



The Stuffing Box

Newsletter for the St. Andrew Bay Power Squadron

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Change of Watch

Our New Bridge for 2007:

Commander: James C Pappas, SN
Executive Officer: Ric Corley, P
Education Officer: Skip Rew
Administrative Officer: Darlene Soskin
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**On Saturday, February 10th at 6:30 PM we will be holding the
"Change of Watch" and Club 19 in Bay Point.**

1830 Cocktails

1900 Dinner

Installation of 2007 Bridge following dinner

Dress- Business suit

or

Uniform A (bow tie)

There will be a cash bar and you dinner choices are:

Prime Rib 25.65

Pecan Grouper 23.25

Chicken Marsala 20.80

A Message from your Commander

February 2007

Greetings from your Commander:

Since the current letter is to be my final report to the Power Squadron in the official capacity of "Commander", I want to thank all of my fellow officers and those who have previously served in the same capacity for all of the help I have received this year. My special thanks to Rick and Angie Smitherman who carried on with Power Squadron business in my absence during the time I was at the S.A.M.S. conference in Maine and during those dark days of cancer/surgery/recovery and afterwards. I need food for thought to express my gratitude for all the prayers and support of Power Squadron Members: please know that it made a difference!

John (Bubba) & Scarlotte Holmes, for the productive and pleasant hours spent in your home planning 2006 activities for the Power Squadron. I could not have completed the stupendous task of scheduling without John's help.

Staci, for your computer knowledge and creativity to get messages out to our members. With an appealing website in place we should be able to attract more members.

Mary Anne, for keeping the paper going until we could get the web site started, for your help at rendezvous, and for showing us your wonderful sense of humor when meetings get too serious.

Bud Durgan, for your past service of Power Squadron Commander and for your continuing long term service to this organization.

Dave Guest, for keeping the "vessel safety check" service a viable part of the Power Squadron program. Without your effort on behalf of the Power Squadron, "vessel safety checks" would have died a long time ago.

Doug and Daphne Clark, for being a reliable resource of knowledge from all of your past years of service in the Power Squadron, your guidance and help through the "Staff Breakfast" after the "Change of Watch", for all the times I've called on Doug to give the invocation and his past service as Power Squadron Commander, and for the many times I've called on Daphne at work to answer simple questions.

D. B. Hurst, for your time and accurate "treasure reports", for your support in spirit, if not in person, at business meetings, and for your untiring effort to get me to UAB Hospital for the surgery I so desperately needed.

While last but not least, to Jim Pappas, for the fine Boating Educator he has become and passed on to those who needed his tutorage, for the personal advice and support he has given me as friend and doctor and for his willingness to take on the office of "Commander" for the upcoming year. I know he will make an excellent Commander.

Our goal 2006 was to attract new members; and while we have done so, we have not been able to get them to business and dinner meetings. We had hoped to plan things that would be appealing to all, so hopefully, this 2007 year will bring better attendance and greater participation. Thank you for all your patience, your prayers, your attendance and your continuing support. It has been my pleasure to have been your commander, but due to health issues and circumstances beyond my control, I feel it is time for a new one. I salute you Jim Pappas and God bless.

Wishing you fait tides and a following wind,

Commander Kerry (Ric) Corley, P

Power Squadron Annual Meeting:

The United States Power Squadron will conduct it's [Annual Meeting](#) in Jacksonville, Florida February 20-25th at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville FL. Please visit the [USPS web site](#) for additional information.

February Birthdays:

1st Daphne Clark
11th Mary Morrison
30th Dave Guest

February Anniversary's

1st Dick & Barbara
Barton 1981
29th Scarlotte & John
Holmes 1983

D/15 Spring Council Meeting

Holiday Inn, Exit 15 B, Tillman's Corner

Mobile, Alabama

Saturday, 10 March 2007

Squadron Officers and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.



Our St. Andrew Power Squadron website has won an award of Excellence!



Many thanks to Maryanne, Angie and Ric Smitherman and everyone else that helped contribute to my putting both the website and the newsletter together!

Upcoming Events for 2007 (Updated 2/01/07 Changes made in June and October)

The Bridge has published a proposed calendar for 2007 that includes water and land rendezvous, dinner squabbles and regular business meetings. We look forward to seeing you at these events! In the event severe weather or another unforeseen occurrence, you will be notified of the change in an event.

February

Saturday, February 10th

7:00 PM

Changing of the Watch at Club 19 in Bay Point

March

Thursday, March 8th

7:00 PM

Business Meeting at the Heathplex

Saturday, March 24

11:00 AM

Rendezvous at St. Andrews State Park

April

Thursday, April 12

6:30 PM

Squabble at Big City Fish Restaurant

Saturday, April 14

11:00 AM

Rendezvous at Shell Point

May

Thursday, May 10th

6:30 PM

Squabble at the Black Angus Restaurant

Saturday, May 19th

11:00 AM

Rendezvous at Todd and Staci Doucett's House

June

Thursday, June 14th

7:00 PM

Business Meeting at the Heathplex

Saturday, June 16th

12:00 PM

Rendezvous at Ushi's House

July

Wednesday, July 4

TBD PM

Water Rendezvous for Fireworks

Thursday, July 12th

6:30 PM

Squabble at the Olive Garden

August

Thursday, August 9

6:30 PM

Squabble at the Captains Table

Saturday, August 11th

12:00 PM

Rendezvous at the Cirks House

September

Thursday, September 13th

7:00 PM

Business Meeting at the Heathplex

Saturday, September 15th

11:00 AM

Econfina Canoe Trip

October

Thursday, October 11

6:30 PM

Squabble at Carrabba's Restaurant

Saturday, October 13th

11:00 AM Pirate Ship

November

Thursday, November 8th

6:30 PM

Squabble at the Black Angus

Saturday, November 10th

3:30 PM

Rendezvous on the Pirate Ship

December

Monday, December 10th

7:00 PM

Bridge Meeting at John and Scarlotte's House

Saturday, December 15th

6:30 PM

Christmas Party