



January 2025 Commanders Update

Dear All,

For the ones that were not present at last Saturday's meeting: Happy New Year!

We had a great meeting with 29 members present and a RSVP response rate of 74%.

Please find enclosed the following:

- The minutes of the January 17th, 2026, meeting
- The updated membership list
- The updated calendar
- The invitation to the COW on Saturday Feb 21st 2026 at my home.

Important: We have decided to keep our website (it costs money) up, provided the website is used. In one year, we will monitor its use and decide if we will continue it or shut it down, based on its use. You have already got an email from Teresa Davidson with info on how to access it and use its information.

Furthermore, we still need some members to contribute with an event. Please consult the calendar and let me know if you would be willing/interested to organize/hold an event in 2026.

See you all in a month!

Sincerely yours

JF Roulet, Commander



Monthly Meeting at Peppers on Saturday, January 17, 2026

Minutes

1. Welcome

- JFR greets the present members with a “Happy New Year” and reports that we had a 74% RSVP response rate.
- Today, 29 members were present.

2. Jerry Steinberg reports

- At the Bridge meeting on Jan 17th, 2026, we agreed to go with continuity, and Jerry told the members that the only change is the addition of Della Davis as Secretary. JFR will stay as Commander for one more year. He reads the members of the Bridge as listed in the attached list. David Roque makes a motion to accept the Bridge, which was approved by acclamation.
- Diane Howard presents JFR a token of appreciation for his work and dedication for the year 2025.

3. Info about the Bridge meeting on January 7, 2026

- JFR reported that, according to Seth Shrum, the club has \$4,670 in its bank account as of today.
- During 2025, expenses were minimal; however, they exceeded income from dues.

The bridge discussed in detail the **focus for 2025:**

- While boating education is important, there is currently no demonstrated demand. Members will be referred to online education offerings available through the America's Boating Club website. However, each CE will be billed to the online attendant.
- If questions arise, a seminar led by Jib Davidson will be organized, either before the end of March or next year.
- The club's primary focus will remain unchanged: **monthly social meetings and on-the-water events with food and drinks.**
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- In addition, **3–5 lectures or presentations** will be incorporated into monthly meetings, presented by members or invited guests.
 - Potential speakers will be explored through IFAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and other sources.
 - Brice Miller agreed to a saltwater fly-fishing presentation.

The members present agreed with this and added no further points.

4. Merits:

- Because JFR was not currently listed as Commander in the relevant District and National records, and the deadline for updates was in November, it was not possible to issue Merits this year.
Instead, very active members were recognized with gift bags at the Christmas Party.
- Jib Davidson will get his 25th merit from the district, thus reaching Lifetime Membership.

5. Home Page:

- **Teresa Davidson** informed members about the club's Webpage and Facebook page.
- Teresa Davidson will maintain the website and keep it meticulously updated.
- JFR will provide Teresa with:
 - Monthly update emails
 - Calendar updates
 - A member list excluding addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses
- Wendy Maxwell will send all previously published and future *Learned Lantern* issues once available.
- Members will be encouraged to submit photos from events to Teresa.
- Website usage will be reviewed after one year to determine how to proceed.
- Teresa will send some info to all members how to use the website.

6. Members' list

- JFR was finally able to access the national website and, through it, the Gainesville Power Squadron Membership list. We now have a list that matches the national list. The updated list is going around for approval by the members present.



7. Activities for 2026

The calendar 2026 is going around for approval and updates. The actualized version is attached. We have some confirmed or proposed events for every month. So far, we need the following:

- Someone to organize the June event: Plantation Crystal River
- Someone to organize the July St Johns River grilling at Sand Bar and dinner at Corky Bells
- Someone to organize a Lecture/Presentation at Cedar Key prior to the Fish Fry at Laraine and David Teiss' home on October 24th
- Someone to host the Christmas party

See attached calendar

8. Dinner

We all enjoyed the food and the good discussions.

Finally, a special **Thank You to Diane Howerd** for the very tasty dessert she offered the club!

JFR
Commander

January 19, 2026

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