

**THE RICHARD AND MARY JANE SCHNOOR
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AT THE
FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**
IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, METEOROLOGY,
OCEAN ENGINEERING, OR OCEANOGRAPHY



Jane and Dick Schnoor were long time members of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) and the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. They were the kind of people who moved through life in a quiet, gentle manner and both worked more than 50 years serving as commanders of USPS Squadrons (Cape Canaveral and Cocoa Beach), USPS District 23, and as national officers. Dick was chairman of the USPS Sail Course and Jane served as editor of the national magazine, *The Ensign*. They both completed all USPS courses through celestial navigation and taught many classes themselves.

The Schnoors also attended lectures given annually by Florida Tech professor and head of the department of marine and environmental systems, George Maul, PhD. “I would see them there every year.” Dr Maul recalls, “and so I invited them to the DMES lectures on campus. They started coming to those and pretty soon were getting to know the students. When we held receptions the evening before graduation, Jane would show up with a plate of cookies to share.” Dr Maul himself also gave several presentations at meetings of the Cocoa Beach Squadron and invited small groups of squadron members aboard the F.I.T. research vessel. So began the Schnoors’ friendship with Florida Tech and our Squadron’s special relationship with F.I.T.

Both Jane and Dick had a lifelong interest in marine science, navigation, oceanography and environmental issues so, when Dick passed away in 2011, Jane suggested to the squadron that a fitting memorial to his memory might be a scholarship for a rising senior undergraduate student in the Department of Marine and Environmental Systems, the scholarship to be administered and the recipient chosen by F.I.T. Jane’s name was added to the scholarship after her passing in 2013.