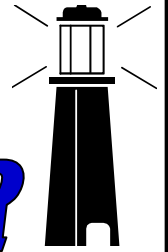




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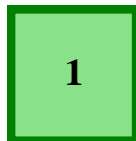
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## Seasons Greetings



Above: *Island Dream* entry in the Martin and St. Lucie  
 Right: Carol and Tom Albanese, *Island Dream*, with Martin County First Place Trophy.  
 Additional photos on pages 6 and 7.



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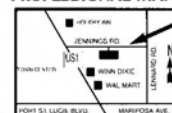
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The executive committee has approved this procedure in our squadron. The Channel Marker layout will be changed (from booklet format pages to 8½ x 11 vertical pages) for posting on the web site.

Starting with the next issue, members with email addresses on file will receive email notification when the newsletter is posted online.

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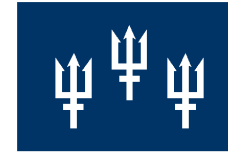
## Welcome Aboard

### New Members

- Marylou Contarino**
- Tony Contarino**
- Helen DeVoe**
- Vincent Encomio**
- Michele Gehrig**
- Robert Gehrig**
- Robert Kassal**
- Diane Woodman**
- Steve Woodman**

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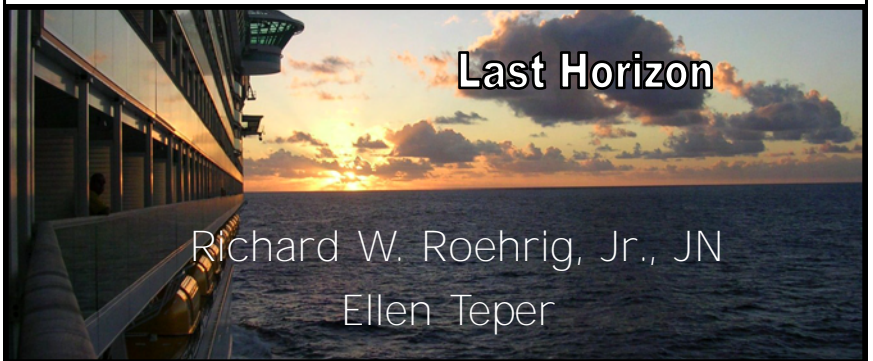
Mark Rosen



our members that participated in the boat parade for their great job, taking first place. I was unable to attend but everyone I spoke with said the boat looked fantastic. Our squadron was well represented. We are planning a great change of watch ceremony as well as a nice 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. Our burgee was approved and we have them available for any member who would like one, contact Ann Boeckler to purchase them.

We have a great slate of candidates for the up coming year. They will have their work cut out for them in these challenging economic times. We have plenty of committees that could use help for any one interested in getting more involved. We also have started planning a great calendar of events for next year. Anyone who has a suggestion for a squadron activity, the bridge would love to hear from you. We changed the location of our { [ ] c @ | ^ Á { ^ ^ c ã } \* • Á c [ Á Æ ] ] | ^ à ^ ^ q • Á [ be working out. Next year our own Malischka Dunlap will be the district commander. I hope we can give her a lot of support through the year starting with attending her installation into her new position.

all next year.



### Last Horizon

Richard W. Roehrig, Jr., JN  
Ellen Teper

## Education News

### By Lt/C Al Bruhin, SN

A public boating class was held on 22/23 November with four students, one junior and three adults. The class was quite interesting for the teachers as well as the students because the level of interest on the part of the students resulted in a lot of interesting questions and discussion. At the conclusion of the class one student became a member of the Squadron. The class was taught by P/C Don Widmayer, AP; P/C Ken Mazur, AP and myself.

Don has completed teaching the Seamanship Course and several of the students have taken the exam. We are waiting for the results from HQ. One student is a new member and we had to wait until we got a certificate number before ordering the exam.

Now that we have a number of students that have completed Seamanship, Lt George Hehner, JN is preparing to present a Piloting course to any of those interested. Remember you do not have to take Seamanship before taking Piloting as the new Piloting course is pretty much a stand-alone course. We plan to start this course after the first of the year.

If all goes well we will have an Advanced Piloting course following the Piloting course.

Remember there are many elective and self taught courses that you can take. Let us know if any of them are of interest and we will arrange to have them scheduled,



**Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

## December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Christmas Boat Parade
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 1900 Exec Com Meeting	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 1900 Exec Com Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Boating Course
25 Boating Course	26	27	28 1800 Dinner & Annual Meeting	29	30	31



# Stuart Air Show Raft Up



# 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION and CHANGE OF WATCH

We will be celebrating 50 years since the squadron was formed, back in 1959, on Friday, 13 February 2009. It will be combined with our annual change of watch.

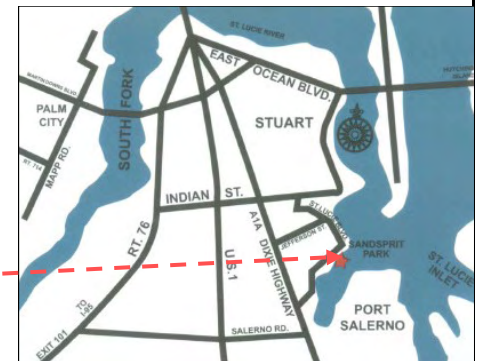
We have hired the beautiful *Island Princess* cruise boat to take us on a three hour dinner cruise on the Indian River Lagoon. There will be entertainment, good food, fun and a chance to be on the water enjoying our winter in Florida.

The boat leaves from The Finest Kind Marina, in the Manatee Pocket, in Stuart at 6PM and will return at 9PM. We would like all on board by 5:45 PM. Cost will be \$35 per person. If you have any questions call: Ken Mazur . 772-971-4669 or Ann Boeckler at 335-8011.



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Top Row: Boat decorating/Christmas pot luck dinner on Sunday, 30 November at the home of Tom and Carol Albanese  
Second Row: Left -more pot luck dinner; middle and right - final touches to boat on parade day, Saturday, 6 December  
Right: Squadron crew of *Island Dream* for St. Lucie County Christmas Boat parade on Saturday, 13 December  
Bottom Row l to r: Squadron crew boarding *Island Dream* for Martin County Christmas Boat parade; 1st Place trophy for Martin County parade; fireworks from St. Lucie County parade; Dolphins on the *Island Dream* bow.

