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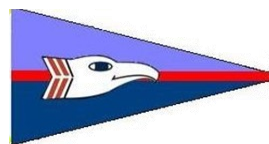
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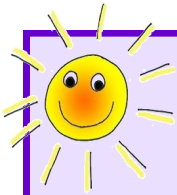
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## Coming Events 2017

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**SUNSHINE NEWS**  
 Lt Mary Carleen Ferry, S  
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Mary Kayhart slipped in her bathroom and broke her neck. She fractured her C-6 cervical vertebra. It is broken in four places, three of which are stable. A cervical collar will keep them in place but the fourth one will have to wait and see if it slips back into place after the trauma of the injury subsides. If not surgery will be necessary.

While she was waiting for back surgery, Joyce Epstein, had a few cardiac problems for which she had a cardiac catheterization.

Sloan-Kettering was the destination of Jay Fernandes after finding out he had kidney cancer. He is doing well after the surgery and is waiting for what is next.

The mother-in-law of John Bishop died recently. Shirley had been up north with her for some time.

John Starkey is going to Physicians Regional for occupational and physical therapy after having a stroke. He says he is doing well and wishes the Squadron well.

Rebecca Puell slipped on ice while in Washington, DC. She and her husband Jose were chaperones for their son Joey's class from school. Rebecca had surgery on 20 March for placement of a pin in her elbow. She is unable to work.

**The caregivers are to be remembered also.  
 Please let me know of anyone who is sick,  
 injured or deceased. I will send them a card.**

	<p><b>COMMANDER</b>  <b>Rhonda Gloodt, AP</b></p>
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Spring is here and it is time to make a new Spring Goal. Perhaps it will be to teach a loved-one how to operate a boat and communicate on a Marine radio in case of an emergency. Plan ahead, be proactive not reactive.



Lt Nick Rago, AP, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP and I will be taking our Junior Navigation test this month, it has been an interesting class given by P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN. It is amazing how the sextant can pull the sun down to the horizon, then you can take your calculations and figure out where you are in the world!

Organization for a class for children which will be taught this summer during school vacation is one of my goals. I hope to make the class fun and interesting for the students and will be looking for some helpers.

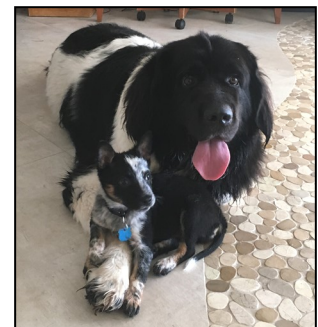
On 6 April is a Cruise to Panther Key and 20 April is the cruise to Marker 8.5 for breakfast, in Goodland. Let's all get our Vessel Safety Check and display the decal on our boats with the goal of getting 100% squadron participation! I know many of our members will start heading back up North soon so let us make the most of our time together while we can!

Lily, our Newfoundland, and your Power Squadron Mascot has been busy with our new Australian Cattle Dog named Nina. Lily has adopted Nina as her puppy. Lily is being very helpful in training Nina. both dogs love each other. Erma, the wife of our Assistant Education Officer 1/Lt John Maciolek, AP, showed Nina to Bob and I at the Humane Society in Naples, and we couldn't resist. Erma volunteers at the shelter to help out with the animals there! Of course, we have all fallen in love with Nina. Thank you, Erma, for everything you do to help the pets in need!

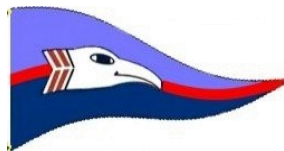
Enjoy safe boating! 🚤



Lily—the MISPS official mascot



**Captain's Meeting**  
**"Meet & Greet"**  
**everyone welcome!**  
**CJ's Gazebo Bar**  
**at the Esplanade**  
**at 1700 on the**  
**4th Tuesday**  
**of the Month**



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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**Lt/C Gene Burson, AP**

The month of February and early March have been a very busy time. February started off developing an ad for the final ABC class of the 2016-2017 education year. All the ABC classes have been filled this year with overflow students deferred to the next scheduled class.



After the Change of Watch, I began writing an article for the newspapers. Hopefully you saw the article in the *Marco Eagle* or the *Coastal Breeze*. The following day after the Change of Watch, I drove to Cape Coral to attend the DB2000 training. This is the program that maintains every member's data as to when they became a member and what classes they have attended. Using the system, I will be able to periodically review our membership so I do not overlook anyone for important volunteer opportunities. The same day I was in class, our Squadron sponsored a Beach Clean Up at South Beach. Thank you to all the members that volunteered at this Beach Clean Up.

It was only a couple of days later when Wanda and I left for Orlando to attend the USPS National Convention at the Rosen Centre in Orlando. I do not know how many members attended, but it must have been in the thousands. The classes started at 0900 each day and usually were 1-2 hours long. Subjects of interest to me were: Vessel Safety Check Marketing, Public Relations to young members, Development of your Instructor Base, plus Marketing and Membership. I was only able to attend four sessions since Saturday was taken up with the Annual meeting. The Fall National Convention will be the 10-17 September 2017, in Dallas, TX.

Last month, I mentioned that Stan Kott was going to take over Public Relations. We sat down this month to discuss time-tables, contacts, areas of interest, and what we need to do for a smooth transition of Public Relations. Stan (Stosh) has written his 1st article and submitted it to the newspapers; hope everyone saw it. Any ideas you may have for articles should be sent to Stosh (see the Roster).

Next month I will report on: a boating safety class designed for kids, "Wear It!" campaign, use of credit cards, co-op charting, Squadron Website and Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) advertising.

On a closing note, everyone should attend the District Conference in Punta Gorda on April 1<sup>st</sup> (No April Fool's joke here, I am not kidding). 🍷



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
**Lt/C Tom Morr, P**

Time to start preparing for summer weather. We love boating in the summer season. Most of the time it is delightful to be on the water and enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings of the part of paradise that is Marco Island and the Squadron has planned many events and activities to make this a great boating summer. But don't be complacent. Now is the time to plan ahead to maximize the joy of boating here.



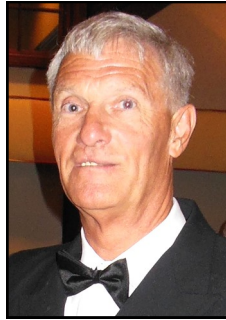
Do you always check the weather and tides before departing in your vessel? Do you know what to look for in weather formations to anticipate problems and exercise caution? Do you have a plan for what to do if you are caught on the water in a storm? Do you leave a float plan with a responsible person when you head out for a cruise? Has your boat been checked to assure you are properly equipped and current for vessel safety? Are your personal flotation devices in good shape? Do you carry a spare radio? Do you follow the rule of thirds in terms of fuel when embarking on a journey? Do you know how to protect your boat when major storms or hurricanes threaten Southwest Florida? If the answer to any of these questions is 'no', we need to talk. You are not taking full advantage of the knowledge, classes and services being offered by your fellow Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron members.

Soon it will be June and our summer monsoon season will begin. Heat and humidity will build daily and generate the possibility of sudden and fast moving storms in our area. Also, the 2017 hurricane season will be underway with all the angst that the potential for damage a powerful storm can generate.

MISPS is all about boating responsibly and safely. Your fellow squadron members are some of the most experienced and knowledgeable people in the region about how to avoid, anticipate and respond to foul weather. A significant advantage of MISPS membership is to learn from one another. Be proactive, ask others for advice, pay attention to the columns of advice prepared by our safety officer, have your vessel inspected, brush up your skills by taking a course, gather what you need to secure your boat in a storm and utilize the United States Power Squadron® on line training materials to prepare for safe boating this summer. You won't regret it. In addition, you will be protecting your investment and helping to fulfill the MISPS mission of making boating safer in and around the Marco Island area. 🍷



**EDUCATION OFFICER**  
**P/C Edward Reiss, SN-IN**



A great educational season is just about over. The three America's Boating Courses had turned away requests for December, January and March. Each class had about 20 students. Instructors, P/C Jim Olmes, SN, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP, P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN and Lt Tom Ryan, AP are to be congratulated for helping the students learn safe boating. As a result an extra April class is now scheduled to begin on 17 April. The experiences and talents of first time instructors Lt Nick Rago, AP and Lt Rick Kelso, AP guided the 19 students who took SEAMANSHIP with squadron members Earl Haldeman, Erich Lademann, Rebecca Puell, Stosh Kott and Karen Urso earning an S. P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN led our sun gazers in Junior Navigation and in a few weeks the test results for JN and Piloting will identify more students with newly acquired advanced grades.

Just as important were the seminars on Weather (Rhonda Gloodt), How to use a Chart and GPS (Jim Olmes and Carl Thieme) and Partner in Command (Ted & Peggy Reiss). From my observations members of our squadron continued to learn.

For the future, we need several more instructors. Members have asked for courses on: electrical systems, communication and navigational equipment; engine maintenance and sail. Who has some experience in any of these topics? Instructor manuals are available along with prepared presentation material. Someone must know how to connect wires, or do first aid on an engine or let the wind take you toward a sunset. Related is a planned Instructor Development short course which includes each student making a one, three and five minute presentation plus preparing a one hour lesson plan. The student manual gives lots of background on teaching methods, styles and how students learn. When should we schedule a class for you?

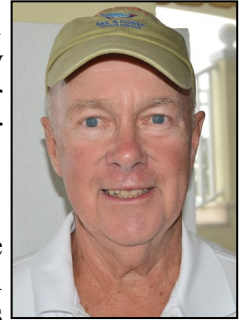
**Are you prepared to save someone's life? A free CPR and First Aid class taught by the Marco Island Fire and Rescue team is set for 19 April from 0900 to 1300. The first 15 to sign-up with me by 12 April get a seat.**

The Vessel Trainer can be used almost any day. Let 1/Lt John Maciolek, AP or me know when you are interested to sign up.

Let's keep learning, be safe and go boating! 🐾



**SAFETY OFFICER**  
**Lt Edward Bauer**



As the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron's new Safety Officer I would like to ask your help in identifying issues for our squadron and ideas for future subjects for this column.

During the busy season on the Marco waterways we have all experienced numerous examples of boaters who were operating discourteously or dangerously towards other boaters. Some may have just purchased their first boat, others have rented from the various marinas, others may be so involved with partying with their friends that they are not paying attention. Most likely they have not had the benefit of at least the America's Boating Course or similar training courses.

I have rented numerous boats over the years in a variety of marine locales, once with friends, a 50' houseboat and trailing motorized skiff for a week on Lake Powell. Training consisted of how to work the radio if we needed assistance. Nothing about the "rules of the road", hazards we might encounter, anchoring, etc.

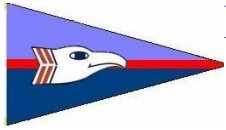
Alternately, Susan and I rented a 45' narrowboat on the Mersey-Trent Canal in northern England. Before taking the helm we spent 4 hours of training including videos, knot tying, lock operation, safety, radio operation, canal protocol, water conditions, and an hour on the water with an instructor.

Rentals in the Marco Island area have included no instruction other than how to operate the radio and warnings not to take the boats into the Gulf.

Talking with Freedom Boat Club I learned that new members must undergo 1 ½ hours of classroom instruction and 1 ½ hours on the water to become (inshore) members. For offshore operation they must have taken the boat out 6-7 times and also receive additional training.

So how may we further our education of boaters through outreach, kids programs, speakers bureau, Vessel Safety Checks, advertisements, etc.? Could we work with the marinas and provide some basic handout that would help those renting the boat? Food for thought. 🐾





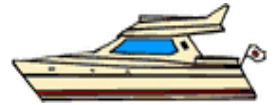
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Dates 2017	Destination	Time	Cruise Captain	Phone (239)
06 Apr	Cruise & Picnic, Panther Key (see p. 19)	1100	Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN	213-8722
20 Apr	**Cruise and Breakfast, Marker 8.5 (p. 15)	0900	Lt/C Tom Morr, P	259-8962
12 May	**Cruise and Lunch, Island Gypsy	1200	P/C Carl Thieme, SN	970-2177
27 May	Cruise and Picnic, Whitehorse Key	1100	Bryan Mordecai, AP	642-1006
08 June	Cruise and Picnic, Keewaydin Island	1100	Cdr Rhonda Gloodt, AP	450-7089
22 June	**Cruise & Lunch, Naples Boat House	1130	TBA	
06 July	**Cruise and Lunch, Dolphin Tiki Bar	1200	Lt/C Tom Morr, P	259-8962
22 July	Cruise and Picnic, Cape Romano	1100	TBA	
3-4 Aug	**Cruise and Lunch, Rod and Gun Club, Everglades City, *Optional overnight	1130	Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN	213-8722
10 Sept	**Cruise and Pig Roast, Marker 8.5	1500	1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP	394-0459
19 Sept	**Cruise and Lunch, Marco Island Yacht Club	1200	Jim Ferry, P	394-4884
05 Oct	**Cruise & Lunch, Wahoo's River Bar, Naples	1200	P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN	393-9158
19 Oct	**Cruise and Lunch, Little Bar, Goodland	1200	D/1/Lt Andy Battaglia, SN	642-5721
18 Nov	**Cruise & Lunch, Old Marco Lodge, Goodland	1200	Lt Nick Rago, AP	(860)798-4141
15 Dec	**Pirate Ship Cruise (sunset)		Lt/C Tom Morr, P	259-8962

## 2018

11 Jan	**Sunset Cruise and cocktails/catered appetizers, Rookery Bay / Stonewalls @ 1600			
18 Jan	**Cruise and Lunch, CJ's at Esplanade	1200	Cdr Rhonda Gloodt, AP	450-7089
15-16 Feb	Cruise & Picnic, Whitehorse Key * overnight raft-up optional	1100	TBA	

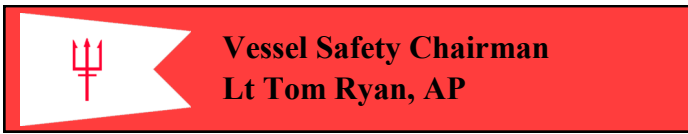


## Before you cruise, get your vessel safety check ...

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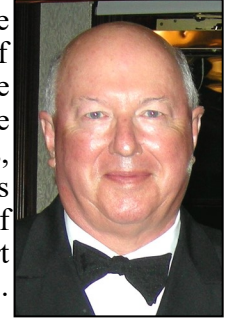
**Vessel Safety Chairman**  
**Lt Tom Ryan, AP**

The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) team has examined 136 vessels to date. In March, we are starting a campaign to see if we can obtain 100% of member participation in the VSC program. These safety checks are free and a volunteer Certified Vessel Examiner will check your boat to make sure it complies with the USCG safety requirements. We never report our results to any enforcement agency. The exam is solely for your benefit. Our squadron receives credit for every vessel checked including wave-runners, canoes and kayaks. We even receive credit if the vessel does not meet the requirements. The number of vessel safety checks is a component of our squadron evaluation. So, when one of our examiners calls you, please schedule an appointment even if you don't use your boat or it needs repair. We still provide information that is important to you. If you haven't received a call yet please contact Lt Tom Ryan, AP or one of the VSC team members to schedule an appointment. 🚤



**Cooperative Charting Chairman**  
**P/C Carl Thieme, SN**

MISPS COOP Charting teams have already completed a number of resurveys for 2017. We hope to have them completed by mid-April and we also intend, over the next 2 months, to initiate new ATON/PTON surveys in area's adjacent to and south of Marco Island [Blackwater River, Port of the Islands and Everglades City].



P/C Andy Battaglia, SN and Bryan Mordecai, AP have identified significant ATON/PTON issues related to the entrance to Caxambas Pass from the Gulf. The missing ATONs and lights are scheduled to be replaced in the near future by the County thanks to Andy's persistence. Thanks Andy!

Potential areas of cooperation are being explored between MISPS and U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary [USCGA] Flotilla 95. The current focus of the talks is related to the surveying and reporting of problem ATON'S / PTON's in MISPS's Adopt a Chart Area of responsibility. The participants in these meetings were Commander Doug Bartlett and Navigator Lee Koenecke of USCGA and P/C Carl Thieme, SN and Lt Cliff Winings, SN. The USCGA in Marco Island does not currently have the personnel available to check all the ATON'S / PTON'S in our area. MISPS needs the assistance of the local USCGA to file the reports related to ATON / PTON discrepancies within the US Coast Guard Light List data base system. The US Coast Guard will not accept any discrepancy reports without verification from the local USCGA Flotillas. The USCG will then change the appropriate Light List data and hopefully forward the information to NOAA for corrective action on the appropriate Marine charts. Given this situation we have invited the current USCGA Navigator Lee Koenecke to survey with us to verify ATON/PTON issues MISPS has identified that need to be reported. Navigator Lee Koenecke will then take on full responsibility to file all the necessary reports to the USCG. Lee is checking to make sure MISPS gets credit in the USCG discrepancy report for initially identifying ATON/PTON issues. MISPS still intends to submit discrepancy reports to USPS National and District 22, NOAA, the City of Marco Island and Collier County. MISPS will maintain the comprehensive data base for all the ATON's and PTON'S in the Greater Marco Island area.

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**COOP Charting (Continued):**

conducted a computer session on 16 March to train the COOP Charting team how to both access all the ATON/PTON information in our data base and superimpose / view it on Google Earth. 🚤

Cliff Winings has been refining and further developing the COOP Charting data base for MISPS. Cliff (cont. lower left)





What a fantastic time we had aboard the *Coral Princess*, which was designed specially to be able to navigate the Panama Canal. I represented MISPS and traveled with my daughter Nancy. Our first stop was Aruba where we toured the island, went to the beach and enjoyed the gorgeous aqua-blue water. In Cartagena, Columbia we saw the Fort of San Filipe, the most important work of Spanish engineering in South America and the Old City. It was exciting to traverse the 3 locks of the Panama Canal into Lake Gatun. We saw the new, wider locks that were just built as we went on a tour of Old Panama City. It included ruins as a result of attacks by the famous Captain Morgan. Due to high winds, we went to Belize instead of Costa Rica. Nancy and I took an hour bus ride then an hour boat ride at fast speed because of the shallowness of the river to see the Mayan ruins, which included a walk to the top of the temple.



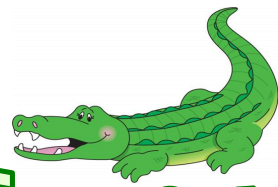
Some of the most fun was aboard the *Princess*! One contest was to make a boat from scavenged materials (nothing could be purchased), that would need to float carrying a full 6-pack of soda and go the length of the pool and back. Theme was Pirate; had to name boat and make up a "pirate chant". Nancy worked on this, using 4 large water bottles and rest small for over 40 water bottles. Mast was plastic straws with wooden stirrers as connectors, stay of yarn with water bottle labels as pennants, a mermaid on the bow and a Jolly Roger flag. The competition (2 men) brought their boat made of aluminum beer cans forming a round boat and it had a nice sail. Nancy's boat floated beautifully with the full 6-pack across the pool and back. One man took off his shirt and shoes and just before getting into the pool, set his boat in the water ... which immediately tipped over dumping out all the soda cans. The hostess said he'd have to recover the cans or pay for the soda. Nancy and I said our ditty, "Ahoy matey! Here's the news, having fun on a Princess cruise. Arrgghh!" She won a bottle of Champagne. We sure had fun! Travel Agent Dawn Eckhart (D22) hosted 2 cocktail parties, so we got to meet other squadron members; 50 from D22 and a total of 144 altogether. Entertainment with talented singers and dancers performed elaborate shows plus gourmet dining were both fabulous! We also signed up for "wine tasting" and really learned a lot (one bottle was \$135). 🍷 By D/1/Lt Andrea Battaglia, SN



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 Join D22 squadron members for a 7-day cruise from 25 February to March 4th to the Western Caribbean  
 See our website under Meetings, Events, Misc.



# Port of the Islands Cruise & Lunch



**Kathleen, Ann Marie, Carla, and at the helm—Tom**

Weather perfect day for the cruise on 25 Feb to Port of the Islands. Cruise Captain P/C Carl Thieme, SN at the helm of *Marco Cat* led Lt Tom Ryan, AP's boat *R-Boat* with crew of 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP, Ann Marie Ryan and Carla Yurglic to rendezvous point of Coon Key light. Crew of *Marco Cat*: Lt Sheila Thieme, Bryan Mordecai, AP, D/1/Lt Andy Battaglia, SN, and Marcy and Dan Marinelli. *Blue Chip* with captain Charlie Gentry met right on time. The *Blue Chip* crew: Marji Gentry, P/C Al Jensen, AP and Pat, Karen, Tom and Tommy Simmons, plus Erich and Diane Lademann. Carl led the boats to the outer marker of Port of the Islands where we were met by Lt Jim O'Connell, P and Jerry Williams. Jim lives at the Port and is familiar with the channel to the marina. This channel was made by blasting the coral, which left places of sharp points, so at low tide it can be dangerous if you don't know the way. The four boats docked at the marina and we noticed at least 5 alligators in the marina. Other squadron members arrived by car, making a total of 38 for lunch. The menu was great and ambiance very nice. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch. Jim again led the boats out to the marker in the Gulf. Another great day on the water! 🐊



**Blue Chip with part of the crew ready to disembark**



**Blue Chip—Tommy and Karen with Pat Jansen**



**ALLIGATORS ... we saw 5 of them by the docks at the marina !!**



**Lt Jim O'Connell, P at the helm and Jerry Williams**



**Blue Chip rounding some markers in Port of the Islands canal**







**Bryan Mordecai, AP, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP & D/1/Lt Andy B., SN**



**Bob Mueller, S with Betty and P/C Bob Richardson, P**



**P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN and P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN**



**Steve Riley and Julie Riley**



**P/C Bill Hughes, JN, Lt Jim O'Connell, P and his daughter Jeanette Kuszlyk**



**Jerry Williams, S and Lt/C Lori Williams, S**



**Patrick Kennedy and Debbie Kennedy**



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



**P/C Carl Thieme, SN, Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN and Dan Marinelli**



**Charlie Gentry, JN and Marji Gentry**



**Marcy Marinelli and Lt Sheila Thieme**



**Karen and Tom Simmons with their son Tommy (all 3 new members)**



**Lt Tom Ryan, AP & Ann Marie Ryan**



**CRUISE CAPTAIN P/C Carl Thieme, SN on the Marco Cat**



**Carla Yurglic with Diane & Erich Lademann**





# March Dinner Meeting



The 14 March dinner commenced with social hour at the M. I. Yacht Club in their downstairs bar/porch area. At the appointed time, 63 members proceeded upstairs to the dining area. The Pledge of Allegiance was begun by P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN and the invocation by Chaplain D/1/Lt Andrea Battaglia, SN. Cdr Rhonda Gloodt, AP called upon Lt Wanda Burson, S to introduce the speakers: Dr. Wm. Trotter and Jim Timmerman. Bridge reports were given by each officer. Dinner choices of either braised brisket of beef or potato crusted salmon, all the trimmings were served. As the coffee and chocolate lava cake ala mode were served, the evening's program was started. Dr. Trotter talked about Marco Island stormwater management and water quality observations. The city of M.I. tested canal water quality on a monthly basis until 2014. Currently it is only done on a quarterly schedule and the City subscribes to Collier County and the C.C. Pollution Control Lab for canal water sample collection and assessment. Enterococci are used as indicators of fecal contamination of recreational waters throughout the world. Fecal Coliform is a primary indication of "potability, suitably for consumptions of drinking water". Proposed solution: There needs to be an extensive regrading of swales and inlet height adjustment to promote optimum levels of percolation. It is necessary to assess the effectiveness of filters on inlets and execute an effective maintenance program. There should be more rigorous compliance enforcement with the Fertilizer Ordinance and waste disposal by boats anchored in our waterways. In short, Marco needs to develop a comprehensive program for stormwater management and water quality. Jim Timmerman showed examples of the Ocean Restoration initiative: habitats are made out of fiberglass, pvc, polypropylene rope and crab trap floats. Full size units have been able to support 150,000 organisms representing 60 different marine species. A fully developed habitat is able to filter on average 35,000 gallons of seawater every day. A canal system with enough habitats could have its water filtered completely every day and contain a thriving community of stone crabs, shrimp and dozens of fish species. We thank Dr. Trotter and Jim Timmerman for speaking on an important and interesting topic. 🌊

**Top to bottom: Beverly Trotter, Commander Rhonda Gloodt, AP and the evening's speaker—Dr. William Trotter; second speaker James Timmerman and his wife Cindy; Bob Marks, JN, Gerry Marks, P with Jacquelyn Belliveau and Life Member Robert Belliveau, SN; P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN, Sam Taylor, S and Barbara Taylor, S; new members the Simmons family—Tom, Tommy and Karen; Erich and Diane Lademann; Jerry Martin, P and Jo Martin, P.**





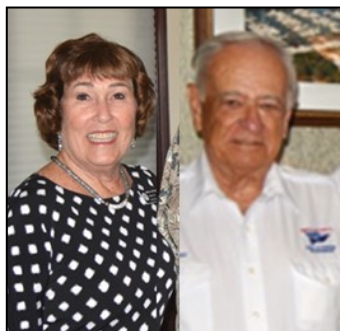
**L to R top to bottom:**  
**Dan & Marcy Marinelli with Lt Sheila Thieme & P/C Carl Thieme, SN;**  
**Lt/C Lori Williams, S & Barbara Haldeman , (back) Jerry Williams, S and Lt Mick Haldeman;**  
**Beverly Noffze and P/C John Noffze, S;**  
**Mike Murphy, P/C Bill Hughes, JN and Henry Stanley;**



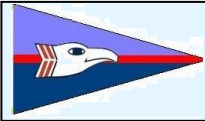
**Ann Marie Ryan, Lt Tom Ryan, AP and 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP;**  
**Jim Ferry, P, Lt Mary Carleen Ferry, S and P/C Lee Harkness, AP**  
**Lt/C Gene Burson, AP & Lt Wanda Burson, S;**  
**P/C Dick Rogers, P and Judy Crook;**  
**Lt Jim O'Connell, P and Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN;**



**P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Susan Bauer, and Lt Ed Bauer & Lt Dorothy Harkness, S;**  
**D/1/Lt Andy Battaglia, SN (Life Member) and Bryan Mordecai, AP;**  
**1/Lt Debbie Rago and Lt Nick Rago, AP doing the evening's 50/50.**







Webmaster  
Lt Cliff Winings, SN



### Upgraded MISPS Web Site

If you downloaded this newsletter you had at least a glimpse of the upgraded MISPS website:

[MarcoIslandSailandPowerSquadron.org](http://MarcoIslandSailandPowerSquadron.org)

This new version of our website has a modern, responsive design that provides a cleaner look and a better viewing experience on smartphones. For narrow displays, the information wraps to a single column that remains legible. The menu bar across the top of the page also wraps as the screen size (or viewing window) decreases. For smartphones-width displays, the menu bar disappears completely, but the menu button at the upper left remains visible with any display size.



The new website has all the information that was in the old website, but the information is re-organized under the new menu system. Part of the reorganization is that documents and external web pages all open in a new window or tab rather than the same window.

There is also some new content:

- 1) "Join Us" page with instructions and application form for joining MISPS.
- 2) "Coop Charting" page with information on MISPS Cooperative Charting project.
- 3) A link, on the "Squadron Information" menu, to a password-protected directory of squadron members showing names, email addresses and phone numbers.
- 4) A listing of upcoming courses on the "Home" page, with links to the "Boating Course" page.
- 5) The "Squadron Officers" page now shows job descriptions for the top 6 Bridge Officers and has e-mail address links in addition to phone numbers.
- 6) The recently added Condo Calendar, showing scheduled events in the condo, now has a link for smartphone users that provides a better view of the calendar than the current embedded calendar.
- 7) The Tides link on the Home page is now broken into three links direct to NOAA graphs and tables for tides at three stations near Marco. To view tides for other stations, click the "Back to Stations Listing" above any graph. 🐢



## Whitehorse Key Cruise & Picnic

27 May at 1100

Cruise Captain:  
**Bryan Mordecai, AP**  
642-1006



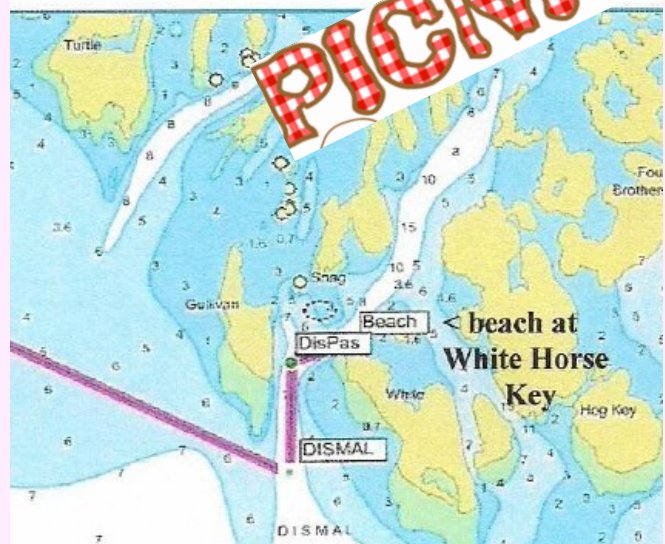
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**Note: not for navigation ... area subject to change!**



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***Bryan Mordecai***





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Cards dates will be at MISPS Condo on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1300.




**April**



**BIRTHDAYS !**

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Lt Mary Carleen Ferry, S  
Diane Lademann  
Rudi Landwaard, JN  
Jo S. Martin, P  
Linnette Noffsinger  
P/C John Noffze, S  
Lt Nick Rago, AP  
John Salotto  
Roy Sander, JN  
Fred Schoen, S  
P/C Carl Thieme, SN  
Lt Cliff Winings, SN  
Petra Williams



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



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

1. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND While underway in fog you hear a vessel sound one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts. What does this signal indicate?



- a. A vessel towing
- b. A vessel being towed
- c. A pilot vessel engaged on pilotage duty
- d. A vessel aground

2. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND On open water, a vessel fishing is in a crossing situation with a vessel sailing located on the fishing vessel's starboard side. Which vessel is the stand-on vessel?

- a. The fishing vessel because it is to port of the sailing vessel.
- b. The fishing vessel because it is fishing.
- c. The sailing vessel because it is to starboard of the fishing vessel.
- d. The sailing vessel because it is sailing

3. You are docking a vessel. If possible, you should \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. go in with the current
- b. go in against the current
- c. approach the dock at a 90° angle and swing to
- d. pass a mooring line to the dock with a heaving line and let the crew pull the vessel in

4. If a mooring line should part while you are tying up at a dock, you should make a temporary eye by tying a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. becket bend
- b. clove hitch
- c. bowline
- d. square knot

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


# New Member Welcome



Membership Chair P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN explaining flags

MISPS held its second New Member Welcome Party at D/1/Lt Andrea Battaglia, SN's lanai on Saturday, 11 March. The event's objective was to familiarize our newest members about our Squadron, District 22 and the United States Power Squadrons®. Bridge members attended along with key Committee heads. Each gave a brief synopsis of the office held and spoke of the various committees under their command. Andy described District 22 and its relationship to MISPS and USPS. Lt Tom Ryan, AP gave information about Vessel Safety Checks and P/C Carl Thieme, SN talked about Cooperative Charting. Lt Sheila Thieme had ship's store articles available.

New members attending were Karen Urso and Stosh Kott; Tom, Karen and Tommy Simmons; Dave and Janet Knudson; John Salotto; Bob and Meg Smith.

Pizza, salad, dessert and beverages were served in keeping with this informal and informative gathering.  Text by P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN



New mbrs. David and Janet Knudsen with SEO Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN in center



new members Stan "Stosh" Kott and his wife Karen Urso



Admin. Officer Lt/C Tom Morr, P, Exec. Officer Lt/C Gene Burson, AP and Karen Morr



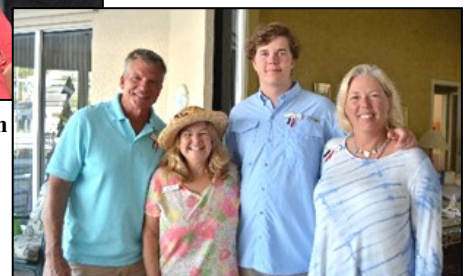
Lt Jim O'Connell, P, new mbr. John Salotto and Bryan Mordecai, AP



Karen, Cdr Rhonda Gloodt, AP, Lt Tom Ryan, AP & 1/Lt John Maciolek, AP



New mbrs. Bob & Meg Smith



Tom Simmons, Cdr Rhonda Gloodt, AP, Tommy & Karen Simmons— new mbrs.



P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN explaining about MISPS, D22 & USPS to group

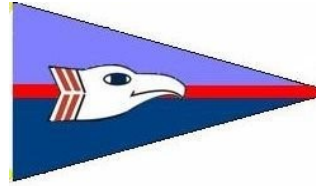


Karen shopping with Ships Store Chair Lt Sheila Thieme



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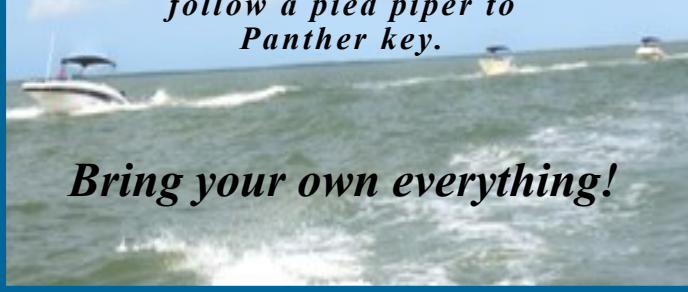
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**PANTHER KEY**  
**Thurs, 6 April at 1100**  
**Cruise & Picnic**

**Cruise Captain:**  
**Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN**  
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*If you don't know the way,  
follow a pied piper to  
Panther key.*



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21 Feb. Cards at the Condo: (above) Lt Dorothy Harkness, S, Barbara Haldeman, Jan Knudsen and Vini Just; (below) P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN, Mary Whaley, D/1/Lt Andy Battaglia, SN and Bryan Mordecai, AP

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(below) Ladies Lunch at Petit Soleil on 21 Feb: Lt Dorothy Harkness, S, Kathleen Douglas-Muther (not pictured Andy B)

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# 11th Annual Digital Scavenger Hunt

Text by Stanley "Stosh" Kott, S



The hunt Chairs:  
Mona and Lt Rick Kelso, AP



Rick holding "straws" as Gene Burson  
draws the short straw for next year's Chair

Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron held its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Digital Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, 18 March. Organized and scored by club members Mona and Lt Rick Kelso, AP the on the water scavenger hunt tested the skills, the visual acuity and most vividly the imaginations of six boat crews.

At 1000 the crews boarded their craft and opened the sealed packets that contained the detailed instructions and the all-important (and sometimes intentionally confusing) clues. Six hours were allotted to find the answers to those clues, digitally photograph them and record it on the official tally sheet. Entries had to be returned by 1600. The marine boundaries were from the start of the Marco River near the Gulf to the Isles of Capri to the Jolley Bridge with only the North Barfield Bridge to pass under.

There were some 80 clues, some straightforward such as: '2016 World Champions'. The answer of course is the Chicago Cubs and the digital evidence was a dockside pennant/flag of the 2016 world champs. Or, 'It Stinks' with the answer obviously, the Marco Island sewer treatment facility. Another clue was 'Sweet Scented Marina', a clear reference to Rose Marina. Other clues were not so easy. Some were quite oblique and mysterious: 'dragon lights the way' or five palms gone to pot' or flying pig for dinner'. The answers to some of the clues remain known only to the organizers!!



(back L to R) Lt/C Gene Burson, AP, Lt Wanda Burson, S, Lt/C Tom Morr, P, Karen Urso, Stosh Kott, S, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP, Bob Smith, Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN, Bill & Carol Carson, Lt/C Lori Williams, S, guest, Jerry Williams, Hunt Chairs Mona Kelso, & Lt Rick Kelso, AP, Host Bryan Mordecai, AP; (front L-R) Karen Morr, Cdr Rhonda Gloott, AP, P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Meg Smith, guest, Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN, Host D/1/Lt Andrea Battaglia, SN and Jim O'Connell, P (on Andrea's Lanai)



# The Winners !



First-timers Karen Urso and Stosh Kott, S are the surprised winners and were presented with a certificate by the 11th Annual Scavenger Hunt Chair Lt Rick Kelso, AP

The day ended with a pizza and wine party at the home of D/1/Lt Andy Battaglia, SN where the winning team was announced. The team of members Stosh Kott and Karen Urso and their guests Bill and Carol Carson, all first-time participants, were flabbergasted when their names were announced as the victors. The boat with Lt Jim O'Connell, P and Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN also members Jerry and Lt/C Lori Williams, S as crew were awarded honorable mention for having traveled all the way from the Port of the Islands to participate.

A ceremonial drawing of the short stick resulted in Lt/C Gene Burson and Lt Wanda Burson, S winning (or losing) the job of organizing and importantly designing the hunt for next year. The day ended with all participants attesting to a great day on the water enjoying the sights and sounds of Marco Island and relishing the goodhearted competition. And, as always is the case with Squadron events, a good time was had by all. 🍷



The runner-up receiving honorable mention was the team of Lt Jim O'Connell, P, Lt/C Teri O'Connell, JN, Lt/C Lori Williams, S and Jerry Williams, S

# Runner-up !



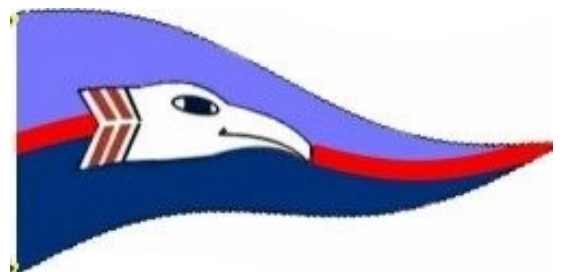
Jim, Ted, Stosh, Teri, Rick and Karen



Bob and Meg Smith with squadron guests participating in the scavenger hunt



Kathleen, Rhonda, Karen, Peggy, Mona, Karen, Teri & Lori





# Squadron Lunch at CJ's



Bob Marks, JN, Gerry Marks, P and guest Bernie from Allentown, PA

Another glorious day in paradise a/k/a Marco Island on the 25th of February. Two boats and 12 members gathered for lunch at one of our favorite places, CJ's on the Bay at the Esplanade. The service was great, nice menu choices and everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch. We were pleased to welcome friends of Bob and Gerry Marks who were visiting from Allentown, PA. It just so happened that at the table next to us were other Pennsylvanians who were squadron members up there. We told them about our upcoming activities in case they would be interested! 🏴‍☠️



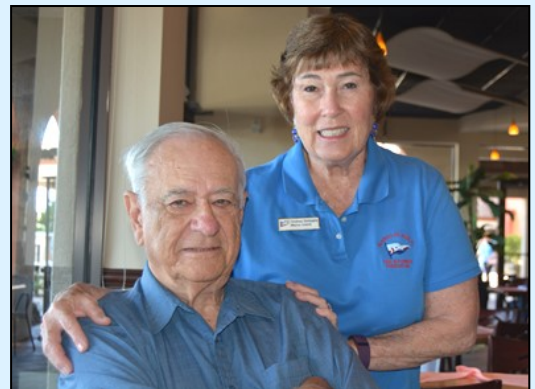
P/Lt/C Chuck Wilson, JN, P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson, JN and P/C Bill Hughes, JN



Administrative Officer Lt/C Tom Morr, P with Mark's guest Barry from Allentown



Rhonda & Kathleen aboard *Slick Chick*



Bryan Mordecai, AP and D/1/Lt Andrea Battaglia, SN (LM)



Bob Marks, JN & Gerry Marks, P aboard their Grady White *Le Sujet Touche*



Commander Rhonda Gloodt, AP and 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP



**COMING IN APRIL**

**MONTHLY DINNER MEETING**

**MARCO ISLAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

**TUESDAY, 11 APRIL 2017**

**MARCO ISLAND YACHT CLUB**

1400 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island

**1700 (5:00 PM) – SOCIALIZING**

**17:45 (5:45 PM) – SQUADRON MONTHLY MEETING**

**18:15 (6:15 PM) DINNER FOLLOWED BY SPEAKER**

**SPEAKER:**

Dr. Roland Werres on First Aid for Boaters

**MENU:**

**\$30 per person**

**Choose One Dinner per Person:**

House Salad

Pork Marsala

or

Chicken by the Garza

or

Chef's Vegetarian Selection

Warm Blueberry Buckle with Vanilla Bean Sauce

Adult Beverages Available for Purchase

(No cash or Discover card – Only Master Charge, Visa or American Express)



**PLEASE RESPOND BY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel# \_\_\_\_\_

Menu choice:      Pork \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

No. attending @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



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