



# BEACHCOMBER



Formerly known as DAYTONA BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

*A Unit of United States Power Squadrons Sail & Power Boating*

**October 2025**

- OCT. 9: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.**  
**16: Squadron Dinner Mtg. Red Lobster, Daytona 6:15 p.m.**  
**18: VSC's at Island**  
**24/25: D23 Fall Conference -All members of the Daytona Squadron are encouraged to attend any/all D23 events**
- NOV. 10: McKenna Fundraiser**  
**13: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.**  
**15: Toys for Tots Fundraiser, Atlantic Marine 5-9 p.m.**  
**20: Squadron Dinner Mtg. Red Lobster, Dayt**
- DEC. 18: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.**  
**TBA Squadron Holiday Celebration**



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- Bridge and Committees
- Squadron Officers' Reports
- Activities
- Member Birthdays
- District & National News
- Gallery

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I can't control the wind, but I can adjust the sails."

Ricky Scaggs

**Executive & General Committees**

**Executive Committee**

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Christine Zahornacky

**Finance/Audit Committee**

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**Nominating Committee**

P/C Don Roman, AP  
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**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**

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**Educational Department**

**Assistant Educational Officer**

P/C Don Roman, AP

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P/C Will Benny, SN  
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Tom Leitzel, P

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**Meetings & Programs Committee**

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**Operations Training**

PC Will Benny, SN

**Boating Activities Committee**

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**Secretary's Department**

**Information Technology Committee**

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## COMMANDER Cdr. Paul Martines, JN



Several of our squadron officers attended the District 23 Fall Council Meeting. D23 Council Members discussed revising the Guidelines for District Conferences document to reflect best practices going forward. They will report on them at the Fall Conference in October

Our squadron participated in the Daytona Boat Show at the Ocean Center Sept 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. We gave out a lot of information about our Squadron Membership and Education Classes. I would like to thank Don Roman for a great job in setting up and working our booth all weekend. I am also grateful to all the members that participated in manning the booth for the show.

Our squadron has been very active and we have a lot of events planned for the rest of the year. Make sure you read through this issue and pay attention to the calendar of events planned for the rest of 2025. Please try to support our activities when you can.

### **Membership Chair, Cdr. Paul Martines, JN**

Our Current Member Ship is at 55. We have four new members, so please make an effort to welcome them. National will now allow Cyber Members and any potential members to sign up directly on the National ABC website and choose their squadron affiliation. You can also make changes to your membership on the National site, such as new contact information, payment of dues, etc. Go to [usps.org](https://usps.org), click log in on the drop-down menu, and sign in using your membership number, Contact a Bridge Member if you have a problem logging in.

*Respectfully Submitted: Cdr Paul Martines, JN*

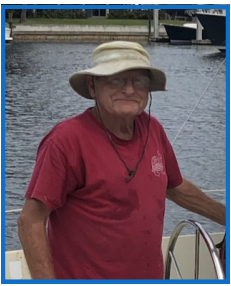
**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

**PHIL AND EILEEN DANIELS**

**LEA ADAMITZ**

**DAVID NANEY**

**We are happy to have you with us!**



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER P/C Don Roman, AP

**Thanks** to all that participated in manning our squadron booth at the Daytona Beach Boat Show, 26-28 September 2025. We had a full three day presence and distributed a very large number of safety flyers, literature, and information concerning our squadron and the benefits of belonging. Our team did a really good job and I appreciate all who helped make it happen. If you didn't volunteer to help, you missed a very good time. A special thanks to our treasurer Luc Labreche for obtaining the Safety Giveaway equipment packages and setting up our first ever Q-code internet based contest that we held at the Boat Show.

In this Beachcomber, I want to emphasize Membership, the benefits there of, and the critical job of recruiting new membership. The necessity of recruiting new members has never been more important. We need new members who are way younger than I am f'sure. You need to help get them. How?? Talk to your friends that have children, grandchildren, go to your church, synagogue, elks club, book club, etc. Wear your shirt or organizational clothing when out and about. People will ask and you can explain. Mention our activity when you're on Facebook. Point your friends and neighbors to our web page and Facebook. There are lots of ways you can spread the word about what we know is an extraordinary organization promoting safe boating, high standards of seamanship and commitment to the local and national boating community.

This is your squadron. Please do your part. Please participate in both squadron activities and membership recruitment. If you have any innovative ideas, let any member of the bridge and executive committee know. You are always invited to attend the executive committee meetings. The next is Thursday, 9 Oct, at 1900 at the Halifax River Yacht Club Activities Building near the Pickle Ball Courts across from the main Yacht Club. If you've got some ideas, please let me know by email or text.

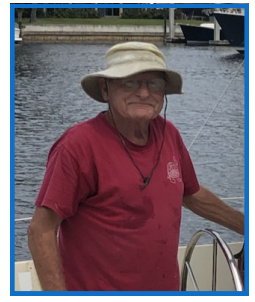
Always looking for additional Vessel Examiners for the Vessel Safety Check program. This is a great way to meet other boaters and promote boating safety. You get to see all kinds of boats and it's a great time. Our next VSC underway will be 18 Oct; weather permitting. Contact Jeff Wise for additional info. Bravo Zulu to our VSEs for completing 147 recorded vessel checks as of 30 Sept. 147 VSCs, 91 passed, 56 failed. Only 61% passed, 39% failed (but now they know why). Still a big need for us to be out there and helping boaters meet USCG requirements.

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



## Education Officers

### SEO P/C Will Benny, SN



### ASEO P/C Don Roman, AP

We have three new graduates from our ABC3 class in September. We're looking to hold another ABC3 in the next 2 or 3 months. National has concluded a review of member training records nation wide. This review has upgraded **Jeff Wise** from Junior Navigator to Senior Navigator and **Tim Henke** from JN to Senior Navigator with Celestial Navigation. Congratulations!

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

9th Annual  
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*party* HOSTED BY ATLANTIC MARINE  
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- FOOD TRUCKS GALORE
- CAN'T-MISS RAFFLES
- THRILLING LIVE AUCTION
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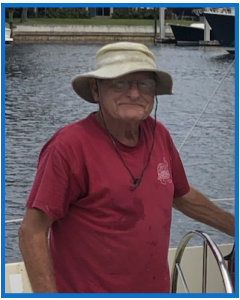
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Celebrate the holiday season with an unforgettable evening of community and generosity. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of Volusia County children who need it most.  
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**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
PROCEEDS GO TO VOLUSIA COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS

Let's help one of our sponsors, Atlantic Marine, help others for the holidays. Bring a toy to their Toys for Tots event at their Port Orange location on November 15 from 5-9. It's great fun, music, auction, and food. See you there!



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (ACTING)

**P/C Don Roman, AP**

You've seen the calendar. We've got some really good activities coming up. At our squadron dinner this month, the **Lucky Star will be worth a \$125.** You ask, "How did it grow to \$125?" Well, you have to be there to win it! So, be sure to attend. Also, the winners of the photo contest will be announced with prizes awarded. Don't forget the dinner will be 16 October at Red Lobster on International Speedway Hwy 92. Happy hour will be at 6:00, while we order our meals. At 6:30 we will begin our short meeting. Dinner will then be served, followed by our speaker and drawings.

Our September squadron dinner was well attended and well worth it. Florida Wildlife Officer Racey provided an exceptional presentation; informative, professional, and well delivered.

D23 holds its Fall Conference at Hilton Garden Inn Daytona Beach this month on 24, 25 October with a great program including the Halifax River dinner cruise and the Polynesian Fire & Luau. See the Beachcomber for more info, and/or call Sharon Neitzey with questions.

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

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

Good Evening! This is a little update about the Treasury Department. The first, most important thing is we were able to establish a new bank account with Truist, so now we are in the process of moving all our money from Wells Fargo into Truist and eventually closing Wells Fargo. Our account is up-to-date and stable.

As Treasurer, I have also been working with Don Roman in reference to the Boat Show. We purchased two boat safety equipment bundles for giveaway at our booth at the Boat Show. We've also generated a QR Code for people to register their names and email addresses. That will enable us to have a digital copy to use when trying to recruit new members. We used the new system at the Boat Show for a Safety Bundle Giveaway and it worked quite well.

Our account is stable and all debts have been paid.

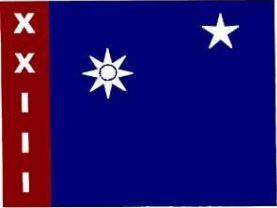
***Respectfully Submitted: Lt/C Luc Labreche***



## 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. 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 November Beachcomber by October 25.

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



## DISTRICT 23 NEWS

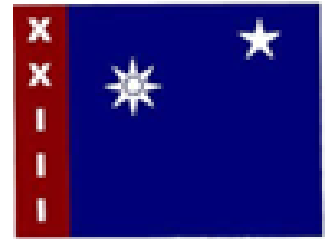
Our D23 Fall Council Meeting was held at the Daytona Beach Public Library on September 27 from 9:30-3. Attending were the D23 Bridge Officers, Squadron Commanders, and Committee Chairs.

We covered many interesting topics. We shared ideas about the format of our District Council Meetings and Conferences. Some favored going to much smaller and simpler Fall Conferences, more like the Council Meetings. Others still want a bigger event with fun activities and a chance to socialize with other squadrons. Conference Guidelines are being revised as we receive input. They will be finalized at the Conference on October 25. We are also examining our District 23 budget to assess funding our needs and responsibilities. That will also be an important item for the conference. We are also sharing ideas for member retention and membership growth. Come take part in planning for our future.

GOOD NEWS! Most of our activities and rooming options are still open to register by October 15. All Daytona Members are encouraged 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. Check the flyer on p. 9 and contact Sharon Neitzey if interested. Save the date and plan to attend as much as you can.

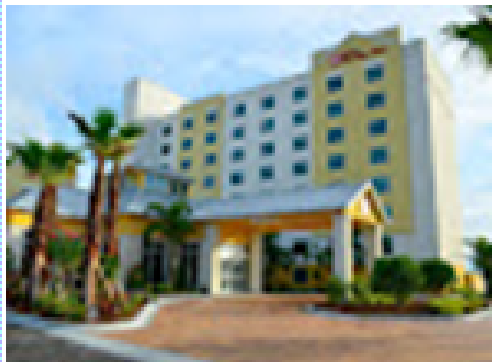
The event actually begins Friday night, Oct. 24, at 4:30, with a Dinner Cruise on the Lady Dolphin. Then just head back to the hotel for a Hospitality Beach Party! The final activities occur Saturday night when we will enjoy the renowned Polynesian Luau Show and Dinner on Beach Street, followed by a Do It Again Hospitality Beach Party.

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 is in the Flyer on pages 9. **RSVP As Soon As Possible!**



## D23 Fall Conference    October 24, 25

Hilton Garden Inn, 560 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach



Room Prices: \$145 for  
Standard King or 2 Queens  
\$170 for Oceanfront King,  
2 Queens

**N CLUB**



**LUAU**

**Conference Dinner Cruise**

See Registration Information and Activity Explanation and Details on Following Pages.

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (Details & prices on next page)

3:30 Friday Afternoon Check-in and Social time at Hotel Bar/Lobby (Check in is at 4, but most rooms ready by 3:30).

4:10 Carpools begin to leave for Friday Dinner Cruise. After Dinner, either proceed to Tiger Woods' Pop Stroke Mini Golf or return to hotel for Hospitality Beach Party— Bring folding chair or blanket and join us on the beach for music, snacks, sodas, etc. (Beach law-no glass containers or alcohol).

8:30 Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast Buffet Volusia Room

9:00 N Club Meeting OR Beach walk

10:30 Morning Conference Program

12:00 Luncheon Buffet Volusia Room

1:30-3:00 Conference Volusia Room

3:00-4:00 Social (Lobby Bar and Volusia Room -No outside drinks)

4:10 Leave for Polynesian Luau and Buffet Dinner.

After dinner: Let's do it again...Hospitality Beach Party (see info above)

Sunday Checkout 11 a.m. Thanks for Coming!

**Registration Info:** Hotel will take a credit card number to hold for incidentals at check in. They will not charge your card for the hotel and meals. Our Booking is based on the following: You will send Registration forms and payment to me, **ARRIVING BY Sept.24**. Send to :Sharon Neitzey,724 Central Park Blvd., Port Orange, FL 32127. An easier way is to send/bring in person to the D23 Fall Council in Daytona on September 27.\* **Anyone who pre-registers with your Squadron Representative or Sharon Neitzey and pays by check to USPS D23 (form attached) by September 27 will not pay hotel and meal taxes on your card at all-D23 will pay the hotel and venues with our Tax-Exempt Form, enabling you to avoid taxes (12.5% hotel and 7% meals & venues), a significant saving. The hotel must have a final booking list from us on Sept.27. Anyone who registers after that date must deal directly with the hotel and risk missing out on our D23 Conference Booking Discount. Left over rooms will be returned to the hotel inventory at that time. Please send a quick email or text to me (sneitzey@aol.com 386-290-1243) when you know you are coming, so we can keep track of anticipated numbers and adjust our reservations as needed. Council Day is Last Chance to Register.**

### **DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES AND MEALS**

**3:30 Friday Afternoon** Check-in is at 4, but most will be able to check in by 3:30.

**4:10 Leave hotel for Lady Dolphin Dinner Cruise (\$37)** Cruise will start and finish at Halifax Harbor Marina, 450 Basin St (Same area as Daytona Boat Club that we used for previous Council Meetings). We must check in at 4:30 to be seated together. Seating is first come... There will be unlimited soft drinks and comfortable seating inside or outside while we wait. At 5:00 line gets really long and groups aren't usually able to be together. See more info on following page.

**7:00 Continue to Pop Stroke Golf if interested.** I am attaching info for anyone who wishes to make arrangements to go there.

**7:00-9:45 (Hotel beach access closes at 10 p.m.) Hospitality on the Beach** Bring lightweight folding chairs or blankets if you wish (no hotel property on beach). We will have music, snacks, sodas, water, and we're trying to get permission for a fire pit. (Beach law is no glass or alcohol, but you may bring your own non-glass containers).

**8:30 Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast Buffet (\$10) Reg. \$12.20 Available until 10:00**  
Variety of muffins, pastries filled with chocolate and caramel, glazed and twist donuts. Comes with a selection of beverages: Fresh Brewed Coffee, Hot or cold Tea (Sweet or unsweet), juices and water station (until 10:15)

**9:00 N Club Meeting** (Conference Room) or Beach Walk, pool, etc.

**10:30 Morning Conference Program**

**12:00 Luncheon Buffet (\$24) Reg.\$26.84** All you can eat, self-serve lunch buffet. Comes with the choice of beverages from above and Fried Chicken tenders- pulled pork- pulled chicken-Sticky Finger Ribs-potato salad-broccoli salad-baked beans-Hawaiian Rolls -assorted cookies

**1:30-3:00 Conference -Auction, 50/50 held at end of conference.** We ask for 1 basket from each squadron as part of our budget.

**3:00-4:00 Social (Lobby Bar and Volusia Room -No outside drinks)**

**4:10 Leave for Polynesian Luau and Buffet Dinner (\$50).** Doors to showroom open by 4:30 Over at 7 p.m. See more info on following pages.

**Let's Do It Again Hospitality Beach Party** after we return. Bring lightweight chairs or blankets.

**SUNDAY ENJOY THE BEACH!** \* Hotel Group Price will be honored for two days before and two days after the conference, if pre-registered. CHECK OUT is 11:00 Thank you for coming to support our District. Have a safe trip home.



## FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY

### LADY DOLPHIN DINNER CRUISE

We must be at venue at 4:30 to sit together. Cruise starts at 6:00 and takes 1 1/2 hours. Cost is \$37 and includes cruise, dinner, and gratuity.

Choose from dinner menu when you arrive. Choices include shrimp scampi, garlic shrimp, baked ham, prime rib, turkey (stuffing & gravy), spaghetti & meatballs, unlimited soft drinks, and cash bar (mixed drinks \$8 ^ and bottled beer and wine \$4).

Dress is casual. Ship can be chilly, so a sweater or jacket is suggested. Will sail rain or shine as ship can be completely enclosed.

## SATURDAY NIGHT FUN



# POLYNESEAN FIRE LUAU CHECK-IN 4:30 \$50 INCLUDES LEI, SHOW, AND DINNER

Daytona Beach Luau Menu

Possible Allergens

G – Gluten, D – Dairy, E – Eggs, F – Fish, W – Wheat, P – Pineapple, No Peanut

Polynesian Chicken (G, S)

Kalua Pork

Panko Tilapia (G)

Beef Meatballs (G)

Fried Rice

Macaroni Salad (D, S, E)

Fresh Fruit (P)

Steamed Vegetables

Fresh Tossed Salad

Krab Salad (G)

Dinner Roll (W, E, M)

Assorted Desserts (G, E)

Tea, Water and Coca Cola Products Included. Gratuity not included.

Cash Bar \*This is a dressier venue, so dress as if for any nice restaurant. Can be cool.

D23 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM **OCT. 15, 2025**

Please give this to your squadron rep or mail to me ASAP. Your name must be on the hotel pre-registration list to avoid taxes. Sharon Neitzey

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

HOTEL FRIDAY \_\_\_\_\_ SATURDAY \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE: \$145 STANDARD: KING \_\_\_\_\_ 2 QUEENS \_\_\_\_\_

\$170 OCEANFRONT: KING \_\_\_\_\_ 2 QUEENS \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS (SATURDAY) (Breakfast available until 10:00).

BREAKFAST BUFFET (ACTUAL \$14.64) NO. (GUESTS) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12= \_\_\_\_\_

LUNCHEON (ACTUAL \$26.84) NO. (GUESTS) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25= \_\_\_\_\_

OR BOTH (ACTUAL \$41.48) NO. (GUESTS) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35= \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES

DINNER CRUISE NO. (GUESTS) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$37= \_\_\_\_\_

POLYNESIAN LUAU NO. (GUESTS) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50= \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FOR ALL RESERVATIONS (including rooms) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BEACH PARTY FRIDAY \_\_\_\_\_ SATURDAY \_\_\_\_\_ NO. (GUESTS) \_\_\_\_\_ FREE

Make checks payable to **USPS D23** Check number \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_

**HAPPY**



**BIRTHDAYS**

*Catherine Henke*

*Tanner Schenck*



*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](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](https://www.member-options.com/?mc_cid=b6061108ea&mc_eid=f70674b916)

# MEMBER BENEFITS

Your membership is your ticket to savings.

## SAVE WITH OUR PARTNERS

- ✓ Members Only Boat Insurance
- ✓ Members Only Boating Courses
- ✓ Boat Parts and Accessories
- ✓ Electronic Flares
- ✓ Boat Financing
- ✓ Home Mortgages
- ✓ 24/7 Boat Monitoring
- ✓ On-Water Towing
- ✓ Rental Cars
- ✓ Prescription Discounts
- ✓ Pet Insurance

*and much much more!*



For more information, visit our website  
[AmericasBoatingClub.org/Benefits](https://AmericasBoatingClub.org/Benefits)



Do you know your benefits as a member of  
America's Boating Club?

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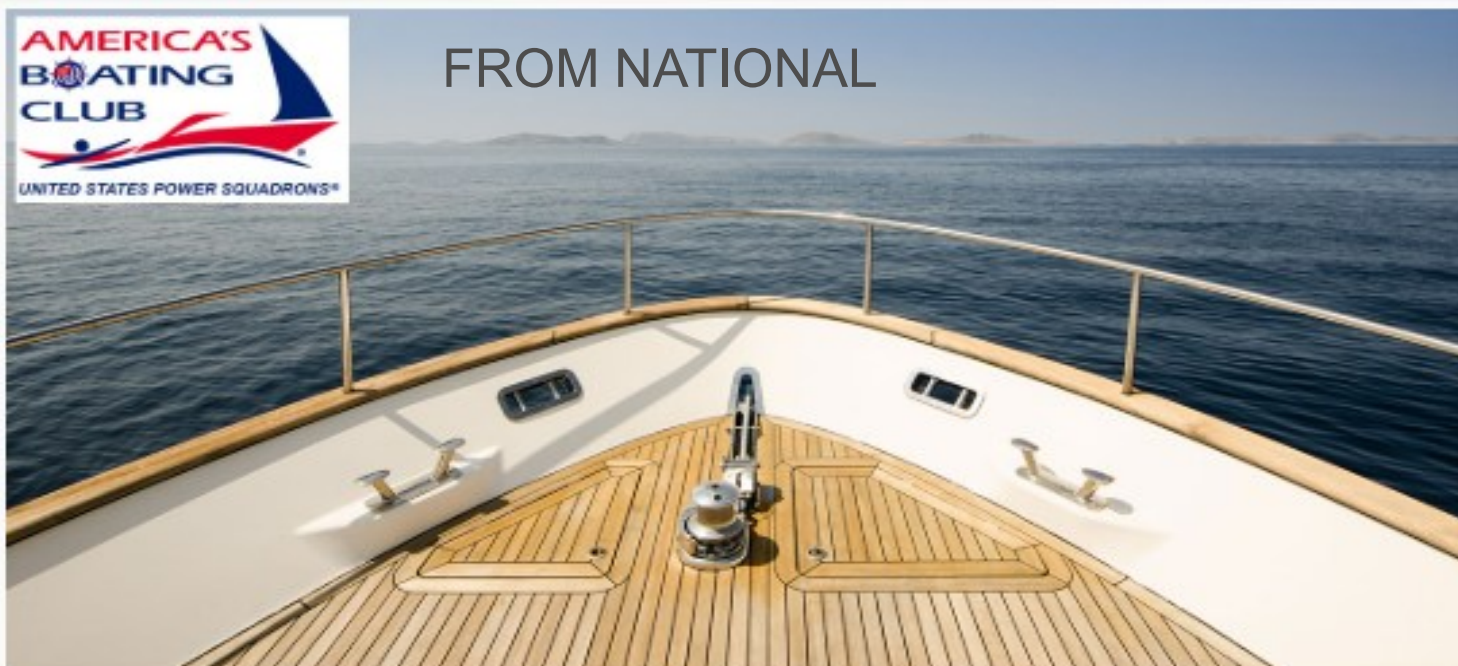
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## **A NOTE TO OUR READERS...**

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.

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*Please submit any information or photos for the November*

*Publication to us by **October 25.***

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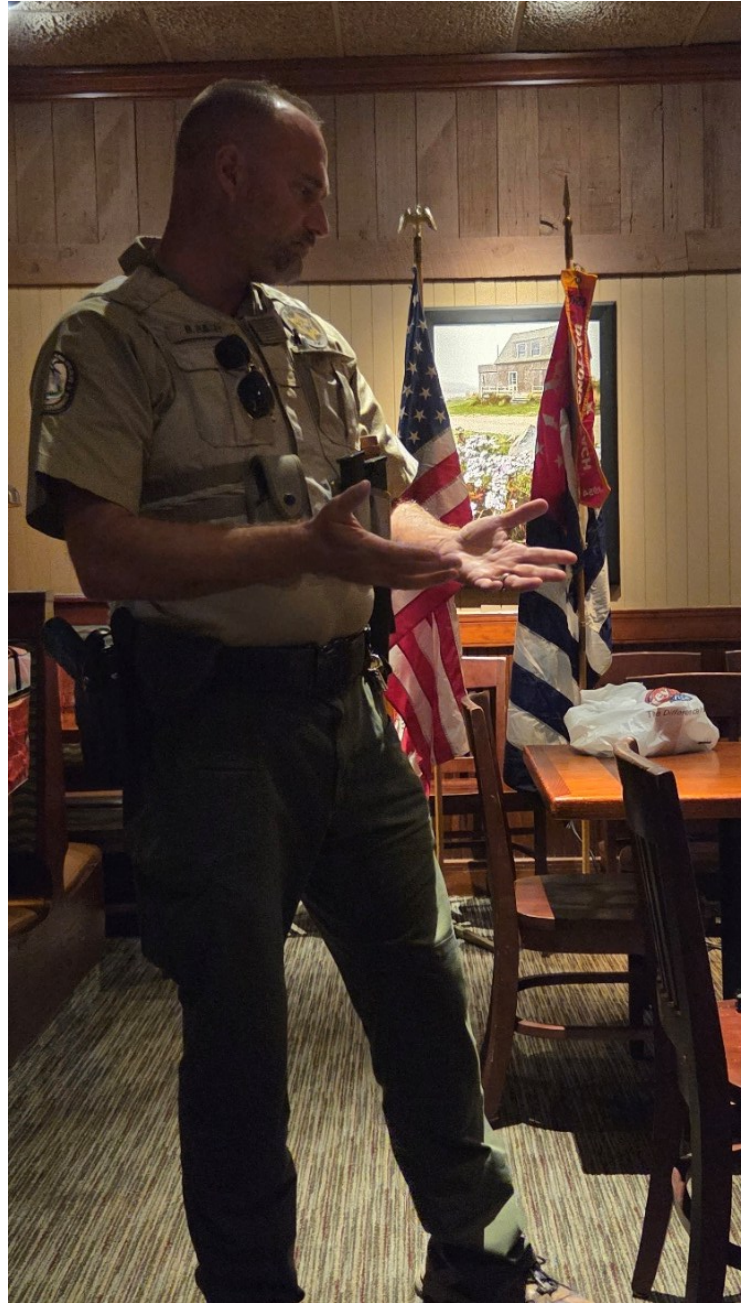
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Another successful VSC Day on the Water with our trained Vessel Examiners doing what they do best-keeping boaters safer by examining their boats for safety equipment. Our next VSC Day will be November 18. Call Jeff Wise if you can help.



Pictured are Examiners Don Roman, Jeff Wise, and Don Roman. Assisting them for the day are Don's daughter Rachael, PR representative for the day, Sharon Neitzey, and Jeff's grandson, Thomas, who assists with the in-water tasks for the day. See, anyone can help! How about you?



Officer Dan Racey of the Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) was our guest speaker for the September Dinner Meeting. He explained the departments and various duties of FWC and answered many questions from our squadron members.



Pictured are some of the Sunday squadron volunteers working our booth at the Daytona Boat Show last week. Don Roman did a great job setting up the show, scheduling volunteers, and working all weekend!, He was assisted by member volunteers from our squadron. We gained two new members who signed up at the show, which made it a huge success. We shared information about safe boating, education, and some of our activities with visitors to the booth and also held a boating safety kit Give-Away Drawing.

- OCT. 9: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.  
16: Squadron Dinner Mtg, Red Lobster 6:15 p.m.  
18: Vessel Exams at Island  
24, 25: D23 Fall Conference, Hilton Garden Inn,  
Daytona
- NOV. 10: McKenna's Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m.  
13: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.  
15: Toys for Tots Fundraiser at Atlantic Marine 5-9  
20: Squadron Dinner Mtg., Red Lobster 6:15 p.m.
- DEC. 11: Executive Committee, HRYC, 7 p.m.

**SQUADRON CHRISTMAS PARTY (TBA)**

**Come join us for our next activity. Call Don Roman to RSVP. (386) 453-6456 to RSVP.**

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