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COMMANDER

CDR BUDDY POE, AP



Welcome to November.

We have had a busy year and we are not slowing down. Each event manager is getting their list of volunteers put together to submit for merit marks. And there are still volunteers needed for the Down on the Docks at Sisters Creek and the JAX Lighted Boat Parade.

We are in our last hours of planning our last few events of the year: The Erv Dunn Memorial Pig Roast and the Al Richardson Memorial Turkey Dinner, and the Christmas Party. If you are interested in knowing the reason why we have named the events after past members, you can look it up on our history webpage.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, mark your calendars for the Boat Show on Jan 24th through the 26th, 2025.

We are going to try to raise a little bit of funds in the next couple of months. First, we are selling virtual Christmas cards that will appear in the December Skipper. You will read more about this later in the Skipper.

Another fund raiser will be a silent auction at the Christmas Party. We are looking for donations of gift cards, gift baskets or another desirable object. Talk to me if you have other ideas for the silent auction.

For those who would like to attend the Exec Board, we will be meeting on October 28TH at 6:30 pm at Lamb's Yacht Marina.

We will see you at Amelia Island Marina on Oct 26!!

Buddy



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LT/C ANDREA SCHAPPERT, S



WELCOME TO FALL IN FLORIDA! Less hot weather means more fun on the water.

The Squadron has a full schedule coming up for the remainder of the year so make sure you are checking out the calendar of events and watching your emails for updated info. We will also have a few more volunteer opportunities this fall!

The events include:

Annual Pig Roast Turkey Dinner/November General Meeting Lighted Boat Parade Christmas Party

We are still looking for an Administrative Officer to help with the events through the remainder of this year. If you can help out, please let myself or Buddy know.

We filled one of the member at large

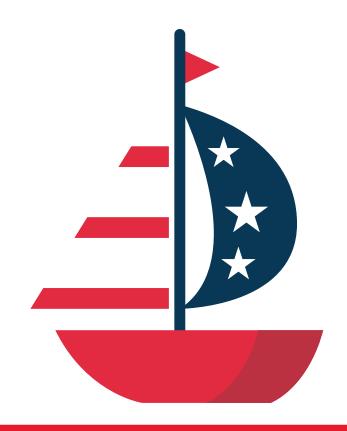
positions on the bridge but we are still looking for someone to fill the spot left vacant at the head of the Dockwalkers Program. Anyone who is interested, please let myself or Buddy know.

There is a fundraiser in this edition with virtual/digital Christmas Cards that will be published in the December Skipper. Please see page 13 for all the details.

Be sure to check out the upcoming events flyers in this issue so you don't miss a thing!

Thank you and we hope to see you at a meeting/event soon.

Andrea



EDUCATION LT/C TOM ANDERSON, SN-CN



Greetings from the Educational Dept.

Our 21 September class is complete with all students passing. We completed 9 classes this year with 55 Students passing. I would like to thank our team Mark Adams, Jim Suber and Gary Callahan for assisting me with the classes.

The Marine Navigation Course is in progress with 12 students. Mark Adams and Gary Callahan have been working on the class presentation for several weeks. They are teaching the latest version of the course using OPENCPN.

AGAIN:::

We are planning on a Marine Electrical Systems Course in the 4th Quarter. We have a new instructor, John Clark. John is retired from the Navy with a background in electrical systems. Talking with John the class will be very interesting.

Please let me know if you are interested!!!!

There is a new version of the **Celestial Navigation Class**. This will be a standalone course not requiring any other Navigation Classes.

Also new **Inland Boating Course** should be ready by **mid-2025**. Advanced Navigation has been revised and Engine Maintenance.

The Education Department at the National Level has been very busy!!!

Live your Dreams

Tom Anderson
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HELPFUL BOATING TIPS

Tips for easy anchoring

Every boat operator should master the art of safely and securely anchoring their boat. Abide by these guidelines to excel in anchoring.

1. Choose an area clear of boats and underwater obstacles.

Check your chart to ensure no cables, wrecks or other underwater obstructions will foul your line. Determine the water depth and bottom type (preferably sand or mud). Calculate the amount of line needed; the general rule is five to seven times the water depth plus the distance from the water's surface to where the anchor attaches to the bow. If the water is 8 feet deep and your bow cleat is 2 feet from the surface, multiply 10 feet by 5 to get the amount of anchor line to put out. Secure your anchor to the bow cleat at the point on the line where you want it to stop. Then, with your boat heading into the wind (or current if that is stronger) move into position, put the engine in idle and stop the boat with the bow just forward of where you intend to drop anchor.

2. Lower the anchor slowly.

With your life jacket on, slowly lower the anchor into the water from the bow. Don't throw it over the side; this tends to foul the line. Your boat should begin to drift backward with the wind or current, allowing the anchor to move down and away as it enters the water. This backward drift is important. If your boat is stationary when the anchor reaches bottom, the chain piles on top and prevents the anchor from digging in. If your boat isn't drifting backward on its own, put the engine in reverse and move slowly backward as you pay out the anchor rode. This stretches out the chain from the bow and ensures the anchor will lie on the bottom facing in the correct direction.

3. Keep tension on the anchor rode.

As you pay out the anchor rode, maintain tension to keep the boat's bow pointed toward the anchor. This ensures your anchor, chain and rope don't become tangled. If you're anchoring in strong winds, you may have to put the engine in forward gear to control the speed and direction of backward drift.

4. Set the anchor.

With the anchor rode out and the boat in the intended swing zone, secure the rode, let the anchor dig in and stop the boat. Exercise caution: Wrap the rode once or twice around a cleat and keep your hands well clear. Once you feel the anchor dig in and set, put the engine in idle reverse and back down on the anchor to secure it to the bottom. This is especially important where the bottom has a layer of sand and grass. Once the anchor is set, note any landmarks in relation to the boat. Check these reference points frequently to make sure you're not drifting.

Choose location. Lower anchor. Keep tension. Set anchor.

5. Weigh anchor.

Once you've set the anchor, pulling or weighing anchor should be easy. Still, proceed with care and wear your life jacket. The combination of anchor pull, current and weight can sometimes swamp a small boat. Lift the anchor as vertically as possible and be careful not to hit the side of the boat. Wash off any mud and debris while lifting. — U.S. Coast Guard

Article from: https://boatingcompass.org/tips-for-easy-anchoring/Sept-2024

JACKSONVILLE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

EXECUTIVE MEETING LAMBS YACHT CENTER, TRAINING ROOM, JACKSONVILLE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commander Buddy Poe, AP. The following Members were present: Tom Anderson, Mark Adams, Andrea Schappert, Dave Gillum, Robert Morgan, Twyla Morgan, Travis Ewing, Tim Twinam, Anita Ray, and Robert DeComo. Also present was Guest Member D/C Gary Callahan. The Commander noted that a Quorum was present.

Secretary's Report – Lt/C Robert DeComo, AP

The Secretary reported that the October Edition of The Skipper was published and distributed to the Members.

Treasurer's Report – Lt/C Travis Ewing

The Treasurer reported that the Checking and Money Market Accounts were balanced as of September 30th.

Education Officer Report – D/Lt/C Tom Anderson, SN – CN

The SEO reported that the last ABC3 Class of the year was completed on September 21st. He also reported that the next Navigation Class is scheduled to begin on October 2nd.

Administrative Officer Report – Vacant

No Report submitted.

Executive Officer Report – Andrea Schappert, S

The XO reported that the next General Membership Meeting will be held at the Rudder Club on October 3rd. The Agenda will include a Hot Dog Supper and the Guest Speaker will be P/C Tom Anderson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership/Membership Involvement – No report Submitted.

Public Relations/Marketing – No Report Submitted.

Rules Committee – No Report Submitted

Vessel Safety Checks – No Report Submitted.

Budget Committee – No Report Submitted

OLD BUSINESS:

JSPS Christmas Party – this Annual Event will be held at Mavi's at Beach Marina on December 7th. The Event will include a Buffet Dinner with a charge of \$50.00 per person. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to allocate up to \$1,000.00 from the JSPS Savings Account to cover pre-Event costs. In conjunction with this Event, digital invitations will be sent to the Membership.

Also, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to offer the Membership customized digital Christmas Cards at a charge of \$10.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual **Down on the Docks** Event will be held the morning of October 26th at Jim King Marina. Later that day, the **Annual Erv Dunn Memorial Pig Roast** will be held on Amelia Island. The November General Meeting and the Al Richardson Memorial Turkey Dinner will be held at Metro Park on a date TBD. The Annual SPS Change of Watch will be held on February 13th at a venue TBD.

The Next General Membership Meeting will be held at the Rudder Club on October 3rd.

The next JSPS Executive Committee Meeting will be held on October 28th at Lamb's Yacht Center.

Commander Poe adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Robert DeComo Secretary

JACKSONVILLE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RUDDER CLUB

OCTOBER 3, 2024

Members gathered at the Rudder Club for the October General Meeting. Commander Buddy Poe welcomed the 19 JSPS Members and Guests. He called the General Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He then called upon P/C Jim Spencer to deliver the Blessing. The Commander then proceeded to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, the attendees enjoyed the Hot Dog Dinner provided by the JSPS.

Following the Dinner, the Commander introduced the Guest Speaker P/C Tom Anderson who provided a presentation including a slide show on updated Coast Guard Regulations regarding Life Jackets.

Following the presentation, the Commander and Executive Committee Members made the following announcements: on October 26th the Down On the Docks Event will be held at Jim King Marina followed by the Annual Irv Dunn Memorial Pig Roast on Amelia Island later that day; the District 23 Fall Conference is scheduled October 11th -13th in Daytona Beach; the Annual Al Richardson Turkey Dinner and General Meeting is scheduled on November 9th at Metro Park; and the Annual JSPS Christmas Party is scheduled on December 7th at Mavi's on Beach Marina with individualized Digital Christmas to

appear in the December Edition of The Skipper are being offered to the Members.

The 50/50 Raffle generated \$75.00.

At the conclusion of JSPS business, the Commander adjourned the General Meeting at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Robert DeComo, AP Secretary

November

MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ANNUAL AL RICHARDSON MEMORIAL TURKEY DINNER







Metropolitan Park

Entrance is across from Everbank Stadium, we will be under the pavilion by the Alligator statue, look for the JSPS tent flags marking the entrance.

Saturday, November 9th at 2PM

Dinner will be at 3:00pm catered by Big Dawg Catering \$25 per person.

Menu: Turkey Dinner including Turkey, Ham, Dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans and roll. Feel free to bring a dessert to share with your fellow members as well as a lawn chair if desired.

Please RSVP to Andrea at JSPS-ExecOfficer@jspsboating.club

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 30th - Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks

December 7th - Christmas Party 6pm-10pm - Mavi Waterfront Restaurant



JACKSONVILLE LIGHT BOAT PARADE

November 30, 2024
6:00pm
St. Johns River
Downtown
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

A Jacksonville holiday tradition is making its return to Thanksgiving weekend. The City of Jacksonville is excited to announce the Jacksonville Light Boat Parade will be held on **Saturday, November 30, 2024** on the St. Johns River.



The Jacksonville Light Boat Parade has been a holiday tradition for more than 30 years.

Vessels of all shapes and sizes adorn their hulls with festive decorations as they float along the north and south banks of the St. Johns River. Residents and visitors alike gather downtown along the North and Southbank Riverwalks to witness this magical event. Following the parade, the evening concludes with a beautiful fireworks show featuring the one-of-a-kind waterfall fireworks on the Main Street and Acosta Bridge.

Participants will be judged on overall look and decoration composition.

Judging categories:

Vessels under 30'

Vessels 30' and over

Sailboat

And Corporate

ANNUAL Christmas Party



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, December 7th

Social Hour at 6:00pm - Dinner will be at 7:00pm \$50 per person*

Please RSVP by Nov 28th with payment. Payment may be paid with cash at any prior event OR by check made payable to Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron, mailed to:

Travis Ewing - JSPS Treasurer 1065 Inverness Drive St. Augustine, FL 32092

*Per person is for Prepay/RSVP by November 28th as we will be paying from the squadron account to save on the tax. If you pay/RSVP after November 28th, up to & including the day of the event, per person charge will be \$55.00 to cover taxes. *Plan ahead and SAVE!!*



This year we will be bringing back a squadron favorite -

DIGITAL CHRISTMAS CARDS!!!

For a \$10.00 fee you choose the wording from the options below and then from one of the digital cards on the following 2 pages. On the sign up sheet (which will be made available at the General Meetings and Pig Roast) you will sign your desired signature which will be scanned and added to your wording & card choice.

These will be published in the **December issue** of the **Skipper**.



MERRY CHISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

from your friends at

Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron

Sincerely, Frank and Esther Jones Smith

(Number and Letter will be eliminiated in publication - for example purposes ONLY)

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A HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from your friends at

Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron

SENDING HEARTFELT WISHES

FOR A BLESSED HOLIDAY

from your friends at

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from your friends at

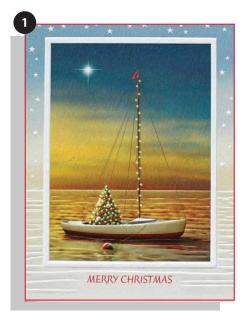
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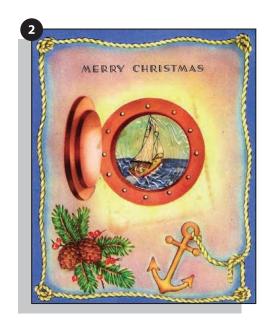
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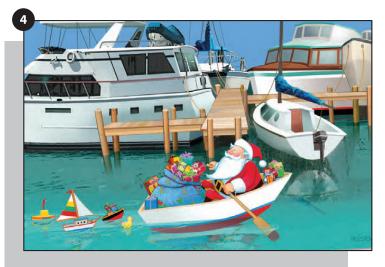
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XMAS CARD OPTIONS











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VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS



VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)

A major component of a fun filled outing is a reliable boat which has all the necessary equipment operating properly. A free vessel safety check (VSC) is an important safe-guard, and our certified examiners will be happy to perform the check for you. There are no negative consequences if you don't pass. Our goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends, through education.

The United States Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are partners in this valuable program offered to the boating public. All examiners are certified and trained on the latest requirements. The Vessel Safety Check is similar to the review that is performed by the U.S. Coast Guard if you are boarded, except that it is voluntary, and only you receive the results. Our Vessel Safety Examiners will perform a 15 point safety check which includes:

Display of Numbers
Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)
Backfire Flame Control
Pollution Placard
Navigation Rules

Registration/Documentation
Visual Distress Signals (VDS)
Fire Extinguishers
Ventilation
Sound Producing Devices
MARPOL Track Placard
Marine Sanitation Devices
State and/or Local Requirements
Overall Vessel Condition

To schedule a Vessel Safety Exam, you may contact any of our Jacksonville Squadron examiners:

Mark Adams 904-303-2235 Tom Anderson 904-704-2746 Elmo Bailey Gary Callahan 904-599-3851 904-629-8310 904-797-6707 Robert DeComo 317-847-0584 Pete Foster 802-233-4523 Jim Suber 904-509-0588 Jim Spencer

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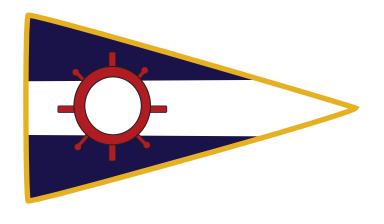
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Timothy R. Wysocki

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS COMPLETED IN 2024: 264 - PASSING: 228

JSPS SHIP STORE

BURGEES: \$30.00



REPLACEMENT NAME TAGS

Pin back \$8.00 Standard magnetic back \$9.50 Power Magnet \$11.00

(New Members receive their first name tag free.)

Auto Window Decals: Small \$6 Large \$8



CONTACT: Tom Anderson at 904-704-2746 or ander1@bellsouth.net for Name Tags. Burgees and Decals are for sale at all meetings - see Travis Ewing/Andrea Schappert.

FROM THE EDITOR

LT/C ANDREA SCHAPPERT, S



Hello All,

I am honored to be entrusted with taking over the Editor position of our beloved monthly newsletter. I welcome any/all feedback so that I can help tailor the monthly newsletters to the content you wish to see and read about going forward. I sincerely appreciate this opportunity and look forward to producing the best newsletter I can. As 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 so you can join us for classes and the events announced.

Each of us plays an important role in the success of our squadron.

Please feel free to contact me at: inkartchick74@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you at future squadron, district and national events.

Andrea Schappert

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1/4 Page \$90*

1/2 Page \$170*

Full Page \$330*

* Ad prices are for 1 Year!!!

2024-2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Date	Event	Location	Chairperson
October		14 Columbus Day 31 Halloween		
	26	Erv Dunn Memorial Pig Roast & Membership Meeting	Ameilia Island	Buddy, Jim, Tom Keenan
	28	Executive Committee Meeting	Lambs Yacht Center Training Room	Buddy
November		3 Standard Time 5 Election Day 11 Veterans		
	9	Al Richardson Memorial Turkey Dinner & Membership Meeting	Metro Park	Buddy
	21	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	Buddy
	30	Jax Lighted Boat Parade	Metro Park	Jim Tom
		OF Oh interned Alberta In Francisco		
December	 -	25 Christmas 31 New Year's Eve	2 11	
	7	Jax Christmas Party	Mavi Waterfront	Buddy
	19	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	Buddy
January	2025	1 New Year's Day 20 MLK Day		
January	1			Tom
	18	2025 Planning Meeting & Whitey's following	Jon's Home	Jon/Mary
	25	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	Buddy
February		14 Valentine's Day 17 Presidents Day		
	?	Change of Watch (Thursday)	Club Continental/ Mavi??	Buddy/?
	29	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	?

This is the proposed calendar of events for the coming year. Watch your email and future newsletters for additional information as details are finalized and events are added.



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