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Coming Events 2014 - 2015

06 Dec	Marco Island Christmas Boat Parade	----	p. 07
09 Dec	Ladies Lunch at the Red Rooster	1130	p. 05
10 Dec	Executive Board Meeting at MISPS condo	0900	----
13 Dec	Marco Island Christmas Street Parade	1800	p. 07
14 Dec	Squadron Holiday Party at Kretch's	1800	Flyer
17 Dec	Captain's Meeting at CJ's - NOTE: ** 3rd Wed. of the month**	1700	p. 03
<u>2015</u>			
13 Jan	Ladies Lunch - Doreen's Cup of Joe	1130	p. 19
14 Jan	Executive Board Meeting at MISPS condo	0900	----
14 Jan	General Membership Meeting ... Shipp's Landing ...	1700	p. 23
16 Jan	Cruise and Lunch at the Old Marco Lodge in Goodland	1200	p. 03
23 Jan	WINE & HORS D'OEUVRES FUNDRAISER	1700	----
28 Jan	Captain's Meeting at CJ's - NOTE: ** 4th Wed. of the month**	1700	p. 03

10 Feb	Ladies Lunch - TBA	1130	p. 07
11 Feb	Executive Board Meeting at MISPS condo	0900	----
11 Feb	Change of Watch - the Marco Princess	1630	p. 04
20 Feb	Cruise and Lunch at CJ's at the Esplanade, Smokehouse Bay	1200	----
25 Feb	Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade	1700	p. 03



*Captain's Meeting at CJ's
Gazebo Bar at 1700
3rd Wednesday of the
month for DEC!*

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Old Marco Lodge
in Goodland - Cruise and Lunch
16 January 2015 at noon

For Lunch Call: *Lt Peggy Harsch at 394-3484*
Or Email: pegnbill1@comcast.net

By boat call Cruise Captain:
Richard Kelso, AP at 970-0396





**COMMANDER
CARL W. THIEME, SN**

Greetings! December is going to be a busy month at MISPS. Planning for our Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres fundraising event set for 23 January 2015 is now getting into full gear. One of the most important things to remember is that our squadron members have generously donated almost half of the silent auction items in previous years. This is our one and only fundraiser of the year. Give some thought about what you may be able to donate to help the squadron raise the funds necessary to accomplish its safe boating mission. In addition you will be receiving tickets for the big fundraiser. Please do not send the tickets back! We expect all members to support this event by attending and/or selling additional tickets to friends, neighbors and others. Let's set a new standard for our fundraising efforts.



Another event is the Marco Island Christmas Street Parade. The parade will be held on 13 December 2014. Walker Marine has again generously donated the boat. We have an initial list of people who have volunteered, at the November MISPS dinner meeting, to decorate the boat and to march in the parade. We need more volunteers! This parade is a celebration and a public relations event for our squadron. Let's make sure the squadron is well represented.

Our annual Christmas Party will again be held at Kretch's. This has traditionally been one of the best events of the year. The party is 14 December 2014 and will start at 1800. The sign up sheet and party details are enclosed as a flyer in this issue of *The Eagle's Eye*. Let's have a large turnout for this festive occasion.

I hope everyone has a chance to stop over at the MISPS Condo and see the continuing improvements to the facility. We now have all the Five Star awards mounted on the wall in the entranceway. The mirror has been removed and we have several new light fixtures in the ceiling. We are now starting to initiate plans to renovate the bathroom and eventually install new carpeting to support the nautical theme we are creating at the condo.

At our November meeting, the Executive Committee discussed and decided to move the Change of Watch

ceremony and dinner to a new venue. The Marco Princess will be the new setting for the COW on 11 February 2015. The ceremony will include a buffet dinner served during a sunset cruise. Reserve the date on your calendar now.

Speaking of squadron dinners, Kretch's served one of the best Thanksgiving dinners I have had in a long time at our November meeting. The location and quality of meals is meeting our highest expectations since we decided on the new Shipp's Landing venue. I want to thank Lt Cliff Winings, SN and his wife Joyce for sponsoring us at the Shipp's Landing condo facility.


Finally, the USPS annual meeting is being held in Jacksonville, Florida on the 21st to 24th January 2015, the same weekend as our annual fundraiser. If you are interested in going please call me and I will send you all the details.

Wishing all of you a happy Holiday Season!!

Save the Date
11 February 2015
For the

**CHANGE OF WATCH
and DINNER**
**watching the sunset
aboard the
Marco Princess**
**[dressy-casual attire
uniforms optional]**

(look for information next month)





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

What more could you want for December weather?? Cool nights, warm sunny days with glorious blue skies, and just enough of a breeze. Our doors and windows are open to embrace the days. As Lt Bob Mueller, S told me, you don't have to shovel sunshine.



I know it's not my area, but wasn't our Thanksgiving Dinner meeting terrific? For those who couldn't make it you missed a wonderful dinner and great speaker. Hope you can come to the Christmas Party and enjoy Kretch's food and MISPS fellowship.

Did you see the picture and article featuring Barb, S and Sam Taylor, S and Lt Juanita, S and P/C Owen Henning, AP in the Marco Eagle? The Hennings donated charts and the Taylors had Barry Howe frame them for the condo. The condo is often the first impression of the Squadron for the public who attend the ABC class. Publicity helps keep MISPS in the community's eye. We will continue to place ads and notices so Marco folks will know who we are and our mission of Education, Civic Service, and Fellowship.

The Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres fund-raiser is gearing up for the January event. Please help!! I took a look at the numbers from the 2014 event and we had over 67 people contribute time and effort to make it a success. The hours worked were tremendous. We can't do it without **YOU!** Contact Lt Peggy Harsch with your offers to help.

I am proud to announce that the VSC gang has inspected the largest number of boats ever for MISPS. We are just shy of some 300 boats and neck and neck for the number 2 spot in District 22. So far, out of over 400 Squadrons in 35 Districts, we are in the top 20 squadrons with most boats inspected. Congratulations to Lt Tom Ryan, S and his crew.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year to all. Be safe in your travels this season and remember to count your blessings. 🍀



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

December brings at least three 'Christmasy' events in which MISPS members can participate. On Saturday evening, 6 December, there is an in-water boat parade. Contact the Cruise Captain for this event Lt Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP if you wish to join in a raft-up near the Esplanade to view the parade of decorated boats after sunset.



On Saturday, 13 December is the Marco Christmas Street Parade in which MISPS will march along side a nicely decorated boat. Walker Marine is supplying the boat, trailer and driver. We will decorate the boat the morning of the parade so call Commander Carl Thieme, SN to volunteer your help.

Lastly, the squadron Christmas Dinner and Party is being held Sunday 14 December at 1800 at Kretch's where the restaurant is opened just for us. Last year the food was outstanding. See the flyer in this issue of *The Eagle's Eye* to sign up.

Our next regular dinner meeting will be 14 January at Shipp's Landing. The speaker will be Chris De Beers, a Marco resident who recently climbed Mt. Everest. At 29,029 feet, it is the highest mountain in the world. He also has climbed the tallest peaks in six other continents. Thanks to Lt Alan Epstein, S for arranging another very interesting speaker.

Lt Peggy Harsch continues to arrange our regular events for us with a Ladies Lunch on 9 December and a CJ's Captain's Meeting on 17 December. Don't forget to call her to sign up.

Our membership has increased with the most recent additions of Jim and Pat Mogan (who reside in Marco as well as Vermont) Cynthia Corrigan (full time resident), Joe and Hope Mena, Joe (Nancy) Fritz, and assoc. member Ray (Debbie) Boller. 🍀

(See new member list on enclosed flyer.)

Ladies Lunch: Tue., 9 Dec. 2014 at 1130



**1821 San Marco Road,
Shops of Marco**

RSVP to Lt Peggy Harsch @ 394-3484



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

The education program is in full swing. The October and November America's Boating Course each had 11 students. On-the-water training was a big success and very much appreciated by students (see p. 9). My goal is to slowly integrate more boat handling features into these outings.



To date our squadron has 55 members who have not taken the SEAMANSHIP course. This course will be taught by Lt Bob Belliveau, SN, starting on 1 Dec. 2014. He is anxious to pass on his decades of safe boating knowledge. Please let me know of your interest. The SEAMANSHIP course goes into depth on topics such as: Before You Go; How to Maneuver a Boat, single or twin screw; Docking; Situations while Underway; Anchoring and Mooring; your favorite Marlinpike; and much more. This class will also have an option for on-the-water training. This course can benefit skippers as well as passengers.

On the 2nd and 3rd of December is a seminar on How to Use a Chart and GPS taught by P/C Jim Olmes, SN, and Cdr Carl Thieme, SN. Great chance to understand and use reliable, up-to-date paper charts as well as their electronic counterparts. Again, let me know your interest.

A new opportunity for MISPS is the use of a *computer controlled boat simulator*. This system consists of three screens showing the bow, port and starboard views, a steering wheel, throttle, gear shift and trim tabs. There are ten different situations you can practice without penalty of damaging a boat. Even if you run aground the simulated boat will just slow down and proceed back to deep water. MISPS will have the simulator from the 5th to the 8th of February. No cost! Let me know when during those days you would like to use the system. It seemed to me when I used it at the District 22 Conference that about 30 minutes would be a reasonable time to demonstrate your skills doing all ten situations. First come, first scheduled.

The complete education schedule for the courses and seminars is on our web page and on page 17 of *The Eagle's Eye*. Please check which topics you would like to attend or what other subjects are of interest. If you are interested in something please let me know early so I can order the needed student manuals.

In the meantime, strive to get educated, go boating and be safe. 🦅



SAFETY OFFICER
LT JACK WALSH, N

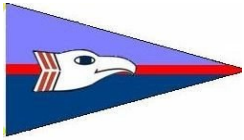
Murphy was a Boater! No one expects to go boating and to encounter adverse conditions and emergencies, but adverse conditions and emergencies happen when you least expect them. In spite of the best planning and preparation, you will at some point encounter unexpected bad weather, restricted visibility, or unpleasant situations such as running out of fuel, grounding, or needing to be towed. As Murphy's Law dictates when things go wrong they will do so at the worst possible time. Unfortunately, emergency situations or changes in weather are facts of life. If conditions are dangerous or you must work on deck, use a tether and jack line. While underway, do not allow passengers to stand in small boats or sit on fore-decks, gunwales, engine boxes, seat backs, or transoms. Deck-gripping shoes are the best footwear; bare feet have very poor traction.



Fire on a boat is a serious matter. On a boat, there is nowhere to go except into the water. Most fires are preventable. Stay aware and immediately correct any condition that may cause a fire. Close all hatches before fueling; ground your fuel line nozzle against the fill pipe to eliminate static sparks. Check the bilge frequently. The bilge, lowest point in the vessel, is the collection place for spilled liquids, flammable material and fumes. Keep it clean and free of fumes. Store dinghy fuel and propane so they have plenty of ventilation; it is best to store them topside. Regularly check your fuel system for leaks and inspect electrical wiring. Repair any bare wires or loose electrical connections to prevent a spark from igniting fuel vapors. If you carry charcoal on your boat be careful; if allowed to get damp, it can ignite from spontaneous combustion. In case of fire, your first considerations must be persons on board. Since there is so much flammable material on a boat, your first thought should be the safety of the passengers and crew. If the fire is near engines and fuel, you should consider getting off the boat with PFDs as soon as possible.

Follow these steps if fire breaks: Immediately place a Mayday call to the Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16 or using Digital Selective Calling (DSC). You can always notify the Coast Guard later if a Mayday situation no longer exists. Turn off all fuel supplies: engine, galley stove, heaters. Disconnect all sources of electrical power. Immediately get the people off your boat and as far away as possible in case of an explosion.

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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
06 Dec.	Raft-up for Boat Parade, Smokehouse Bay	Lt Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt (402) 216-3326 rhondamarco@gmail.com	
13 Dec	Marco Island Christmas Street Parade	Cdr Carl Thieme, SN ThiemeCRI@aol.com	970-2177
2015			
16 Jan. 2015	Cruise/Lunch at Old Marco Lodge, Goodland**	Richard Kelso, AP rimokelso@sympatico.ca	970-0396
20 Feb. 2015	Cruise & Lunch at CJ's at the Esplanade**	Lt Roy Sander, AP roymsander@gmail.com	314-550-0416




"Ladies Luncheon" 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1130

Order off the menu 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.

"Hand & Foot" Card Game

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Howard Clement
Lt Joyce Epstein
Elizabeth Fahrbach, P
Karl "Bud" Mallard, S
Gerry Marks, P
John Sharkey
James Strosnider
Jerry Williams, S
Lori Williams, S

[If we missed you, please let me know]

Wed @ CJ's 29 Oct



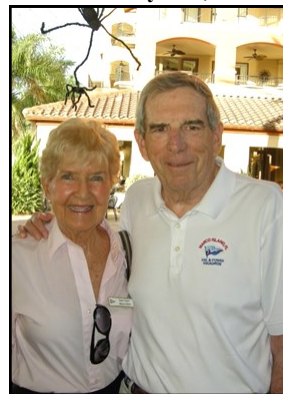
Ready for Halloween:
Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN &
P/C Andy Battaglia, SN



Lt Mary Kayhart &
Lt Bill Kayhart, P



P/C Lee Harkness, AP, Cdr Carl Thieme, SN,
Lt Sheila Thieme & 1/Lt Dorothy Harkness, S



Barbara Taylor, S and
Sam Taylor, S



Marci Meyer, P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN and
Bob Meyer ... he's the son of a founding
MISPS member C. R. Meyer who had his
75th Wedding Anniv. 14 Oct. (see Oct. EE)



New members Pat & Jim Mogan with Mbr.
Chair Lt Sara McFadden & Mike McFadden



Troy Miles, S with his guide
dog & Lt Jim O'Connell, P



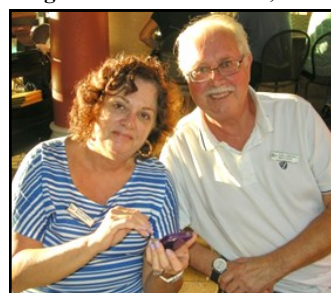
P/C John Noffze, S
& Beverly Noffze

October finds more snowbirds
have returned to our "paradise"
with 35 at CJ's Captain's
Meeting. Pat and Jim Mogan
who just moved here from VT
submitted their new member
application. We were very
pleased to meet guests Bob and
Marci Meyer (see photo).



Sheila Miles
brought a
birthday cake
for Lt/C Teri
O'Connell, JN

Yummy!



Arnette Hawkins &
Rudy Loffelmann



Lt Tom Ryan, S, Lt Peggy Harsch, Ann
Marie Ryan, and Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN



Lt Bob Mueller, S, Dave Dumas,
and Bryan Mordecai, AP

Boat Around Marco

ABC basic boating course
On-the-water training



Boat captain Lt Nick Rago, AP getting instructions from SEO P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN with class on dock putting on preservers



Nick's 1st mate, Debbie Rago, boat captain Lt Bob Mueller, S getting guide sheets from event leader P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN



Gorgeous first part of fall weather for the "Boat Around Marco"; here's Ted giving students instructions on dock of the Esplanade



New members Joanna and Bill Kohut, who just passed the ABC course, in boat front; Nick on right with "fanny-pack" life preserver



Marco Cat with Cdr Carl Thieme, SN at helm and Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN as guide with several students on boat. The 3 captains - Lt Bob Mueller, S (Bud Mallard, S as his "guide"), Lt Nick Rago, AP and Cdr Carl Thieme, SN followed one another at a short distance.

The 25th of October was a great day for the ABC class graduates to do our famous "Boat Around Marco" learning cruise. It started with a boat briefing pre-departure checklist by each of the captains on the squadron member's boats. We took the class out to the junction buoy at the mouth of Marco River to show them the many ATONs out there. The marker changes were stressed as we went under the Jolley Bridge and the folks were quizzed about it. We talked about safety, identified stand-on vs. give-way, use of appropriate sound signal situations as examples occurred; pointed out the restricted area by the bird sanctuary islands, the "no wake" area after the Jolley Bridge, the measured mile, how the water is deeper on the outside of the curves as we proceeded through the mangroves to Goodland, and pointed out the numerous shallow places outside the channel. We turned around at Coon Key due to the windy weather and found an area for demonstrating the setting and retrieving of the anchor. Excellent day! 🌟 (Text by Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN)

District 22 Fall Cruise & Rendezvous in Ruskin, FL

Article and photos by Cdr Carl Thieme, SN



The District 22 Cruise and Rendezvous was held at the Little Harbor Marina, in Ruskin, FL from 6 to 8 Nov. The event was planned as a fun weekend with a variety of games and contests all with some relationship to boating. There is a nautical quiz—luckily they don't disclose the scores testing your boating knowledge. An example of one nautical event is the line throwing contest. The object of the contest is to throw a line 25 feet and get the line over a field goal type stand. The closer you get to the center of the two upright poles the higher the score. Many people never got the line over and or between the field goal stand usually heaving the line either short of, or to the left or right of the goal posts. There were ten nautical contests you had to complete within three hours. There were plenty of cocktail parties and two dinners to round out the event.



Cdr Thieme, SN

Hopefully the event will be scheduled closer to Marco Island next year. Ruskin is a 2 ½ hour drive! The 4 MISPS members attending were P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN and Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Cdr Carl Thieme, SN and Lt Sheila Thieme. 🏆



The nautical games . . .



Our squadron doing the "line toss" - P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, and Lt Sheila Thieme

Civic and Humanitarian Service USPS D/20 & D/22 participate

This year's trip to El Salvador (Global Village) was again sponsored by Thrivent Financial and Habitat for Humanity. I felt so rewarded by being able to help our fellow man last year that this year I brought my granddaughters Brittany Trenker (25) and Taylor Tedesco (18) along for this experience. My cousin Dale Arnold, P from Waukegan Squadron, IL (D/20) and his wife Andy were the leaders for our group of twenty. Our project was to work on building homes at 3 sites. Everything is done by hand, as the only power tool was a saw to cut block. We sifted sand separating fine for mixing mezcla (mortar) and stones to be used later for sidewalks. Chispa (cement with small gravel) was mixed right on the ground and used to fill the concrete blocks. Buckets filled with cement and long branch handles were used for tamping down the sand before concrete (many wheelbarrows full) floors were poured. We used the mezcla for between the blocks which were laid perfectly by string lines and a plumb by the master mason. The mason has a helper and someone from the family must have "sweat equity" doing their approximately 450-sq. ft. home. One man in our group on his first trip remarked, "I've never worked so hard in my life", but he was satisfied he could help.

The families were so warm, friendly and happy that we were there. Lunch and snacks were prepared by the village co-op and brought by women after a 15 minute walk to the site with bundles carried on their head. We enjoyed the local cuisine and fresh fruit for snacks. The view from our work site was most picturesque with the volcanic mountains (small steam vents could be seen) and the geothermal plant using heat from lava for energy.

Time for fun also. One afternoon we took a tour of a coffee factory ... what a long process! Workers sometimes carry 100 lbs. sacks of coffee on their backs to pile up in warehouse to ceiling ... \$6.00 per day. I really appreciate that cup of "joe" now. Last day was at a fantastic resort with pools, animals to see, kayaks, restaurants and the Pacific Ocean. Baby turtles were released. Very hard work, but wonderful camaraderie with locals, workers and our volunteers made for a gratifying endeavor. My granddaughters, blisters and all, want to go again next year! 🐢

By P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN



Andrea, Taylor, Brittany, Dale & Andy



Eduardo (will be his house) & Taylor



(start pic. above) house when we left



Brittany and Taylor sifting sand



Brittany, Dale & Megan mixing chispa



Taylor, Brittany and Grandma at site



Andrea, Taylor, Brit & Dale - tamping



Taylor & Brittany duck tape for blisters



Geothermal plant; steam vent

Wed @ CJ's 19 November



**Charlie Gentry, JN and
Cdr Carl Thieme, SN**

Here we are all bundled up for the cold front that came through! Note the nice heaters in background of some photos, which kept us comfortable. Near 60° is terrible for us, but think of the unfortunate people up north getting many feet of snow and below freezing temps! Twenty-six met at CJ's for socializing and meeting potential new members. ABC basic boating students were invited to join us, but the boat-around scheduled for Wed. morning was postponed due to weather. P/C Steve and Anne Moore, S were just back from their trip to China and other places ... interesting. We were happy to welcome our new associate member Ray Boller and his wife Debbie



**Barbara Taylor, S, Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN,
Lt Mary Kayhart, and Bill Kayhart, S**



**Lt Sheila Thieme, Lt Rhonda
McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP, and Marji Gentry**

from Waukegan, IL Squadron. There was talk about the up-coming Wine and Hors d'oeuvre fundraiser, jobs to be filled and I was pleased to see the enthusiasm building for the event. Cool, but everyone had a good time. 🍷



**Jean & Sean McLaughlin ... interested in
membership and Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP**



**P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN and
Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN**



**Pat Jansen and
P/C Alfred Jansen, AP**



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



**Lt Sara McFadden, Mike McFadden &
new Assoc. Mbr, (Debbie) and Ray Boller**



**Bryan Mordecai, AP and
P/C Andy Battaglia, SN (LM)**

Cruise & Lunch to Everglades City

Eight boats were signed up to cruise to Everglades City on 22 Nov., but due to small craft warnings, boating was cancelled. Thirty-seven members did go by car to the historic Rod and Gun Club for lunch. The food was very good, and the lengthy time before its arrival gave us ample time for visiting. The setting was picturesque with the river flowing by and a few air boats could be seen and heard. Weather was windy and cloudy, but much warmer than on Wed.; just as we were leaving it started to sprinkle. Nice event! 🌧️



Joanna and Bill Kohut



Linda and Jay Fernandes



Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN & Lori Williams, S



Bryan Mordecai, AP & P/C Andy Battaglia, SN (LM)



P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN & Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN

Rod & Gun Club



Lt Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP & Kathleen Reynolds, AP



Lt Jim O'Connell, S & Jerry Williams, S



Maurice Breasnhan, Cdr Carl Thieme, SN & Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP



Barbara Taylor, S & Sam Taylor, S



Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN & Lt Peggy Harsch



New Assoc. mbr. Ray Boller, Lt Sheila Thieme and new member Pat Mogan



Sheila Miles & son Troy Miles, S



Anna Moore (Mom), P/C Steve Moore, S & Anne Moore, S



New member Jim Mogan & Debbie Boller

12 Nov 2014 Dinner Meeting



Cdr Carl Thieme, SN presenting a plaque in recognition of 50-year membership to Bernard Blutfeld, P and a 50-year pin



Dinner-meeting speaker Chris Desmond, "The Dolphin Explorer" - finest eco-tour in SW FL & Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN



Lt Cliff Winings, SN and Joyce Winnings - meeting hosts

November is the annual meeting for our elections. Secretary Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP read the slate and the members voted unanimously in favor. The Executive board members gave their reports, upcoming events were announced, and Lt Peggy Harsch gave a pep talk on our only annual fundraiser for member participation. Commander Carl Thieme, SN presented a 50-year membership plaque and pin to Bernard Blutfeld, P. [Note: I (Andy B.) have known Bernie and his wife Rita since 1971. We were members of the Watchung Squadron in NJ before moving to Marco.] An excellent "Thanksgiving" dinner was prepared by Kretch's ... really delicious. After dinner our speaker told us all about coastal dolphins. A quote from our Commander "Chris Desmond, leader of the Dolphin Explorer's Ten Thousand Island Dolphin Project gave one of the most interesting presentations on our unique bottlenose dolphin population in Marco. The most interesting fact about the dolphins is their ability to shut down one half of their brains so they can sleep but still be alert to potential danger ... just amazing!" We thank Lt Cliff Winings, SN and his wife Joyce for sponsoring the club room at Shipp's Landing for our dinner meeting. Fifty-four attended a great meeting. 🐬



Bob and Linette Noffsinger members from Colorado & Marco



P/C John Krehbiel, SN (LM) and Lt Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP Administrative Officer-Elect



Lori Williams, S Assist. Secretary Elect and Jerry Williams, S



P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN (SEO), Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN and P/C Tippy Cavanaugh, SN



**Sam Taylor, S, Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN
and Barbara Taylor
... enjoying player-piano music**



**Lt Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP,
Commander Carl Thieme, SN
and Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP**



**Pat Jansen and
P/C Albert Jansen, AP**



**Lt Sheila Thieme, Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN,
Debbie Rago & Lt Nick Rago, AP
(Debbie & Nick run the 50/50)**



**Our "Sunshine" lady - Lt Juanita
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**Judith & Bud Mallard with
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**Lt Sara McFadden, Membership
Chair and Mike McFadden**



**Marji Gentry,
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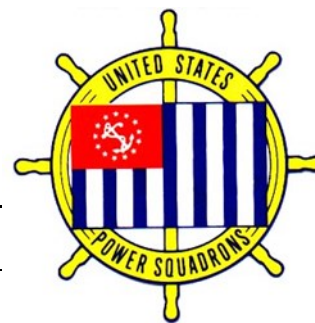
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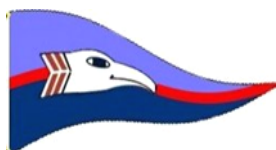


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SEAMANSHIP	M & TH	1800	FEB 3	8	LT BOB BELLIVEAU, SN 239-393-2133
PILOTING	TU	0930	JAN 20	9	P/C LEE HARKNESS, AP 239-642-3575
ADVANCED PILOTING	WED	1300	JAN 21	10	P/C TED REISS, SN-IN 239-213-8722
JUNIOR NAVIGATION	TU	1300	JAN 20	12	P/C TIPPY CAVANAGH, SN 239-393-9158

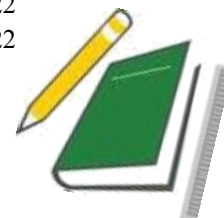
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ENGINE MAINTENANCE	TH	1300	FEB 5	8	LT TONY SIMMS, P 239-642-3083

<u>SEMINAR</u>					
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CHARTING/GPS	TU & WED	1800	JAN 20	2	P/C JIM OLMES, SN 239-394-5415 & CDR CARL THIEME, SN
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PADDLE SMART	TH	1800	FEB 19	1	Lt/C PEGGY REISS, JN-IN 239-213-8686
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Donations for the Raffle and the Silent Auction are beginning to come in. So far, we have received some sports memorabilia, cookware, movie tickets, Everblades tickets and gift certificates for restaurants and auto repair. We need many more items so please consider signing up with Arnette Hawkins and give her the name of the businesses that you plan to visit. As usual, we make a special effort to avoid duplicate visits to the same business. It is important for you to report all the items that you have received so that we can enter them on our list.

Your four tickets for the event will be distributed on 14 December at the Christmas party at Kretch's. If you can't be there, the tickets will be mailed to you. Please make a special effort to sell or pay for all four of the tickets and to request more to sell. This is our most important event and the money that we receive is a major part of the funding that is needed to cover the squadron's education program and the condo expense. Spread the word and help us make this year's party the best ever.

Finally, don't forget your food donation. We all know about the wonderful spread of hors d'oeuvres and desserts that we have had in prior years. The food and wine plus the raffle and silent auction are what sell the tickets!

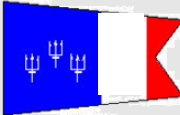
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ANSWERS: 1. D, 2. A, 3. A, 4. A



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



- BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND** Two vessels are in an overtaking situation. Which of the lights on the overtaken vessel will the overtaking vessel see?
 - Two masthead lights
 - One masthead light and a sidelight
 - Both sidelights
 - Stern light only
- Oil fires are best extinguished by _____.
 - cutting off the supply of oxygen
 - removing the fuel
 - cooling below the ignition temperature
 - spraying with water
- You are operating a twin-screw vessel and lose your port engine. You continue to operate on your starboard engine only. Which action would you take to move your vessel ahead in a straight line?
 - Compensate with right rudder.
 - Compensate with left rudder.
 - Surge the starboard engine.
 - Rudder amidships - no compensation is necessary on a twin-screw vessel.
- In the Northern Hemisphere, if your vessel is in a hurricane's navigable semicircle it should be positioned with the wind on the _____.
 - starboard quarter, hold course and make as much speed as possible
 - port bow, hold course and make as much speed as possible until the hurricane has passed
 - port quarter, maintain course and make as much speed as possible
 - starboard bow and heave to until the hurricane has passed



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P/C Owen Henning, AP long time VSC Examiner and VSC Educational Officer now retiring



P/C Lee Harkness, AP consistently did many VSC exams every year ... now retiring!



Rudi Landwaard, JN (who did 50 VSC's this year!!) with P/C Lee Harkness, AP

I want to thank all of our Vessel Safety Examiners for the fantastic job that they did this year. Not only have we exceeded our targets, but our squadron is in in the top 3 of all squadrons in our District. District 22 covers all of western Florida Crystal River south – that’s a lot of boats. Congratulations Team.

This year we had five new examiners: Jim Fahrbach, AP, Max Peterhans, P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, Marty Wilhelm, AP and P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN. The new guys hit the road running and conducted over 80 inspections! On the other end, two of our most experienced team members have decided to retire. Both P/C Owen Henning, AP and P/C Lee Harkness, AP have been the backbone and the anchor of our team for a number of years. They built the team and trained all of us. We greatly appreciate all that they have done. We will continue to look to them as our “Inspectors Emeritus” for their advice and expertise. Right now we have completed VSC’s on 285 boats, we are just shy of 300 boats and in a tight race for the second place in the District. The team has done a great record-setting job for MISPS. A special compliment goes to Rudi Landwaard, JN who examined 50 boats!

This year the entire squadron helped this effort. Every operational boat in our fleet has been examined. This most certainly says a lot about us; we teach boat safety and we practice it. Congratulations to the entire squadron, we’ve had a banner year! 🚤

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Thanks & congratulations to our VSC Examiners:

- Lt Tom Ryan, S, Chair
- Lt Alan Epstein, S
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- Cdr Carl Thieme, SN
- P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN
- Dave Dumas
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