Member, 25 for Life Members who are dues- exempt for life.

In a few short weeks our Commander will be forwarding his merit mark recommendations to National for the year 2022. As with all commanders, he will have that nagging fear that he might overlook a member’s worthy contribution. Since none of us is blessed with the “all seeing eye”, we ask that any member who has contributed time and effort to our squadron, please call Cdr Paul Martines, JN, Chairman/Merit Mark Comm. There are forms you can fill out to report the information needed. Forms can be mailed to Paul at 1020 Oaks W, Holly Hill, FL 32117, e-mailed to paul-martinesd23@aol.com or brought in person to the next dinner meeting. **These need to be sent to Paul by Nov. 10, 2023**, so he can get them to National.

Merit Mark Report



Daytona Beach Sail and Power Squadron

Please provide the following information and return as soon as possible as there is a **deadline** of **November 10th, 2023**, for submissions.

Contact P/C Paul Martines, JN if you have any questions at 386-451-4575

Members Name: _____ Certificate No: _____

Phone number: _____

1. Classes taught (course titles and many) _____
Sessions Taught _____ **Hours** _____
2. Classes proctored (course titles and how many) _____ **Hours** _____
3. Presentations or reports at Squadron or Executive Board Meetings and Conferences:
 - A. Time preparing the report _____ **Hours** _____
 - B. Time presenting the report _____ **Hours** _____
4. Booth watches (Boat Shows) _____ **Hours** _____
 - A. Number of watches _____
 - B. Total time for watch _____ **Hours** _____
 - C. Boat Shows Set up/Break Down _____ **Hours** _____
5. Number of meetings attended for which you helped set up Executive, Dinner, Cruise Outings _____
- A. Total time for above _____ **Hours** _____

Merit Mark Report



6. Co-Op charting

A. Number of reports _____

B. Time gathering and preparing the reports _____ **Hours** _____

7. Phone committee Number of phone calls and time _____ **Hours** _____

8. Articles for the Beachcomber

A. Number of articles _____

B. Time preparing articles _____ **Hours** _____

9. Presentations at District and National Meetings

A. Number of presentations _____

B. Time preparing articles _____ **Hours** _____

10. Committee jobs

A. What committees _____

B. How many jobs _____

C. Total time spent on all jobs _____

_____ **Hours** _____

11. Officer jobs (Commander NOT included)

A. Time spent _____ **Hours** _____

B. List of tasks _____

Merit Mark Report



12. Any other job(s) Poster Contest, Boats Shows, Dist.& Squadron Meetings etc.

A. Name or type of job(s) _____

B. Total time spent including preparation _____ **Hours** _____

13. Vessel Safety Checks

A. Number of vessel Safety checks _____ **Hours** _____

14. River clean up _____ **Hours** _____

15. Any Jobs or Positions not Listed please list here _____

_____ **Hours** _____

16. Total Hours of all Jobs Done _____

Please fill this out and return it to P/C Paul Martines, JN. Please email by **November 10, 2023**, to receive credit for merit mark.

Thank You

Merit Mark Chair: Cdr.Paul Martines, JN

Email - paulmartinesd23@aol.com



Daytona Boat Show at the Ocean Center

SQUADRON DINNER AT THE TRAILS SOUTH 40



Congrats Greg
on passing the
**USCG approved OUPV
Six-Pack Captains
Exam**



THANK YOU!
Cmdr. Lisa Herbster
Halifax River
Sailing Association



District 23 Fall Conference 2023





Friday evening Fall-hand painting







District 23 Fall Conference 2023





Saturday Dinner





Daytona Beach Power Squadron Tentative 2023 Calendar of Events

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