

“FILES AND PROFILES” FROM YOUR “ADVISOR”

March 2004

A Boater’s Blessing

... from Days of Yore

May there always be water under your boat,
May she always be seaworthy and ever afloat,
May your bilge pump be certain to work
 all night and all day,
May your compass and charts always show
 the safe way,
May you find gentle harbor as every day ends,
May you lower your anchor amidst peace
 and good friends.



... from Nowadays

May your outdrive be saved after hitting that rock,
May your bow be rebuilt after ramming your dock,
May you find your new watch that fell overboard,
May you neighbor quit stealing your
 slip’s power cord,
May Lysol mask the musty smell under your berth,
May you someday owe less that the boat is worth!!!

--Reprinted by permission from
The Gulf Breeze Newsletter
District 15

* * * *

As most of you editors know by now, I read about forty newsletters a month. As I read through them, I see a lot of good articles, clip art, poetry and actually some pretty funny jokes! Why don’t we begin to share these articles with each other? The above poem was taken from one of the publications last month. I have salvaged at least a half dozen more articles and will publish them as space permits in the “Files and Profiles”. But why wait to read your work in this publication? Consider sharing your newsletters with each other. You will learn more than you can imagine, just from each other. If

you see an article you like, or wonder how to set up a certain format or have questions about how someone prints in color, share with each other. It is fun! And pretty soon, you will be on a first name basis and will be discussing ways of improving and expanding your writing and editing.

* * * *

The following article is entitled, “The Power of One Campaign”. It is excellent and I have asked permission to publish it in its entirety. I hope you might be able to use some of the information in your own newsletters soon:

“New squadron members come from many different resources. One major resource is the Safe Boating Class, where people get an opportunity to know us, learn a little about what we do, and want to join. Another major resource is you, the membership.

The Power of One campaign recognizes this resource as a very powerful one. The program is aimed at increasing membership and member retention through a grass roots effort at the squadron level, and every member is encouraged to actively participate. Maybe you have a friend or a neighbor that you would like to see join the squadron. They may be thinking of buying a boat, or may already own a boat and want to benefit from the variety of boating education classes that we teach, or they may just want to be part of the squadron social activities. Whatever the reason, your personal involvement in encouraging these potential new members to join our squadron is the key.

There are several awards that will be given under this program. The following is a recap from information provided by National. Please help achieve these goals!

The Grand Squadron Challenge – The Power of One Award

This program component recognizes the first five squadrons to achieve the new member recruitment goal of 50% growth from 1 October 2003 to 1 October 2004. Our squadron currently has 280 members, so this is quite a high bar to attain.

The incentive for the first five squadrons achieving this level of distinction is funding toward procurement of a LCD projector, laptop computer,

and squadron management, educational, and presentation software.

(continued on page 2)

The Elite Squadron Challenge

This program component recognizes the first 15 squadrons who meet or exceed the recruiting targets of the Power of One Campaign, but did not place in the Grand Squadron Challenge. The recruiting target for our squadron is a 15% growth rate. The recruitment of new active, additional active, family, and apprentice members count toward the Squadron's recruiting target.

The incentive for the first fifteen squadrons achieving this level of distinction is funding toward the procurement of a LCD projector.

Squadron Recognition through Individual Member Achievements

This program component recognizes all USPS members who recruit at least one new member or reinstate a previous member. The more you recruit the greater the reward.

The Membership Application forms have been modified to identify the endorsing Squadron member. The form now reads, "Which USPS member most influenced you to join the United States Power Squadrons?" This is followed by a line for your certificate number to be recorded as well. This information will be used by National to determine recruitment credits for the individual members.

The incentives for individual member achievements are as follows:

- ?? 1st new member – Power of One lapel pin
- ?? 5th new member – Power of One hat
- ?? 10th new member – Power of One Captain's Club jacket w/Power of One logo
- ?? 15th new member – Power of One Admiral's Club jacket w/Power of One logo – plus be entered into a drawing to receive special national recognition and an expenses reimbursed trip to the USPS 2005 annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.

All USPS members reaching the Admiral's Club or Captain's Club recognition level of achievement will receive a special Certificate acknowledging their award status in addition to having their names

engraved on an honorary plaque that will be placed on display at USPS HQ. The first round of individual level recognition and reward will be presented at the USPS 2005 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.

The Power of One Campaign has tremendous potential to recruit new members and all current members are encouraged to actively participate in the support of this program.

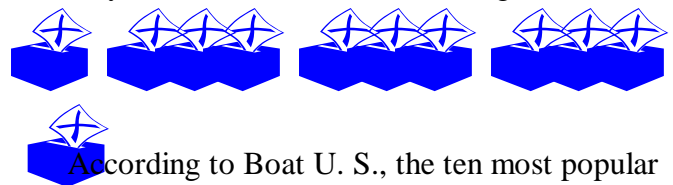
--Reprinted by permission of
Lt. Myke Beckmann, AP
"Mariner" Newsletter; District 8
Pompano Beach Power Squadron
* * * *



"The DIJ Award"

Does this logo look familiar? Many of you now will be posting the DIJ Award logo on your publications. I am proud of those of you who will be using this logo during the months to follow this year. You worked hard for it and it gives me pleasure to see it!

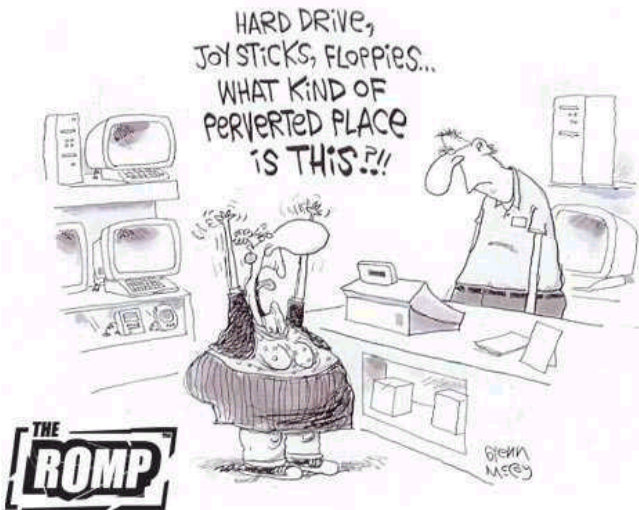
For those editors who did not receive the award, why don't we work together and strive toward this goal for the coming year? Just let me know if you are interested and we will get started!



According to Boat U. S., the ten most popular names for boats this year are:

1. Happy Hours
2. Carpe Diem
3. Reel Time
4. Sea Biscuit
5. Freedom
6. Summer Wind
7. Aquaholic
8. Serenity

- 9. No Worries
- 10. Mental Floss



Sorry, folks! I just couldn't resist this one. And I have no excuse at all for putting this cartoon in here except. . .it is so funny! And I thought, "Every editor I know will appreciate this screaming lady!"

* * * * *

ANYONE FOR "CRUISE PLANNING"?

Just a few questions for a simple review.

Answers can be found on page **four**.

The following questions relate to
Emergency Situations:

1. If a person is washed overboard, in heavy seas, his chances of being recovered are the best if he
 - a. is a swimmer.
 - b. Has a loud voice.
 - c. Has a strobe light and whistle attached to a life jacket.
 - d. Can float on his back.
2. A basketball thrown overboard in 6 to 10 foot seas will be visible for
 - a. 10 minutes.
 - b. 5 minutes.
 - c. 3 to 5 waves away
 - d. 15 waves away.
3. If it becomes necessary to perform overboard repair, what is the *most* important precaution to take?

- a. assign one person to watch the overboard crew member at all times.
 - b. Limit the time the crew member remains in the water.
 - c. Wear a wet suit.
 - d. Properly secure the person in the water by a tether attached to a harness or a line around the waist.
4. One of the greatest dangers in abandoning ship is. . .
 - a. Forgetting food.
 - b. Forgetting water.
 - c. Forgetting navigation equipment.
 - d. Losing the life raft.
 5. To stop a kerosene stove fire. .
 - a. Throw water on it.
 - b. Shut off the fuel and smother the fire.
 - c. Throw the stove overboard.
 - d. Throw the fuel tank overboard.
 6. If you run hard aground, you should *first*. .
 - a. Check the bilge for water.
 - b. Take down the sails.
 - c. Try to motor off.
 - d. Call for help.

* * * * *

CUSTOM FITTED SHEETS!

I just read this article in one of Ben's old issues of *Latitudes and Attitudes*. A gentleman, who lives in Marathon, FL, a Bill Hudson, submits it. Anyone from Marathon know him? He sounds like he knows how to do this!

"I just met a man that spent \$2000 for custom made sheets for all his berths, and I didn't have the heart to tell him my simple solution. But here's something that works better than anything you can buy that I have ever found. I'll describe how to do a vee berth, and you bright sailors can adapt this to any area. Take a flat sheet and lay it out on the grass (on the bunk works, but the grass is better). Place your cushions on the sheet upside down so the widest area is against the sheet. If you don't have at least 12" of sheet exposed on all sides, you need a larger sheet. Now, take sheers and

cut around the mattress leaving your border. Sew at least a hem of 1" all the way around the sheet that is continuous, so you can run a 1/8" cord inside of your hem, leaving a foot of line exposed from either side of your entrance hole. It works best if you start in the middle of the aft end of your new sheet, where you would enter your vee berth.

Now, place the cushion back in the berth and spread your new sheet over it, then gently tuck it in all the way around (not trying to make it neat). Cross the cords and pull as tightly as you like, tying a bow. You can bounce quarters on the perfectly installed sheet. You can put grommets for the entrance and exit cords and you can wash the sheets, cords and all. I use clothesline that I can find in the dollar store and it outlasts the sheets."

Anyone game to try this? Let me know how well it works for you.

* * * * *

DIESEL FUEL

Diesel fuel is potent stuff. There's about Fifteen percent more energy packed into it than gasoline. It is also denser than gas, so it is harder to vaporize and ignite. A diesel engine uses compression to cause ignition rather than spark plugs. A diesel is essentially a big air pump (ever notice how the air coming out of a bicycle pump is warm?) that compresses the air



until it heats to 1,100 degrees F. The fuel is then injected into the cylinders, hits the hot air, evaporates, and ignites. Once ignited, fuel continues to be injected according to how much speed you need.

In any internal combustion engine, the higher the compression ratio, the more power it makes (diesels make a 20:1 compression ratio;

gas 9:1). A gasoline engine's compression is limited because if it compresses the fuel/air mixture too much, there's pre-ignition (knocking). A diesel compresses only air, so pre-ignition never occurs. Combine diesel's high compression with its high rate of energy release, and you get good torque and high mileage.

Bonus Knowledge: Rudolf Diesel lived 1858-1913; his early models ran on peanut oil!



ANSWERS TO "CRUISE PLANNING" QUIZ

- | | |
|---------|------|
| 1. C | 4. D |
| 2. C | 5. B |
| 3. D | 6. A |
| * * * * | |

Signs of the Times

Here are some gems that were spotted while cruising the world. These are real signs. No one could make this stuff up!

"You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid." -- *Hotel in Japan*

"We take your bags and send them in all directions."

-- *Airline office-Copenhagen*

"The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid."

--*Hotel in Yugoslavia*

"Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar". ---*Bar in Norway*

"Specialists in women and other diseases." ---*Doctor's office - Rome*

"Don't stand there and be hungry. Come on in and get fed up."

--*Restaurant window*

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber." --*On a Plumber's Truck*

"Let us remove your shorts".

--On an Electrician's Truck

Have a happy, healthy
and safe month - - -

Janis Owen