



# The Stuffing Box

Newsletter for the St. Andrew Bay Power Squadron

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## Bridge:

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**Secretary:** Staci Doucett  
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## Safe Boating Course Begins Tonight

### BOATSMART:

*Gulf Coast Community College April 2-3, 9-10th 2007*

*Room 243*

*6:30 PM*

*Student Union East*

*Cost of the manual is \$25.00. A family can share, if they wish.*

*As of the April 2, 7:30 AM we are scheduled to have at least 13 attendees.*

### PILOTING:

Piloting will begin on 11 April and continue weekly until done.

It will be held in the Social Science Room 113 from 1900-2100.

At present the following have signed up: Mary Anne Durgan, Daphne and Doug Clark, Wade Nettles, Sylvia and Charles Dart, and Harry Wahl. Materials have been ordered. All are reminded to bring sharp pencils, course plotter (if you have one) and a dividers for measuring.

### April Birthdays:

2nd Kathy Howitt  
10th Jim Pappas  
16th Lolitta Nutley  
28th Cory Howitt

### April Anniversaries:

27th Paul & Pauline Steadman  
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## Executive Minutes

Minutes Exec Committee Meeting 27 March 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1900. Members present: Lt/C Darlene Soskin, S; Lt/C Skip Rew; Cdr Jim Pappas, SN; P/C Doug Clark, S; P/C Bud Durgan, SN.

Rendezvous at State Park on 24 March followup: A successful rendezvous with 21 participants. No suggestions for improvement or change in format. The money box has been retired. A check was written to the squadron treasurer, D.B. Hurst. CLOSED

The April 12 squabble will be held at Big City Fish on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Socialize at 1800. Plan to eat 1830-1900.

Details for Rendezvous at Shell Point on 14 April. I won't be there (BBQ contest judging).

Who's in charge: Darlene and Mary Anne and Bud Durgan

Times: 1100

What to bring: Covered dish and personal beverages.

How to arrive: Boats. If rain chance is 40% or greater, cancel rendezvous.

Boat Smart Public Boating Course: The first course of the year will be 2, 3, 9, 10 April in the Student Union East (SUE) Room 243. Staci has done a magnificent job of getting the word out. I expect a larger than usual crowd of 3 or 4. We could use some help the first and last nights. Instructors are Daphne Clark, Skip Rew and Jim Pappas. Additional courses are set for:

June 4, 5 and 11, 12            SUE Gibson Hall

August 7 and 13, 14, 20        SUE 244

October 15, 16 and 22, 23    SUE 243

TIME: 1830-2100 for all courses

CLOSED

Staci and I have been working on the roster. I think it is as up to date as it can be. Problem is we can't format it in a manner that can be emailed to everyone for all to read. P/C Angie Smitherman has volunteered to try to work with it and get it into a txt or pdf file for distribution. OPEN

Exec Comm minutes were distributed by email under separate cover. No negative responses. Probably better to distribute in the Stuffing Box? CLOSED

At the last Exec Comm meeting, we voted to email minutes to members. Response has been positive. We've identified a couple of people not on line. Staci will mail them their copies.

CLOSED

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## Executive Minutes Continued

Business brought before the membership in March:

Whether to have speakers at the business meetings. Membership voted to have them as long as they had a nautical theme. CLOSED

Licenses approved by USPS for membership and reciprocating advanced grades. I have received Skip Rew's 100T license and submitted it to National for credit in S, P, and AP. I have not received Ric Corley's, yet. CLOSED

Plans to begin a Piloting course in April, which lasts 10 sessions. These plans are complete. Piloting will begin on 11 April and continue weekly until done. It will be held in the Social Science Room 113 from 1900-2100. At present the following have signed up: Mary Anne Durgan, Daphne and Doug Clark, Wade Nettles, Sylvia and Charles Dart, and Harry Wahl. Materials have been ordered. All are reminded to bring sharp pencils, course plotter (if you have one) and a dividers for measuring. CLOSED

We are all deeply saddened by Staci and Todd's recent loss of their young son. The rendezvous at Staci and Todd's scheduled for 19 May has been cancelled. John and Teresa Durgan have graciously offered their home for a rendezvous that day. Details will be forthcoming. OPEN

Details for Ushi's Rendezvous in June at 1200. Bring a covered dish and your own drinks.

The issue of guests at rendezvous' was addressed. The consensus is: If the squadron is footing the bill, guests will be charged a fee determined by those responsible for the rendezvous. If the rendezvous is pot-luck, members bringing guests would be expected to bring extra servings and drinks. CLOSED

Bud Durgan suggested that squabbles be held at members' homes instead of restaurants. A discussion followed. Most did not want to entertain on a "school night" after work and have to clean up afterwards. The act of going out to eat was the social event, and no one had to prepare or cleanup. CLOSED

Bud Durgan suggested that rather than have a sit down dinner wherein people could only converse with those in their immediate vicinity, have heavy hors d'oeuvres and allow people to circulate around the room. How to plan this type event and pay for it was discussed with no resolution. The committee felt it should be taken to the membership at the squabble for consideration. OPEN

Next Exec Comm meeting 29 May? We will discuss whatever we want to bring before the membership in June. OPEN

There being no further business, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 1950.

Respectfully submitted,  
James C. Pappas, SN  
Commander

## Commanders Message

The rendezvous at the State Park was well attended by 22 outdoorsy people. All had a fun time. Many thanks to Scarlotte and P/D/C John Holmes, AP for spending the night to reserve the "prime tables", purchasing the goodies, and for John's exemplary culinary skills at the grill. Admin officer Lt/C Darlene Soskin, provided all the additional details for a very successful first rendezvous. If the rest are like this, it will be a great year for parties!

The first Boat Smart course begins on 2 April at GCCC in the Student Union East, room 243 at 1830. If you have a little time to come help sell manuals, register students and make them feel welcome, this is a great opportunity to help you earn a merit mark. And you need not stay for the whole evening.

The piloting course is scheduled to begin on 11 April. Seven members have signed up. It should be a lot of fun.

The April meeting is a squabble at Big City Fish restaurant. Come out for the social imbibing beginning at 1800. We'll eat around 1830-1900. Be prepared for the final head count for the rendezvous at Shell Point on 14 April.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on 27 March are included in this issue. Read them. If you like what you read, participate. If not, help us improve by attending the meetings and participating. You picked up on that, did you?

We are deeply saddened by the news of the untimely death of Staci and Todd Doucett's young son. Words cannot express the profound loss they have sustained. Our sympathies and prayers are with them during this time of mourning. May his memory be eternal.

Jim Pappas, SN  
Commander

### Merit Marks

The following members gave their time a talents to the Power Squadron and earned a Merit Mark:

Daphne Clark	Doug Clark
Babs Corley	Ric Corley
Staci Doucett	Mary Anne Durgan
Bud Durgan	Ushi Gibson
Dave guest	John Holmes
Scarlotte Holmes	Dave Hurst
Jim Pappas	Angi Smitherman
Rick Smitherman	Darlene Soskin

Will your name be on this list next year?

## Upcoming Events for 2007 (Updated 4/02/07)

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.

### 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 John and Teresa Durgan'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

To Be Determined—Perhaps Ebro

### December

**Monday, December 10th**

7:00 PM

Bridge Meeting at John and Scarlotte's House

**Saturday, December 15th**

6:30 PM

Christmas Party