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Has a New Home!
Soon to be Occupied



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DIVISION 8 DISTRICT 7**



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 Vessel Examination
 Operations
 Human Resources
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 Diversity
 Navigation Systems
 Publications
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 Communications
 Materials
 Information Svc
 RBS Visitation
 Marine Safety
 Communication Svc
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 Imm. Past Fl. Cmdr.
 Lay Leader
 Fellowship
 Flotilla Webmaster

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 FSO-HR
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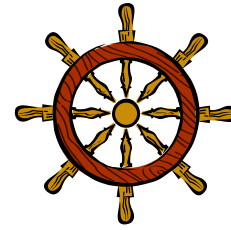
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JANUARY CALENDAR

- 7.....Flotilla Staff Officers' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
 11.....Orientation for Officers, Keating Bldg, Mote Marine, Sarasota 8:30 am
 14.....Flotilla Members' Meeting, Lemon Bay Park 7 pm
 20.....BS&S Classes Begin, Lemon Bay Park 6:30 pm
 BS&S Continues Every Monday & Thursday, Lemon Bay Park 7 to 9 pm
28.....Blackthorn Memorial Services, St. Petersburg 11 am

FROM THE HELM:

Graham Leadbetter, Commander



Fellow Shipmates

We have certainly started the New Year with a historic achievement. On December 27, 2013, Lemon Bay Boaters, Inc. finalized the purchase of our new home, which I like to refer to as "Station Englewood". Our new address will be 1949 Englewood Road. On January 6, 2014, I signed the maintenance and lease agreements with Lemon Bay Boaters, Inc. Basically the Flotilla's responsibility is to maintain and upkeep the building and land. Lemon Bay Boaters, Inc. has the responsibility to pay for any professional services needed. Our annual rent has been set as the same as the expense that we are paying to store our equipment and supplies at a commercial storage facility.

Our new home can best be described as a "fixer upper" and needs a considerable amount of surgery. Dane Hahn, our VFC, organized our first work day which was well attended. On this first work day we made an excellent start on getting the building ready for our use. Two rooms were painted, a new water heater installed, bathrooms cleaned, windows cleaned, palm trees trimmed, and the storage shed power washed. The enthusiasm that I see in my fellow shipmates for our new home is truly remarkable and outstanding. I am completely confident that we will have the building ready soon and be able to maintain it.

We will be using our new home for officer and member meetings, public education classes, member training, radio communication with our patrol facilities, and social events. We plan to rent two rooms to pay for taxes, insurance, and utilities. We will be able to store all our supplies and equipment in the shed on the property.

There have been two key players in the purchase of our new home. Gerry Meckenberg who has done such an excellent job of caring for the funds of Lemon Bay Boaters, Inc. and Dane Hahn who has been constantly looking for a home for us ever since he joined the Flotilla. I also want to thank the many members who donated their time and efforts to our first workday.

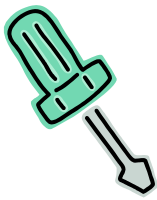
A partial list of projects yet to be accomplished are more interior painting, painting the exterior, patching the driveway, installing a pole flag, flag and night lighting, installing radio antennae, cleaning out the shed, moving our equipment and supplies into the shed, and more yard cleanup. Even this partial list involves a great deal of effort and time. This is an excellent opportunity to build comradeship and cohesion within the Flotilla.

Believe it or not we have another historic event upcoming in April. We will be the host Flotilla for the first annual Englewood Power Boat Regatta. I have received a request from the organizers of this event to provide 10 Auxiliary boat facilities. A US Coast Guard permit has been applied for and Station Cortez will be coordinating the Auxiliary involvement in the Regatta. Clearly several other Flotillas will be involved as this event is beyond the scope of our resources. As time progresses we will know more about our involvement in the Regatta.

In the near future, January 16-19, Charlotte County will hold their annual boat show. This is an excellent opportunity to advertise ourselves and perhaps do some recruiting. Dave Nielsen is looking for volunteers to be at this event.

Both Dane and I are honored to be at the helm in such a historic period for Flotilla 87. We are both proud of the slate of officers who have volunteered their time and talents for the coming year. The enthusiasm showed by the members is truly gratifying.

Station Englewood



Paperwork completed. Signed, sealed and "ours"!



Now it's time for a little
"elbow grease"



PHOTO GALLERY

Change of Watch



Braxton Ezell, D7 Captain West and Paulette Parent, DCDR 8 swear in
Graham Leadbetter as FC and Dane Hahn as VFC



Graham Leadbetter, FC swearing in the Officers for 2014



Outgoing 2013 Officers

Photos by J. Abbott