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Coming Events 2016

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| 01 Apr | The Island Theater Co. "The Saga of Roaring Gulch", a musical | 1930 | p. 04 |
| 02 Apr | Digital Scavenger Hunt, rescheduled due to weather | 1000 | p. 15 |
| 8-9 Apr | District 22 Spring Conference, Sheridan Tampa, East | [Info on our Website] | |
| 12 Apr | Silver Tridents—Breakfast at Mango's (Past Commanders) | 0830 | --- |
| 12 Apr | Ladies Lunch at Kretch's | 1130 | p. 18 |
| 12 Apr | Cards at the Condo (Hand & Foot) | 1300 | p. 17 |
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| 10 May | Ladies Lunch at Hoots | 1130 | p. 17 |
| 10 May | Cards at the Condo | 1300 | p. 17 |
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| 11 May | Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at Esplanade | 1700 | p. 04 |
| 12 May | "Wear It" Campaign event for National Safe Boating Week | 0930 | --- |
| 24 May | Cards at the Condo (Hand & Foot) | 1300 | p. 17 |
| 25 May | Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at Esplanade | 1700 | p. 04 |
| 27 May | Cruise & Lunch to Wahoo's River Bar, Naples | 1200 | p. 07 |
| 31 May | MISPS Sponsored Beach Clean-Up at South Beach | 1800 | --- |
| 03 June | Cruise & Picnic at Cape Romano | 1100 | p. 07 |
| 08 June | Executive Board Meeting at MISPS condo | 0900 | --- |
| 08 June | Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at Esplanade | 1700 | p. 04 |
| 14 June | Silver Tridents—Breakfast (Past Commanders) | 0830 | --- |
| 14 June | Ladies Lunch TBA | 1130 | p. 17 |
| 14 June | Cards at the Condo (Hand & Foot) | 1300 | p. 17 |
| 18 June | Dinner at Eurasia, Naples | 1800 | --- |
| 21 June | Cruise & Lunch to Dock Restaurant, Naples (Tuesday) | 1200 | p. 07 |
| 22 June | Captain's Meeting at CJ's Gazebo Bar at Esplanade | 1700 | p. 04 |
| 28 June | Cards at the Condo (Hand & Foot) | 1300 | p. 17 |



THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
D/1/Lt Andrea K. Battaglia, SN

I am excited about all the coming events for this year, so look for the spring fun and interesting things to do in this issue of *The Eagle's Eye*.

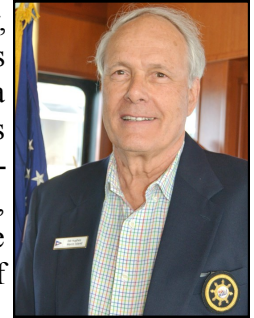
I would like to encourage any of our members who have noteworthy boating articles to submit them to me for publication in the *EE*.

Thank you Gene for article on p. 8! I would appreciate any input ... this is our squadron, lets keep it great! 🚤



COMMANDER
Bill Hughes, JN

After serving a month as Commander, I see what some of my predecessors meant when they said it was a busy job. There are a lot of reports and information required by District and National HQ. Fortunately, I have able and knowledgeable fellow bridge officers and staff for help and guidance.



The District 22 Spring Conference will be held 7 to 9 April 2016 at the Sheraton Hotel East in Tampa. The interesting workshops/Roundtables scheduled are: Education, Executive Dept., Social Media, Membership, Succession Planning, Photography and a Town Hall. If you miss this Conference, keep in mind, there will be a "One Day" Fall D22 Conference scheduled for the first of October this year, so plan ahead. This is at a new location in Punta Gorda, at the Charlotte Harbor Conference Center and is much closer to Marco than Tampa. If you never have been to a District Conference, I can say that it is a good opportunity to meet members of some of the other 16 squadrons that will be attending. The workshops and roundtable discussions are very informative. Last fall's D22 special interest forum on "How to Catch Fish", by an experienced fishing guide, was most interesting. Look for the D22 Fall Conference schedule by summer's end.

My attempt to find a new trip, like to Cuba, has been put on hold because commercial ships and airlines do not have regulations clarified and plans in place. One air charter company that has been making trips to Havana said they are not scheduling anything new beyond two months until the rules become clear. On the other hand for new ideas, we did have ten members in Kayaks take a trip around Rookery Bay on 11 March. This was preceded by a two hour "Paddle Smart" seminar given by P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN the day before. The ten members, including me, were led by two guides from the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. The guides were not only accomplished kayakers but knowledgeable in the biology and history of the ecosystem. (See pp. 20-21) On another note, we are rounding up another MISPS group to attend a musical put on by the Island Theater Company on 1 April called "Saga of Roaring Gulch". If you have any suggestions for excursions, please let me know. 🚤



The Island Theater Co. is presenting **"The Saga of Roaring Gulch"**, a musical of the old Wild West. It is being held at the Rose Historical Auditorium. MISPS can go as a group for the reduced rate of \$18.00 per ticket. Our seats are reserved. Call Peggy Reiss @ 213-8686



*Masters
Golf
Theme*



**Spring Conference
April 8-9, 2016**

See MISPS website for info

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**Captain's Meeting
"Meet & Greet"
CJ's Gazebo Bar
at the Esplanade
at 1700**

**4th
Wednesday
of the Month**



**Reserve your chair!!
Call Lt Ann Derwin at
239-384-3959**

Or Email: apdo@comcast.net



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Rhonda Glodt, AP

The last month has been filled with new events! The Power Squadron filming at Marco Island to teach safe boating has been interesting, with involvement by our members with boats and as guests. Many scenarios were filmed. These films will be used as teaching aids worldwide. (See pp. 12-13)



My 1st class teaching weather has come to an end. I enjoyed teaching and encourage others to volunteer as instructors, talk to P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN our SEO.

I want to thank Lt John Walsh, N for our informative safety articles each month. Lt Gene Burson, P and Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP have been busy writing articles about the MISPS for the newspapers. Articles on the Flare Demo, Change of Watch, ATON replacement are just a few of the recent articles.

Due to all the work the Cooperative Charting Team has done, ATONS around Marco Island are now being repaired! (See p. 8)

Do you need a new MISPS shirt? Contact Lt Sheila Thieme she has your size and color!

Lt Tom Ryan, P is asking all our members to make sure they have their boats checked, please call him on his cell (908/432-8767) to set up a time. Get your 2016 decal. The VSC team is ready to go!

Lily, our 150 pound Newfoundland, would like to be the MISPS mascot! She has a life jacket with "Wear It" stickers on it. She has been in the Christmas Parades with the MISPS contingent, the St Patricks' Day parades and won 1st place at the Mutts and Martinis fundraiser at the Esplanade on 9 March 2016.

Our boat is named the *Lucky Dog* after her. Let me know what you think of this idea. 🐾



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Tom Morr, P

Boating safety is an important reason why people join MISPS. Many discover our squadron by taking the ABC Course, the overview about how to operate a vessel. They quickly realize there is much more to responsible boating than 'red right returning'. Boaters share their passion for the water with family and friends.



With such precious passengers, why would anyone not strive to make the experience enjoyable and safe?

MISPS furthers safe boating several ways – through education, vessel safety checks and by organizing boating activities which provide experience. The squadron is a community of boaters who share their knowledge of seamanship and Marco's local waters while having fun doing so.

In March, the squadron added kayak safety to its mission. P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN taught a kayaking course and then led ten MISPS members in an on-the-water kayak tour of Rookery Bay Reserve. Personal watercrafts of all types are growing in popularity in Marco. Teaching responsible seamanship to these boaters furthers the squadron's safe boating goal and broadens our relevance to a wider range of mariners.

Safety took on fresh meaning at the squadron's March dinner meeting. We heard from Iberia Bank's Keith Dameron about keeping your money safe from those who would perpetrate fraud in Collier County. Very insightful.

Marco's Ken Bardon will tell us about the second leg of his safely circumnavigating the globe at our 13 April meeting. If you have boating friends that would enjoy learning about Ken's adventure please invite them to attend. (See p. 22)

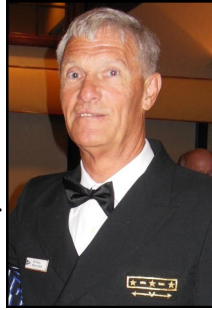
Panther Key, Island Gypsy on Isles of Capri and Key West via the Key West Express are the destinations for MISPS boating activities in April. Contact Lt Ann Derwin (239/384-3959 or apdo@comcast.net) for reservations for the Island Gypsy or the Key West Express. See the ads elsewhere in this issue of *the Eagles Eye* to contact Cruise Captains. Don't miss out, sign up today.

Help your Squadron grow and achieve its core mission, safe boating, by encouraging your friends to take MISPS classes, have their vessels inspected and join the fun. To help people become members, contact Membership Chair Lt Pam Sander, JN (314/550-0416) 🐾



EDUCATION OFFICER
P/C Edward Reiss, SN-IN

The Winter educational program is finished except for grading of the final tests. Total program for the Fall through Winter seasons included three advanced grade courses, three elective courses, eight seminars and four ABC classes. To pull this off 12 instructors volunteered their time and knowledge enabling students to learn boat safety information and skills. Thank you all.



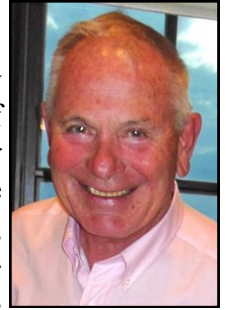
Next on the agenda is the acquisition of a virtual trainer. This system comprised of a video screen, steering wheel, throttle, gear shift and control station integrated with computer software will allow students to select one of 18 boat designs and operate that boat from benign weather conditions through adverse conditions. You will be able to hone your docking skills as well as navigation skills. Stay tuned to schedule sessions on the equipment in the peaceful setting of our classroom. As we plan for the future we'd appreciate any feedback, pro or con, on our last program and suggestions for the future. Volunteers to help instruct are always welcome.

So let's keep learning and enjoy safe boating! 🚤



SAFETY OFFICER
Lt Jack Walsh, N

Reviving your battery



Are your lead-acid batteries ready for use after a period of storage? If you haven't used a battery charger during storage, you can anticipate sluggish or dead batteries. All batteries, regardless of their chemistry, self-discharge when not in use. Batteries also suffer from severe sulfation buildup, which can result in premature failure. To bring those batteries back to peak performance, follow this checklist: clean the outside of the battery case to remove any dirt; clean terminal posts and remove corrosion. If necessary clean the terminal posts with a small wire brush to remove sulfate deposits and use dielectric grease or corrosion inhibiting spray to minimize future corrosion. Make sure the electrolyte levels are high enough. If levels are below the maximum line, add distilled, not tap, water up to the fill line. If your batteries do not have a maximum fill line, fill to 1/8 inch below the ring of plastic that extends into the cell. Never overfill the battery. Use a battery load tester to ensure the battery has a minimum charge of 12.6 volts and to determine how the voltage responds when a load is applied. If the charge is below that level, you will need to charge the battery in a well-ventilated area. To ensure best performance, use a smart charger for a week or more to dissolve the capacity-robbing sulfates, which will allow the battery to be fully charged and retain full capacity.

Not all batteries can be totally recovered. If a battery has a short circuit or physical damage, it's impossible to bring back. It is also a good idea to carry a portable power source on board to use in emergencies. An example of a small but powerful emergency portable power source is the PBJS12000R Rosso Red/Black Portable Power Bank and Car Jump Starter currently selling on Amazon for just over \$80.00. This is certainly a small price to pay for security. As the saying goes; it's better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it. 🚤



White Horse Key Cruise & Picnic Saturday, 7 May at 1100

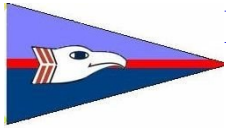
Bring your own everything!
Food, drink, sunscreen, hat,
sunglasses, beach shoes, shade,
friends, chairs, boat ...

Cruise Captains:
Bryan Mordecai, AP
642-1006
&
D/1/Lt Andy B, SN
642-5721

Let us know if you are
participating in case
weather is bad and need
to change plans

PICNIC





Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron Boating Activities

Boating Chair: Lt Dave Dumas—239-389-2677

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

****Lunch Chair: Lt Ann Derwin—239-384-3959 Or Email: apdo@comcast.net**



| Dates 2016 | Destination | | Cruise Captain | Phone |
|-------------------|--|------|--|------------------------------|
| 02 Apr* | DIGITAL SCAVENGER HUNT *(Rescheduled Event—see page 15) | 1000 | P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN & P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN | 239-213-8686 239-213-8722 |
| 15 Apr | Cruise & Raft-Up, Panther Key | 1100 | Lt Jim O’Connell, JN | 239-393-0651 |
| 22 Apr | **Cruise & Lunch, Island Gypsy, Isles of Capri | 1200 | Lt Roy Sander, JN | 314-550-0416 |
| 28 Apr | Cruise via Key West Express | 0730 | Lt Ann Derwin | 239-384-3959 |
| 07 May | Cruise & Picnic, White Horse Key (see p. 6) | 1100 | P/C Andy Battaglia, SN Bryan Mordecai, AP | 239-642-5721 239-642-1006 |
| 27 May | **Cruise & Lunch, Wahoo’s River Bar, Naples | 1200 | | |
| 03 Jun | Cruise & Picnic, Cape Romano | 1100 | Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP | 402-216-3326 |
| 21 Jun | Cruise & Lunch at the Dock Restaurant, Naples | 1200 | | |
| 15 Jul | **Cruise & Lunch, Three60 Market, Naples | 1200 | | |
| 20 Jul | **Cruise & Lunch, Dolphin Tiki Bar | 1200 | | |
| 29 Jul | Cruise & Raft-up, Coconut Island | 1100 | Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP | 402-216-3326 |
| 16 Aug | **Cruise & Lunch, Capri Fish House, Isles of Capri | 1200 | | |
| 30 Aug | Cruise & Picnic, Keewaydin Island | 1100 | | |
| 09 Sep | **Cruise & Lunch, Marker 8.5, Goodland | 1200 | | |
| 15 Sep | **Cruise & Lunch, Rod and Gun Club, Everglades City | 1200 | | |
| 13 Oct | **Cruise & Lunch, Snook Inn | 1200 | | |
| 22-23 Oct | Birthday Cruise, Legacy Harbor Marina | | P/C Lee Harkness, AP | 239-642-3575 |
| 15 Nov | **Cruise & Lunch, Marco Is. Yacht Club | 1200 | | |
| 26 Nov | **Cruise & Lunch Aboard Naples Princess | TBA | Lt Ann Derwin | 239-384-3959 |
| 05 Dec | Raft-up, Christmas Boat Parade, Smokehouse Bay | | | |
| 15 Dec | **Cruise & Lunch, Little Bar, Goodland | 1200 | | |

What does a “Cruise Captain” do?

- 1) Takes names, phone numbers of participants.
- 2) Checks weather to see if event is a “go”, if not calls participants to cancel or reschedule.
- 3) If new boaters don’t know how to navigate to the event, either lead or assign a leader.

**Pick your favorite ...
Adopt a Cruise
Call Lt Dave Dumas and sign up
to be a Cruise Captain!**

**** Don’t forget to call Lunch Chair Ann Derwin for reservations at restaurants!**

Who Owns the ATONs?

By Lt Gene Burson, P

Let me start by defining an ATON, Aid to Navigation. ATONs can be Buoys, Beacons and Lateral Aids to navigation (the red even numbered triangles and the green odd numbered squares). These ATONs define the safe channels for navigation in and around our Marco Island waterways. ATONs are the responsibility of the United States Coast Guard. Technically, all non-United States Coast Guard ATONs are called Private ATONs (PATONS).



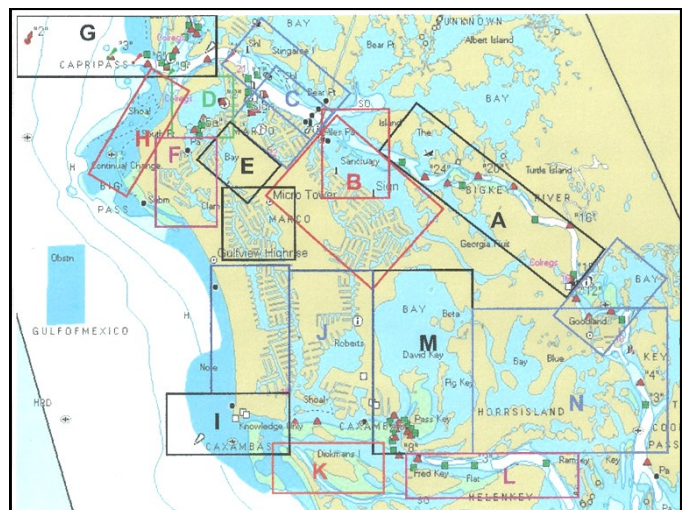
Other signs in the water that alert you to Manatee Zone, No Wake, etc. have been put up by the County and the City to help along the shoreline to control boat speed and protect the wildlife, shore/seawall erosion, and help to eliminate boater accidents.

But who actually owns the ATONs and is responsible for their maintenance and/or replacement over time has not been an easy question to answer. The United States Coast Guard's ATON ownership has not been the issue. But Marco Island and Collier County have been trying to resolve their respective responsibilities for the last year. The problem goes way back before Marco Island became a city and Collier County was responsible for all the ATONs. Over the years the County has given responsibility of some ATONs to the City. No one could find all of the paperwork so the task of identification was started again.

The question has been answered. The Marco Island Waterways Advisory Committee announced at the Meeting on Thursday, 18 February 2016, that a list of ATONs has been developed that indicates the ownership of each of the 99 identified ATONs around Marco Island. Basically all ATONs in Collier Creek, Collier Bay and Smokehouse Bay are the responsibility of the City. All other ATONs around the City, not owned by the USCG, are the responsibility of the County. Factory Bay ATONs are the exception. Owned by the County, they will be maintained by the City.

The City of Marco Island has not had any budget to repair ATONs for over 5 years. That has changed as of two months ago when City Manager Roger Hernstadt, attended the Waterways Advisory Committee meeting and declared that this was a grievous oversight and the City will commence to repair ATONs immediately.

The Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron, as a part of their mission for boating safety, has been working closely with the Marco Island Waterways Advisory Committee and its Chairman James Timmerman to report the status of ATONs in desperate need of repair. P/C Carl Thieme, SN Chair of the squadron's Co-op Charting Committee, has been working with 12 squadron members to actively survey all 99 ATONs in the waterways around Marco Island. To better communicate with the Committee, 14 waterway zones (A-N) have been identified to quickly group and locate ATONs.

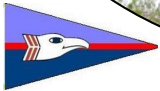


The survey's data, recorded in an EXCEL database for ATONs (and PATONs) includes the ATON type and Identification Number, Zone, GPS Coordinates, Date of Survey, and the ATON's condition including photographs. P/C Carl Thieme, SN and in his absence, P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN have updated the Waterways Advisory Committee on the survey findings and progress each month.

Squadron survey results are reported to the United States Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Marco Squadron has offered to report to the Waterways Advisory Committee any City owned ATONs they find in need of repair.

MISPS Co-op Charting Committee plans to re-survey the area around Marco this spring and summer. 🏠

Coconut Island Cruise & Picnic
 Cruise Captain Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP



(below) Cdr Bill Hughes, JN & D/1/Lt Andrea Battaglia, SN

Peggy Harsch and Bryan Mordecai, AP aboard the *Andrea B II*

The C & R originally set for 27 Feb. was rescheduled for 5 March by Cruise Captain/Weather Instructor Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP; excellent choice from 25-30 knot wind and 55° to the beautiful, sunny 10-knot and 78° sunny day. Three boats arrived on time: Rhonda at the helm of *Lucky Dog* with P/C Carl Thieme, SN and 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP; Ed and Sue Bauer aboard their Whaler; Lt/C Tom Morr & Karen aboard *Good Times II*. The *Andrea B II* arrived a little later after first starting out in the *Andy B* which had engine problems (fuel line); aboard were D/1/Lt Andrea Battaglia, SN at helm, with crew of Bryan Mordecai, AP, Cdr Bill Hughes, JN and Peggy Harsch. Everyone enjoyed their picnic lunch, the island beach, shelling and camaraderie!



Tom, Carl and Bill assist Peggy Harsch off the bow of the Grady White



Lt/C Tom Morr, P and Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP



P/C Carl Thieme, SN, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP & Bob Gloodt



Ed & Susan Bauer who came in their Boston Whaler & Karen Morr





9 March Dinner Meeting

The 9 March dinner meeting had in attendance 51 members. Cdr Bill Hughes, JN welcomed members, pledge of allegiance and invocation given. Next, Cdr Hughes introduced Bernie and Bill Greichen from Shell Lighting (our biggest supporter for the W & H Fundraiser), presented them with Honorary Member certificates and administered the squadron pledge. The Bridge reports were provided with emphasis on upcoming events. Salads served tableside and an Irish dinner of corned beef, cabbage and potatoes plus sauce, catered by Kretch's was served buffet style. Coffee and dessert were served at the table just before Lt Wanda Burson introduced our speaker, Keith Dameron, from Iberia Bank who is an advocate for fraud protection. Keith talked about protecting oneself against identity theft and that we are in the best position to protect our own identity by taking basic precautions: use passwords on all accounts on your PC that are difficult to guess – don't use family names, birthdates, SSN, addresses or your job. Do not keep passwords on you and don't write info on debit or ATM cards. Be careful what you throw in the trash such as bills, cancelled checks, account statements and similar documents. He mentioned that on 16 April at Iberia Bank there will be a big shred event as a fundraiser with donation per box/bag of \$3; drive up and someone will help unload your stuff. Make sure you shred your charge receipts, expired cards, statements, checks and other sensitive personal information. Keith had so many interesting things to tell us, he was asked to continue on past the allotted time; such an important topic. The raffle (this time a \$100 certificate to a restaurant) was drawn and the meeting adjourned. 🐾



Meeting Speaker: Keith Dameron, V.P. Iberia Bank, Programs Chair Lt Wanda Burson and Cdr Bill Hughes, JN



Peggy Harsch, Cdr Bill Hughes, JN and Honorary members Bernie and Bill Greichen, who were presented Certificates



1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP, Sue & Ed Bauer with Bryan Mordecai, AP



Lt Gene Burson, P, Karen Morr and Lt/C Tom Morr, P



New Mbr. Joyce Martindell and Lt Juanita Henning, S



P/C Carl Thieme, SN with Helen Sharkey trying hats at Ships Store– Lt Sheila Thieme



**Jo Martin, S and
Jerry Martin, S**



**Shippo Landing hosts: Lt Cliff
Winings, SN & Joyce Winings**



**Erich Lademann buying raffle tickets from
1/Lt Debbie Rago and Lt Nick Rago, AP**



**Mike Murphy and
Barbara Murphy**



**P/C Lee Harkness, AP and
P/C Owen Henning, AP**



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**Mary Carleen Ferry, S
and Jim Ferry, P**



**Linette Noffsinger and
Bob Noffsinger, S**



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



**(back) Jerry Williams, S, Lt/C Lori Williams, S,
Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN & Lt Jim O'Connell, P**



**Keith Dameron giving a talk on fraud and identity theft at dinner meeting;
P/C Carl Thieme, SN and Lt Sheila Thieme**

Digital Media Library

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! TAKE ONE! MISPS has hit Hollywood! Yes, folks, we along with Jan Lane of Naples Sail and Power Squadron, are some of the stars in the USPS Digital Media Library (DML) produced, directed and filmed by Marty and Sari Lafferty from District 5 Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron.

What is this, you ask? USPS received a grant of \$175,000 from the USCG to develop a comprehensive set of videos based on the Powerboat Standards and Rubrics. These videos will feature a series of original high-definition safe-boating videos with live-action demonstrations along with graphics and animations that will clarify concepts. The primary target market for the USPS Digital Media Library is the US boating public—some 88 million Americans—the vast majority of whom have not benefitted from boating safety and skills education. The DML will be translated into a variety of digital media—for use in on-the-water training, classroom teaching, electronic publications and marketing. There is a website and mobile application.

It is a core of 16 video segments, each of two to five minutes duration. They show the incorrect way and the right way to perform the maneuvers. MISPS was involved in 5 of the video segments. We provided boats, drivers and passengers for the episodes as well as Nick Rago piloting his Cobia as the camera boat.

Carl Thieme on his vessel *Marco Cat*, with passengers Bill Hughes, Bryan Mordecai and Rhonda Gloodd did high speed maneuvers Crossing Wakes near Coon Key. They also showed the right and wrong way to Leave a Dock—with Rhonda taking a theatric tumble from going way too fast and slowing down without telling passengers. VSE inspection was done as well.

Marty filmed from Nick Rago's boat *Dancing Queen* the segments with Jim Olmes, Carl Thieme and Ted Reiss's boats. Paul Kampmeyer served as Nick's lookout. Nick's segment was filmed at his dock and had passengers Paul, Glenn Blong, Tom and Sharon Walklett. Sharon volunteered to fall in the canal showing the incorrect way to Board a Boat!

Sari with her Photography flag & D/1/Lt Andy Battaglia, SN



P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP (D/5) & P/D/C Jan Lane, SN-CN



Lt Nick Rago, AP (photo boat) & Erich Lademann-VSC



D/Lt Sari Lafferty, AP & Marty filming VSC—distress signal



Jim Olmes brought his boats *Jim 'N E Cricket* and *Nicky Too* to Marco Island Yacht Club (MIYC) for filming. Laurie Harris from MIYC and USCGAUX performed as VSE. Filming of Reverse and Holding Position had Jan Lane, Erin Olmes and Sari Lafferty as passengers. The Preparation for Departure had Jan and Nick as passengers.

Ted Reiss on *Just us II* was involved in a VSE at the dock at Calusa Island Marina by Eric Lademann. A happy captain and crew (Ted, Andy Battaglia, Gene Burson and Sue Garten) were filmed departing From the Dock with a new red VSE decal. In another video, passengers Andy, Gene and Peggy Reiss went on High Speed Maneuvers showing right and wrong ways to Avoid Obstacles in the water and Making Sudden Stops.

Jan Lane from NSPS and her sister Sue Garten were involved in the filming of Navigation Rules and Sound Signals aboard her new 37-foot Sea Ray. They also did some filming and assisted with the overall production.

The entire cast had six great days on the water and has now set their sights for the silver screen. Autographs anyone? 🍷 (Article by P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN)



Sari & Marty with camera on Nick Rago's boat



Jim 'N E Cricket with P/C Jim Olmes, SN



Just Us II with Reiss' getting ready to raft-up with *Dancing Queen* with Nick at helm to transfer cameras, equipment, Marty and Sari



Marco Cat with P/C Carl Thieme, SN



Marty, Ted, Erich, & Sari on dock; Nick and Lt Gene Burson, P on upper dock; (left) "Thumbs up" for successful VSC—Ted and Erich

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Co-Captains: P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN & P/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN @ 213-8722

Rescheduled: **Saturday, 2 April** **Start Time: 1000**

Starting Place: Dock at Calusa Island Marina. Pick up a packet of rules, instructions and list of items to find.

Finish Time: Hunt ends anytime BEFORE 1600! Drop off your memory card (containing your pictures) with your packet of completed forms at 1600 to Co-Captains to **339 Columbus Way**

Equipment Needed: Boat, digital camera, VHF radio, cell phone, GPS, usual boating stuff (sun glasses, head cover, sunscreen, water, and food if required, etc.).

Party: **1800 at Andy Battaglia's lanai @ 1450 Cutler Court.** All participants are invited to attend, to enjoy pizza, soda, beer, wine (Suggest \$10 donation)

Rules: All photos must be taken from your boat during the hours of the hunt (1000 – 1600) All items photographed must be readily identifiable by the scorer. Multiple photos of the same item are acceptable.



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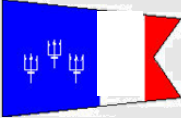


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If I've missed your name, let me know!



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 - b. When action by the give-way vessel alone will not prevent a collision
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 - d. When the vessels become less than 1/2 mile apart
2. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND Which vessel shall NOT impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway?
 - a. A vessel of less than 20 meters in length
 - b. A vessel sailing
 - c. A vessel fishing
 - d. All of the above
3. Your vessel is to dock bow first at a pier. Which line will be the most useful when maneuvering the vessel alongside the pier?
 - a. Stern breast line
 - b. Bow spring line
 - c. Bow breast line
 - d. Inshore head line
4. When shifting to a course where the wind comes more from astern, easing the mainsheet will _____.
 - a. bring the boom more fore and aft
 - b. decrease the force needed to haul on the mainsheet
 - c. bring the head of the sail down from the top of the mast
 - d. allow the sail to catch more wind

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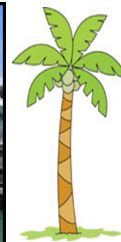


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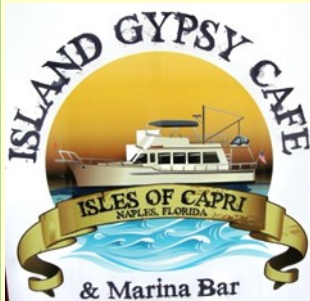
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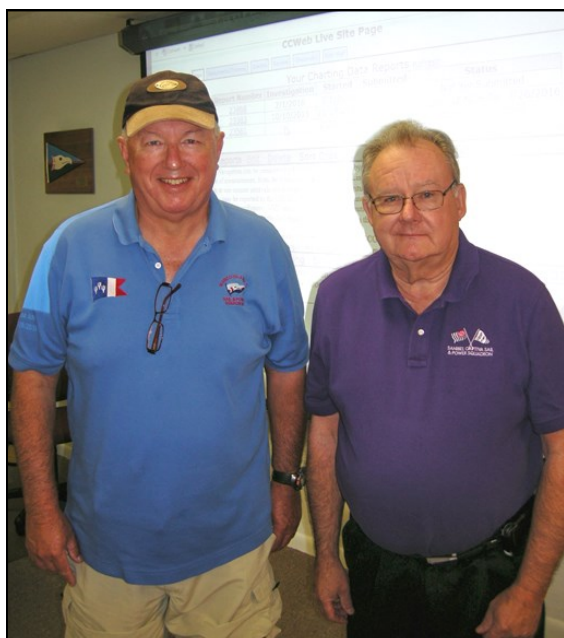
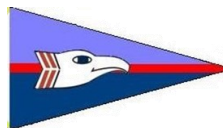


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(left) P/C Carl Thieme, SN with Stf/C Jim Strothers, SN the District 22 Co-op Charting Chair giving the Co-op Charting class instruction on submitting the appropriate information; Eric Lademann, Bryan Mordecai, AP, Lt Cliff Winings, SN, Lt Gene Burson, P, Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP, and Carl (photo by class member D/1/Lt Andrea Battaglia, SN)

Captain's Meeting 24 FEB at CJ's



Mona Kelso, P/C Carl Thieme, SN, 1/Lt Debbie Rago, Lt Nick Rago, AP & Rick Kelso, AP

A deluge of rain brought the hardy group of 18 MISPS members inside for the get-together. The smaller group gave the opportunity for more friendly conversations. Lt Ann Derwin was there with her events clipboard.



Ed & Sue Bauer, (back) Lt Sheila Thieme and Lt/C Tom Morr, P



Peggy Harsch, Cdr Bill Hughes, JN & Allan Epstein, S



D/1/Lt Andy B., SN & Lt Ann Derwin



Lt Wanda Burson, Karen Morr, Lt Gene Burson, P and Pat Mogan

Rookery Bay

11 March 2016

Kayak Trip



The afternoon before, P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN served as the instructor for the “Paddle Smart” class with nine students who signed up for the Rookery Bay Kayak Trip.

Trip organizer Peggy was the 10th kayaker. Our two guides, Randy & John, fitted each person for proper foot rests and vests. We all got into our kayaks and went a short distance and had a mini lesson on paddling, with emphasis on keeping our head over center of gravity as to not capsize. Then off we went for an exciting excursion with all the natural beauty of the mangrove islands, birds and other creatures. It was quite windy, so we were instructed to keep along the edge of the mangroves out of the wind and current; those that did found it much easier. It was great to paddle under mangrove “tunnels”. One person caught a paddle in the bushes and capsized, but John talked her back onto the kayak; cold and wet, but okay. Cdr Bill Hughes, JN had back pain, so had a tow by John to make it across the bay against wind and current. While waiting, Teri and Lori were busy talking and drifted back over the rapidly flowing water that was difficult to traverse, so had to do it over again. After about 2 hours we all made it back safely, took a group photo and thanked our guides. It was a fantastic experience! 🐾



Bows of our kayakers gathered around guide on one of several points of nature on the tour

Out Kayak Tour Guide “Randy” showing us crown snails that live in brackish water

Raccoon tracks



Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP navigating her way around mangrove branches under mangrove “tunnel” ... she was successful!



Our guide Randy stopped in this area to explain about the red mangrove trees seen here



Randy on left in green kayak giving nature lesson; red mangroves, the white and black mangroves not same genus



Cdr Bill Hughes, JN, Karen Morr, and others coming out of mangrove “tunnel” ... really nice!



Kayak Tour guide Randy, Cdr Bill Hughes, JN, Lt/C Teri O’Connell, JN, D/1/Lt Andy Battaglia, SN, P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Karen Morr, Lt/C Rhonda Gloodt, AP, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP, Lt/C Lori Williams, S, Mick Haldeman, 1/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN and guide John.



Cdr Bill Hughes, JN with much back pain being towed by the Kayak Tour guide “John”





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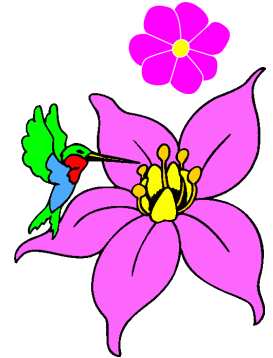
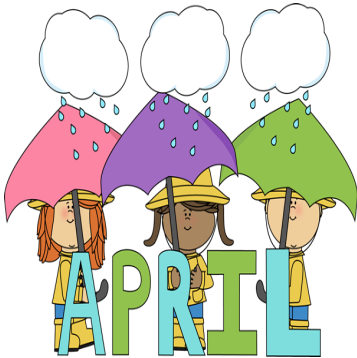
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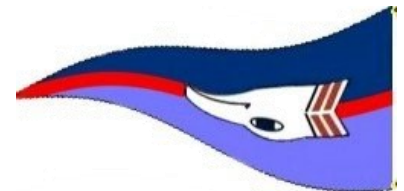
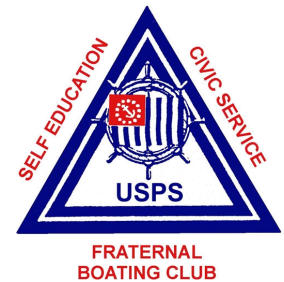
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