



**SARASOTA POWER & SAIL SQUADRON  
MINUTES  
786th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
9 AUGUST 2018  
HQ**



The elected members of the Executive Committee are:

Cdr Sharon LaPrad, P	P/C Edward Fisch Jr, SN
XO Lt/C Rick F. LaPrad, AP	Lt David Hoffman, N
AO Lt/C Chris Messenger, AP	P/C Demetri Lignos, SN
SEO P/C Barry Rush SN	Lt Peter Roth, JN
Sec D/Lt Sandy Kuskin, P **	P/C Barry August, SN
Treas Lt/C Barbara Wolfe, P	P/C James W. Stewart, AP
D/C Susan Lomastro, AP	P/C Leon Warshaw, S
P/C Wilhelm (Bill) Andersen, AP **	P/Lt/C Michael L. Wedge AP
P/C William Boos, N	D/Lt Robert L. Wolfe, S
P/Lt/C Alfred C. Burmeister, SN	P/C Richard Winston, SN

\*\*indicate absence.

Member Emeritus of the XCOM P/D/Lt/C Michael J. Kovalcin, SN

Guests: Lt/C Del Pemberton, JN

The meeting was called to order at 0927 by Cdr Sharon LaPrad, P.

The invocation was given and P/C Bill Boos, N and Lt/C Rick LaPrad, AP led the pledge of allegiance.

Lt Dave Hoffman, N declared that a quorum was present.

No additions to the agenda were added

MOTION: It was moved that the Minutes of the 785<sup>th</sup> EXCOM meeting, February 8, 2018 be accepted as distributed. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **SECRETARY, D/LT SANDY KUSKIN, P**

- No Report

**TREASURER, LT/C BARBARA WOLF,P**

JUNE/JULY 2018  
TREASURER'S REPORT

To: Bridge, ExComm & Membership  
From: Lt/C Barbara Wolfe P  
Subject: June/July Treasurer's Report  
Date: August 1, 2018

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This is a combined June/July report.

**The Highlights:**

- We paid \$1,080 for the annual contract on the AC and \$334 for the annual contract on the copier.
- Our annual wind insurance bill was \$2,545.
- In July our water bill finally came back to normal, \$22 after several really high months
- We received a check for \$59.80 from Greensboro for our share of the sale of ships store items.
- We made only \$10.89 on the Father's Day Picnic, lost 42¢ on the Beach Breakfast, and made \$43 on the cruise to eat 50/50. If we're going to put so much effort into these events they should be priced so that we make at least \$2/person attending.
- We purchased 150 cups to use as speaker gifts.
- Freedom Boat has not billed us in 2018. I estimate we owe them about \$1,600.

**The Building Renovation:**

- We wrote checks for \$1,800.69 to repaint the awning and some smaller miscellaneous expenses. The Project to date totals \$180,627.71. There will be about \$4,000 more for some landscaping and signage, but well under the amount approved by the ETF Trustees.

**The Educational Trust Fund:**

- 2018 began with a balance of \$524,212.83
- The Trust granted \$105,000,000 for the building renovation in 2018, and \$91,000 in 2017. As of 7/31/18 the balance in the Trust was \$425,616.70

Discussion on event pricing;

Event attendance ( including Marina Jack lunch) is often not sufficient to cover costs. Possibly we should raise prices.

EXCOM consensus was against any price increases even though there might be a loss on some events.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lt/C Barbara Wolfe, P  
Treasurer

**EDUCATION OFFICER, P/D/C BARRY RUSH,SN**

Education Report  
August 2018  
Sarasota Power and Sail Squadron

June ABC class had 30 students take and pass the test  
August ABC class has 32 students enrolled in the class  
The Small Boat Maneuvering class in June had 2 students  
The July Small Boat Maneuvering class has 3 students enrolled and Andre Spalvins was the instructor  
The August Seamanship class is cancelled.  
Three people are already signed up for the JN class

The 3 year ABC renewal is up for review with NASBLA and national

On September 10, the new Boat Handling Course will be launched replacing the 2016 Seamanship course. This information is from the National Education home page:

The long-awaited *Boat Handling* course that will replace *Seamanship 2016* will be introduced on September 10 through a pilot program, and all squadrons planning to teach *Seamanship* this fall are invited to participate in the pilot and teach *Boat Handling* instead.

*Boat Handling* will debut as a single course, comprised of six two-hour sessions:

- Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know

*Boat Handling* does not include redundant *Seamanship 2016* material — such as terminology, hull and engine types, and equipment requirements — that is already covered in *America's Boating Course*.

During the pilot program, squadrons will pilot the entire course, and the \$48 catalogue price will be the same as *Seamanship 2016*. Student guides will be available in eBook format only; and instructor kits will also be distributed electronically. The \$4 order fee will be waived, and there will be no shipping & handling fee.

A *Boat Handling* exam is being prepared and will be ordered in the normal way. Students who complete the course and pass the test will receive the Seaman grade.

Feedback from squadrons that use the new curriculum will be reviewed for incorporation in the official version of *Boat Handling* to be released for general use in the first quarter of 2019. At that time, *Boat Handling* will be released as a six-part course, and each session will be released as a seminar.

Squadrons can continue to use *Seamanship 2016* during the pilot program and until the official *Boat Handling* course and seminar series are released. Student manuals will continue to be available as eBooks and, until inventory is exhausted, as printed manuals. No additional *Seamanship 2016* student manuals will be printed. The exam will be valid for two more years.

When the *Boat Handling seminar series* is released, these legacy seminars will be replaced:

- *Mastering the Rules of the Road* (2009)
- *Boat Handling under Power* (2013) and *Advanced Powerboat Handling* (2008)
- *Anchoring* (2012)
- *Emergencies on Board* (2011)
- *Knots, Bends, and Hitches* (2015)

Once inventory of printed student material for legacy seminars has been depleted, only the *Boat Handling* equivalent seminar will be authorized for use.

Additional information will be provided in Minneapolis and through other communications in the run-up to September 10. (31 July 2018)

There was a question that came up about on the water standards. This pertains to the training centers that will be opened, 3 this year, one in Florida (possibly Orlando or Tampa), one in San Francisco, and the third possibly in Texas. These are being funded by a grant from the USCG. The centers will be open to the public and will have two 22 foot center console boats with the aim to offer people an on-the-water experience. Several seminars will be offered in the BOC

series. There will not be any complete BOC seminar series or any ABC courses given. The names of the people that attend the training centers will be provided to the nearest squadrons. Squadrons can use the on the water logo providing they pass a self-governed check list. More on the self-governance can be found at this link :  
[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/abe9a2\\_bb77a77320fb465bb25102900b205636.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/abe9a2_bb77a77320fb465bb25102900b205636.pdf)

The status of the education department:

As SEO I'm frustrated because:

- 1) Squadron procedures don't adequately cover my job. There is no clear SOP about what the SEO needs to know ( what, when, time frames ).
- 2) ABC administration is failing: we need two teams and a leader.
- 3) Need more teachers or reduced ABC class size. Seamanship was cancelled due no instructor.

Discussion:

The main problem is lack of volunteerism. Instructor Development class is not getting enough students.

Seminars are also a problem. They may be overpriced at \$50.

**MOTION:** reduce seminar price to \$35 or provide scholarships.

Discussion: Seminars are a way to introduce SPSS to boaters. National drives the cost of seminars so we may have accept a loss at \$35.

Motion seconded. Passed with 5 nays.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, LT/C CHRIS MESSENGER,AP**

## **Administrative Report for August 2018**

**June 16, 3<sup>rd</sup>** Annual Father's Day Barbecue. 32 squadron members in attendance. Heat and some of our members traveling had an impact on attendance. Great barbecue, good time for all who attended. We did have

to contend with the parking lot being repaved, not a big obstacle though.  
Good job Linda Burmeister!

**June 23**, Raft UP, had 6 boats and 23 people in attendance. Variety of food and good time for all who attended. Good job Capt. Mike Wedge!

**July 1**, Had our first game night at the Squadron. 14 members in attendance, great games of Mexican Train and Hand & Foot. Good snacks, fun event, thank all for coming.

**July 14**, our first beach breakfast at the Sun and Surf Colony on Lido Key Beach. 28 members in attendance for a sumptuous breakfast including mimosas supplied by the Messengers. Big Thank You to Barbara Price for letting us use her beach front cabana. Another Big Thank You to our event captain, Mary Messenger. Thanks to all who helped set up and tear down all the equipment.

**July 28**, Mariner's Learning Center. We proctored the Coast Guard Capt.'s License exam. 4 hour block, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., 6 candidates took the entire exam (4 modules) 1 candidate took the Master's and the Towing exam, 1 candidate took a retest. Of the 8 candidates, 1 failed.

**July 29**, the squadron conducted a Game and Pot Luck night at the squadron. 19 squadron members showed up, enjoyed games of hand & foot and Mexican Train, we ended the evening with a pot luck dinner that was fantastic.

**Augt 10**, Open House at the Squadron Building. See flyer for more details.

**9 Sept.** Game and Pot Luck night at the squadron. 4:00 P.M. until?? We will have play games such as Hand & Foot, Mexican Train, Canasta or any game you bring. Contact Chris at 804-350-0373 and let him know what dish you are going to bring to share for the Pot Luck.

**15 Sept.** Cruise to Eat – Mar Vista Restaurant. See flyer for the details

**22 Sept.** Kayaking Bayfront Park – Longboat Key. See flyer for further details.

**29 Sept.** Raft Up, flyer forthcoming.

## SPSS Membership Report

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### June 2018

Membership as of 06/30/2018 = 342  
Down 1 from May 2018 of 343  
Down 1 from the beginning of the year of 343  
New members since beginning of year = 52  
Monthly Attrition Rate = 3.8% (13 member left)  
Attrition Rate to Date = 15.5% (53 members left)

#### New Active Members

AC: Rebekah L. Jarrie (18 month member from June ABC Class)  
AC: Regina A. Tobin (18 month member from June ABC Class)  
AC: Louise M. McCarthy (18 month member from June ABC Class)  
AC: Kevin B. Kuhens (18 month member from June ABC Class) ← 8 students from ABC Class  
AA: Jacquelyn Kuhens (18 month member from June ABC Class)  
AC: Marisol Garcia (18 month member from June ABC Class)  
AA: Lydia Parra (18 month member from June ABC Class)  
AC: Joe Honer (18 month member from June ABC Class)

#### Transfer Members

AC: Richard Walshaw (From Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron)  
AA: Tracy Walshaw (From Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron)  
AC: Lee McMillen (From Baltimore Sail & Power Squadron)  
AA: Jeanne Vargo (From Baltimore Sail & Power Squadron)

## SPSS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### July 2018

Membership as of 07/31/2018 = 327  
Down 15 from June 2018 of 342  
Down 16 from the beginning of the year of 343  
New members since beginning of year = 55  
Monthly Attrition Rate = 5.4% (18 member left)  
Attrition Rate to Date = 21.2% (71 members left)

#### New Active Members

AC: Douglas A. Holder  
FJ: Channing E. Holder

#### Transfer Members

AC: David Siesel (from the Narragansett R.I. Sail & Power Squadron)

#### Membership

D/Lt Bud Lomastro, S Co-Ch  
P/C Ed Fisch, SN, Co-Ch

Motion: That the above cited new members ( June and July ) be accepted as members of SPS, Inc. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

P/C Ed Fisch, SN, Co-Ch

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LT/C RICK LAPRAD,AP**

### **Executive Officers Report August 2018**

Following are the activities reported within the Executive Officer committees as we enter August

#### Vessel Safety Checks

As of this date, the Sarasota Power and Sail Squadron have completed 205 vessel safety checks.

Sarasota is currently in 4th place within District 22 squadrons. No formal organized group inspections were scheduled for the months of July and August

Following is the status of the top districts:

	<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>#CHECKS</u>	<u>#VSE's</u>	<u>Max/VSE</u>
1.	Crystal River	1438	4	1438
2.	Cape Coral	584	29	239
3.	San Carlos Bay	323	13	98
4.	Sarasota	205	14	42
5.	Marco Island	202	15	46
	District 22	3328	150	

### Cooperative Charting

One marathon CoOp charting event took place in July with Captain Messenger with over 20 findings. Due to the extensive time expended on charting, the team returned to port with hungry bellies and a grumpy attitude.

### Public Relations

The Boater's guide to Sarasota has been published and delivered to 50% of Marinas with a goal to have this complete prior to Labor Day.

Dialog has been initiated with the Sarasota Police department to get SPSS engaged with Sarasota safe boating events typically attended by the Sarasota Marine Patrol and USCG Auxiliary and have agreed to have SPSS added to the list of contacts for events for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Rick LaPrad, AP

**COMMANDER, SHARON LAPRAD, P**

### August Commander's Report

On June 16, 2018, I changed our telephone voice mail message to:

Hello, you have reached the Sarasota Power and Sail Squadron - America's Boating Club - do you know we have a web site where you can sign up for classes and discover all the fun events that we are having? Our web site is [www.sarasota-boating.org](http://www.sarasota-boating.org). If you still wish to leave a message, please do so after the tone.....

The new signage to replace the Ken Sign is now up. Sir Speedy created the signs and Gary Wells attached them.

Thermostats – Roxanne set them to change back to 78 degrees each night at 2200. Please remember to reset the thermostats when you are leaving the building.

Lt/C Rick LaPrad and I attended the group orientation to start the process to be a part of The Giving Partner on 7/31/2018. We have 30 days to complete our profile.

Cdr Sharon LaPrad, P

### **Further Discussions at EXCOM**

D/Lt Bob Wolfe informed the EXCOM that real estate brokers have copied our Boater's Guide verbatim and posted it on the web. Discussion followed about how SPSS should proceed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Sarasota Police Department has invited us to participate in their annual National Night Out event on Oct 2. Here we can promote SPSS with literature about us, and by talking to the public. The EXCOM agrees we should do this. P/C Demetri Lignos, SN will coordinate our participation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** to adjourn. Seconded. Passed unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 1055

Respectfully Submitted,

LT Dave Hoffman