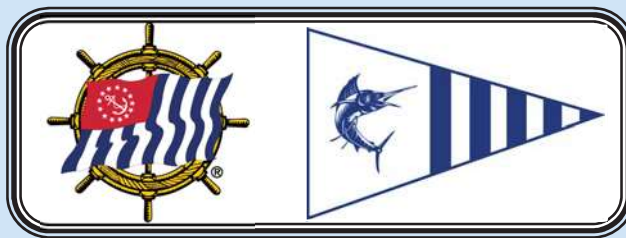


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Lt/C Richard P. Pontynen, AP



PLEDGE

I do solemnly pledge to:

Abide by the Bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;

Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;

Maintain my boat and operate it legally;

Render assistance whenever possible;

and,

Conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor,
and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.

Best Wishes to the Squadron from Your Bridge

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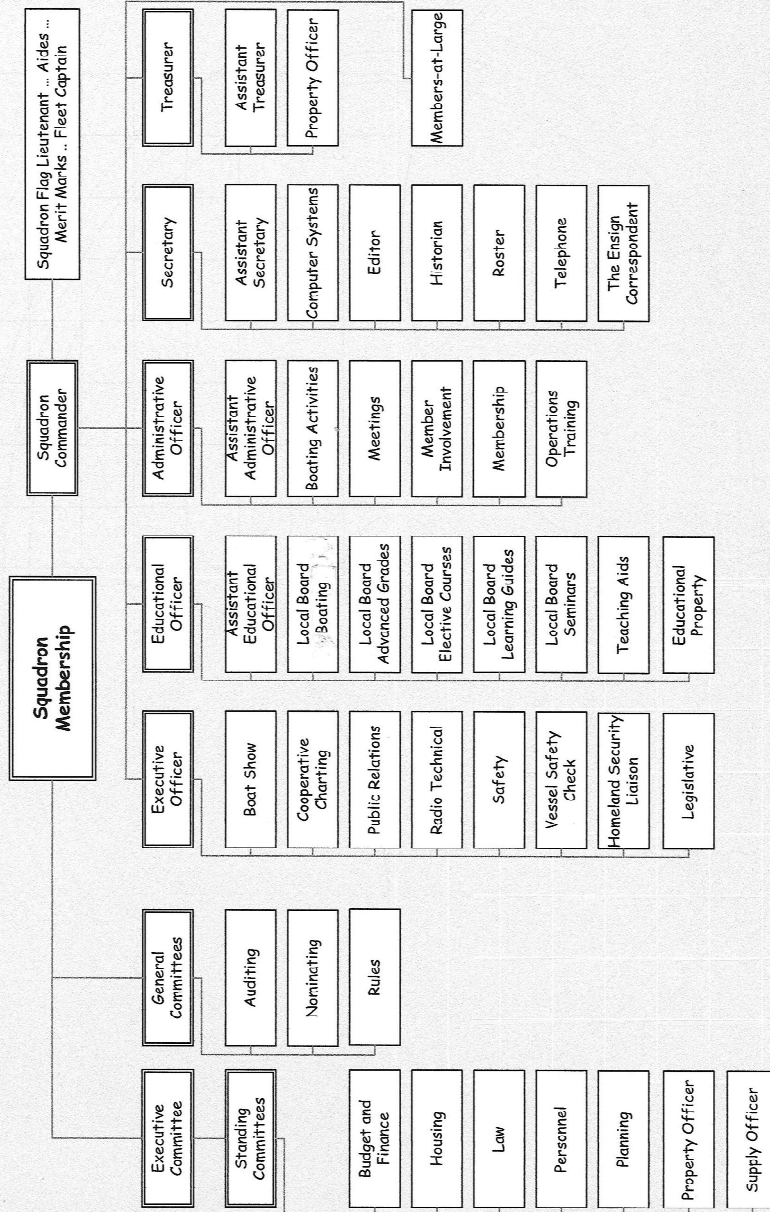
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United States Power Squadrons®

Typical Squadron Organization Chart



USPS Men's Uniforms

- **Uniform A:**
Regulation black uniform coat and trousers without cuffs; white shirt; black four-in-hand tie or black bow tie if specified in the dress code; black belt (if worn); black socks; black shoes; cap.



- **Uniform B:**
Regulation black uniform coat; long white trousers without cuffs; white shirt; black four-in-hand tie or black bow tie if specified in the dress code; white belt (if worn); white socks; white shoes; cap.



- **Uniform C:**
Regulation long-sleeved white shirt; black four-in-hand tie; long white trousers without cuffs; white belt; white socks; white shoes; cap.



- **Uniform D:**
Regulation short sleeved, open neck shirt; long white trousers without cuffs; white belt; white socks; white shoes; cap.



- **Uniform E:**
Regulation short sleeved, open neck shirt; white knee length Bermuda-type shorts; white belt; white ankle length socks; white shoes; cap.



- **Uniform F:**
Regulation long-sleeved white shirt with black four-in-hand tie; regulation black uniform trousers; black belt; black socks; black shoes; cap.



- **Uniform G:**
Regulation short sleeved, open neck white shirt; black trousers without cuffs; black belt; black socks; black shoes, cap.



USPS Women's Uniforms

- **Uniform A:**
Regulation black uniform jacket; black skirt or slacks; white shirt; black cross-over tie (or small black bow tie if specified in the dress code); natural hosiery; black shoes; cap; black purse (if carried).



- **Uniform D:**
Regulation short-sleeved open neck white shirt; white skirt or slacks; white belt; natural hosiery; white shoes; cap; white purse (if carried).



- **Uniform B:**
Regulation black uniform jacket; white skirt or slacks; white shirt; black cross-over tie (or small black bow tie if specified in the dress code); natural hosiery; white shoes; cap; white purse (if carried).



- **Uniform E:**
Regulation short-sleeved, open neck shirt; white knee length Bermuda type trousers; white belt; white socks; white shoes; cap; white purse (if carried).



- **Uniform C:**
Regulation long-sleeved white shirt; white skirt or slacks; black cross-over tie; natural hosiery; white shoes; cap; white purse (if carried).



- **Uniform F:**
Regulation long-sleeved white shirt; black skirt or slacks; black belt; black cross-over tie; natural hosiery; black shoes; cap; black purse (if carried).



- **Uniform G:**
Regulation short-sleeved, open neck white shirt; black skirt or slacks; black belt; natural hosiery; black shoes; cap; black purse (if carried).



ST. LUCIE RIVER POWER SQUADRON

PAST COMMANDERS

1970 Derrill M. Daniel, SN *
 1971 P/D/Lt/C C. E. Burtoft, AP *
 1972 P/R/C Robert E. Wallace, SN
 1973 P/D/C W. B. McChesny, AP
 1974 Woodrow W. Dunlap, N
 1975 Robert E. Baer, SN
 1976 D. H. Boardman, Jr., N
 1977 P/D/Lt/C Lincoln S. Grant, SN
 1978 Gerald E. McMaken, SN
 1979 Donald Powell, AP
 1979 Donald S. Till, P (8/15)
 1980 Donald S. Till, P
 1981 Gerald L. Stahl, AP
 1982 Donald W. Bowden, SN
 1983 Jay H. Burgen, SN
 1984 P/D/C James R. McNitt, SN
 1985 C. Garritt Bunting, AP
 1986 William G. Long, AP
 1987 John B. McLoughlin, AP
 1988 John B. McLoughlin, AP
 1989 Alban Weber, AP
 1990 Richard L. Cameron, AP
 1991 Arnold C. Friedman, SN
 1992 Victor W. Ginsler, AP
 1993 Richard S. Wilkins, JN
 1994 Robert J. McCarthy, AP
 1995 John F. Fletcher, AP
 1996 Richard S. Hancock, AP
 1997 Irwin L. "Cy" Seidel, AP
 1998 William L. Holland, AP
 1999 P/D/C Reinhard E. Bruderer, SN
 2000 Charles A. Vaughn, N
 2001 Walter Hartwell, AP
 2002 Steve Chachakis, N
 2003 Susan A. Tegge, P
 2004 Raymond J. Smit, SN
 2005 Donald L. Mohler, P
 2006 Glenn Geist, JN
 2007 Milton J. Blankenship, JN
 2008 James A. Skeoch, P
 2009 Elaine Kwan, AP
 2010 Richard P. Pontynen, AP
 2011 John K. Chance, AP
 2012 John E. Goebel, SN
 2013 John E. Goebel, SN
 2014 Bruce Muller, AP
 2015 Richard P. Pontynen, AP
 2016 John E. Goebel, SN
 2017 Gordon J. Girvin, AP

SENIOR NAVIGATORS

Bruderer, P/D/C Reinhard E. **
 Gehring, Lt George W. **
 Goebel, Cdr John E.
 Husted, P/R/C William E.
 Ladd, P/D/C Dennis **
 Ladd, P/C Elizabeth **
 La Mar, Robert J.
 Manning, Gerald C.
 O'Donovan, Michael
 Reynnells, P/Lt/C Lawrence B.
 Schultz, P/D/C Richard L.
 Semple, P/C Robert F. **
 Smith, P/C Joseph J. **
 Vallier, Paul A.
 Wroten, P/C C. David
 Zinn, P/C Rudolph **

* Charter Member ** Associate Member SN= Senior Navigator

ST. LUCIE RIVER POWER SQUADRON

PAST EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS

1970 - 1972	P/R/C Robert E. Wallace, SN
1972 - 1973	P/C Cerrill M. Daniel, SN
1973 - 1974	P/C Robert E. Baer, SN
1974 - 1976	P/Lt/C John R. Fairweather, SN
1976 - 1977	P/C George N. Wagner, SN
1977 - 1979	P/Lt/C Nathan Putschat, N
1979 - 1982	P/Lt/C Walter M. Maron, SN
1982 - 1985	P/Lt/C C. McMullen, SN
1985 - 1988	P/R/C Robert Rowlands, SN
1988 - 1989	P/C Arnold C. Friedman, SN
1989 - 1992	P/Lt/C Raymond R. Daly, SN
1993 - 1994	P/Lt/C Lawrence B. Reynnells, SN
1995 - 1996	P/Lt/C Morris B. Way SN
1997 - 1998	Robert L. Owen, AP
1998 - 1999	James A. Adrian, AP
1999 - 2001	P/Lt/C Joseph A. Voss, JN
2001 - 2005	D/Lt/C John E. Goebel, SN
2005 - 2017	P/Lt/C Michael J. Knapp, AP



SENIOR & LIFE MEMBERS

Name	Grade	Year Joined	Senior Year	Life Year
Astley, Samuel C.	S	2000	2005	
Bass, Melvyn L.	N	1961	1976	
Breen, Thomas M.	AP	1956	1962	1990
Burns, Peter F.	JN	1968	2006	
Chachakis, Helen M.	P	1998	2005	
Chachakis, Steve	N	1998	2005	
Esch, John W.	N	2004	2018	
Gatziolis, Suzanne M.	S	1995	2000	
Gatziolis, Thomas W.	S	1988	1994	2014
Geist, Glenn	JN	2004	2009	
Gelpke, William E.	AP	1967	1980	
Goebel, John E.	SN	1976	1981	2001
Goebel, Rosalie M.		2007	2012	
Guy Jr., William E.	AP	1971	1985	
Hamilton, Stuart		2011	2018	
Hannan, John G.	JN	1975	1983	
Heckler, Jr., George E.		1962	1972	
Husted, William E.	SN	1971	1976	1996
Kern, Warren	S	2007	2013	
Knapp, Michael J.	AP	2005	2010	
Koehler, Charles J.	N	1953	1961	1990
Kucyn, Chester J.	N	1945	1951	1981
Kurtz, Donald R.	AP	1997	2008	
Kurtz, Dorothy E.		1997	2008	
Kwan, Elaine	AP	2004	2009	
La Mar, Phyllis S.	P	1992	2000	
La Mar, Robert J.	SN	1978	1999	
Manning, Gerald C.	SN	1972	1985	
McGeary, Charles P.		1999	2005	
Muller, Bruce	AP	2009	2014	
Muller, Sheri	S	2009	2014	
O'Donovan, Michael	SN	1998	2004	
O'Malley, Jacquelyn A.	S	2004	2009	
Plossl, William B.	AP	1985	1991	2012
Pontynen, Angie		2007	2016	
Pontynen, Richard P.	AP	2007	2012	
Prettyman, Jr, William H.		2004	2009	
Ranken, Peter A.	S	2012	2018	
Reynnells, Lawrence B.	SN	1973	1978	1999
Schultz, Richard L.	SN	1966	1973	1993
Seidel, Irwin L.	AP	1994	2000	
Shoup, Charles	N	1984	1990	2011
Skeoch, James A.	P	1977	1989	2010

SENIOR & LIFE MEMBERS

Name	Grade	Year Joined	Senior Year	Life Year
Smith, Joan M.	AP	1992	1997	2017
Till, Donald S.	P	1972	1980	2001
Vallier, Paul A.	SN	1989	1997	
Van Amsterdam, John C.	P	2004	2010	
Werner, Larry A.	AP	1972	1983	2005
Whalen, Vincent L.	AP	1963	1968	1988*
Wroten, C. David	SN	1955	1990	2010

* Governing Board Member Emeritus (50MM) 2013

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK PROGRAM

Squadron members are welcomed to take advantage of the USPS Vessel Safety Check program. Have one of our qualified Vessel Examiners place the Seal-of-Safety on your boat. This is a free examination of your boat's equipment covering federal and state safety-related requirements, plus additional standards of safe boating recommended by the VSC examiner.

To contact any member of the VSC committee, please refer to page 10 for a list of examiners

Lt Peter F. Burns, JN
Chairman
Vessel Safety Check Committee



St. Lucie River Power Squadron Year in Review 2017

The 2017 Bridge year started with the 46th Change of Watch on 19 January at Monarch Country Club where D/8 Commander Allan B. Furtado, SN dismissed the 2016 Bridge. Attendees shared in the celebration witnessing the designation of Honorary Members and the installation of the 2017 Bridge consisting of:

Commander:	Cdr. Gordon Girvin, AP
Educational Officer:	Lt/C Paul Vallier, SN
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C Sheri Muller, S
Secretary:	Lt/C Nikita Girvin
Treasurer:	Lt/C William E. Gelpke, AP

Even before the January Change of Watch, the squadron was already busy with the Stuart Boat Show, chaired, as usual, by P/C Rich Pontynen. We staffed our traditional show booth and also presented the USPS Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT). Thanks to the hospitality of the Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast, we showed the BSVT in their tent which helped attract "trainees". This gave us a presence at both ends of the boat show. The month also saw members come by land and sea to a "raft-up" lunch Pirates Loft Restaurant at Pirates Cove in Port Salerno planned by Cruise and Rendezvous Chair P/C Bruce Muller. Our Education Department team presented both an ABC3 class and the Basic Coastal Navigation Seminar.

February was another active month kicked off with an entertaining night of charity Bingo at the Elks Lodge. We again provided patrol boats for the annual Martin County Blessing of the Fleet boat parade. Many members enjoyed a bus trip from Stuart to Port Canaveral where they boarded the Victory Casino Cruise ship for an entertaining afternoon on the briny. Some members helped out at the District booth at the Miami Boat show and also at Trawler Fest, held at the Hutchinson Island Marriott in Stuart. We had our traditional pot luck dinner meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church that included a presentation about local water quality issues by members of the Florida Oceanographic Society. We were represented by several delegates at the USPS Annual Meeting and Change of Watch in Orlando. SLRPS community service activities were again acknowledged with selection as a top-10 finalist for the Boat/US Civic Service Award.

March started with a boat accessible "raft-up" lunch at Mulligans in Stuart. The contributions of our most active members were recognized at our annual Merit Mark party at Duffy's South, arranged by I/P/C John Goebel. A special thanks to all of you whose contributions to the squadron earn Merit Marks. The Education Department presented the Rules of the Road Seminar and started an evening ABC3 class extending over several weeks into April. Members also enjoyed the Palm Beach Boat Show.

April began with a visit to the Indian River Nautical Flea Market and Sea Food Fest. The Education Department presented the Introduction to Navigation Seminar and a weekend ABC3 Class. We had a raft-up lunch at Sauder's Landing on Nettles Island and our annual picnic outing at the St. Lucie Lock Park, nicely arranged by Phyllis and Bob Lamar. We also enjoyed an exciting evening of St. Lucie Mets Dollar Night Baseball. Squadron members turned out for the D8 Spring Conference and COW at

the Embassy Suites in Palm Beach Gardens where Joyce Newman became our new District 8 Commander and our own John Goebel took on the position of District Secretary.

Despite the northern migration of some seasonal friends, May was another active month with members enjoying an *Island Princess* luncheon cruise and a raft-up lunch at the Dolphin Bar and Shrimp House. P/C Rich Pontynen once again led our traditional National Safe Boating Week activities including the packaging and delivery of 300 packets of boating safety literature to local marinas, marine supply stores and boaters. The Education Department taught another ABC3 class.

The summer months of June and July saw members volunteering to help the Florida Oceanographic Society with oyster shell bagging at the Coastal Center – part of their Indian River lagoon oyster bed restoration and water quality improvement program. Members also participated in local World Oceans Day activities. Cruise and Rendezvous Chair Muller organized a raft-up lunch at Shrimpers in Port Salerno. Members had a memorable evening of dinner at Fiorentino's and a live theater performance of "Social Security" at the A.C.T. Theater. The Education Department continued its class schedule with a weekend ABC3 presentation. Building on a new collaboration with the Ft. Pierce Yacht Club, our instructors presented the Basic Coastal Navigation seminar there to members of the club and the local community. We look forward to developing this new relationship. Members toured the Navy Seal Museum and enjoyed lunch together in Ft. Pierce. We were well represented by members who attended the District 8 Summer Rendezvous, held locally at Pirates Cove in Port Salerno. Once again, the squadron volunteered to help with the annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup organized by the Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast - both at Stuart Beach and along the waters by boat. Participants received commemorative tee shirts and were acknowledged at a complimentary barbecue held at the Ft. Pierce Yacht Club.

August brought our annual New Member Picnic at Sandsprit Park, attended by members of the squadron, district and neighboring squadrons. We also went by land and sea to a summer raft-up at Twisted Tuna in Port Salerno. The big surprise of the month was the unwelcome early arrival of very strong Hurricane Irma that caused immense damage to much of Florida – particularly in the keys where the devastation was remarkable. Thousands of homes and boats were lost. It was followed in September by Hurricane Maria that reduced Puerto Rico to darkness as virtually the entire electric power grid was shut down and massive relief efforts were required that continue to this day.

September closed out the summer with another charity Bingo night at the Stuart Jensen Elks Lodge and a raft-up at Sailors Return in Sunset Bay Marina. Members attended the USPS Governing Board Meeting in Dallas and reported on the new national branding initiative that introduced the trade name America's Boating Club®. There is optimism that this campaign can help improve public awareness of the organization and stabilize membership. The Education Department kicked off the new season by presenting both ABC3 and Seamanship classes.

The D/8 Fall Conference in October held at the nearby Palm Beach Gardens Embassy Suites was well attended by our members. At the Conference we proudly accepted an Honorable Mention for the annual Member Involvement and Retention Award (MIRA). Thanks to P/C Elaine Kwan for preparing the award submission.

Our *Crossroads* newsletter edited by John Goebel and website maintained by Glenn Geist were both honored once again with the Distinguished Communicator Award. We enjoyed a raft-up at the Dolphin Bar and Shrimp House and our annual Mini Golf Outing and Italian Dinner at 76 Golf World in Stuart, creatively arranged once again by Member Involvement Chair Rosalie Goebel and P/C John Goebel.

November got under way with our Annual Meeting at the Twisted Tuna restaurant in Port Salerno. Members elected a new Bridge and approved the 2018 operating budget. Shortly thereafter many members departed on the Royal Caribbean *Allure of the Seas* for a relaxing eight day cruise, visiting new ports as some regular stopping points were recovering from Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Our Education Department team presented an ABC3 class. Members also enjoyed the Stuart Air Show and Fort Lauderdale Boat Show.

Our annual Christmas luncheon with grab-bag gift exchange was held on 13 December, highlighted by a visit from Santa (reportedly a close friend of our colleague Peter Ranken) who helped ring in the holiday season. Gifts were exchanged through an entertaining procedure allowing members to capture each other's gifts.

The watch year continued into January 2018 with a well received and well attended Partner in Command presentation at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club followed by the annual Stuart Boat show before drawing to a close at the 47th Change of Watch held at the Miles Grant Country Club and officiated by D/C Joyce Newman, AP.

The year was marked by renewed efforts to promote the organization and its boater education and vessel safety programs. We designed and produced new signage that was installed at marinas and marine businesses in the community. We were able to partly finance this with the sale of some excess equipment from our storage facility. We created new business cards and updated our tri-fold brochure. We got approval for and began ordering redesigned member name badges featuring the new America's Boating Club® logo and design. We developed relationships with the Fort Pierce Yacht Club and the St. Lucie Sailing Club, potential collaborations with the Freedom Boat Club and Meridian Marina and re-established contact with the local MarineMax dealership. Importantly, we secured access to our class and meeting room in Stuart by extending our license agreement with St. Joseph Church for an additional five years on the same very favorable terms. We established a new telephone number and email address for the Squadron and set up an archival system for online access to important documents. We also added our Roster to our website.

These are just some highlights of a busy 2017 that saw members enjoy sharing time together, whether at our weekly luncheons, other interesting and entertaining events, boating or participating in community service activities. We look forward to continuing all of this into the future.

The lifeblood of the Squadron is you, the members, who give of your time and talents to assure that we can continue our missions of boating education, civic service and camaraderie. My thanks and appreciation to all of you for the support I received as your commander in 2017 and for all you contribute toward making this a worthwhile organization.

P/C Gordon Girvin, AP

**2018 FLEET ROSTER
OF THE
ST. LUCIE RIVER POWER SQUADRON**

Boat Name	Member Name	Boat Type	LOA
OLD YELLER	Albert, Robert A.	Kayak	
NANCYSFANCY III	Allen, Michael & Nancy	Power	38'
PIPE DREAM II	Astley, Samuel & Sandra	Power	33'
HAPPY WANDERER	Balthazor, Ellen	Power	25'
C BASS III	Bass, Melvyn L.	Power	42'
FET-ESCH	Esch, John	Power	48'
LADY IN RED	Christ, Clifford W.	Power	36'
PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS	Denney, Lyda/Sievers, Patrick	Power	24'
ISLAND TIME	Gatziolis, Tom & Sue	Power	20'
	Gehring, George	Power	17'
HOOT'N'TOOT	Girvin, Gordon & Niki	Power	50'
GOOD GRIEF	Greaves, David L.	Power	26'
DIVERSION	Hamilton, Stuart	Power	57'
FREE SPIRIT	Hannan, John G.	Power	25'
FIN FUN	Hudson, Dale M.	Power	17'
SUMMER SLOPES TOO	Kay, George & Mary	Power	25'
HOT GATES	Klearman, Stuart	Power	20'
JACKTAR	Konz, Larry	Power	38'
RELIANCE	Kopp, Keith	Sail	27'
ALADDIN	Ladd, Dennis & Elizabeth	Power	18'
LAMAR	La Mar, Phyllis & Robert	Power	31'
	Mardis, Stephen & Beverly	Power	17'
MARLIN III	Marlin, Elmer D.	Power	53'
THINK SNOW	McGeary, Charles	Sail	28'
COURAGEOUS	Muller, Bruce & Sheri	Power	22'
SEAGHOST	Neidigh, Larry & Wanda	Power	22'
LADY A II	Pontynen, Rich & Angie	Power	20'
IRMA LA DUCE	Prettyman Jr., William Henry	Power	27'
THE WATER BALLOON	O'Hara, Ted	Power	42'
SEA GLASS	O'Hare, James & Terry	Power	34'
GOOD TIMES	Randol, William & Brenda	Power	44'
SEA JAY	Seidel, Irwin L.	Power	18'
SINGLE'S PLEASURE	Single, E. Patricia & Gordon	Power	36'
KNOT GRUMPY	Solazzi, Michael C.	Power	22'
KNOT-A-CARE	Strauss, Trip & Lynn	Sail	33'
AYJAY	Vallier, Paul A.	Sloop	
	Van Amsterdam, John	Power	20'
ENDLESS SUMMER	Virga, Charlie	Power	32'
TOPAZ TWO	Zimmer, Thomas	Power	



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2018—2019**



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NEW MEMBERS JOINING IN 2018-2019

Name	Phone	Cert. Num.
Street Address		Cert. Date
City, State, Zip Code	Spouse	Grade/MM

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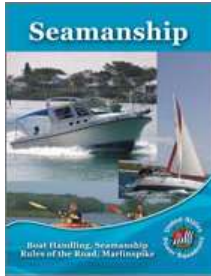
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USPS Educational Opportunities - Advanced Grades

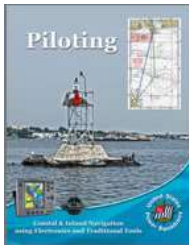
USPS offers five Advanced Grades Courses, leading up through Celestial Navigation. Here are descriptions of three of the most popular:

Seamanship is the next step after completing America's Boating Course, taking the knowledge and skills learned there and expanding and extending them with this newly updated edition. Seamanship presents material applicable to both power and sail, covering such topics as the construction and functioning of a boat, the skipper's responsibilities, preparing the boat for use, handling and maneuvering a vessel under various conditions in close quarters and on the open water, rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinespike/basic knots. The Appendices cover boating into the waters of Canada and Mexico, the effects of weather on the boater's health, and general information on obtaining a US Coast Guard captain's



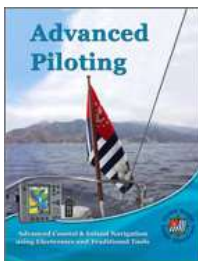
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Piloting is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Ten classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. Topics covered include:



- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning

Advanced Piloting is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced



as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Ten classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. In addition the students have seven days to complete the open book exam. Topics covered include:

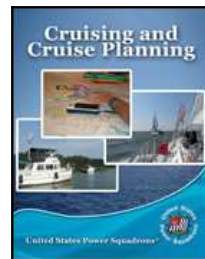
- Review of skills learned in Piloting

- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position
- Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chartplotters, laptop computer software, etc.
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar and GPS
- Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current
- Piloting with wind and currents

USPS Educational Opportunities - Elective Courses

USPS offers eight Elective Courses. They are: Cruising & Cruise Planning, Weather, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communication Systems, Electronic Navigation, Sail, and Instructor Development. Here are descriptions of two of the most popular:

There is something very special about the thrill of cruising in new waters and the sense of accomplishment upon completing an extended cruise. To go beyond what most boaters do on a weekend overnight or even a week or so marina hopping requires boaters to leave their normal cruising areas and comfort zones. The **Cruising and Cruise Planning** course focuses on the planning and preparation necessary for safe enjoyable extended cruises on both inland and coastal waters. Designed for members who cruise on either a sail or powerboat (owned or chartered) - this course covers the following topics:



- Cruise preparation and planning - General
- Boat and Equipment
- Anchors and Anchoring
- Security
- Chartering
- Cruising Outside the United States
- Crew and Provisioning
- Voyage Management
- Communications
- Navigation
- Weather
- Emergencies

The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the water have always been **Weather** dependent. In this course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of the basic principles of meteorology — the science of the atmosphere.



The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. Wx2012 is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm.

Each student receives:

- a Weather Manual - *USPS Weather* - an explanatory text with full color photographs and drawings covering weather in the United States and its coastal and inland waters;
- a set of three Daily Weather Maps - learning aids with a complete explanation of map symbols designed to develop weather map reading and analysis skills; and
- NOAA's Sky Watcher Chart - a reference to assist in identifying cloud types – helpful indicators of approaching weather.

USPS Educational Opportunities - Seminars

USPS currently offers twenty-four seminars that are available in a class-room environment. Seminars are a great way to learn about a specific topic concentrated into a manageable, two-hour commitment. These focused sessions help you round out your understanding and knowledge of a variety of boating topics .

Currently eight of these seminars are also offered on-line. Visit the USPS website: <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13000-curriculum/13000-classroom-online-offerings>

To request a USPS classroom seminar contact the SLRPS Educational Dept. (See page 11). Here are the current list of available USPS seminars:

Advanced Powerboat Handling	Knots, Bends and Hitches
AIS (Automatic Identification Systems)	Man Overboard
Anchoring	Marine Radar
Basic Weather and Forecasting	Mastering the Rules of the Road
Boat Handling Under Power	Partner in Command
Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes	Practical On-the-Water Training
Crossing Borders	Sail Trim and Rig Tuning
Emergencies on Board	Tides and Currents
Fuel and Boating	Trailer Your Boat
How to Use a Chart	Using GPS
Hurricane Preparation for Boaters	Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio
Introduction to Navigation	

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A Unit of United States Power Squadrons®
SAIL AND POWER BOATING**

As Amended through June 2015

ARTICLE 1

NAME

Section 1.1 The name of this organization shall be ST. LUCIE RIVER POWER SQUADRON, INC., constituting a squadron and unit of United States Power Squadrons.

NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Section 1.2 This is a not for profit organization organized under the laws of the State of Florida. The bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons and any rules and regulations made pursuant thereto, not inconsistent with federal, state or local laws, shall take precedence over those of this Squadron, and all provisions thereof affecting the conduct and affairs of this Squadron shall prevail.

HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS

Section 1.3 The Squadron and its members shall at all times observe all federal, state and local human rights laws, regulations and ordinances applicable to any Squadron activity, procedure or practice. No person may be refused membership, denied office or be prevented from participating in any activity because of any fact or circumstance which would identify that person as one of a protected class of individuals under the human rights laws, regulations or ordinances of any governmental jurisdiction where the person resides or in which the Squadron conducts business.

ARTICLE 2

OBJECTIVES

Section 2.1 The objectives of ST. LUCIE RIVER POWER SQUADRON, INC. shall be:

2.1.1 To selectively associate congenial persons of good character having a common love and appreciation of boating as a nationwide fraternity of boaters;

2.1.2 To encourage and promote boating, sail and power, and to provide through local Squadrons and otherwise a practical means to foster fraternal and social relationships among persons interested in boating;

2.1.3 To encourage and promote a high amateur standard of skill in the handling and navigation of boats, power and sail; to encourage and promote the study of the science and art of navigation, seamanship and small boat handling; to develop and promote instructional programs for the benefit of members; and to stimulate members to increase their knowledge of and skill in boating through instruction, self-education and participation in marine sports activities and competitions;

2.1.4 To encourage its members to abide by recognized boating traditions, customs and etiquette; and

2.1.5 To render, and encourage its members to render, such altruistic, patriotic or

other civic service as it may from time to time determine or elect.

DEFINITIONS

Section 2.2 As used herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

- 2.2.1** *USPS* means United States Power Squadrons.
- 2.2.2** *District* means a district of USPS®.
- 2.2.3** *Squadron* means this Squadron.
- 2.2.4** *Members, officers, committees, delegates* and subjects treated generally refer to and mean those of this Squadron.
- 2.2.5** *USPS policy* refers to and means the bylaws of USPS; the policies adopted by either the USPS Governing Board or the Board of Directors. The current USPS Operations Manual often includes or refers to these bylaws and policies for ease of member reference. If there is a difference between the National bylaws or USPS policy and the Operations Manual, the national bylaws and policy always take precedence..
- 2.2.6** *Office* means any position of responsibility whether elected, appointed or voluntarily accepted.

Section 2.3 Any word denoting gender used in these bylaws shall apply equally to either gender as the context may require.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.1 Membership in USPS and in this Squadron is a privilege, not a right, and shall be by application and contingent upon meeting eligibility requirements as set forth in the bylaws of USPS. Admission to membership in USPS is a function of the USPS Governing Board and is delegated to the Squadron Executive Committee subject to USPS policy. No membership shall be valid unless the member meets and continues to meet the factual requirements of membership in USPS according to the policies of USPS and of this Squadron.

Section 3.2 There shall be four classes of membership: active members, apprentice members, associate members and honorary members.

Section 3.3 Active members of this Squadron shall consist of persons who are able and willing to contribute time, energy and skill to the objectives of this Squadron and USPS, meet the membership qualifications set by USPS policy and who are admitted to membership as herein provided.

Section 3.4 An active member who has been awarded 25 merit marks shall become a life member. Life members shall be exempt from further payment of Squadron dues and shall receive such other exemptions in this Squadron as are appropriate to match those granted by USPS.

3.4.1 An individual who has been awarded at least five merit marks shall be deemed a senior member.

Section 3.5 Individuals who reside with an active member, (considered a primary active member for billing purposes) may be admitted as members in the same manner as any other such member. They shall have all the rights and privileges of their membership class except they shall

not be entitled to receive separate copies of *The Ensign* or other publications and their dues shall be billed to the primary active member.

3.5.1 Upon the resignation, termination or death of a primary active member, any memberships that have been billed to the primary active member shall continue with one such member, 18 years of age or older, automatically becoming the new active member. If no such member exists, or the only qualifying member refuses the change, all remaining members 12 to 17 years of age will be offered the opportunity of becoming apprentice members.

3.5.2 Members less than 18 years of age may be entered as active members, may enroll in courses and may receive merit marks. They shall also be entitled to wear uniform, fly the ensign, and attend any business meeting of USPS or any district or Squadron, but may not serve in an elected position, chair a committee or vote.

Section 3.6 Apprentice members of this Squadron shall be persons who have reached the age of twelve and who have passed an examination approved by the USPS Board of Directors. Apprentice members shall have the same privileges as are available to active members except they may not serve in an elected position, chair a committee or vote.

3.6.1 On becoming 18 years of age, an apprentice member shall automatically become an active member unless electing to remain an apprentice member. At any time between the age of 18 and 23 an apprentice member can irrevocably elect to become an active member. Apprentice membership shall automatically be converted to active membership at the end of the dues year in which the apprentice becomes 23 years of age.

Section 3.7 Associate members of this Squadron shall consist of active members in good standing of other Squadrons of USPS, or of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, who have been granted associate membership by the Executive Committee. Associate members shall have all the privileges of active members except that they shall not hold elective office in this Squadron, have representation as delegates of this Squadron, be entitled to represent this Squadron at any USPS or district meeting, or be entitled to vote at any meeting of this Squadron.

Section 3.8 Honorary membership may be conferred by the Executive Committee, for not more than one year at a time, upon any person not a member of USPS and who have made a significant contribution to safe boating or to the work of this Squadron. Honorary members shall not be subject to the payment of entrance fees, assessments, or annual dues. Honorary members shall not have any of the privileges extended to other classes of members except that they may wear the USPS membership lapel pin.

Section 3.9 [Reserved]

Section 3.10 An application for membership in this Squadron must have been endorsed by one or more active members, of this Squadron, before being presented to the Executive Committee for final action. Admission to any class of membership in this Squadron shall require a majority vote of the Executive Committee members present and voting at a duly constituted meeting of the committee.

Section 3.11 No member of the Executive Committee or of the Membership Committee shall disclose any member's vote, or make any comment on or discuss outside the committees' meetings any application to membership. No one may disclose the name of any person considered for membership to anyone not an active member of this Squadron. No one shall be entitled to receive information from any member of the Executive Committee or of the Membership Committee concerning the approval or disapproval of the application of any person to membership in this Squadron and USPS, except that a member proposing a person for membership shall be informed by the Membership Committee as to the status of the proposal.

Section 3.12 The classification of members and the educational grade of members attaining advanced grades shall be in accordance with USPS policy.

Section 3.13 All voluntary resignations must be made in writing to the Commander or the Secretary of the member's Squadron with a copy to the national secretary. No resignation of a member indebted to USPS or to a squadron shall be accepted until such indebtedness has been paid. If dues of any member are in arrears later than two weeks after the beginning of the member's dues year, membership, including any additional memberships in connection therewith, will be terminated automatically and without further notice. Membership may be terminated as provided in Article 15 of USPS bylaws.

ARTICLE 4

[Reserved]

ARTICLE 5

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES GENERALLY

Section 5.1 Officers, and committee members, whether elected or appointed shall be subject to the following general provisions:

5.1.1 All elected officers and elected committee members shall be active members of this Squadron, at least 18 years of age.

5.1.2 All bridge officers shall have been awarded at least one advanced grade and at least one merit mark. These requirements may be waived by the district commander for good cause in accordance with USPS bylaws Section 7.9.

5.1.3. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, all officers and committee members shall be elected or appointed annually and serve for one year or until their successors are appointed or installed, and shall begin their terms of office when they are elected or appointed, or if applicable, installed.

5.1.4 No active member shall be nominated for or hold more than one elective flag office as defined by USPS bylaws Section 4.3 in this Squadron simultaneously, except as provided in 5.2 herein or for a short period due to overlapping terms of office. More than one elective position other than flag office may be held if there does not appear to be a conflict of interest.

5.1.5 [Reserved]

5.1.6 Elected committees whose members have staggered terms shall have members elected originally for terms to meet such distribution. Appointed committees whose members have terms of more than one year shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to meet a staggered distribution. One of the members whose term next expires shall be considered for nomination and election, or appointment as chairman, as appropriate.

5.1.7 A vacancy occurring in any elective office shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting of this Squadron, and a vacancy occurring in any appointive office shall be filled by appointment by the appointing authority. Persons selected to fill vacancies in the offices of Educational Officer and Assistant Educational Officer must have their qualifications approved as provided in 11.2 herein.

5.1.8 In all instances relating to rank, grade, appointment, duties and procedures, USPS policy shall prevail.

5.1.9 Upon leaving office, elected and appointed officers and committee chairmen shall surrender to their successors all significant records, reports, communications, documents and property in their possession pertaining to the affairs of their position.

5.1.10 In the event the Commander, the Executive Officer, or the Administrative Officer is determined by self-declaration or by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, to be incapable of performing the duties of office because of illness or otherwise, the Executive Committee may temporarily assign the duties and powers of such office to a Past Commander agreeable to serve. Such assumption of duties by a Past Commander shall last only until the earliest of: (1) the next annual meeting of this Squadron; (2) the officer rescinds the self-declaration of incapability; (3) the Executive Committee rescinds its declaration of incapability; or (4) the next Squadron meeting at least 50 days after the declaration of incapability, at which meeting the Executive Committee shall recommend to the membership whether the period of incapability should be extended or the office declared vacant.

5.1.11 All appointed officers of this Squadron shall be active, associate or apprentice members, at least 18 years of age, and in good standing. Every appointed officer and committee member shall hold office at the pleasure of the appointing authority but not beyond the term of office of that person or body except to complete an assignment with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Elected Officers

Section 5.2 The bridge officers of this Squadron shall be the Commander, who shall be the ranking officer, the Executive Officer, the Educational Officer, the Administrative Officer, the Secretary and the Treasurer, which officers shall be elected by the members qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting each year. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person if so authorized by the Executive Committee.

Elected Assistants

Section 5.3 The Executive Committee may authorize the election of an Assistant Educational Officer, an Assistant Administrative Officer, an Assistant Secretary and/or an Assistant Treasurer. If authorized, these assistants shall be elected, and serve with the rank of first lieutenant. Any such officers shall assist their principals and, in the absence or incapacity of their principals, act in the principals' stead.

Elected Committees

Section 5.4 There shall be an **Executive Committee**, also known as Board of Directors, consisting of the elected Bridge officers, the most recent Past Commander, willing and able to serve and nine (9) active members from the general membership of this Squadron. Members at large shall be elected to this committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 11. Meetings of the Executive Committee, except when processing membership applications, are open to any Squadron member who wishes to attend. He may address the committee when recognized by the presiding officer, but may not vote.

Section 5.5 There shall be a **Nominating Committee**, consisting of a chairman and two other members, one of whom shall be elected by the members qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting, each year for a term of three years.

Section 5.6 There shall be a **Rules Committee**, consisting of a chairman and two other members, one of whom shall be elected by members, qualified to vote and present at the annual meet-

ing each year for a term of three years.

Section 5.7 There shall be an **Auditing Committee**, consisting of a chairman, and two other members, one of whom shall be elected by the members qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting, each year for a term of three years.

Appointed Committees

Section 5.8 Certain standing committees shall report to the Executive Committee:

5.8.1 The **Planning Committee** shall be comprised of three members (preferably senior members), each of whom shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee for a term of one year. It shall study matters concerning the general welfare of this Squadron and make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee. Items for study may be referred to it by the Commander, the Executive Committee or the membership, or may arise within the Planning Committee itself. It shall file an annual report with the Executive Committee at its meeting preceding the annual meeting.

5.8.2 The **Budget and Finance Committee** shall be comprised of three members, one of whom shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee for a term of three years. It shall work in close cooperation with the Treasurer, prepare the budget and, in general, plan the overall financial affairs of this Squadron. It is the responsibility of this committee to present a budget annually to the Executive Committee for approval prior to being presented to the voting members for adoption.

Section 5.9 Certain **appointed committees** shall report to the Commander or their respective department heads as required or directed:

5.9.1 The **Membership Committee** shall be comprised of one or more members appointed annually by the Commander. It shall be familiar with the policies and procedures outlined in the current edition of the USPS Membership Manual, shall process all new member applications, and shall present to the Executive Committee an evaluation of every person applying for Squadron membership.

5.9.2 The **Member Involvement Committee** shall be comprised of one or more members appointed annually by the Commander. It shall ensure that all members are kept aware of the educational, service and social activities of this Squadron and shall work closely with the Membership Committee to ensure that new members become quickly involved in Squadron activities.

5.9.3 The **Local Boards of the Educational Department** may be appointed by the Commander after consultation with the Educational Officer. If appointed, they shall perform such duties as are outlined by USPS policy and as may be directed by the Educational Officer, and shall make such reports as may be requested by the Commander or by the Educational Officer.

5.9.4 The **Educational Committee** shall be comprised of the Educational Officer, the Assistant Educational Officer (if any) the chairmen of the Local Boards and the class chairmen. It shall make recommendations to the Commander concerning Squadron educational programs and perform such other duties as are incidental to the Squadron's educational programs.

5.9.5 The **Merit Mark Committee** shall be comprised of one or more members appointed annually by the Commander. It shall compile and correlate data to assist the Commander with merit mark recommendations.

5.9.6 The **Housing Committee** may be comprised of one or more members appointed annually by the Commander. It shall assist the Commander in obtaining rooms and

facilities for meetings, educational programs and other Squadron activities.

5.9.7 The **Personnel Committee** may be comprised of one or more members appointed annually by the Commander. It shall maintain an inventory of the skills of each member so that these skills may be called upon for staff positions, committee chairmen, committee members, etc.

5.9.8 Other committees, consisting of those customarily assigned to the various departments of this Squadron by USPS policy, shall perform such duties as are usual for their particular operation and as may be directed by their department heads, and shall make such reports as are required by their operations.

Other Appointed Officers

Section 5.10 The Commander may appoint a **Law Officer** who should be an attorney at law, authorized to practice as such. The Law Officer shall perform such legal duties as may be assigned by the Commander or by the Executive Committee and which concern the affairs of this Squadron and its district and USPS affiliations.

Section 5.11 The Commander may appoint a **Supply Officer** who shall have charge of the procurement and sale to qualified members of ensigns, insignia and other paraphernalia approved by USPS. The Supply Officer shall be responsible to the Treasurer for all funds received from the sale of supplies.

Section 5.12 The Commander may appoint a **Property Officer** who shall have responsibility for all Squadron property which is not procured for resale to members and who shall maintain a current listing of such property showing location, date procured and condition. A copy of the listing shall be supplied to the Treasurer.

Section 5.13 The Commander may appoint a **Chaplain**, a **Flag Lieutenant**, and such **other aides or lieutenants** as are deemed necessary to perform such duties as the Commander or the Executive Committee may assign.

ARTICLE 6

Duties and Powers of Officers and Committees

Section 6.1 The **Commander** shall:

6.1.1 Preside at all meetings of this Squadron and its Executive Committee.

6.1.2 Execute all written instruments in the name of this Squadron when directed by the Executive Committee or by the membership.

6.1.3 Have command of the fleet when the vessels of this Squadron are formally assembled.

6.1.4 Appoint, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, appointive officers and the chairmen and members of the appointive committees.

6.1.5 Be an *ex officio* member of all committees and boards of this Squadron except the Nominating, Rules and Auditing Committees.

6.1.6 Make recommendations for members to serve as national and district officers and to serve on national and district committees, and make reports to national and district officers as required by USPS and the district policies.

6.1.7 Appoint, with the advice and approval of the Executive Committee, delegates to the conferences of the district and to the annual and special meetings of USPS.

Section 6.2 The **Executive Officer** shall: (1) assist the Commander; (2) have general supervision of the Executive Department as directed by the membership, the Commander, or the Executive Committee; (3) be an *ex officio* member of all committees of the Executive Department; and (4) in the temporary absence or incapacity of the Commander, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Commander.

Section 6.3 The **Educational Officer** shall: (1) assist the Commander; (2) have general supervision of the Educational Department as directed by the membership, the Commander or the Executive Committee; and (3) be an *ex officio* member of all committees of the Educational Department.

Section 6.4 The **Administrative Officer** shall: (1) assist the Commander; (2) have general supervision of the Administrative Department as directed by the membership, the Commander, or the Executive Committee; (3) be an *ex officio* member of all committees of the Administrative Department; and (4) in the temporary absence or incapacity of the Executive Officer, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Executive Officer.

Section 6.5 The **Secretary** shall:

6.5.1 Have custody of all corporate records, bylaws, and the corporate seal of this Squadron.

6.5.2 Attest to and affix the corporate seal to written instruments when so directed by the Executive Committee.

6.5.3 Keep a record of all proceedings of this Squadron and of the Executive Committee, of the attendance at Executive Committee meetings, and of all matters of which a record may be deemed advisable in books belonging to this Squadron, which records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any active member of this Squadron. No detailed records shall be kept relating to votes on applications for membership.

6.5.4 Keep an up-to-date record of all members of this Squadron, including for each member: name, addresses, telephone number, certificate date and number, type of membership, rank, grade, merit marks, senior membership date, vessel data and other pertinent information.

6.5.5 Keep and preserve all documents, records, reports and official correspondence connected with the business of this Squadron.

6.5.6 Report to USPS Headquarters the names and addresses of persons admitted to membership in this squadron, any transfers to this squadron, any changes in membership or addresses of members, and the election of officers. Report to the national secretary any transfers from this squadron to unattached member status

6.5.7 Send the required notices of all Squadron and Executive Committee meetings and all lists of candidates for office to be voted upon at any election.

6.5.8 Make a report at the annual meeting and at such other times as the Commander or the Executive Committee may request.

6.5.9 Perform such other appropriate duties as may be assigned by the Commander or the Executive Committee or as may be required by USPS policy.

6.5.10 Be an *ex officio* member of all committees and boards under the Secretary's Department.

Section 6.6 The **Treasurer** shall:

6.6.1 Collect and hold, in the name of this Squadron, all monies belonging to this Squadron.

6.6.2 Pay all bills contracted by this Squadron which have been approved by the Executive Committee or by the head of a department or the chairman of a committee which has contracted the same by virtue of appropriations made by the Executive Committee or by the adopted budget.

6.6.3 (a) Make interim reports, including statements of receipts, disbursements and financial condition, at such times as the Commander or the Executive Committee may direct; (b) prepare an annual report as of the last day of the Squadron's fiscal year; and (c) make all financial records available for the Auditing Committee inspection required by Section 6.10.

6.6.4 Keep and preserve an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed and of all of this Squadron's property.

6.6.5 [Reserved]

6.6.6 [Reserved]

6.6.7 Promptly send monies due USPS received from new members to headquarters.

6.6.8 Pay to the district of which this Squadron is assigned any annual assessment, at such time and in such manner as directed by the district.

6.6.9 Cause to be prepared and filed, in a timely manner, all required federal, state and local tax and information returns.

6.6.10 Perform such other appropriate duties incident to the office as are required by USPS policy, or as the Commander or the Executive Committee may direct.

6.6.11 Be an *ex officio* member of all committees in the Treasurer's Department.

Executive Committee

Section 6.7 The Executive Committee, also known as the Board of Directors, shall:

6.7.1 Meet monthly or when convened by the Commander, have general charge of the policy, management and finances of this squadron, be vested with and have legal custody of all squadron property, and appropriate such sums as may be deemed advisable, within the limits of squadron resources, for the normal and usual operation of the squadron, including squadron, district and USPS functions.

6.7.2 Take final action on applications for all classes of Squadron membership.

6.7.3 Carry on the normal business of this Squadron between meetings of the membership.

6.7.4 Establish committees and appoint members thereto as may seem advisable

and in the best interests of this Squadron.

6.7.5 Consult with and advise the Commander regarding appointments to Squadron offices and committees.

6.7.6 For all Squadron operating funds, and with the advice of the Treasurer, designate depositories insured by an agency of the U.S. government in which Squadron funds shall be kept, and approve the budget for submission to the members.

6.7.7 Enforce the authority given it under these bylaws and take necessary action consistent with USPS policy to advance the best interests of this Squadron.

6.7.8 With the assistance and cooperation of the Educational Department, determine which courses and programs are to be offered during the Squadron teaching year, and the times and locations thereof.

6.7.9 Invite the Law Officer to its meetings when legal expertise is desirable. The Law Officer shall be entitled to speak at such meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

6.7.10 Annually appoint one member to the Planning Committee and one member to the Budget/Finance Committee to replace the members completing their final year on each committee.

General Committees

Section 6.8 The **Nominating Committee** shall select a candidate for each elective office and for the chairman of each elective committee provided for herein, and shall submit its written report to the Secretary at least 40 days prior to the announced date of the annual meeting.

6.8.1 Other than interviews with potential nominees, no member of this committee shall comment upon or discuss committee business with any non-member of this committee and, other than the nominations report, no non-member of this committee shall be entitled to receive any information concerning the committee's deliberations.

6.8.2 No member of this committee may serve on the bridge; nor be nominated by this committee for assumption of any bridge office commencing less than one year after their term on this committee would normally expire nor may serve again on this committee for a least one year after his term on their committee would normally expire. For the purposes of this section a year shall be deemed to be the normal watch of the bridge officers.

Section 6.9 The **Rules Committee** shall be the guardian of adherence to the USPS bylaws, USPS policy, and Squadron bylaws. The committee shall be familiar with the current edition of the "Model Bylaws for Squadrons of USPS" and prepare recommendations as necessary to keep this Squadron's bylaws consistent with USPS policy. It shall prepare the wording of amendments as may be directed by the Executive Committee or by the membership or proposed by its own initiative.

Section 6.10 The **Auditing Committee** shall examine all records of the Treasurer as of the last day of the Squadron fiscal year and submit a report of its findings for action by a membership meeting not more than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. An additional audit shall be performed should a different individual assume the office of Treasurer prior to the end of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 7

Dues and Entrance Fees

Section 7.1 The entrance fees and annual dues of dues-paying classes of membership shall be reviewed each year by the Executive Committee, and its recommendations for the following year shall be presented to and voted upon by the voting members no later than the last regular Squadron meeting prior to 1 February. Such fees and dues shall be as so determined provided, however, that in the event no such fees or dues are so fixed for any USPS dues year, fees and dues shall be the same as for the preceding year.

Section 7.2 The dues of this Squadron shall be due and payable at the same time as USPS dues are due.

7.2.1 Associate member dues and fees, if any, shall be billed by and paid directly to this Squadron.

Section 7.3 An entrance fee, in an amount recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the voting members, may be required as a prerequisite to any class of membership except honorary membership. Such entrance fee shall be paid at the time of acceptance of the individual into membership.

Section 7.4 The dues for new members are payable with their membership application. The member's anniversary date becomes the first day of the month that the membership form is accepted. Dues for all subsequent years shall be payable annually on or before their anniversary date.

Section 7.5 Nonpayment of Squadron dues may be excused by the Executive Committee, but nothing herein shall authorize the waiver of dues to USPS or of any amount intended to defray a per capita assessment of the Squadron by its district.

Section 7.6 Members of all classes of USPS membership otherwise eligible to receive instruction or examination in any course may not do so unless in good standing and not in arrears for dues or other indebtedness to this Squadron or USPS.

ARTICLE 8

Resignations, Transfers and Reinstatements

Section 8.1 Resignations, transfers and reinstatements shall be accomplished in accordance with USPS policy.

Section 8.2 Reinstatement requests from former members who have voluntarily terminated membership in this Squadron shall be treated as follows:

8.2.1 Those who apply for reinstatement within two years of termination of membership shall be reinstated upon payment of annual dues for the current year and Squadron indebtedness (if any).

8.2.2 Reinstatement requests received two or more years after termination of membership shall be reviewed as follows;

(a) Upon receipt of a request for reinstatement, the Executive Committee shall, in closed session, determine whether any committee member is against reinstatement. If there are no such members, the applicant shall be reinstated as in 8.2.1 herein.

(b) If any Executive Committee member expresses intent to vote against reinstatement, the specific grounds for such vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the closed session (but not divulged to non-members of the Executive Committee). At its next meeting, the Executive Committee shall, in closed session, vote on the question, "Shall (name) be refused reinstatement?" A two-thirds vote shall be required to refuse reinstatement; otherwise the applicant shall be reinstated as in 8.2.1 herein.

(c) If reinstatement is refused, the Squadrons Secretary shall, within five days, notify the National Secretary of such refusal and the specific grounds therefore. In such case the former member shall be eligible for reinstatement in USPS as an unattached member.

ARTICLE 9

Meetings, Notices and Quorums

Section 9.1 Regular Squadron business meetings shall be held each month from October to April of the ensuing year, inclusive, at a pre-announced meeting place. Each year the January meeting shall be designated as the meeting reserved for the installation of new officers, also known as the Change of Watch. The Executive Committee may designate other times and places for such regular business meetings upon proper notice. The Executive Committee shall meet as required by 6.7.1 herein.

Section 9.2 If a holiday or other circumstance makes it impractical to hold any meeting as provided herein, the Executive Committee may waive such meeting or set another meeting date. The membership shall be notified accordingly.

Section 9.3 The annual meeting shall be held in the month of November at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees, including the chairmen thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all eligible members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this Squadron, shall be sent to each voting member by the Secretary, in such manner as determined by the Executive Committee, at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

Section 9.4 The Secretary shall provide a list of all nominees by petition as provided by 11.1 herein and shall give notice thereof to all voting members in such manner that it will reach them at least seven days prior to the date of the election.

Section 9.5 At the discretion of the Commander or the Executive Committee, special membership meetings may be called at any reasonable time, and shall also be called by the Secretary upon written request of at least 10 percent, but not less than six active members. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Commander or upon written request by five or more members of the Executive Committee.

Section 9.6 Except as provided in 9.3 herein, notices of all regular and special meetings of this Squadron and of the Executive Committee shall also be sent to the last known address of each member entitled to receive such notice at least 20 days prior to regular meetings, and at least 10 days prior to special meetings. The inclusion of Notice of Meeting in the official Squadron publication mailed the required time before such meeting will be deemed to comply with the foregoing provisions.

9.6.1 Electronic communication may be used for notices provided the recipient has agreed in writing to accept electronic messages in lieu of physical mail and the message is transmitted to the member's last email address of record on or before the applicable

deadline for dispatching notice. Electronic transmission of an official publication containing such notice shall be deemed to comply with this requirement provided it is transmitted in its entirety.

9.6.2 Meetings of the Executive Committee may, when necessary, be conducted by electronic means, as defined by the currently available technology, provided that all other applicable sections of Article 9 are adhered to. Such meetings must be announced to all involved members and provision shall be provided for any member who wishes to monitor the proceedings and comment to the meeting any questions or concerns as if they were meeting in person. Electronic meetings shall not exceed 25 percent of the Executive Committee meetings in any calendar year and shall not be used for general membership meetings.

Section 9.7 At any regular or special meeting, eight percent (8%) of the members qualified to vote, as determined by the records of this Squadron, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 9.8 A quorum for any committee of more than two persons shall be a majority of its sitting members.

Section 9.9 Voting at regular and special meetings shall be as follows:

9.9.1 Each voting member present and in good standing in this Squadron shall have one vote on each Question

9.9.2 Voting shall be by voice unless a poll is demanded by an active member duly qualified to vote, in which event votes shall be cast by a show of hands. Upon a motion supported by at least one-fifth of the active members present and voting, a roll call vote shall be held. The presiding officer may require that voting be by secret ballot if circumstances warrant.

9.9.3 The presiding officer shall vote only when necessary to decide a tie.

9.9.4 Voting at an election shall be provided in 11.5 herein.

ARTICLE 10

Order of Business and Rules of Order

Section 10.1 Unless otherwise provided by the active members or by the presiding officer without dissent at the onset of the meeting, the following order of business shall be observed at all meetings of the membership and the Executive Committee:

Determination of quorum.
Pledge of Allegiance.
Approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
Reports of officers.
Reports of committees.
Unfinished business.
Elections (when appropriate).
New business.
Adjournment.

Section 10.2 Orderly parliamentary procedure shall govern at all meetings. All questions of procedure not otherwise covered herein or by USPS policy shall be determined by the chairman of the Rules Committee or his designee. However, if the rules chairman and his designee are absent, the presiding officer shall designate the parliamentarian. The person serving as parliamentarian shall be identified at the outset of the meeting.

ARTICLE 11

Nominations, Elections and Voting

Section 11.1 Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated; (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or; (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five voting members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Section 11.2 The Educational Officer and the Assistant Educational Officer (if any) are members of the USPS Educational Department, and shall be nominated and elected only after their qualifications have been approved by the National Educational Officer's designee.

Section 11.3 If vacancies exist in the properly formulated slate of nominees at the time of the election, they shall be filled by nominations from the floor duly made by voting members.

Section 11.4 No active member shall be eligible for nomination without first signifying willingness and ability to serve if elected.

Section 11.5 At any election, each voting member present and in good standing in this Squadron shall have one vote for each office to be filled. Voting shall be in the following manner:

11.5.1 Cumulative voting is prohibited.

11.5.2 Election to an uncontested office may be effected by a supported motion and a ballot cast and recorded by the Secretary.

11.5.3 Election to a contested office shall be effected by secret ballot, unsigned and cast in person. Such elections shall be determined by a judge of election and not less than three tellers, all of whom shall be appointed by the Commander. The secret ballots shall be delivered to the judge of election and opened and inspected by the tellers, and the final results shall be tabulated and announced to the members before the close of the meeting.

11.5.4 Polls shall remain open for no more than one hour after the election is initiated as an order of business.

ARTICLE 12

Miscellaneous

Section 12.1 Any person collecting funds for any activities of this Squadron shall be prepared at all times to make a full and complete accounting of the same to the Commander and to the Executive Committee.

Section 12.2 No member shall contract any bills in the name of this Squadron unless previously authorized by the Executive Committee or by the adopted budget.

Section 12.3 When any account authorized by the Executive Committee or by the adopted budget is closed, any excess funds therein and a complete accounting shall be promptly turned over to the Treasurer.

Section 12.4 No person shall take advantage of USPS membership status in order to achieve personal gain or remuneration.

Section 12.5 The Squadron fiscal year shall be 12 consecutive months beginning on 1 January and ending on the last day of December.

Section 12.6 All publications or notices of any nature issued by this Squadron shall have the prior approval of the Commander or of the Executive Committee before being sent to members or to the public.

ARTICLE 13

Discipline

Section 13.1 Matters of discipline shall be considered and handled in accordance with USPS policy.

ARTICLE 14

Flags, Uniforms, Insignia and Etiquette

Section 14.1 Flags, uniforms, insignia and matters of etiquette shall conform to USPS policy.

ARTICLE 15

Squadron Publications

Section 15.1 The official Squadron publication available on-line and in limited printed format shall be known as the "**Crossroads**". The website is **SLRPS.org**.

ARTICLE 16

Distribution of Assets After Termination

Section 16.1 No member of this Squadron shall have, as an individual, any interest in or title to any of the assets of USPS or of any district or Squadron, and such assets shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes of USPS, the district or this Squadron.

Section 16.2 In the event of dissolution and voluntary surrender, or of revocation of this Squadron's charter, all assets then belonging to this Squadron shall be assigned to USPS or to another organization which qualifies for tax exemption (under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and any rules and regulations promulgated there under, or such other section of the code by which USPS is exempt) as selected by the Executive Committee or other comparable body of this Squadron. If no such body exists or no selection is made, the assets of this Squadron shall be assigned to USPS. If such assets include or have been bequests, gifts over \$10,000 or endowments, the distribution of these assets will be subject to the review of the District Law Officer and approved by the District Council.

ARTICLE 17

Amendments

Section 17.1 These bylaws may be amended, subject to the approval of the USPS Committee on Rules, by a two thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at any regular or special Squadron meeting, providing that a quorum is present at the time the vote is taken AND; (1) the proposed amendments are stated in full in the notice of the meeting at which action is to be taken thereon, or; (2) an announcement of the proposed amendments was given to each member and multiple copies of the old and the proposed bylaws are made available to the members at two or more consecutive general membership meetings at least 20 days apart (the last such meeting may be the meeting at which the vote is taken).

Section 17.2 When proposed amendments are properly presented before any meeting for consideration, they may, before final action is taken thereon, be changed by a majority vote, provided the change is germane to the subject of the amendment under consideration.

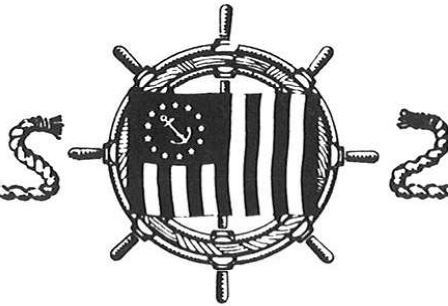
Section 17.3 Amendments to these bylaws shall not become effective until approved by the USPS Committee on Rules and notice of such approval is provided to each active member. Notice of approval in a Squadron publication, duly issued and circulated, shall fulfill the above requirement.

ARTICLE 18

Corporate Seal

Section 18.1 The Corporate Seal of this Squadron shall have inscribed thereon the Squadron's name, the year of its incorporation and the words:

ST. LUCIE RIVER POWER SQUADRON
CORPORATE SEAL
CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT
FLORIDA 1970



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Bill & Lana Gelpke
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Steve & Helen Chachakis
Bill & Lynne Husted
Jim Skeoch
George & Fay Gehring
John & Adrienne Van Amsterdam
Steven Shultz & Debi McKay
Bob & Susie Chaille
Paul & Elaine Bendeck
C. David Wroten & Jacqueline O'Malley
Joanie & J.J. Smith
Annie & Jay Seeley
In Memory of Michael O'Donovan, SN
ISLAND TIME - Tom & Sue Gatzolis
SUMMER SLOPES TOO - George & Mary Kay
THINK SNOW - Chuck McGearry
SEA GHOST - Larry & Wanda Neidigh
From the Crew of **FET-ESCH** - John & Cyndi Esch

