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Key West Sail and Power Squadron



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah,
Happy New Year!!!



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December Events

Mon 7
Executive Committee, 1500
Fri 11
Sunset 1800 canceled

January Events

Mon 4
Executive Committee, 1500
Fri 8
Sunset 1800 canceled
Fri 29 - Sat 30
Flea Market 0800 - 1200

February Events

Mon 8
Executive Committee, 1500
Fri 12
Sunset 1800 canceled

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

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Commander Harry Fiala, P

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. We would be looking at a holiday party but so many of our group are not going out to public places. Most of our Executive Committee will not go to Sunset parties if we started.

Have a Merry Christmas and New Year to ya'll too.

We are having our Flea Market at the end of January. This is one of our main fund raisers to help the Squadron. Greatly appreciate any donations to the Squadron to help us out. Peggy Jent is the head of the Flea Market. We will maintain social distancing so everyone will be safe. We are taking donations at the building now. If you have donations and you are also able and willing to help the setup and during the sale, you can call Peggy at 305-304-9745.

Danboater has offered a great plan to the USPS members. It is an additional \$25.00 on your invoice whether there are one or two people on the invoice upon renewal. Many people who have been diving over the years have had this insurance for a lot more money. Many have not noticed the option to this insurance on the bottom of their invoice. If you missed it and want it, you can log online and renew it at USPS.org and log into your USPS account using your certificate number and password. Everyone was covered from January 1st until they had to renew their invoice. There you can find out what is covered is what most insurance companies do not cover and you can download the manual. You can also download your membership card that you need to carry after you paid for it. I have notified all the upcoming membership expiring till the end of the year. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call me. 904-910-7926.

Renewal invoices. I have found most of the past members invoices have not been received by the members for renewal from the United States Power Squadron office. I have copied and sent many to their emails and tried to call them. I'm about half way through the list. These are ones that expired as far back as May 31st. Mine was due the 31st of May. I didn't see mine till the beginning of July and paid it on the 4th through the internet. They have me as paying late.

FLEA MARKET

Friday, January 29 & Saturday, January 30 - 0800 - 1200



Clip Art Library

Hi to all in the Key West Sail and Power Squadron.

We've been talking about the possibility of our flea market on January 29 and 30 of 2021. We have no idea where Covid will take us by then. But we are trying to assess the feasibility of trying to pull this fundraiser off to whatever extent we can. Of course, we want all to be safe. I just had a yard sale for my church and raised \$1000.00. Everyone wore a mask and people were respectful. I need to know who would be willing to put in their hours to support the sale as usual.

Our plan would be to have as much of it outside or on back porch as possible. If we get enough response, than it's doable. We will have the building available for storing items right away since it's not being used for classes and we do have limited storage in our storage room.

Need Help

We need help for set up and for the sale. Set up is January 27 and 28 from 10:00 - 2:00. Some people have volunteered to work at setting up as long as no one else is there. If you could work like this, let me know. We want to be safe.

So far I have eleven volunteers but could use some more since it's a two day sale. Thanks for your consideration.

Please send me an email or text to let me know if you're available. Scubadog54@bellsouth.net

Cell 305-304-9745

Thanks, everyone and stay safe

Peggy Jent

How to Contribute Stuff

Our annual flee market, a main fundraiser for the Squadron, is getting nearer, and we have now started to collect 'stuff'. We accept anything except old TVs and computers or printers ...they just don't sell. Also clothing with stains do not sell. We would like to see a lot of marine items.

If you, your neighbor, or whoever you know have 'good stuff', you can call or text to set up a drop off at the Squadron building. Donated items must be here by the Wednesday the 27th to be included in the sale.

The coordinators for drop off's are:

Peggy Jent	305-304-9745
Harry Fiala	904-910-7926
Jens Nielsen	954-540-1117

Watch for email updates as the date gets closer.

EDUCATION

SEO VINCE MELENDY, AP



It has been a long time between classes. We have not held a class since February of 2020 and now I'm writing for the newsletter a column about what your education department is planning. Well as far as the plan for 2021 is concerned, we

have none. We do not plan to begin in classroom teaching until it is safe for the students and the instructors.

We did put together an online class but have not held it as yet. It basically goes back to the three-week class since it would be five sessions each of about two hours. This would be four instructional classes with the last class being the final exam. Hopefully, we will be able to hold this after the holidays.

We also can-do online classes for any of the advanced courses. If you are interested in a class, please let me know and I'll look into the feasibility of holding the class on line.

The Education Department wishes you and your family a stay safe this Holiday Season. Let's all look forward to better days in 2021.

Club Needs Webmaster & Newsletter Editor

I have resigned as our Conch Skipper editor and webmaster as of July 1, 2021. The position requires computer and communications skills. You can choose the software you prefer to use. I'm happy to help you with the transition. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me at joanwallin@me.com.

Thanks to all the contributors and for all the support I've received from our members

Joan Wallin, Editor



Every Boat Should Have One!

*Our Club has a team of vessel safety inspectors ready to examine your boat and help you bring your boat into compliance with Federal and State boating regulations on equipment your boat must have. A pre-departure checklist is available on our website. **Safety begins before you leave the dock.** Call Bill Gillette @ 305-296-2060 for an appointment or to join our Vessel Safety Inspectors team.*



HELP WANTED!



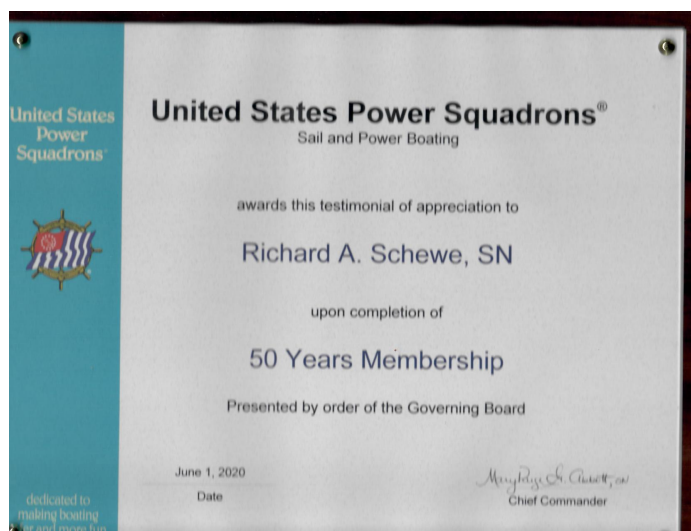
Please consider becoming our webmaster and / or newsletter editor. Contact Harry Fiala

OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES

Congratulations PC Richard Schewe, SN



Dick is a Key West Squadron Past Commander and now serves as the District 8 Educational Chair. Thanks for your Squadron service.



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KWSPS Booster Club

Booster Club membership is an additional donation to help BOOST the Key West treasury for special projects needed either inside or outside our club house and to better maintain our appearance in the neighborhood.

Therefore, each member or couple donates a minimum of \$30.00 yearly as Booster Club membership dues. More may be donated and also may be designated for a specific use. These monies stay in our Local Club and are not shared with District or National. These monies will be used for immediate and special projects at our club house and yard. Our facility is aging (built in 1958?) and needs some extensive repairs like a new air conditioner.

Please generously support our Club!!!

BE A KWSPS BOOSTER!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible check in the amount of \$_____ payable to KWSPS. Please state preferred use if you have one. Send to: R/C Bill Gillette, 1415 Truman Avenue, Key West, FL 33040-7251.

SUNSET

Club Sunset Celebrations - Canceled until further notice.

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