

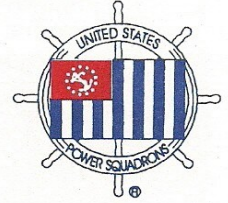


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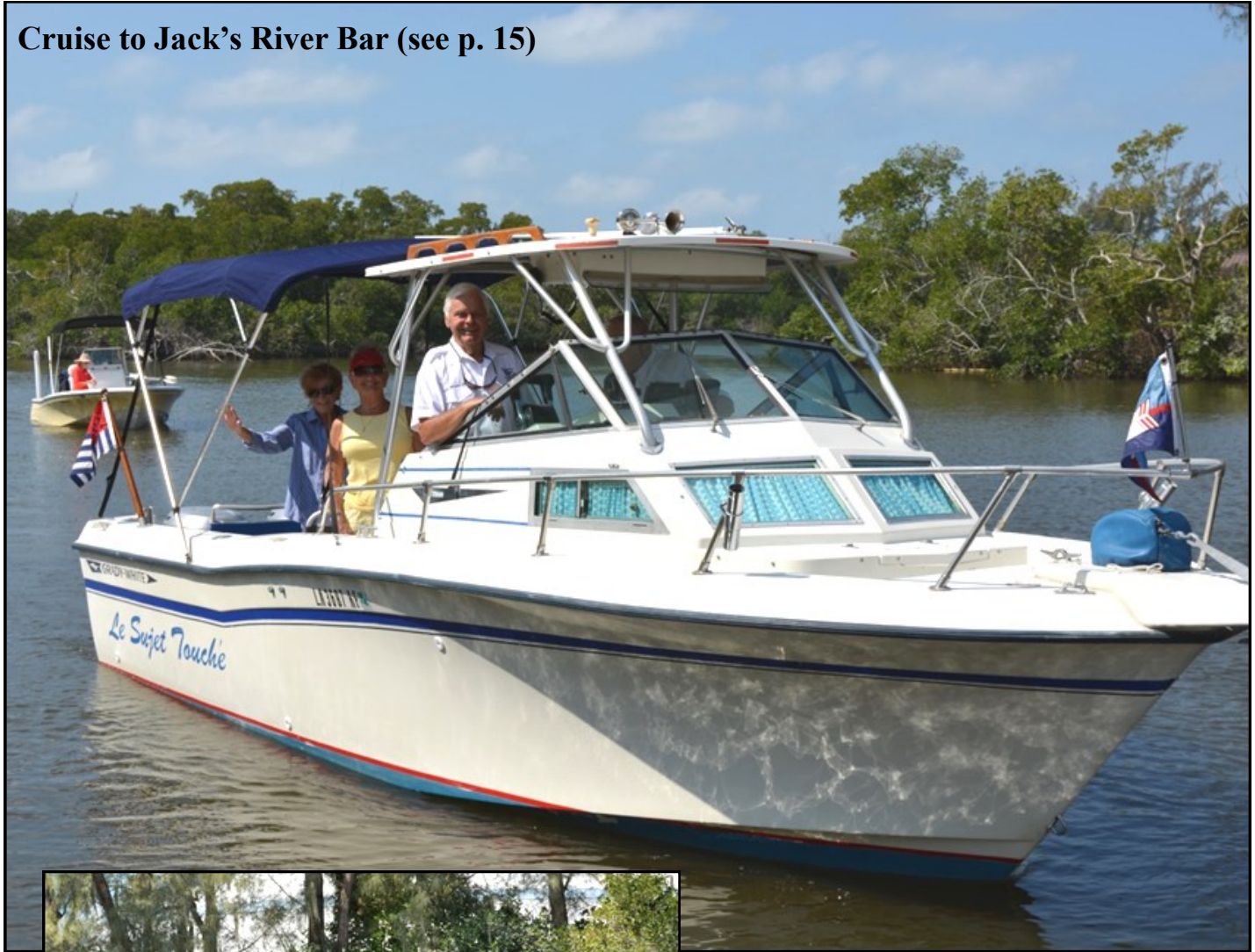


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Cruise to Jack's River Bar (see p. 15)



P/Lt/C's Chuck & Mary Alice Wilson, JN

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Coming Events 2015

08 Apr	Executive Board Meeting at MISPS condo	0900	_____
08 Apr	General Membership Meeting ... Shipp's Landing ... Captain Robert Corriveau - How the Civil Air Patrol does have our "back"	1700	(Flyer)
11 Apr	Cruise via the Key West Express to Key West	0730	p. 17
14 Apr	Ladies Lunch at Su's Garden Restaurant	1130	p. 17
17-18 Apr	District 22 Spring Conference at Sheraton Tampa East, Tampa, FL		p. 04
24 Apr	Cruise and Lunch to Island Gypsy in Isles of Capri	1200	p. 07
29 Apr	Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04
30 Apr to 1 May	Cruise & Raft-up at Panther Key, BYOE (overnight optional)	1100	p. 03

09 May	Cruise & Picnic at Whitehorse Key	1100	p. 07
12 May	Ladies Lunch	1130	p. 09
13 May	Executive Board Meeting at MISPS condo	0900	_____
13 May	Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade [Start off-season 2nd Wednesday of the month for the summer]	1700	p. 19
27 May	Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade	1700	p. 19
30 May	Cruise & Lunch at Port of the Isles—Optional Overnight		p. 07

09 Jun	Ladies Lunch	1130	p. 09
10 Jun	Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04
13 Jun	Cruise & Picnic at Cape Romano (BYOE)	1100	p. 07
19 Jun	Dinner at Eurasia	1800	
24 Jun	Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04

07 Jul	Ladies Lunch	1130	p. 09
08 Jul	Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04
17 Jul	Cruise and Lunch at Three60 Market	1200	p. 07
24 Jul	Cruise & Picnic at Coconut Island	1100	p. 07
29 Jul	Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade	1700	p. 04



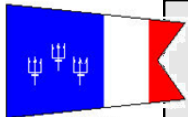
CRUISE & RAFT-UP AT PANTHER KEY

30 April at 1100 & 1 May 2015 [optional overnight "on the hook"]

Cruise Captain: Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP (239) 207-4323

BYOE [Bring your own everything]

Come ... join in the fun on your boat, or call Carol and ride on another boat!



THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
P/C Andrea K. Battaglia, SN

I was so pleased to get a message left on my answering machine from P/D/C Bob Zimmerman, SN the National Judge of Publications for Districts 22 & 32 Squadrons, who said the March issue of *The Eagle's Eye* received a 15+ (highest being 15)! I want to thank those who provided photos and information while I was on a trip to Arizona in February. I mail out the reminder post cards, so if you won't be on Marco some months, please email and let me (see page 2) know the correct address for you.



Happy boating! 🚤



COMMANDER
Peggy Reiss, JN-IN

A month in office already! I've never had a calendar fill up so quickly. The District 22 Spring Conference is upon us—the 17th to 19th of this month. At last count 14 squadron members plan to attend giving us 13 delegates, 9 with four alternates. This is a substantial increase over the last conference when we could not even get the required 9 voting delegates. Thank you all! The invitation is open to all squadron members to take advantage of the many roundtable discussions being presented on Saturday. Fun is always part of D-22 Conferences and this year is no exception with “Derby” races Friday night. Come to meet other people from the 18 squadrons that make up District 22. Info is on our website.



Five of our squadron members are participating in offices/committees at the district level following the D-22 Change of Watch on 18 April: P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN—District Assistant Treasurer; Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP—District Assistant Secretary (2nd of 3 year term); P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN—District Inland & Coastal Navigation Chairman; Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN—District Awards Committee; Dave Dumas—District Legislative Liaison; Congratulations to all for going the extra mile.

Special congratulations go out to Lts Joyce and Alan Epstein on winning the Spring 2015 Photo Contest for the USPS National Publication *The Ensign*. As a result, they won a 7 day cruise. See the picture and article in this issue of *The Eagle's Eye* on page 19.

MISPS condo updating in the kitchen and bathroom will begin anew this month now that classes are over. We will be looking for assistance from our members to help with the project. If you want to help out let me know. The Condo now sports new Burgee decals for door and window and finally a new USPS logo for the podium. We are getting spruced up this spring.

The Audit Committee chaired by P/C Steve Moore, S along with P/C Erin Olmes, JN and Lt Dennis Bartolucci, P, found our books to be in order and the financial statements for the year ending 31 Dec. 2014 reflect an accurate financial position of MISPS. (continued on page 9)



2015 District 22 Spring Conference

Sheraton Tampa East
10221 Princess Palm Ave., Tampa

17-18 April 2015

The D/22 Beacon with registration forms is on our website

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*Captain's Meeting
CJ's Gazebo Bar
at the Esplanade
at 1700
Last Wednesday
of the Month*



**Reserve your chair!!
Call Peggy Harsch at 394-3484
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LT/C William J. Hughes, JN

The year is off to a flying start regarding vessel safety checks with 143 boats examined so far according to VSC Chair Lt Tom Ryan, S. This is about twice the number of boats reported over the same period last year. If you have not had a safety check of your boat in 2015, call Tom at 239-389-6585. Also, if you are interested in becoming a safety examiner give Tom a call.



The Publicity Committee has truly been busy this year with new member and new Chairman Lt Gene Burson enthusiastically tackling the job with the assistance of 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP. You may have seen the article and pictures in the local *Marco Island Eagle* of our Change of Watch ceremony which took place on the *Marco Island Princess*. That article was submitted by Public Relations Chair Gene. Upcoming in the *Marco Island Eagle* newspaper should be pictures and article of our recent Digital Scavenger Hunt.

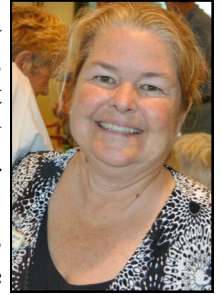
We had a wrap up Ways and Means meeting with those members who ran our recent successful Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres party. We discussed what went right and what could be improved at next year's event tentatively scheduled for 29 January 2016.

P/C Carl Thieme, SN is organizing his Cooperative Charting Committee and is looking for volunteers. In addition, he will be working with Safety Officer 1/Lt Jack Walsh, N on setting up a flare demonstration for next January or February. ⚓



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LT/C Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP

Lt Sara McFadden has been doing a wonderful job with membership, with 39 new members in the last eight months. The most recent new members are: Kathleen Douglas-Muther, Mike and Mary Dickens, John Maciolek, Wanda Day, plus Henry Stanley a squadron associate member from Ft Worth, TX. Lt Bob Gloodt is keeping tabs on the membership retention. Our squadron is doing well, but it's up to all of us to make everyone feel welcome.



1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP is doing a great job of coordinating the boating activities. Highlights for the month of April are the cruise and lunch to Island Gypsy on the 24th and Cruise and Raft up at Panther Key on the 30th. I hope we'll have great participation in these fun events; any questions, give Kathleen a call. Peggy Harsch is taking names for people who want to go to Key West on 11 April; we get a good discount for 15 people or more. The District 22 Spring Conference is in Tampa on 17 & 18 April. We have a number of members signed up for this event, come and join us! P/C Owen Henning, AP and Lt Jim O'Connell, P are our Port Captains, so if anyone has a question about Marco Island or Port of the Islands they are here to help. When you cruise out of our area you can contact the local US Sail & Power Squadron Port Captains in the area you are traveling to; just look them up on line.

Lt Alan Epstein, S and Lt Joyce Epstein have been doing a terrific job of choosing guest speakers for our general membership meetings. They have scheduled an interesting speaker for April, the Commander of the Marco Island Civil Air Patrol, Captain Robert Corriveau who will talk about costal patrols. Be sure to sign up early. Special thanks go to Lt Dorothy Harkness for all her behind the scene work with the General Membership Meeting dinners and the Ladies Lunches. Lt Hope Mena is our new Luncheon Chair; she is only on Marco Island part time and would like someone who is on the Island full time to help her with Luncheon Chair duties. Looking forward for someone to volunteer to assist Hope, meanwhile, Peggy Harsch is filling in. If interested call Lt/C Rhonda McAuliffe Gloodt at (402) 216-3326.

Enjoy MISPS and safe boating! ⚓

DISTRICT 22

April SALE!
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EDUCATION OFFICER
P/C Edward Reiss, SN-IN

What a great season for education! Sixty-seven students and fourteen instructors diligently advanced the educational level of your squadron since 1 January 2015. This included three scheduled on-the-water exercises. My sincere thanks to all those who participated.



Plans are already underway for the 2015 Fall and 2016 Winter schedule. There will be some changes in the courses/seminars and several instructors are retiring. The instructors will be replaced with some seasoned members ready to share their skills and experiences.

What topics are of interest to you ... the same or different seminars? One new seminar may be the eight-hour On-The-Water seminar. Who needs another elective or two to get their Educational Proficiency award? Who needs another class as part of the Inland Navigator's credential? Who just desires to learn?

A recent SEAMANSHIP class had fifteen students. Six or seven already expressed enthusiasm and interest in taking the PILOTING course during the summer. So the PILOTING course will begin on 7 July. Please let me know if you plan to attend so student manuals can be ordered.

Let's go boating and stay safe. 🚤

Cooperative Charting Program of the United States Power Squadrons is conducted in close coordination with the Marine Chart Division, National Ocean Service, and NOAA. **This Program is a major public service of USPS**

The Aid To Navigation Inspection program allows for damaged or misplaced Aids to be reported. We have been told the Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as the most effective user-participation program in all of the Federal services.

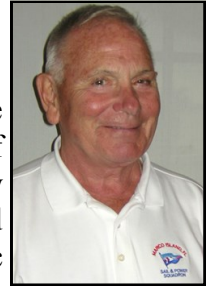
If you are interested in getting involved with the **Cooperative Charting program** Contact P/C Carl Thieme, SN at (239) 970-2177 or Email: ThiemeCRI@aol.com



SAFETY OFFICER
1/LT Jack Walsh, N

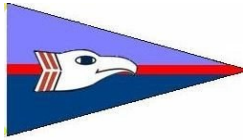
Safety measures during Maintenance

When you perform maintenance work on your boat the prep work of sanding and painting is potentially dangerous. The fiberglass dust and paint chips are hazardous and toxic waste. Many marine paints are made with toxic chemicals designed to leach out and prevent bottom growth on the hull. When concentrated amounts of these materials are ground and chipped off the hull, there is the potential for personal and environmental harm. Paint, solvents, thinners, and brush cleaners all contain agents which can be cancer-causing and also poison the environment. Inhalation or absorption of these agents through skin can result in serious health problems.



Here are a few simple measures which will help protect the marine environment and potentially your own health. Work under cover to minimize the wind blowing dust and paint into the open air. Use environmentally friendly tools, such as vacuum sanders and grinders, to collect and trap dust. Wear a mask over your nose and mouth to prevent inhalation. A hat and long sleeves will minimize potential skin and scalp problems. Clean up any debris, sanding dust and paint chips immediately upon finishing your work. Use a drop cloth to catch dust, chips and paint drops. After sanding or grinding over a paved area, do not try to hose the debris away. Use water-based paints and solvents. Switch to longer lasting, harder or non-toxic antifouling paints. Mix your paints, solvents, and reducers as far from the water's edge as possible. Thoroughly dry all paint cans before attempting to dispose of them in the trash. Try to do your work in an area designated for sanding and painting to confine the waste products. If you have small quantities of unusable solvents, you can dispose of them by brushing them on a board and letting them evaporate. Mix your paints, solvents, and reducers as far from the water's edge as possible.

Following these simple guidelines will help you play an important role in protecting our marine environment as well as your own health. 🚤



Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron Boating Activities



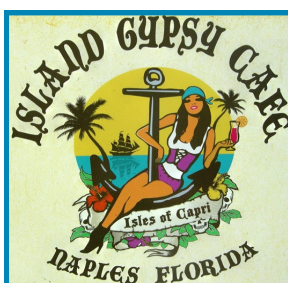
If you would like to participate in any of these trips, but don't have a boat, let the Cruise Captain know and the captain will try to work out a ride sharing agreement with another member.

or call Boating Chair: 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP at (239) 394-0459 Email: kreydol@aol.com

** Call the Lunch Chair for reservations at the restaurants:

(temp) Lunch Chair: Peggy Harsch at 394-3484 or Email: pegnbill1@comcast.net

<u>Dates 2015</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Cruise Captain</u>	<u>Phone</u>
11 Apr	Cruise via Key West Express to Key West (optional overnight) ~ ~ see ad on page 17 ~ ~	Lt Peggy Harsch	394-3484
24 Apr	**Cruise & Lunch to Island Gypsy, Isles of Capri, 1200 (see Ad below)	Lt Roy Sander, AP	314-550-0416
30 Apr-1 May	Cruise & Raft-up at Panther Key, 1100 - BYOE (overnight optional)	Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP	207-4323
09 May	Cruise & Picnic at White Horse Key, 1100 - BYOE	Bryan Mordecai, AP	642-1006
30 May	**Cruise & Lunch to Port of the Islands, 1200 (optional overnight)	Lt Jim O'Connell, P	393-0651
13 June	Cruise & Picnic at Cape Romano, 1100 - BYOE	P/C Andy Battaglia, SN	642-5721
17 July	**Cruise & Lunch to Three60 Market, 1200	Fred Schoen, S	394-3884
24 Jul	Cruise & Picnic at Coconut Island, 1100	Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP	402-216-3326
15 Aug	**Cruise & Lunch to Capri Fish House, Isles of Capri, 1200	Lt/C Gloodt, AP	402-216-3326
27 Aug	Cruise & Picnic at Keewaydin Island, 1100 - BYOE	Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN	394-3484
18 Sept	**Cruise & Lunch to Snook Inn, 1200	P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN	393-9158
25 Sept-1 Oct	Legacy Harbor/Cape Harbor "Birthday Cruise"	P/C Lee Harkness, AP	642-3575
10 Oct	Cruise & Picnic at Coconut Island, 1100 - BYOE	P/C Andy Battaglia, SN	624-5721
23 Oct	**Cruise & Lunch to Little Bar, Goodland, 1200	P/C Carl Thieme, SN	970-2177
19 Nov	**Cruise & Lunch to Marco Island Yacht Club, 1200	Jim Ferry, P	394-4884
5 Dec	Evening Raft-up for M. I. Boat Parade, Smokehouse Bay	Lt/C Gloodt, AP	402-216-3326
<u>2016</u>			
15 Jan	**Cruise & Lunch to Old Marco Lodge, Goodland, 1200	1/Lt K. Reynolds, AP	394-0459
19 Feb	**Cruise & Lunch at CJ's, Esplanade, 1200	Lt Nick Rago, AP	860-798-4141



Cruise & Lunch at Island Gypsy Café

292 Capri Blvd., Isles of Capri - at noon

... Come by boat or by car ...

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Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN as Commander performs her first swearing-in of new members Karen and Tom Morr at the February lunch at CJ's on the Bay

20 Feb. Cruise & Lunch to CJ's

Best laid plans of boaters can always change due to weather! With high winds and small craft warnings, Cruise Captain Lt Roy Sander, AP was prudent and advised boaters to come via autos. Nineteen members and guests were in attendance and included a couple of guests plus two people interested in becoming members and ready to sign up for the ABC boating class. Lt Pam Sander, AP, with a good sense of humor, presented a "princess crown" to the new Commander. The squadron group ate inside the restaurant well protected from the wind. The service at CJ's was great as usual and the food delicious. 🍴



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



Troy Miles, S and his mother Sheila Miles



Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN with "crown" and P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN



Bob Marks, JN with guest Joe Metivier from MA who is a retired Maritime Capt.



Connie Gellatly from Massachusetts Friend of Gerry Marks, P



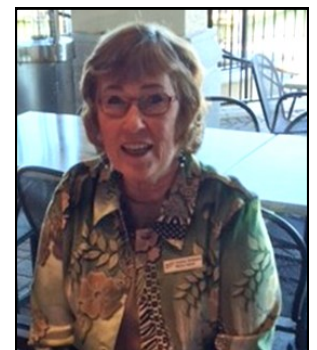
New members: Tom Morr, Gene Burson and Karen Morr



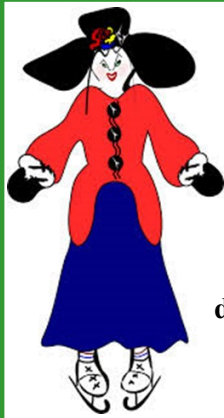
Barb Haldeman and Lt Pam Sander, AP (Barb & Mick are interested in membership)



Cruise Captain Lt Roy Sander, AP and guest "Mick" Earl Haldeman



P/C Andy Battaglia, SN (LM) (this photo taken by Gene Burson)



**"Ladies Luncheon" at 1130
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4th Tuesdays at 1300.



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- Mary Carleen Ferry, S
- Diane Lademann
- Rudi Landwaard, JN
- Rudy Loffelmann
- Jo Martin, S
- Linette Noffsinger
- P/C John Noffze, S
- Lt Nick Rago, AP
- Lt Roy Sander, AP
- Fred Schoen, S
- P/C Carl Thieme, SN
- Lt Cliff Winings, SN

[If we missed you, please let me know]

COMMANDER continued from p. 6:

Thank you for your efforts and thanks to Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN for her work as Treasurer.

I have left the remainder of the updating to the rest of the Bridge—please read their columns for the happenings past and future of your very active squadron. Have a Happy Easter, Passover and spring on our Island. 🌱



HELP NEEDED !

My name is Sharon Irwin and my husband, Dick and I are members of the Marco Island Yacht Club. We had the pleasure of attending your recent Change of Watch and meeting many of you. You may not know of the accident that befell Patty and George Shirley on the evening of 24 Jan. when they were coming to our Commodore's Ball. George missed the turn from Collier Blvd. into the Club entrance and when he attempted a U-turn, they were hit by a car coming off the Jolley Bridge. Patty got most of the impact on the passenger side and her right leg was severely injured. She has been in and out of our hospitals and currently is unable to walk. George is doing much better now as his hand injury is finally almost healed. Because family is not nearby, we have organized to help out.

Sharon would be most grateful if MISPS members could be of some help. Sharon has a list for the Shirley's of likes and things can't eat, the address, etc. and would like to set up a schedule for people to bring meals to them (M-W-F).

**Call Sharon Irwin at 239-970-0273 or
Email: meadowlark1962@comcast.net**

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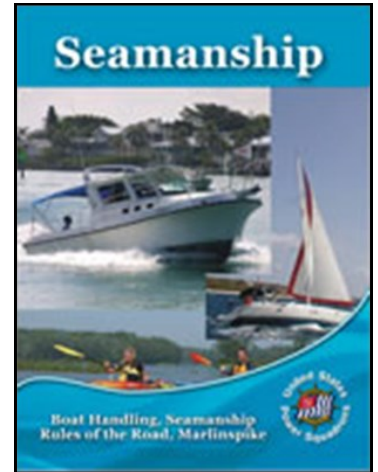


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Seamanship Class

Before the class started, Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN gave a welcome to the class and then swore in new members Fred Schoen and Tim Clune. Lt Bob Belliveau, SN (LM) was the instructor for the Seamanship class. For the 24 Feb. class, the topic was marlinspike. Extra help for 15 students was provided by P/C Owen Henning, AP, Bryan Mordecai, AP, P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN, P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN, P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN (LM), Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN, Squadron Educational Officer P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, and Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN. Seamanship provides a foundation of knowledge and skills in boat handling and maneuvering, the skipper's responsibilities, boat operation, and boating techniques that will advance your boating enjoyment. Seamanship covers a wide range of topics, including: types of boats and how they behave on the water, anchoring in various conditions, docking and line handling, close quarter maneuvering, rules of the road, communication with other boats, how to respond to various emergencies, marlinspike/basic knots, and other interesting topics. The extra helpers along with instructors assisted the students in tying knots. Seamanship is a class all our members and spouses should take! 🦋



Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN swearing in new members Fred Schoen and Tim Clune



As Gene Burson looks on, Lt Bob Belliveau, SN demonstrates how to splice a loop in a line;

Bob shows how to finish the line by burnishing with a torch.



Bob gave a demonstration of the correct way to toss a line; here Bob is showing a "Monkey Fist" knot which aids in line throwing.





Jerry and Jo Martin working on their knots



Tom Morr and Gene Burson with Bryan Mordecai, AP



Ted, Peggy, Owen & Bob (standing) demonstrating knots



Ted, Bob, and Peggy showing Cleat Hitch



Seamanship class with 13 present



Seamanship students Lt Sara & Mike McFadden



9TH ANNUAL DIGITAL SCAVENGER HUNT



Chief Mike Murphy and his wife Barbara arrive at dock with "hunt list" to give to hosts Lt/C Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP and Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP

Twenty-three participated in the 9th Annual Digital Scavenger Hunt! At 0930 Fire Chief Mike Murphy and his wife Barbara arrived at the Calusa Island Marina dock via jet skis do deliver the "hunt list" to Co-Captains Lt/C Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP and Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP who hosted this year's hunt. The Digital Scavenger Hunt was originated by P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN and John Cavanagh, AP in 2007 as a fun on-the-water squadron activity. The weather was perfect as the fleet picked up their "hunt list" and each crew was off for the search to find their targets for digital capture. Most targets this year were given Lat/Longs for extra points; with a few like "a dolphin in a boat wake" or "red wave runner" found anywhere. SD cards were to be turned in before 1600 for the event chairs to confirm targets. Mike provided large posters with photos of hunt targets for viewing at the turn-in point. The celebration party was at 1800 at marina screen room with pizza, salad by Peggy, and homemade brownies by Mary Alice. The following hunt results were announced: 3rd place - (new member boat!) *Catnip* with Ann & Peter Derwin, Kathleen Douglas, Anne & Sabrina Colpaert, Danielle, Jeff & Daniel Pollitt; 2nd place - *Green Flash* with Lts Pam & Roy Sander, AP and P/Lt/Cs Mary Alice & Chuck Wilson, JN; 1st Place - *Just Us II* with Commander Peggy Reiss, JN-IN & P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN and new members Mary & Mike Dickens.



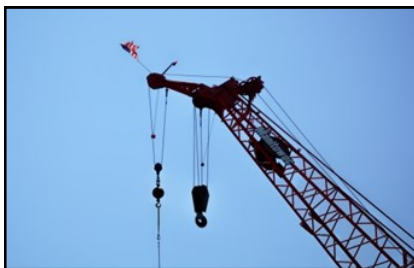
On list: Osprey with chick



A Dolphin in boat wake



MIED Boat 50 at N25°57.478 & W81° 43.289



Old Glory waving very high on Bridge at N25°57.171 & W81°43.852

Everyone had a fantastic time and will look forward to the 10th Digital Scavenger Hunt next year to be hosted by the winning team! 🏆

P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN picking up "list" for *Green Hornet*



Just Us II arriving at dock to pick up crew for scavenger hunt



0930 here comes Mike Murphy on jet ski with hunt list!



Just Us II with crew posing in bow of vessel



(center) Mike & Barbara Murphy with hunt hosts



3rd Prize: Host Lt/C Rhonda McAuliffe-Gloodt, AP, new members Kathleen Douglas, Ann & Peter Derwin with guests Danielle and Jeff Pollitt, Ann Colpaert and host Lt/C Carol Einhart, AP.

2nd Prize: Host Rhonda, P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN, P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN, and host Carol; (see left) *Green Flash* with Lts Pam & Roy Sander AP.

1st Prize: Host Rhonda, new members Mary & Mike Dickens, P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN, Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN and host Carol.



Green Flash with Pam & Roy (Wilson's crew)



Carol & Rhonda holding poster of digital targets made by the Murphy's



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Cruise & Lunch - Jack's River Bar

Exciting ... MISPS & Naples Squadron joint lunch! Great participation with nine boats and 45 people at the 20 March cruise and lunch. P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN & Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN led the parade of boats from Marker 14 in the Marco River to NHYC and Jack's Restaurant which is located behind the Naples Airport. Cdr Reiss swore in new members Jesse and Hope Mena as all accompanied with the squadron pledge. Jack's provided a nice limited choice menu for our group and food was delightful. It was a calm day, but note photo on cover ... Wilson's correctly wore life jackets! 🚤



[see cover photo] *Le Sujet Touché* with Bob Marks, JN at the helm, Gerry Marks, P and friends Joe Metivier & Connie Gellatly and Bernie & Carol Salway ... two boats following



Just Us II leading the group with 8 boats following, arriving at the docks of Naples Harbor Yacht Club & Jack's



Steven and Julie Riley followed by Mona & Rick Kelso, AP in their *Sea Hunt* (no boat name yet!)



Kelso's docking as *Lucky Dog* with Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP at the helm docks, & aboard: 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP, Mary & Mike Dickens, Susan & Ed Bauer & Ed's sister Suzie McCluskey

Fifty-Fifty with Mike & Lt Sara McFadden, S arriving in background with Debbie & Ray Boller, AP, and guests Mary Hopkins, and Ellie Develin aboard



Cdr Reiss gives squadron pledge to new members Jesse & Hope Mena



Green Flash with Lt Roy Sander, AP at the helm, Lt Pam Sander, AP, and "Mick" & Barb Haldeman who just completed the ABC course and just joined MISPS!

Naples Treasurer P/D/C Jan Lane, SN-CN and Naples SEO Lt/C George Dallas, N; Naples Admin. Officer Lt/C Richard Rutkowski, N (P/C from CT) & his wife Diane with MISPS Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN





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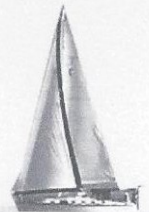
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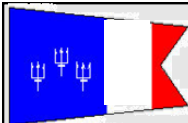
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(Miscellaneous)



Waukegan, IL (D20) & MISPS members enjoy lunch on Marco: Debbie and Ray Boller, AP, Bryan Mordecai, AP, P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN, Dale Arnold, P & his wife Andy (MISPS assoc. mbr. Ray & Dale are IL squadron mbrs.)



Beverly Noffze, P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN, her mom Mary, Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, new member Kathleen Douglas, Lt Dorothy Harkness, S, Anne Moore, and Mona Kelso



Ensign Magazine Photo Contest Winner:
Lt Alan Epstein, S of Marco Island !

At the 2015 Annual Meeting Expo in Jacksonville, Florida, United States Power Squadrons members voted for their favorite photo in The Ensign's Looking Forward Photo Contest. Staff invited photographers to submit pictures they felt best embodied the spirit of the United States Power Squadrons and its new slogan: **Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends!™**

Alan Epstein, of Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron, took first place with his photo of 2½-year-old grandson Benjamin Fields aboard *Joyride* on the Gulf waters of Marco Island, Florida. Thanks to Star Clippers, Epstein will receive a seven-day European or Caribbean cruise as well as a plaque and certificate, and his winning photo will appear in the Spring 2015 issue of the magazine.

Congratulations to Alan and the other winners. You can check out the other winning photos and all of the entries at The Ensign's Facebook page, [facebook.com/uspensign](https://www.facebook.com/uspensign).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



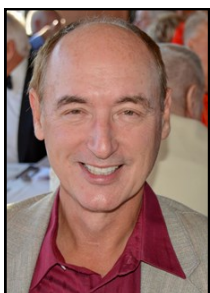
11 March General Meeting



**Mike
&
Mary
Dickens**

Mary and Mike Dickens live aboard their trawler, the *Patricia Ann*, at Goodland, Florida. They love to cruise the waters from Marco to the Keys, especially the Ten Thousand Islands. They've been on boats as long as they can remember. Although a Florida native from Cocoa Beach, Mike grew up along the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He was always in a boat fishing, clamming, oystering, or just having fun. They own and operate Paradise Yachts, a full service yacht brokerage. (see ad page 9)

Mary, Mike's lovely wife, is Admiral of the *Patricia Ann* and helps Mike with the brokerage. She handles the money, keeps the books, and assists with the marketing. Mary is from West Palm Beach and grew up with boats as well. Mary enjoys helping ladies new to the boating scene. If they have questions about what it's all about, she's ready to help. Mike and Mary were attracted to the Marco area simply because of its beauty, warm climates and of course, the huge boating community. Mike said, "We could not have made a better choice." ✦



**Peter
&
Ann
Derwin**

Ann and Andrew "Peter" Derwin met when Peter was in dental school at Loyola Dental School in Chicago. They married in 1983, honeymooned at the Marco Island Marriott and never left. Peter had a public health commitment with the government and practiced his first three years in Immokalee, East Naples and Everglades City. In 1986 Peter purchased Dr. Silverstein's dental practice and he has been in private practice since 1989. Ann and Peter have 3 children, but are recent empty-nesters. They love the water and fishing. Peter's toy is his 1973 Centurion convertible. ✦



New members sworn in: Mary & Mike Dickens, Kathleen Douglas-Muther, Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Susan & Ed Bauer, Wanda Day, Gene Burson, and Frank Partridge

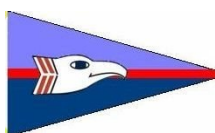


New member Frank Partridge & his wife Sandy with Executive Officer Lt/C Bill Hughes, JN

(right) New members Mary Dickens & Pat Mogan



(left) New members Tom & Karen Morr



**(front)
New members Jerry & Jo Martin With Lt Sheila Thieme & immediate Past Commander Carl Thieme, SN**



11 March General Meeting

Sixty-two enjoyed a delicious St. Paddy's day dinner catered by Kretch's at Shipp's Landing. The Bridge gave their reports and 8 new members were sworn in by Cdr Peggy Reiss, JN-IN. Our speaker, Captain Tom Bogan, gave a talk about how important and useful the new Fire-fighting Rescue boat, "J. W. Adams" has been. Tom emphasized how useless information on location from cell phones is. He emphasized need to use VHF and DSC Ch. 70 with a radio connected to a GPS to give exact location. They were able to pull 20 people out of the water last year and won an award for rescue of 5 people. Two boats are sent to incidents, of which there have been fifty already this year. It was a very good meeting! 🍀



**Cdr Reiss, JN-IN with speaker
Fire Dept. Capt. Tom Bogan**



**P/C Carl Thieme, SN &
Lt Dorothy Harkness, S**



**Celebrating 50th Anniversary, Jim
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Harkness, AP & Bryan Mordecai, AP**



**Lt Juanita Henning, S, Jacqueline
Belliveau, P & Gerry Marks, P**



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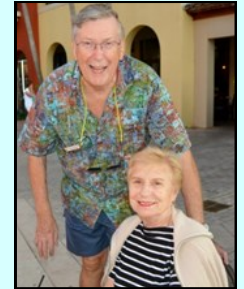
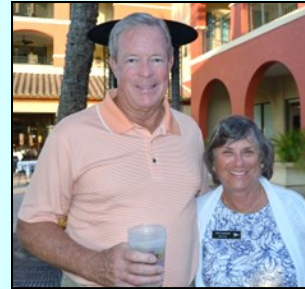


Captain's Meeting—Wed, 26 February

A gorgeous evening to meet and socialize with members and a few guests. Thirty-six gathered for enjoyment and conversation. Test your member knowledge, can you identify everyone in the photos? One photo is of two new members, Mary and Mike Dickens (clue: look for the arm sling). Another photo is of guests Teri & Mike Yesko who are friends of Lt Tom Ryan, S in photo to their left. P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN is holding a drink in picture with a prospective member Glenn Holland from Maryland. A few new members are scattered along with long-time members ... if you can't recognize them, then please attend more of our squadron events!! 🛥



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