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COMMANDER

CDR GARY CALLAHAN, SN-CN



Another fantastic day on the water inspired this month's article. Our fifth monthly Lunch Bunch took us to the Outback Crab Shack, just south of Green Cove Springs on Six Mile Creek. Five of us traveled by boat aboard Jon and Mary's boat, while five more joined us by land. It was a fun afternoon with great friends at a newly renovated waterfront restaurant known for its excellent food.

Our server, Lizzie, is only 19 years old but has already earned her 100-ton U.S. Coast Guard Captain's License and is close to completing her 200-ton license. When she isn't working at the Outback Crab Shack, she serves as a delivery captain, moving yachts between ports. She is an impressive and highly motivated young woman who also owns her own boat. We are already checking the tide charts for Godby's Creek to schedule another Lunch Bunch gathering at one of the two waterfront restaurants there.

This summer has been filled with an increasing number of activities on the water. We kicked things off in May with the Mug Race, where six support boats spent the day on the river before everyone gathered for dinner at Whitey's. June brought Boaters Skip Day, our four-day Southern Cruise, and two spontaneous raft-ups on local sandbars.

The Southern Cruise was one of the best ever. We enjoyed beautiful weather all four days, and a Bartram Trail guide joined us for two days to share the area's history. As always, the food was an important part of the trip, with visits to 3 Bananas, Renegades, and two evenings at Corky Bells. Add Roberto and Sharon's famous frozen concoctions and a final lunch at the Outback Crab Shack, and it turned into what we jokingly called a "six-pound-gain weekend."

A new addition to our summer schedule was a three-day water-and-land cruise to Fernandina Beach. We talked about doing this trip for several years, and this year we finally made it happen. What a fantastic weekend! Seven members traveled by two boats while nine came by land. Together we enjoyed a two-and-a-half-hour Cumberland Island cruise, carriage rides through historic Fernandina, duckpin bowling, and relaxing around the hotel pool.

Naturally, there were memorable lunches, dinners, and hotel breakfasts along the way. Lisa and Clay transformed their hotel room into an evening hospitality suite featuring desserts and more of those famous frozen drinks. By the end of the weekend, we had another "four-pound-gain" adventure.

I would like to offer special recognition to our Administrative Officer, Lisa Harris. The many events over the past three months required an extraordinary amount of planning, coordination, and communication. Organizing our first-ever Fernandina cruise meant creating an event completely from scratch. At the same time, we faced several unexpected challenges. Construction forced last-minute changes to our meeting locations, and our regular caterer spent five months renovating their kitchen. Lisa played a major role in overcoming these obstacles and helping make this one of the most enjoyable summers our squadron has experienced in many years. Thank you, Lisa, for your dedication and countless hours of work. Scheduling perfect weather for all these events must have been difficult. Not sure how you stopped the T-storm five minutes before we left Duck Pins and Bourbon.

Every July, many of our regular activities pause so we can support the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament. This two-week effort includes setup, teardown, five saltwater tournaments, and two Kids' Dock Days. Squadron members serve in virtually every capacity, including the tournament leadership team, charity board, planning committee, site preparation, safety boats, and dock operations. Once again, Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron volunteers provided the majority of the manpower that makes this event possible. This year's tournament was one of the smoothest in the past decade, thanks to everyone who contributed. Your dedication and hard work are sincerely appreciated.

Tom will share more details at our meeting, but I am pleased to report that we recently completed the second session of our new Advanced Marine Navigation course. This newly released beta course consists of eight two-hour classes, and our squadron has the distinction of presenting the very first class in the national organization. It has been exciting to be part of introducing this outstanding new educational opportunity.

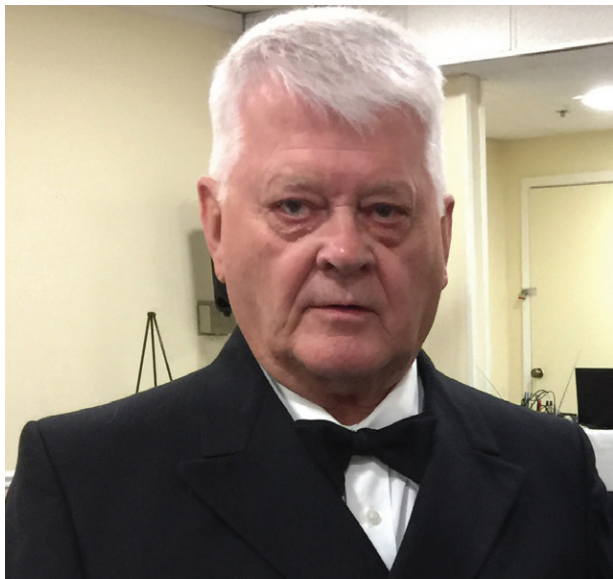
Our summer boating season is far from over. While our northern boating friends are beginning to think about winterizing their boats, we still have months of great boating ahead of us. Before long, we'll be planning the Lighted Boat Parade, gathering to watch the New Year's Eve fireworks from the water, and welcoming another year with our traditional New Year's Day Breakfast on the Dock.

Until then, enjoy the beautiful weather, spend time on the water with friends, and, as always, be safe—both on the water and on land.

Thank you.
Cdr Gary Callahan, SN-CN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

D/C MARK ADAMS, SN



FERNANDINA FUN — AND LOOKING AHEAD TO THE DISTRICT 23 FALL CONFERENCE

We had a great time at our Fernandina Beach outing! A special thanks goes to Administrative Officer Lisa Harris for planning three days of fun, food, and camaraderie. It was a wonderful opportunity to spend time together, renew friendships, and simply enjoy each other's company.

Now I'd like to put on my District 23 hat and talk about another opportunity to get together—the upcoming District 23 Fall Conference.

The Cocoa Beach Club will host this year's Fall Conference on **October 16 and 17**. They have put together a weekend that offers not only District business, but plenty of opportunities for fellowship and fun.

The weekend gets underway Friday with a buffet dinner and live music. Saturday's schedule includes the District Council, N Club,

and District Conference. Be sure to check the conference agenda for the meeting times and other details.

SEE THE PAGE 10 IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THOSE DETAILS!

And the weekend doesn't have to be all meetings! The hosts have also provided a number of suggested activities and things to do in the Cocoa Beach area for those who have some free time or would like to make a weekend of the trip.

Two Important Deadlines:

If you are staying overnight, you must make your hotel reservation by **NOON on September 16** to Country Inn and suites 321-784-8500, Group Name: Americas Boating Club. More information on the flyer in this edition.

You will also need to complete the Meeting and Meals Reservation Form (also in this edition) and send it to the Cocoa Beach Club by **October 9th**.

This will be a fun weekend. Please come represent your squadron and enjoy time with your fellow District 23 members. District conferences give us a chance not only to conduct District business, but also to renew friendships, meet members from other squadrons, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes America's Boating Club special.

I hope to see you in Cocoa Beach!
Mark

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C LISA HARRIS, AP



Our July General Membership Meeting was held on the 23rd at Vito's Italian Restaurant. The food was delicious and the company was entertaining. In lieu of a speaker, members were encouraged to share about how their families originally arrived in America as we focused on our country's 250th birthday. Two members shared some genealogy that went back to the time period of the Mayflower and subsequent ships that arrived. It was a very interesting conversation.

Our August General Membership Meeting was on the 6th at the Rudder Club. We enjoyed a Potluck and Hotdog Social. Our guest speakers were Officers Jacob Kirkey and Nicholas Giani from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and they gave a very enlightening presentation.

On the weekend of August 14 - 16, we went to Amelia Island for a Get-Away. We enjoyed wonderful food, some duckpin bowling, a cruise up to Cumberland Island, a carriage ride and brewery tasting, and excellent fellowship with good friends. Everything that we did was within walking distance from our hotel in the Historic District. It was an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

On August 20th, the Lunch Bunch met at Outback Crab Shack. Some came by boat and some by car. We had a lovely time socializing.

This next month, we have our General Membership Meeting on **September 3rd at 6pm at the Rudder Club. Big Dawg is back in business** and will provide the dinner (\$20 per person). The speaker will discuss underground aquifers. Please RSVP to Lisa Harris (jsps.admin@gmail.com) by 8/28 so we have enough food.

On Saturday, September 5th at 11:30, we will have lunch in St. Augustine at the Conch House. We will be meeting with the Daytona Squadron for this event. Please RSVP to Mark Adams (madams3@bellsouth.net) by 8/28 to let him know that you'll be there. This will be an enjoyable event to spend time with another Squadron.

Our activity for September will be on the 19th at Ichetucknee Springs. We will be tubing down the river. Please RSVP to Lisa Harris (jsps.admin@gmail.com) by September 15th and you'll get more information about location of meet-up and time.

Outlook for the month beyond-

10/3

Pig Roast

10/16-17

D23 Fall Conference in Cocoa Beach

10/18

Raft-up and Airshow by the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds.

Come and join us for all the fun. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Lisa Harris
Admin Officer

EDUCATION

LT/C TOM ANDERSON, SN-CN



Greetings from the Educational Dept.

The next ABC3 class are scheduled for August 22, September 19, November 14 and February 14, 2027. The Prime Osborn Boat Show will be January 22,23 and 24, 2027. Hopefully we will be able to recruit some students for 2027. A reminder anyone born after 1 January 1988 is required by the State of Florida to take an approved Safe Boating Course.

The NEW Advanced Marine Navigation Class is FINALLY IN PROGRESS. We are one of the first Squadrons offering the Class. Our instructors Mark Adams and Gary Callahan are very qualified to take on the task. Mark and Gary have already spent many hours working on the class material and working with the Navigation Committee on issues.

I would like to Introduce our newest Instructors:

Dennis Smith is a certified instructor with the CG Aux. We sent all his credentials

to our NEO Jan Wright. She spoke with Dennis and was very pleased with his abilities to join the USPS Instructor Pool.

Gary Callahan completed the Instructor Development Course and Passed. This is quite a process as a spoke about at our August General Meeting. This is probably the most time-consuming Cours. It takes a lot of work to come up with an hour presentation.

Mark Adams and I spent a few hours just reviewing the material and preparing the forms to submit to The ID Committee. I can only imagine how many hours Gary has in the class.

Congratulations Dennis and Gary

On a different Subject:

"Thanks to everyone who Assisted with the Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament."

JSPS was again a big player in helping with all aspects of the Tournament.

"If you have any questions involving Education, feel free to contact me." As a reminder, we still have the classroom at Lambs Yacht Center, we have instructors. WE NEED STUDENTS.....

Live your Dreams

Tom Anderson

District 23 and JSPS Educational Officer

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Anita Ray	8/2
Timothy Wysocki	8/2
Gail Poland	8/15
Donald Clark	8/22
Michael Mumford	8/22
William Wettstein	8/23

Tammy Cole	9/1
Thomas Anderson	9/3
Richard Barsky	9/6
Donald Rodely	9/7
Travis Ewing	9/16
Margaret Himmelheber	9/16
Dudley Adams	9/19
James Toombs	9/21
Burke Steifman	9/25
Michael Mattis	9/26



SAFE BOATING IS A CHOICE

GAIN BOATING CONFIDENCE

Learn or refresh your knowledge from Certified NASBLA Instructors of the Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron.

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

September 19, 2026: One-day class 8am - 5pm

Lambs Yacht Center (second floor)

3376 Lake Shore Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32210

Topics covered include: boat & PWC handling, docking, anchoring, trailering, knots, navigation aids & rules, VHF radio, adverse conditions and emergencies.

The **\$20 course fee** includes a 244-page illustrated book & proctored exam
(\$5 for each additional family member sharing a book).

Per Florida Law: Anyone born after 1 January 1988 must have an approved Safe Boating Course. This course is approved by Florida and the USCG, after passing the course you will receive your State of Florida Certification Card.



Price Reduction: This course is usually \$40.

However, we received a grant from the Jacksonville Marine Charities/Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament to assist in reducing the cost.

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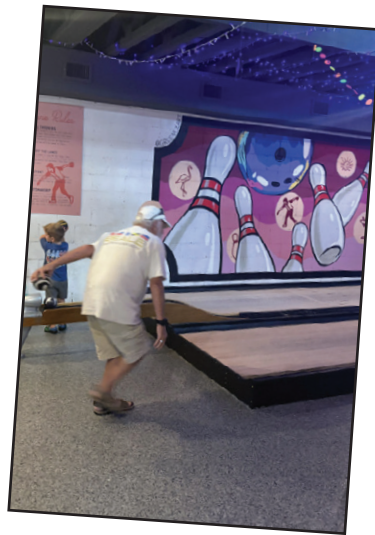
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AMELIA ISLAND GET-AWAY 2026



Fernandina Trip August 14-16, 2026

We had 20 members and guests. Lisa Harris did an outstanding job putting it all together. We had bowling, a tour of the island by water and also a tour of the historic sites by carriage.

We also enjoyed many different restaurants.

We had so many people for dinner they had to break us up into 2 groups!

Bowling as a big hit to say the least.



Outback Crab Shack

The Lunch Bunch crew who traveled by water snapped a few photos.

We were served by a 19 year old waitress who had her 100 ton license.





Friday Night: October 16, 2026

ISLAND TIME

Dolphins Waterfront Bar and Grill at Cape Crossing
310 Lagoon Way
Merritt Island, Florida

Put on your Hawaiian shirts and enjoy a buffet dinner with live music.

5:30-6:30 cash bar
6:30 dinner

Cost: \$35.00/per person
Reservations Required



Saturday: October 17, 2026

D23 FALL CONFERENCE

Host: America's Boating Club Cocoa Beach



Brevard Veteran's Memorial Center
400 South Sykes Creek Parkway
Merritt Island, Florida, 3295
Gray Hall Conference Room

Morning Registration:

- 8:00 AM: Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

D23 Council

- 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

N Club

- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

12:00 Noon Lunch:

BBQ Buffet: \$24.00/person: Reservations Required

Fall Conference Meeting:

- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



D23 Fall Conference

October 16-17, 2026

Host: America's Boating Club Cocoa Beach

Hotel Accommodations



Country Inn and Suites

9009 Astronaut Blvd – Off North Atlantic Avenue
Cape Canaveral, Florida

Free Breakfast and Free Parking

A block of rooms at guaranteed rate until noon September 16, 2026

Rate \$171.00 + Tax

For reservations call: 321-784-8500

Group Name: America's Boating Club

Optional Saturday Activities

Lighthouse Cove Miniature Golf

3811 N Atlantic Avenue

Cocoa Beach



Enjoy 18 holes (\$16 or Sr Rate \$13); then walk next door to browse Ron Jon's Surf Shop

OR



Free tour of Brevard Veteran's Memorial Museum

Found at the site of the D23 Conference

Plan an hour for this museum of military history from the Revolutionary War to the Viet Nam Conflict. P/C Jay Longway will guide you through the museum. (sign up at registration)



D23 Fall Conference

October 16-17, 2026

Host: America's Boating Club Cocoa Beach

Meal Reservation Form

Deadline: October 9, 2026

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

ABC Club: _____

Friday: October 16, 2026

Island Time at Dolphin's Waterfront Bar and Grill

Buffet Dinner with Cash Bar

Menu will include a variety of appetizers, salmon, Polynesian chicken, Hawaiian pork, and several vegetable choices.

Cost: \$35.00 X number of meals _____ = _____

Saturday: October 17, 2026

Menu: BBQ Buffet: Pulled pork, grilled chicken, baked beans, green beans, potato salad, rolls, condiments, iced tea, lemonade and dessert

Cost: \$24.00 X number of meals _____ = _____

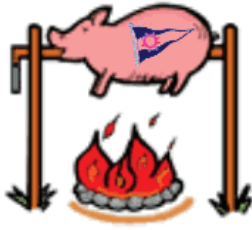
Total enclosed: _____

Checks payable to: CBSPS

Mail to: America's Boating Club Cocoa Beach

PO Box 540651

Merritt Island, FL 32954-0651



JACKSONVILLE SAIL & POWER SQUADRON AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA

ERV DUNN MEMORIAL ANNUAL PIG ROAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2026

**Location: Amelia Island Marina (formerly AI Yacht Basin),
SR200 / A1A @ ICW (mm 721), Amelia Island, Florida**

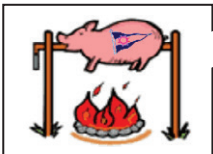
Happy Hour starts at 14:00 (2:00pm), Feast Served 16:00 (4:00pm). Please bring \$15.00 per person, an appetizer or dessert to share and a lawn chair. The \$15 will get you a plate, utensils, slow-roasted Boston butt pork shoulder, baked beans, coleslaw, buns, soft drinks, water, all the delectable appetizer & dessert dishes prepared by your fellow squadron members, and lots of friendly people. If you would like to order an extra roast in advance, a ½ (~ 4 lbs) roast is \$15.00 and a whole (~ 8 lbs) roast is \$30.00.

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN ADULT BEVERAGES.

Please R.S.V.P no later than Tuesday, Sept 29th to our Admin Officer Lisa Harris at jpsps.admin@gmail.com. We need a head count by that date to ensure we buy enough food. Please pay at the event.

If you need any additional info, feel free to contact Tom Keenan @ 904-753-4557 or okeenan@bellsouth.net.

Coming by boat? 2026 rates for slips are \$3.00 per foot + elec \$10-30a / \$16-50a. Call the Amelia Island Marina at 904-277-4615 as soon as possible to reserve your slip. Their website is www.AmeliaIslandMarina.com. Note that the "Kitchen 251 at the Amelia Island Marina" restaurant has relocated to downtown, so there is currently no restaurant in the marina.



JACKSONVILLE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

LAMBS YACHT CLUB

JULY 30, 2026

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Executive Officer CDR Gary Callahan, SN-CN at 6:00 pm. Members in attendance were Mark Adams, Robert Morgan, Buddy Poe, Tom Anderson, Lisa & Clay Harris, and Jim Suber.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – LT/C ROBERT DECOMO, AP EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT – MARK ADAMS

Mark and Lisa visited with the Cocoa Beach Squadron last Saturday and had a nice lunch at Marker 24.

Fall District conference is coming up October 16th - 17th.

EDUCATION REPORT – TOM ANDERSON

ABC3 classes are scheduled for August 22nd, seven students signed up.

A Marine Navigation Course is coming; date still undetermined.

We have a new instructor, Dennis Smith.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT – LISA HARRIS

The general meeting for August will be on the 6th, hot dogs will be made with potluck, \$5 a head. Speaker will be Robert Lentz from the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Safe Harbor activity at Jon's house that was scheduled for August 8th has been postponed, reschedule announcement will be forthcoming when new date is determined.

August 15-16th is the Amilia Island getaway; there is a Cumberland Island Cruise that is available for \$37 dollars, and a Turtle watch may be possible. Other events including meals were discussed.

In September we have the National Sail & Power Squadron meeting in Cary, North Carolina. This conflicted with our next Executive meeting, so the next executive meeting will be September 17th.

Also, the District Conference is on 16th and 17th of October and that conflicts with the pig roast. A new date for the Pig Roast to be determined.

The holiday party has been narrowed to 2 places: Athenian Owl, or Calhane's Irish Pub.

Turkey dinner was also discussed for the 7th of November.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ROBERT MORGAN (filling in for Twyla Morgan)

No new news to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – BUDDY POE

All of the accounts are whole.

- Income & Expenses for July -
 - o Income was collected for July with – for sale of a Burgie, and a membership
 - o Expenses were - for storage and for an advanced navigation instructors' kit.
 - o For July we expect 3 to 4 memberships

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Buddy spoke about getting our website listed on Google Website and email issues were discussed but no consensus was arrived at.

New venues for the executive meeting were also discussed

Getting Club signs to post in various locations was also discussed. Signs were discussed as well as stickers, which would be more cost effective (maybe with a QR code).

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Gary adjourned the meeting around 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Morgan
(Filling in For Twyla Morgan)

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	Registration/Documentation	Visual Distress Signals (VDS)
Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)	Fire Extinguishers	Ventilation
Backfire Flame Control	Sound Producing Devices	Navigation Lights
Pollution Placard	MARPOL Track Placard	Marine Sanitation Devices
Navigation Rules	State and/or Local Requirements	Overall Vessel Condition

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

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Jim Suber	904-509-0588	Lisa Harris	352-562-1464
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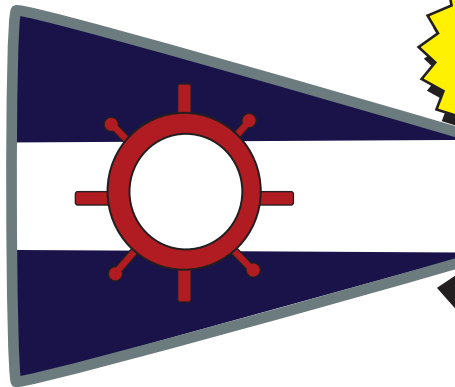
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VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS COMPLETED IN 2026: 197 PASSING: 184

JSPS SHIP STORE

BURGEES:
\$30.00



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a squadron!

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REPLACEMENT NAME TAGS

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CONTACT: Tom Anderson at 904-704-2746 or ander1@bellsouth.net for Name Tags. Burgees and Decals are for sale at all meetings - see Twyla Morgan.

FROM THE EDITOR

LT/C ANDREA SCHAPPERT, S



Hello All,

I am beyond thrilled to continue at the helm as Editor of our beloved monthly newsletter. Any/all feedback is welcome 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 possible newsletter for our members.

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: JSPS-skipper-editor@jpsboating.club.

Andrea Schappert

The JSPS Needs You!

The JSPS is celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 2025 as a non-profit promoting Safe Recreational Boating through Education and Community Service. You can join our organization of committed Volunteers by joining us as Assistant Editor to help maintain the quality and timeliness of our Award Winning Publication The Skipper. From this position and as a Member you can also participate in all Meetings and Events for fun, friendship and service.

We need someone with excellent proofreading skills, an aptitude for word crafting and a willingness to work with the Editor to continue developing our award-winning publication. Some of the duties would include proofing materials submitted for publication, researching potential articles of interest to our members, and creating page layouts for the newsletter.

The current newsletter is prepared in Adobe Indesign (part of the Adobe Creative Suite).

Familiarity with or a willingness to learn the software is desired.

Please contact Andrea at JSPS-skipper-editor@jpsboating.club or 904-820-7353 for more information.

If you would like to Advertise in our Newsletter

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN THE SKIPPER, MAIL YOUR CAMERA READY ARTWORK OR BUSINESS CARD ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO JSPS TO:

Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron

Mail to:

Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron

9838 Old Baymeadows Rd - 198

Jacksonville, FL 32256

AD PRICES

Business Card \$40*

1/8 Page \$50 *

1/4 Page \$90*

1/2 Page \$170*

Full Page \$330*

*** Ad prices are for 1 Year!!!**

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Date	Event	Location	Chairperson
August	2026			
	27	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	
September	2026	7 Labor Day		
	3	Membership Meeting (First Thursday)	Rudder Club	Gary
	??	Tubing	Ichetucknee Springs	Lisa
	19	ABC3 Class	Classroom	Tom/Mark/Gary
	24	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	Gary
October	2026	12 Columbus Day 31 Halloween		
	1	Membership Meeting (First Thursday)	Rudder Club	Gary
	3	Erv Dunn Memorial Pig Roast	Amelia Island	Tom Keenan
	18	Air Show/Raft-up	JAX NAS / Whitey's	Jon/Lisa/Gary
	29	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	Gary
		ABC3 Class	Classroom	Tom/Mark/Gary
November	2026	1 Standard Time 11 Veterans Day 26 Thanksgiving		
	7	Al Richardson Turkey Dinner Military Appreciation	Green Cove Marina	Tom/Gary
	19	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	Gary
	28	Jax Lighted Boat Parade	Metro Park	Tom/Jim
		ABC3 Class	Classroom	Tom/Mark/Gary
December	2026	25 Christmas		
		Jax Christmas Party		Gary/Lisa
	12	Whitey's Boat Parade	Swimming Pen Creek	Jon/Mary
	17	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	Gary
January	2027	1 New Year's Day 18 MLK Day		
	1	Breakfast on the Docks	Lamb's Yacht Center	Tom/Gary
	9	2027 Planning Meeting		Gary
		Boat Show	Prime Osborne	Tom/Jim/Gary/Cal
	28	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	Gary
February	2027	14 Valentine's Day 15 Presidents Day		
		Change of Watch (Thursday)		Gary
		ABC3 Class	Classroom	Tom/Mark/Gary
	25	Executive Committee Meeting	Seafood Island Bar/Grill	Gary

HELPFUL BOATING TIPS



FIVE COMMON BOATING MISTAKES

You can avoid most boating mistakes by taking a basic boating course, staying focused and following a predeparture checklist.

Here are five of the most common blunders and how to avoid them.

FORGETTING TO INSTALL THE DRAIN PLUG BEFORE LAUNCHING. Don't assume the drain plug is in the boat. Put this item on your checklist and double-check the installation.

FAILURE TO PUT OUT ENOUGH ANCHOR RODE. The amount of line needed to anchor a vessel is five to seven times the water depth in calm weather, including the distance from the surface to where the anchor attaches at the bow. If anchoring in high wind or rough seas, you'll need at least 10 times the water depth in rode.

NOT CARRYING UP-TO-DATE NAUTICAL CHARTS. A smart captain always carries a chart

of the waters on which he or she is traveling. Not only do you need to know where you are and what's around you, but you also need to know what's under you. A chart will tell you how deep the water is and if there are any obstructions.

GETTING LOST AT NIGHT. If you're inexperienced at nighttime navigation, allow yourself plenty of time to get back to port before sunset. Take a few runs at night to become familiar with the area and what it looks like after dark.

OVERLOADING THE BOAT. It's easy to unintentionally overload small vessels with people, coolers and gear, and an overloaded boat is prone to capsizing, even in relatively calm waters. Know your boat's maximum load capacity and abide by it.

—Vann Burgess, U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division

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