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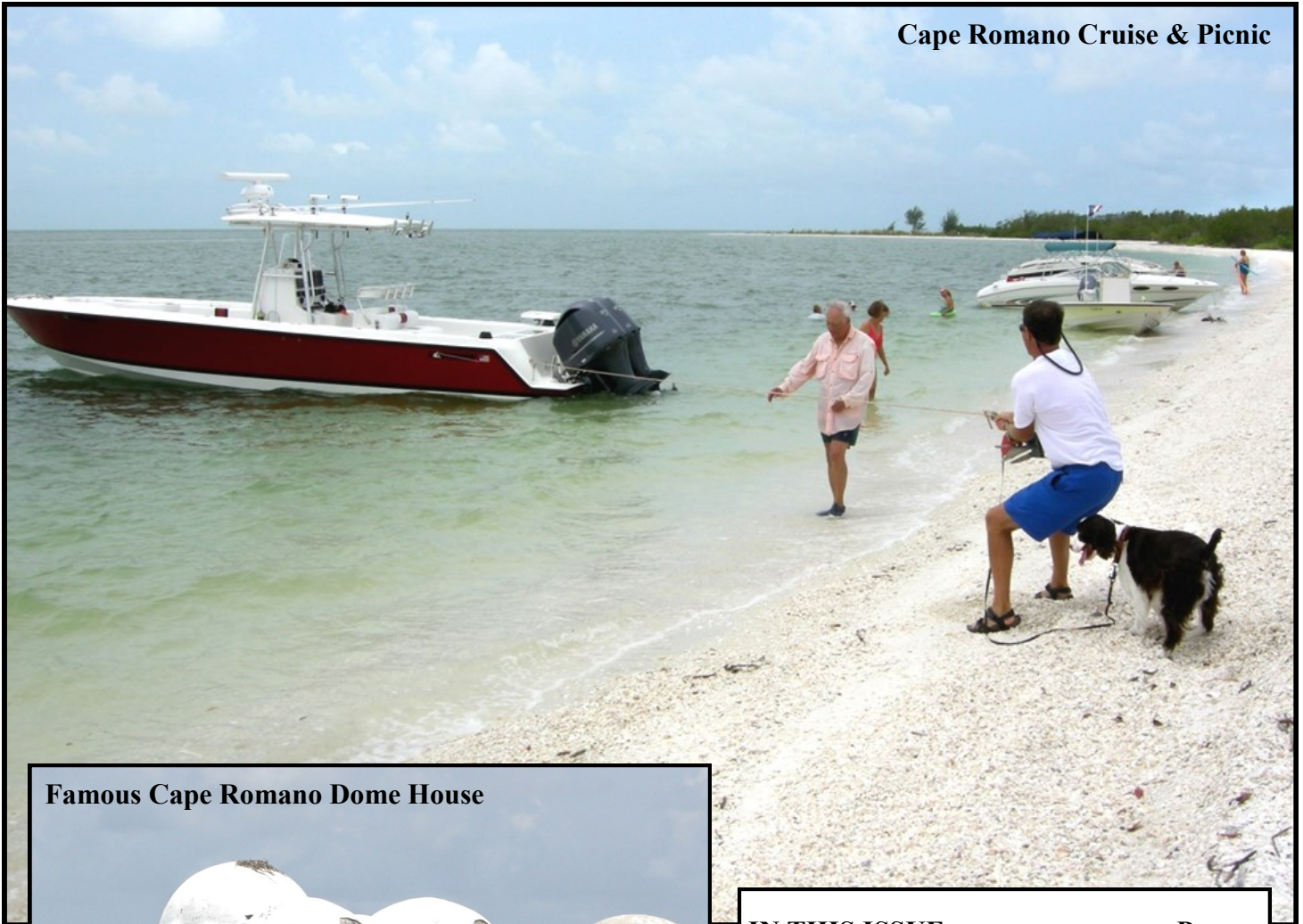
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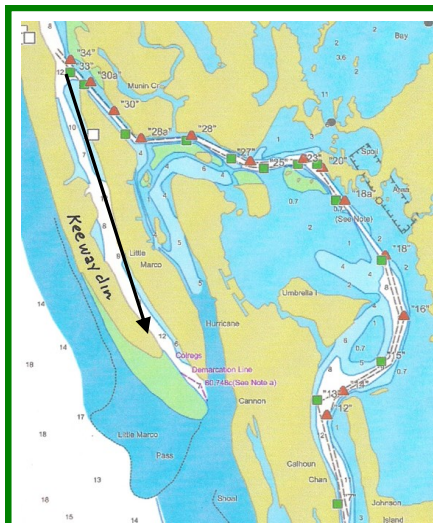
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## Coming Events 2014

08 Jul	Ladies Lunch at Philly Grille - contact Pam: <a href="mailto:mrspns@hotmail.com">mrspns@hotmail.com</a>	1130	p. 09
09 Jul	Captain's Meeting at CJ's at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04
11 Jul	Lunch at the Sunset Grill - RSVP to Pam Sander @ 314-973-0499	1200	-----
18-19 Jul	"Mid Summer Cruise" Naples [Contact Jim Ferry see p. 11] Starting with lunch at the Naples Boat House on the 18th Cruise to the Boat Club Overnight & walk to lunch (see Ad)	1200	p. 11
25 Jul	Coconut Island Cruise and Picnic. BYOE	1100	p. 04
30 Jul	Captain's Meeting at CJ's at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04
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12 Aug	Ladies Lunch at The Brewery	1130	p. 09
13 Aug	Captain's Meeting at CJ's at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04
16 Aug	Tigertail Beach Picnic (\$6 food provided) NOTE: change of venue	1100	p. 05
23 Aug	Cruise and Raft-up at Keewaydin Island	1100	p. 03
27 Aug	Captain's Meeting at CJ's at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04
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09 Sep	Ladies Lunch (TBA)	1130	p. 09
10 Sep	Executive Board Meeting at MISPS condo	0900	-----
10 Sep	Captain's Meeting at CJ's at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04
12 Sept	Squadron Lunch at Cocomo's	1130	-----
20-23 Sep	Legacy Harbor Birthday Cruise	-----	p.09
24 Sep	Captain's Meeting at CJ's at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04
25-27	D/22 FALL CONFERENCE - see the <i>BEACON</i> [enclosed and on our website]		



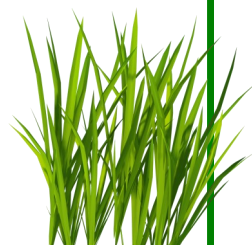
### *Keewaydin Island Cruise & Raft-up* *23 August 2014 - 1100*

**Cruise Captain: P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN**  
**239-393-9158 [tippchgc@aol.com](mailto:tippchgc@aol.com)**



**Boating and ride sharing**  
**contact cruise captain!**

**Bring your own everything; hat, beverage, chair,  
lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, noodle, etc.**  
**Get ready to have fun !**



*New Coconut Island  
Cruise & Picnic  
25 July 2014*



**Cruise Captain: Lt Roy Sander, AP**  
**Cell # 314-550-0416**  
**Email: roymsander@gmail.com**



**BYOE**

(bring your own everything)

**hat, beverage,  
chair, sunscreen,  
lunch, sunglasses,  
noodle, etc.**



**COMMANDER  
CARL W. THIEME, SN**



Welcome to all from cold and rainy New England! The summer doldrums are not a reality for many of our squadron officers as we prepare for the fall season. We have some very exciting news about the **new location** for our dinner/business meetings starting with our first one on Wednesday 8 October 2014. Our new MISPS dinner meeting location is the function room at **Shippo Landing Condominiums at 1100 South Collier Blvd.** This condo complex is located on your right just before you reach Caxambas Park going south on Collier Blvd. Lt Cliff Winings and his wife Joyce have graciously agreed to sponsor MISPS's use of the multi-function room at their condo complex. The facility has a gorgeous second floor window wall view of Caxambas, can accommodate 90 plus people and has a fully equipped kitchen. We will be providing full details on the location, pictures of the meeting room, how to get access to it, where to park, etc. in the September's *Eagles Eye*. **MISPS will no longer be holding their business meetings at the Marco Island Yacht Club.** I personally want to thank the MIYC for the many years we have been able to enjoy and use their facility. The Executive Committee decided after reviewing a variety of factors, including containing the cost to attend our meetings and the attraction of alternative locations, that a change in venue was appropriate. We have made arrangements with Kretch's to cater our meetings with two entree's available at each meal. The new facility has a bar area and icemaker for those who wish to bring their own liquid refreshments to enjoy before and during dinner, in other words drinks are now going to be **BYOB**.

Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN & P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN and I met with USCG Auxiliary Commander Arne Kelsey and several of his officers on the 14th of May to discuss how we might both work together to improve boating safety on Marco Island. MISPS provided a working list of potential areas of cooperation and several more were put on the table by the USCG Auxiliary. The list was narrowed down to four key areas of (Continued on Page 19)



*Captain's Meeting  
at CJ's on the Bay  
2nd Wednesday  
& Last Wednesday  
of the month!  
Meet at CJ's  
gazebo bar at the  
Esplanade  
at 1700*

**Call or Email:**  
**Lt Peggy Harsch @ 394-3484**  
**Email: pegnbill1@comcast.net**

**So she can reserve seats!**





**EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
LT/C PEGGY E. REISS, JN-IN**

Summertime on Marco Island and the living is easy ... hot and sunny with some humidity thrown in but always a breeze. And who can forget the afternoon thunderstorms out in the Gulf? If you are a boater that is something to always remember!



Despite all our snowbird friends who have flown the coop, MISPS keeps busy with many activities. The vessel safety checks have reached an all-time high for our squadron—236 to date! We continue to be second in the district. D22 has 142 examiners who have done 2231 examinations and passing 2156 vessels. Keep up the good work!!

We are doing well but more needs to be done to keep our waterways safe. Cooperative charting is one of those venues. This program is a major public service of USPS. Under it, squadron members supply information to the Marine Chart Division leading to corrections to nautical charts, small craft charts, or Coast Pilot publications and Small Craft Facilities. The Aids to Navigation Inspection program allows for damaged or misplaced Aids to be reported. The Adopt-A-Chart subprogram provides for individual squadrons to assume responsibility to keep a chart or a portion of a chart in their local boating area up to date and get recognition on new editions for their work. The Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as the most effective user-participation program in all of the Federal services. Let's see what MISPS can do.

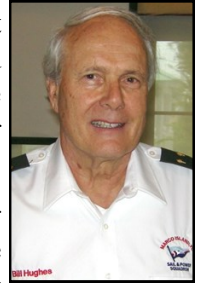
In the publicity department the team of Moe Bishop, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP and Lt Doug Curnutte, AP, keep our squadron visible in the media. Notices in the *Marco Eagle* for the Captains Meetings have made people aware of our squadron. I heard from one person that MISPS is always in the papers. The June 13-26 issue of the *Coastal Breeze* has a USPS article "*I'm Grounded, and I Can't Get Off!*" that includes information on how to reach MISPS. Good work! Let's make our squadron and the United States Power Squadrons® a household name.

See you on the water! 🚤



**ADMINISTRATIVE  
LT/C WILLIAM J. HUGHES, JN**

In July, we will have an overnight cruise to the Naples Boat Club planned by Lt Jim Ferry, P with a lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant on the 18th for both boaters & 4 wheelers. (See p. 11)



I am still working on a group river cruise for June of 2015 on the Danube River from Budapest to Nuremberg. It seems that Avalon Waterways, which has comparable or better ships than Viking, will give us a better deal. Please see page 23 for more details.

Currently, our membership is at 142. USPS National headquarters has announced a **100 Day Membership Drive** called **Each One, Reach One**, that started 1 June. The focus is to increase membership by having members utilize USPS materials and programs and presumably to reach out to others that are Potential members. If you know of anyone in our area who is new to boating, I can't think of a better way for them to learn than attending our educational classes starting with ABC and going through celestial navigation. You may also know someone that is new to the area, maybe recently retired and is looking to do volunteer work. We are always looking for more help with our activities and welcome new participants, even if they do not own a boat. For info call Lt Sara McFadden, our membership Chair.

Lt Peggy Harsch reports that we have a number of events planned for July & August. Consult your postcard for more information. Peggy and I will be away until July 18 so call Lt Pam Sander, AP for reservations for the early July events, including CJ's, lunch at the Sunset Grill and the Ladies Lunch. Her phone is 314-973-0499, email is [mrsps@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsps@hotmail.com). 🐦

**TIGERTAIL BEACH PICNIC !**  
**16 August 2014**

**Sun-Swim-Eat-Food for \$6 per person**  
**Bring your own drinks (no alcohol)**  
**Parking requires a County Permit**



**RSVP (need to know how much food to buy):**

**Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN**

**239-394-3484**

**[pegnbill1@comcast.net](mailto:pegnbill1@comcast.net)**





**EDUCATION OFFICER  
P/C EDWARD H. REISS, SN-IN**

**Congratulations** to several of our outstanding students. P/C Andrea Battaglia, Edmund Shebert, Dennis Trego, and Lt Jack Walsh who passed NAVIGATION. Lt/C Bill Hughes, Lt/C Teri O'Connell & Lt/C Peggy Reiss who passed JUNIOR NAVIGATION. Sharon Curnutte and Dennis Bartolucci passed PILOTING. Richard Kelso, Lt Nicholas Rago, Lt Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, Lt Doug Curnutte, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, Lt Pam Sander, Lt Roy Sander and 1/Lt Martin Wilhelm Passed ADVANCED PILOTING. Thanks also to their great instructors who devoted themselves to insuring that the students learned: P/C Lee Harkness, AP for Piloting and P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN for Navigation and Junior Navigation.



Schedules for courses and seminars for the Fall of 2014 and Winter of 2015 will be published in the next Eagle's Eye. There is still plenty of time to let me know what topics are of interest. We can create a class/seminar on almost any boating topic if one does not already exist. On-the-water-training is also available for members who have completed Seamanship, Piloting and or Advanced Piloting. This training on your boat must be scheduled and incorporated in the minutes of the Executive Committee to cover the insurance concerns. If you are interested let me know.

Recently Commander Carl Thieme, SN, Lt/C Peggy Reiss, AP-IN and myself met with representatives from the Marco Island United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to discuss how we can work together. One topic (also discussed during MISPS's recent Marine Electronic Course on Communications) was the use and clarification of the relatively new Digital Selective Calling feature on VHF radios. Following the meeting the USCG Aux contacted the Coast Guard and verified that unless a VHF radio has an MMSI number no message will be transmitted when the little red button on your VHF radio is pushed. (That button is the simple way to make a MAY DAY call on channel 70.) Further, if the radio is not connected to a turned on GPS no information on your location will be transmitted which lessens or prolongs the chances of someone coming to your aid. MMSI numbers are free and readily available through the power squadron or directly on line via a computer from Boat US.

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**SAFETY OFFICER  
LT JACK WALSH, N**

**Emergency position indication  
radio beacon**

Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon or as they are more commonly called EPIRB's are becoming more affordable and as a result more popular. But, how do they apply to the recreational boater?



While a reliable DSC capable VHF radio properly interfaced with your GPS is a good emergency safety feature for a boater who stays within the VHF range of a shore based U.S. Coast Guard facility (approximately 20 miles) if you spend time further offshore the EPIRB offers peace of mind to the boater should an emergency arise. So it is good to have an understanding of the capabilities of these units to determine if they should be a part of your on board safety equipment. Prior to the development of the 406 MHz system, the earlier EPIRBs were costly and principally directed to the commercial market.

Over the past 10-15 years with improved satellite availability and the development of the 406 MHz satellite system technology, in addition to the development of the Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) the price of safety in an emergency offshore has improved significantly. EPIRB's are registered to a specific vessel while PLB's are registered to an individual and either can be purchased with or without GPS enhancement which while adding to the cost of the unit can save valuable and potentially lifesaving time in an emergency rescue scenario. GPS enhanced devices are recommended strongly by the Coast Guard. The EPIRB has a minimum battery life of 48 hours compared to a 24 hour life of the PLB battery and the former are designed to float, transmit when wet and have an integral strobe light which PLB's may or may not. In addition the EPIRB may also be activated automatically upon release from their holding bracket (category 1) although this feature is not universal and some may require manual activation (category 2). Knowing where to look is obviously an important consideration whenever the Coast Guard launches a Search and Rescue (SAR) operation and these devices help to take the guesswork out of the equation as well as providing the initial signal that a marine distress situation exists.

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# Vessel Exams top a record 236 !

The MISPS Vessel Safety inspection team is doing an excellent job promoting safety on the Island. Our primary focus is to insure that boaters have the proper safety equipment aboard. However during the inspection we typically engage the owner in conversation about general boating topics. This serves to further promote safety by educating boaters (and sometimes learning new things ourselves). If the numbers are a measure of our success, we have far exceeded expectations this year. Our total count of inspected boats is 236! This is a new record for our squadron. It places us second in District 22 ... and, the year is not over!

Safe boating week was celebrated 17 to 23 May. Our team planned a concentrated effort at our local marinas and the personal watercraft rentals. Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP set up an information session at Calusa Marina. P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, Lt/C Peggy Reiss, AP-IN, Dave Dumas and Lt Jim O'Connell, P, provided information and examined a number of boats. Ted and Cdr Carl Thieme, SN worked with Rose Marina and examined their entire rental fleet. Lt Alan Epstein, S engaged the Marco Watersports organization and arranged to inspect all of their personal watercraft at 3 locations. Alan recruited "all of the examiners left on Marco Island" to complete this in two days! During Safe Boating week we added 70 vessel inspections to our count and achieved recognition from key boating centers on the Island. Congratulations to the entire team!

Now that most of the winter residents have returned to their summer homes, our focus for the next few months will naturally be on the year round owners. Note to our members, if you haven't had your boat inspected yet please call Lt Tom Ryan (239-389-6585) to schedule an inspection. It only takes 15 minutes and it could save your life. Also keep in mind that an inspection sticker signals the Coast Guard, the Sheriff's Department and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Officers that your boat meets all safety requirements. Plus, some insurance companies offer a discount on boat insurance. 🚤

Some of the VSC Examiners get their shirts:  
Owen, Jim O., Dave, Tom, Cdr Carl, Ted,  
Peggy and Bob ... see list below.



## MISPS—Certified Vessel Examiners:

Lt Tom Ryan, S (Chair)	239-389-6585
Lt Alan Epstein, S	239-389-0418
Cdr Carl Thieme, SN	239-970-2177
P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN	239-389-9587
Dave Dumas	239-389-2677
Jim Fahrbach, AP	239-642-3147
P/C Bob Richardson, P	239-389-1909
Lt Jim O'Connell, P	239-393-0651
P/C Lee Harkness, AP	239-642-3575
1/LT Marty Wilhelm, AP	239-970-2002
P/C Owen Henning, AP	239-394-1228
Rudy Landwaard, JN	239-389-4444
P/C Steve Moore, S	239-642-3655
P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN	239-213-8686
Max Peterhans	928-078-9651

VSC exam of sail and deck boat: Jim Fahrbach, AP, Maurice Bishop (boat owner) and P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN.





**Wed @ CJ's**  
**14 May**



**1/Lt Dorothy, S &  
P/C Lee Harkness, AP**



**Sheila Thieme, Phyllis Mueller  
and Cdr Carl Thieme, SN**



**P/C John Noffze, S and  
Beverly Noffze**



**Bryan with Granddaughter Mallori  
holding Farrah, Justin & P/C Andy B., SN**

Thirty-three squadron members and guests assembled at our favorite watering hole for camaraderie and fun. Lt Peggy Harsch passed around the clip-board of coming events, some upcoming trips were discussed, and we enjoyed the warm, quiet evening with most of the snowbirds having returned north. 🌊



**Jerry Williams, S &  
Lori Williams, S**



**Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Lt/C Carol  
Einhart, AP, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP**



**P/C Bob Richardson, P &  
Betty Richardson**



**Lt Jim O'Connell, P &  
Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN**



**Dave Dumas, P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN  
& P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN**



**Lt Bob Mueller, S &  
Lt Peggy Harsch**



**P/C Al Jansen, AP &  
Pat Jansen**

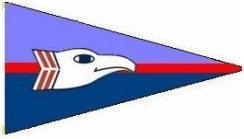


**P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, Jim Ferry, P &  
Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN**



**Rudy Loffelmann &  
Arnette Hawkins**





# Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron

## Boating Activities



If you would like to participate in any of these trips, but don't have a boat, let the Cruise Captain know and the captain will try to work out a ride sharing agreement with another member.

\* or call Boating Activities Chair: Lt Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP at (402) 216-3326

Email: Rhondamarco@gmail.com

\*\* Call the Lunch Chair for reservations at the restaurants: Lt Peggy Harsch at 394-3484 or Email: pegnbill1@comcast.net ... let Peggy reserve your seat at the table for lunch!

Dates 2014	Destination	Cruise Captain	Phone
18-19 July	Midsummer Cruise to Naples Boat Club ... see page 11 for details ...	Jim Ferry, P	394-4884 cell 412-496-9270
25 July	Coconut Island Cruise & Picnic	Lt Roy Sander, AP	314-550-0416
16 August	Picnic at Tigertail Beach (\$6 each, for food) ... Note: change of venue! See page 5 for details ...	Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN	394-3484
23 August	Keewaydin Island Cruise and Raft-up	P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN	393-9158
20-23 Sept.	Legacy Harbor Birthday Cruise	P/C Lee Harkness, AP	642-3575
10 Oct.	Coon Key Cruise & Picnic	Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP	394-0459
22 Nov.	Cruise & Lunch at Everglades City** (optional overnight)	Lt Jim O'Connell, P	393-065
TBD Dec.	Raft-up for Boat Parade, Smokehouse Bay	TBA	
23 Jan. 2015	Cruise/Lunch at Old Marco Lodge, Goodland	Richard Kelso, AP	970-0396
20 Feb. 2015	Cruise & Lunch at CJ's at the Esplanade**	Lt Roy Sander, AP roysander@gmail.com	314-550-0416

### "Hand & Foot" Card Game

Call 1/Lt Dorothy Harkness, S at 642-3575  
Email: dorotheaharkness@embarqmail.com



Easy to learn this fun game ... nice to play while on cruises. Socialize with the ladies of the squadron, give Dorothy a call! Cards at the condo dates will be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1300

### MISPS "Ladies Luncheon" 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1130 ...



Order off the menu and and each lady will be billed individually.

Call Lt Peggy Harsch at 394-3484 or email pegnbill1@comcast.net by the **Friday**, prior to the luncheon for reservations.

*Little Bar Cruise and Lunch*  
24 May 2014



Cruise Captain for this event was P/C Tippy Cavanaugh, SN and lunch was arranged by Lt Peggy Harsch. There were three boats that cruised to the Little Bar and thirty-one



members that enjoyed a fantastic lunch and stimulating conversation.

We can always count on good food and service at this restaurant. It was good weather and a great day. ➤



Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Lt Peggy Harsch, guest - Vini Just, Anne Moore, and P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN Ladies Lunch at the Philly Grille on 10 June 2014.

Many thanks to Lt Peggy Harsch who makes arrangements for our monthly lunches, reservations for CJ's Captain's meetings, & the Ladies lunch. Please help her by responding to attend events, and of course, show up for those events. Kindly NOTE, Lt Pam Sander, AP will fill in for Peggy while she is away 24 June to 17 July ... so email or phone Pam at Cell # 314-973-0499 or [mrspsn@hotmail.com](mailto:mrspsn@hotmail.com).



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**Marco Island, FL**

**239-394-6272**



# **MID SUMMER CRUISE - JULY 18-19, 2014**

## **GREAT TIME FOR A SUMMER DAY CRUISE OR OVERNIGHT CRUISE**

**COME BY CAR OR BOAT FOR LUNCH AT “THE BOAT HOUSE RESTAURANT.” ON FRIDAY THE 18<sup>TH</sup>. CONSIDER STAYING THE AFTERNOON, THERE IS LOTS TO DO. ALSO CONSIDER STAYING FOR DINNER, THEN EITHER DRIVE HOME IN THE EVENING, OR STAY OVERNIGHT ON YOUR BOAT OR IN THE MOTEL**

### **TENTATIVE AGENDA:**

#### **FRIDAY:**

Overnight boaters go directly to Naples Boat Club Friday A.M. in time for a short 2 – 3 block walk to the Boat House Restaurant.

Day boaters & land yachts go directly to the Boat House Restaurant. Day boaters dock at their floating dock. .

Everyone should arrive at the restaurant by 11:30

After lunch there are many options, sit and chat, walk to town, shop, bar hop, nap, explore by riding the water taxi, etc.

Dinner TBD based on the likes of those attending.

#### **SATURDAY:**

Morning breakfast at a place TBD.

The remainder of the day on your own. Finish hitting the many spots you missed on Friday.

Water taxi starts earlier on Saturday. Or just hang out.

Depart at your leisure. Requested Naples Boat Club departure time is by 1100 hours. Have a safe trip back.

#### **APPROXIMATE. COST:**

Naples Boat Club slip rental is \$2.00 per ft. + \$10.00 utility charge per night. Use of pool included for slip renters.

Friday’s lunch menu is an all-day menu with a reasonable price range. All meals are from the menu with separate checks.

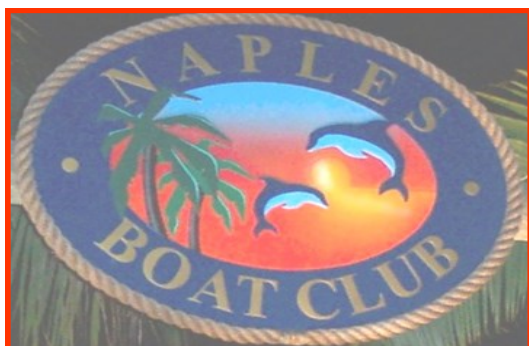
Water taxi is on summer weekday schedule, running continuously from 1627 to 1927 hours @ \$5.00 per person. Ride is 45 minutes with 8 stops. You can get on or off at any stop. Soda, beer and wine sold onboard.

Friday dinner, perhaps at the Wharf Tavern, approximately \$19.00 to \$30.00. Buy 1 get 1 free coupons are available starting 2 weeks before and can be found in the Naples Daily News.

The Cove Inn Motel is approximately \$99.00 to \$109.00 for efficiency on Friday night.

**Please contact Jim Ferry @ 239 394 4884 or 412 496 9270 or [jrfmcf@gmail.com](mailto:jrfmcf@gmail.com)**

**By Tue., July 8th for additional information and interest in this event. I will be making all arrangements and reservations including dining. I will give you the phone number to call for slip and motel credit card payments. *Jim Ferry***



## Cape Romano Cruise & Picnic



“Charlie” Springer Spaniel, Mike & Bryan



Bryan by the *Andy B* with P/C burgee flying high!



*Just Us II* with Kathleen Reynolds & Peggy Harsch



*Irish Ayes*, Bryan assisting Teri getting off and Ted by anchor line



4 boats & 14 people !

Thanks to a tip from Dave Dumas, a “blast” was sent to warn the Marco Sportfishing Club and our squadron boaters that our usual picnic spot was roped off for protection of nesting birds. A new rendezvous spot near Red 2 and the old fish shack/dock proved a good substitute. *Andy B* with the Past Commander burgee flying P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN at the helm and Bryan Mordecai, AP were soon joined by *Just Us II* with P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Lt Peggy Harsch, Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN, and 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP aboard & *Irish Ayes* with Capt. Jim O’Connell, P with crew of Lt/C Teri O’Connell, JN, Jann Kenyon and her son Eric, and Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP. Almost too late for the party, but no less welcome, Mike and Cheryl Mueller and Charlie (Springer Spaniel) rounded out representation of the fishing club. It was Charlie’s first trip in the boat and his first trip to the beach. Boy, was he excited!

The usual picnic activities (swimming, walk to the Dome House, shelling, etc.) proceeded without interruption after successful negotiations with the ants, flies, sand spurs and the weather. A large paw print in an area of firm sand was discovered and was later reported, but the photo was not clear enough to be definitive of a panther, but listed as probable. A great time was had by everyone! 🐾





P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN with *Andy B* in background



Probably Florida panther track, measuring about 15 to 17 cm.



Cheryl & "Charlie"



(L-R) Jim, Jann, Eric, Carol, Ted, Teri most of group were under the tent for shade and quite comfortable



Jann, Erick, Carol, Ted and Peggy ... what's the latest news in our squadron?



Jann Kenyon & son Eric, Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP; (below) Kathleen, Teri, and Bill eating sandwich



Sign with the area roped off for birds



Bryan & Andy B. (Cruise Captain); Kathleen, Bill, Peggy H, and Bryan





# Whitehorse Key Cruise & Picnic - 10 May 2014

Though the day dawned calm, by 1030 three-foot seas built to make our run from Coon Key Light bumpy and a little bit wet. White Horse Key has become a popular roosting spot for sunburned, northern kayakers but they had apparently already departed on their annual migration north. They must have departed a week ago because there were enough new green sand spurs to keep us busy. For the return trip, Gullivan Bay worked itself into white caps confirming the forecast 15 knot winds but as they say “it was just another perfect day in paradise“.

**JUST US 11** Ted & Peggy Reiss, Bill Hughes & Peggy Harsch, Chuck & Mary Alice Wilson

**LUCKY DOG** Rhonda McAuliffe, Kathleen Reynolds, Jackie & Glenn Bray

**POGO TOO** Max & Tina Peterhans, our Cdr Carl & Sheila Thieme

**ANDY B** Andy Battaglia & Bryan Mordecai

**IRISH EYES** Jim & Teri O’Connell & Carol Einhart ➤ [Article by cruise captain, Bryan Mordecai, AP]



JN class practicing with sextant taking sights - Meridian Transit: Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN, Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP, and Lt/C Teri O’Connell, JN



Cdr Carl Thieme, SN & boats



Lucky Dog with Lt Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP at the helm, guests Jackie & Glenn Bray; 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP



5 boats, 19 people



Whitehorse Key . . . a great day in the sun and on the water !



Boats arriving and various forms of shade set up - cozy!



Unpacking gear & food from the boats.

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Tina Peterhans, P/C Andy B., SN & Sheila Thieme



Cdr Carl Thieme & P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN; (below) Jim O'Connell, P & P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN



P/C Andy Battaglia, SN & Bryan Mordecai, AP; (below) P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN



1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP with her sister & husband Glen & Jackie Bray; (below) Lt Peggy Harsch, Max Peterhans & Lt Rhonda Glodt, AP





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# MISPS receives Proclamation from City of Marco Island for National Safe Boating week, 17-23 May

Photo at right is City Council Chairman, Kenneth E. Honecker presenting the Safe Boating Week Proclamation to Cdr Carl Thieme, SN. Cdr Thieme also advised Mr. Honecker that MISPS offers boating classes and seminars open to the public and presently we are doing vessel safety examinations, for free as always, as a civic service and at the same time to talk to boaters about boat safety. 🛥



Photo by Steve Stefanides

## National Safe Boating Week May 17 - May 23, 2014

WHEREAS, on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States; approximately 71% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error of poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS, today's live jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Marco Island do hereby support the goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign, urge all those who boat to Wear It! and practice safe boating habits, and proclaim the week of May 17 through May 23, 2014 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

[Signed by Chairman of City Council, Kenneth E. Honecker & City Clerk, Laura Litzan]

**PROCLAMATION**



State of Florida  
Collier County  
City of Marco Island

*National Safe Boating Week  
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*DONE AND ORDERED* this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

  
Kenneth E. Honecker, Chairman

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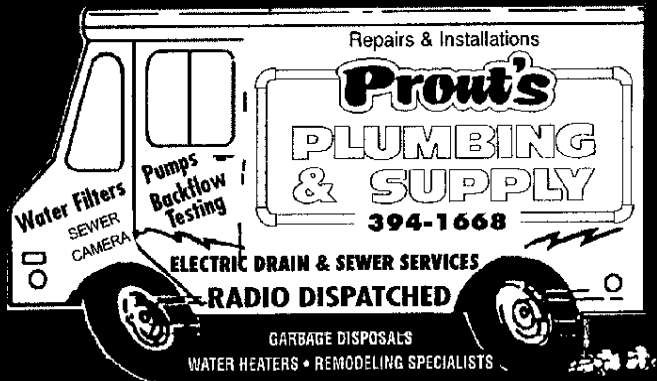


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**COMMANDER:** (continued from page 4)

potential cooperation with varying levels of manpower commitment required. We will meet again in early fall to establish priorities amongst these excellent ideas. Plans for implementation would then be developed recognizing the current full plate of activities underway in each organization. We look forward to working together to improve boating safety in the Ten Thousand Islands area.

Currently there is a considerable amount of construction underway in the building where MISPS's condo is located. They will be opening up a Bar & Grill eating facility on the first floor at the rear of the building facing Walker's Hideaway Marina. The bar and grill will be open for business starting at 1100. This will have a negative impact on the amount of parking spaces available for use by MISPS members, students taking our "Public Courses" and the rest of the business condo owners in the building. We will be monitoring the situation carefully and hopefully can work with the new tenants to alleviate inevitable parking issues.

Considerable progress has been made in several MISPS functions during 2014. The Vessel Safety Check Program, VSC Chair Lt Tom Ryan, S has already examined 236 vessels to date. Public Relations, chaired by Lt Moe Bishop, has been able to place numerous articles in the local media and has secured a MISPS Safe Boating Week Proclamation from the Marco Island City Council. (see p. 17)

Have a wonderful summer and wishing you all safe boating till we see you again in the September. 🌊

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**ECUCATION OFFICER:** (Continued from p. 6)

If you have trouble getting a MMSI number let me know. So for safety, first remember to turn on your VHF radio whenever you are underway. Second, get a MMSI number and install it in your VHF radio.

Third, if you have a GPS insure that it is electrically connected to your radio and that it too is turned on while underway. Several sources of information indicate that possibly 80% of the VHF radios are not properly configured! Let's change the statistics. 🌊

 **"CAPTAIN TED'S CORNER"**  
P/C Edward Reiss, SN-IN



1. The horizontal angle between the magnetic meridian and the north-south line of the magnetic compass is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. deviation
  - b. variation
  - c. compass error
  - d. dip
2. If the situation arose where it became necessary to tow a disabled vessel, which statement is TRUE concerning the towing line?
  - a. The towing line between the two vessels should be clear of the water.
  - b. The towing line should be taut at all times between the vessels.
  - c. There should be a catenary so the line dips into the water.
  - d. None of the above
3. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND  
In a crossing situation, a vessel fishing must keep out of the way of a vessel which is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. under sail
  - b. towing
  - c. restricted in her ability to maneuver
  - d. engaged in pilotage duty
4. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND  
When two vessels are in immediate danger of collision, the stand-on vessel must \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. abandon ship
  - b. assist in taking whatever action is necessary to avoid collision
  - c. hold course and speed
  - d. sound a distress signal

**SAFETY OFFICER:** (Continued from page 6)

In summary EPIRBs are somewhat like life insurance, you should not be upset if you have it but have not had a chance to use it. It certainly is preferable to not having one available when your chance of survival is at stake. So if you are heading offshore, as the Capitol One credit card advises, "Don't leave home without it". 🌊

ANSWERS: 1.a, 2.c, 3.c, 4.b

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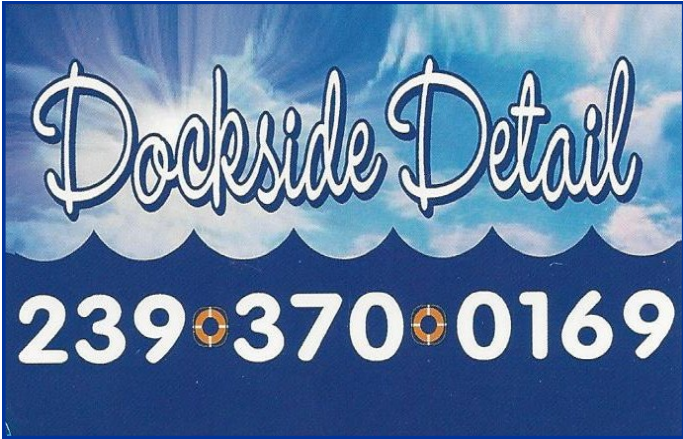
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**Wed @ CJ's**  
**28 May**

Our MISPS banner is prominently displayed for our fellowship gatherings. A notice was put into the newspapers that boaters are most welcome to join us at CJ's and learn about us and our squadron. We were pleased to see a few members that we haven't seen for



**Fountain at the Esplanade near the Gazebo**



**Barb & Sam Taylor with our MISPS banner mounted high!**



**Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN & Jim O'Connell, P**



**P/C Bob Richardson, P & Betty Richardson**



**Phillip Reid (our April speaker) & P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN**



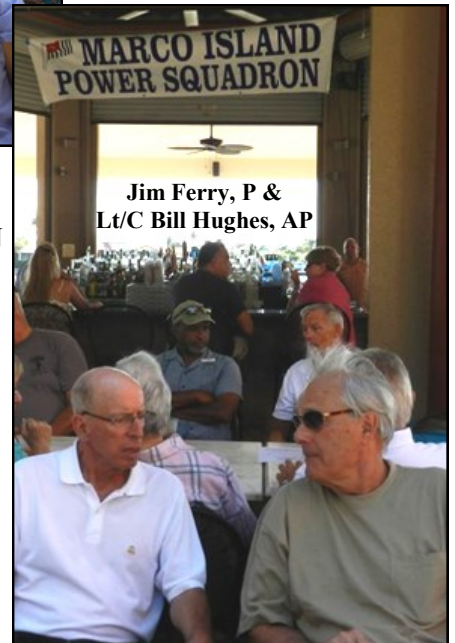
**Lt Bob Mueller, S & Phyllis Mueller (below) P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN & Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN**



**Lt Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP and Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP; (below) Dr. Elizabeth Dane & Lt Jack Walsh, JN**

awhile, with 26 members to enjoy a lovely evening.

Your editor was away on a trip to Norway, so I want to thank Tom Ryan for taking the photos.



**Jim Ferry, P & Lt/C Bill Hughes, AP**





**Wed @ CJ's**  
**11 JUNE**




**P/C Dick Braun, P and his friend Doris**

It was cloudy earlier in the day, which made the temperature a little cooler, that means under 90°, but the sun was out for the sunset over the Marina at the Esplanade and CJ's.

A lot of members are up north or traveling, so we were lucky to have nineteen members gather for nice libations and small talk. Andy B. was just back from three weeks in Norway, P/C Patricia Cavanagh, SN and her husband John were away in Ireland.

Earlier in the day, P/C Steve Moore, S and Bryan Mordecai, AP were fishing - see the story on page 23. A nice evening! 🍷



**Phyllis Mueller and Lt Bob Mueller, S**



**Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN and Lt Peggy Harsch**



**Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN and Lt Jim O'Connell, P**



**P/C Bob Richardson, P and Betty Richardson**



**P/C Steve Moore, S and Anne Moore, S**



**Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Arnette Hawkins, & Rudy Loffelmann**



**Bryan Mordecai, AP & P/C Andy Battaglia, SN**



**P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, and Troy Miles, S**



## ... Rescue at Sea ...

By Bryan Mordecai, AP

**DOWN TO ONE** Capt. Steve Moore, S (P/C) was detached from the fleet and researching the feeding habits of *Arius* species of Capri Pass, Florida when a cry from the masthead lookout startled the skipper into heightened awareness. "Deck Thar! Sail, two points off the starboard bow, sir". All eyes looked to starboard for a welcome distraction from the tedious task of catch and release. "Deck thar. Strange sail appears to be in irons, sir." Just as the crew was about to make snide remarks about inept would-be sailors, the single mast came down across the port ama of the small catamaran sweeping her crew of 3 over the side. It was only a minute or two before one of the 3 was seen standing amongst the wreckage waving his arms for attention. In the rising afternoon sea breeze they could be in serious trouble in the surf of Coconut Island or in Capri Pass channel.

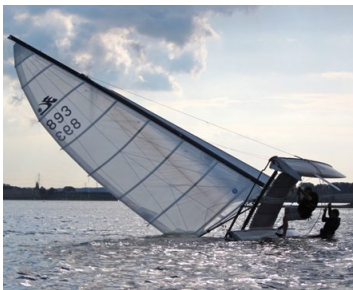
Captain Moore eased the two big engines into gear as the crew donned his life jacket. "Splice two of the lighter lines from the forward port locker together and stand by to pass the line". **DOWN TO ONE** was soon on plane heading for the still-waving crew scrambling to get aboard the jumble of sail, standing rigging, mainsheet and tramp.

"Is anyone injured? Do you have life jackets?"  
"No injuries. No life jackets".

The tallest of the three teenage boys took the tiller as the shortest caught the tow line and secured it to the now slack forestay yoke. Captain Moore eased into forward and **DOWN TO ONE** began the slow tow to Hideaway Beach.

The three teenagers were from Stockholm Sweden. They had launched the small *Hobie Cat* from Hideaway beach and were apparently unfamiliar with the small beach cat without a jib and had problems tacking. In trying to drive the boat through the tack, a stay parted and the mast came down.

The three embarrassed but very grateful sailors were abandoned on Hideaway to warp their boat along the beach to their launch point after promising not to venture out again without life jackets. 🚤



(photo from Internet)

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I found that Avalon Waterways has comparable or better ships, better prices (group rates), and bigger rooms, than Viking Cruises. So, I contacted Avalon and received the following: They will give us a "free ticket" for the 10<sup>th</sup> person who books and pays the \$250 non-refundable deposit by August 24. For example, for the 12 day land/cruise on the Avalon 'Panorama' starting June 17, 2015 in Budapest, the base rate is \$4039 per person or \$3635 per person for a group of ten. In addition, they are offering each person a \$500 discount on this specific cruise if booked by August 24, 2014. The cruise package starts with 2 days in a nice hotel in Budapest and includes a guided sightseeing tour on the 2nd day. We board the ship on day 3 and arrive in Vienna on day 4. We continue down the river making stops along the way, arriving in Nuremberg, Germany on day 10. From there we travel by motor coach to Prague where 3 nights lodging is included as well as the services of a local guide. The vacation ends with breakfast the morning of day 13. I can send an email providing more details, please contact me.

Please note that airfare is not included. The cruise line will not have rates until 50 days from now but their best guess is approximately \$1500 round trip from Ft. Myers or Miami. Also note that they will add \$147 in port charges as well as some cabin upgrade charges. The hotel stays include breakfast but not lunch or dinner.

I hope that most of you are still interested and will sign up. It should be an interesting and enjoyable experience. 🚤

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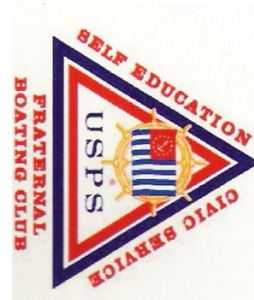
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