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MISPS MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

The MISPS Executive Committee commissioned a survey of members as part of the strategic plan for the squadron. During the month of May, members were sent a link to a survey that asked for their thoughts and experiences with the Squadron. A total of 43 members completed the survey (a 25% response rate). Here are some of the more interesting results from the survey.

Reason for Joining: An overwhelming majority of the members who responded indicated that they joined MISPS for educational reasons. This included those who joined after completing the ABC Course, those who stated they wanted to learn more about boating in the Marco Island area, those who wanted to attend classes and seminars, and those who stated they wanted to learn how to operate their boat. Joining for social reasons came in a distant fourth from the educational reasons.

Length of Membership: Among those who responded, 30% had been members two years or less; 23% had been members two to five years; 27% had been members for five to ten years and 18% had been members for more than ten years.

Squadron Activities: Members were asked about their interest in and participation in squadron activities. The most popular activities indicated were lunch cruises, cruise and picnic activities, monthly dinner meetings, and Captain's Meetings at CJ's. Of less interest were overnight or weekend boating activities. Additionally, members were asked whether they had an interest in scuba/snorkeling, fishing or kayak/paddle activities. There was more interest in a fishing group than in the other activities.

Volunteering: Many who responded are already volunteering to help the squadron. We are still looking for more people to help make MISPS the best it can be. If you indicated you'd be interested in volunteering for a club activity, please talk with one of the Bridge members and let them know of your interest.

Communication: Members were asked how they prefer to receive communication from MISPS. The monthly postcards, emails, and the Eagles Eye were the most popular responses. Fewer members indicated that they used social media to learn about club activities.

The Executive Committee will be taking the survey results under consideration as they plan additional activities for 2018 and 2019. Thanks to those members who shared their thoughts with us.

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Coming Events 2018

July

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| 02 July | Cards at Condo | 1300 p. 13 |
| 10 July | Captain's Meeting, CJ's | 1700 p. 04 |
| 11 July | Silver Tridents, TBD | 0830 |
| 13 July | Cruise and Lunch, Island Gypsy | 1200 p. 07 |
| 17 July | Ladies Lunch, Sunset Grille | 1130 p. 12 |
| 17 July | Cards at Condo | 1300 p. 13 |
| 24 July | Captain's Meeting, CJ's | 1700 p. 04 |
| 27 July | Cruise and Picnic, Keewaydin | 1100 p. 07 |

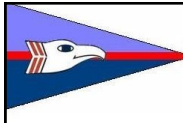
August

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| 07 August | Cards at Condo | 1300 p. 13 |
| 08 August | Silver Tridents, TBD | 0830 |
| 11 August | Cruise and Lunch, Naples Boat House | 1200 p. 07 |
| 12-19 August | USPS Governing Board, Minneapolis, MN | |
| 14 August | Captain's Meeting, CJ's | 1700 p. 04 |
| 21 August | Ladies Lunch, Stonewalls | 1130 p. 12 |
| 21 August | Cards at Condo | 1300 p. 13 |
| 28 August | Captain's Meeting, CJ's | 1700 p. 04 |

September*

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| 04 September | Cards at Condo | 1300 p. 13 |
| 8 September | Cruise and Lunch, Wahoo's River Bar and Grill | 1200 p. 07 |
| 12 September | Executive Board Meeting, Condo | 0900 |
| 12 September | Captain's Meeting, CJ's | 1700 |
| 13 September | Silver Tridents, TBD | 0830 |
| 18 September | Ladies Lunch, Snook Inn | 1130 |
| 18 September | Cards at Condo | 1300 |
| 21 September | Cruise and Picnic, Shell/Bird Island | 1100 p. 07 |
| 26 September | Captain's Meeting, CJ's | 1700 |

***Please note—starting in September our executive board meetings, monthly dinner meetings, and captain's meetings at CJ's will switch to Wednesdays, rather than Tuesdays. Cards at the Condo and Ladies Lunches will remain on Tuesdays.**



THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Marcy Marinelli, P

This issue of the Eagle's Eye will cover activities in July and August. As you can tell from the calendar, things slow down quite a bit for us during these hot summer months.

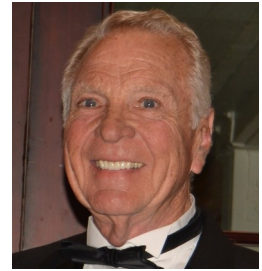
There was an error in the last edition of the Eagle's Eye that needs to be corrected. The article about MISPS winning the scrapbook award incorrectly stated that we won for the scrapbook covering year 2017. In fact we won in 2017 for the scrapbook covering 2016 and the picture included was from then. I apologize for the error. We are still looking for a volunteer to help with the club scrapbook so if you are interested in this, please contact one of the bridge officers.



COMMANDER
Gene Burson, AP

Looking forward to Summer

Many of our members will be traveling North for the Summer to see family and friends, but also to get away from the heat. Most likely they are not anxious to do all the home maintenance that awaits them. If there is another boat up North, then it will need maintenance as well.



Remember all the safety precautions we do on Marco waters will need to be followed there. Even when you are on a small lake, wear a life jacket during any activity while on the water.

Hopefully we will not have another hurricane this summer. Lessons learned from Irma should come into play. Start by having someone tending your boat. They can periodically check the boat to insure it runs and at the same time charge the batteries to keep the bilge pumps working. Make sure your attendant has all your contact information. Not just yours, but people to call if something should happen. These precautions can save you money and peace of mind.

For those of us that stay for the summer, we need to enjoy the boating season now that the tourists and snowbirds are gone. Safe boating is a year-round concern made easier with fewer boats on the water.

With family and friends all gone home, we can take the time to have our boats maintained. Look at the number of hours you put on the boat this past season. Is it time for the motor(s) to be overhauled? Should you change out the water supply on the boat. Should you do an inventory of your boat? What is missing since the grandkids were on the boat? Are the life jackets still in good shape? Have any of your anchor lines started to fray?

I know you would like to lay back and enjoy the peaceful summer. Some things must come first. Family and friends will start arriving in late summer or early fall. Do your maintenance now and enjoy more time on the water this winter.

Happy Summer!



SUNSHINE NEWS

John Maciolek is recovering from bypass surgery. Marcy Marinelli is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Gary Riss is recovering from knee surgery. Remember the family of long-time member and former commander John Krehbiel, who passed away on June 1.

Please let me know of anyone who is sick, injured or deceased. I will send them a card in the name of the squadron.
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Captain's Meeting
"Meet & Greet"
everyone welcome!
CJ's Gazebo Bar
at the Esplanade at 1700
on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday
of the Month

For July and August RSVP to
Sonya Benson at
414-617-5718 Or Email:
sbensonwi@gmail.com





EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Tom Morr, P

People learn in different ways - some thrive in a classroom, others learn by doing, others need to see examples, etc. How do you like to learn? If you like to hear and see how to do something before you try it, there is a super new tool available for you.



To further the mission of educating people to become safe boaters the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) has created the America's Boating Channel (americasboatingchannel.com). It is a terrific, entertaining and educational free resource to help answer questions about boating best practices and serves as a great visual supplement to the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron's (MISPS) Boating Courses.

America's Boating Channel and its content are produced by the USPS under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. America's Boating Channel is the new home of the USPS Digital Media Library.

Among the topics covered are navigation rules, boating safety, basic skills, life jackets, personal water craft operations, visual distress signals, accident reporting and many more. The library of digital media is being expanded regularly. The Channel responds to many frequently asked questions such as, 'Who has the right-of way on the water? What is the safe speed or passing distance for vessels? What are the regulations concerning wake effects and wake damage? As Captain, what responsibilities do I have for planning, departing, operating and arriving using my vessel? What is a vessel safety check and why do I need one?'

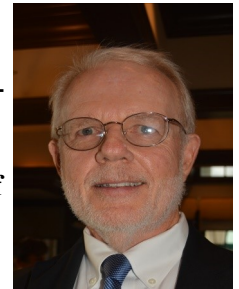
Members of MISPS have been filmed in the classroom and on vessels as the 'talent' for several of the videos on the Channel. It is cool to see your friends serving as 'actors' in this program series. It is also a tribute to the high quality of the MISPS program that your squadron has been asked by our national organization (among a select group of others) to help create some of these educational videos.

You will find these new learning tools are great for refreshing your memory and updating your skills. Each program is 3-8 minutes and focuses on one or a few important ideas. The Channel can be accessed directly from americasboatingchannel.com or from the USPS website. Try it, you will be glad you did.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Bob Smith, AP

Summer has arrived on Marco Island, and with it comes a sweeping spectrum of weather, sometimes predictable, but often not. I generally rely on television meteorologists and cell phone weather apps to inform me of weather conditions prior to any boating excursion. Both are helpful in preparing me for likely conditions on the water, but predictions sometimes prove incorrect. I have abandoned boating plans on many days with bad weather forecasts, only to find that the actual weather on that day was mostly good. Conversely, I have ventured out into the Gulf on days of predicted good weather and have been surprised by sudden high winds and impending thunderstorms. The longer I live here the better I understand that Southwest Florida weather is synonymous with volatility.



Given this situation of volatility in our area, are there ways to improve our understanding of weather conditions? Fortunately, the Power Squadron's Weather course provides many helpful answers. My wife and I decided to take the Weather course this spring, and we are quite happy that we did. Taught by weather aficionado extraordinaire Rhonda Gloodt, we have learned about global wind patterns, barometric pressure, causes for different types of fog, and recognition of cloud types and what types of weather they may indicate. We are now familiar with the different types of thunderstorms and are better able to recognize thunderstorm dangers and how to react to them.

Having digested this worthwhile course, we still can't predict our weather with certainty. We are better able to adapt, though, to changing weather conditions, and as a result, we feel safer on the water. Thanks to MISPS and Rhonda for the practical knowledge we have gained!





EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
Lt/C Thomas Ryan, AP

Summertime is normally the slow season for the Squadron. But it is a busy time for planning the education schedule for next year. Between courses, electives and seminars, the Power Squadron has a catalogue of 50 boating topics. The challenge for our team is to pick the ones that are most appropriate for our environment and those that are most attractive to our members. In the last few years we have had a lot of success with the basic ABC class. It provides a good overview of boating and has been a source for recruiting new members. I imagine that most of our members have taken this class. This year we plan to offer four ABC courses. If you haven't taken this course, sign up soon because these tend to fill up quickly.



The major advancement courses, of which there are five (Seamanship, Piloting/Navigation, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation/Celestial Navigation and Senior Navigation/Advanced Celestial Navigation), offer a comprehensive in-depth study of the particular topic. Typically, these run from 6 to 8 weeks. Of our 175 members, about 75 have participated in these classes. The letters you see after a member's name (S, P, AP, JN, SN) indicate that person's level in the course progression. We will have 2 Seamanship Courses, one Piloting and one Senior Navigation Course this year.

The National Organization is restructuring Seamanship into six separate seminars (each covering a chapter in the current course). Once a member has successfully completed all six seminars, they will achieve the "S" designation. The intent of separating the course is to provide greater flexibility for the members both in scheduling and in focusing on particular topics in the order they want. This restructuring is a work in process, but we expect it to be complete and available in the 2018-2019 timeframe.

This year we would like to see more participation in the Seamanship class. If you are one of the 100 members who have not taken it, consider attending. The information you get and the skills you learn will be very useful for boating around the island. Our initial offering in the November timeframe will probably be under the old structure.

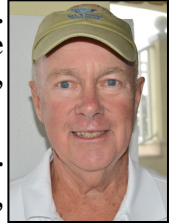
There are other in-depth elective courses, like weather, that should be of interest to all of our members and then there is a series of seminars which are a great way to learn about a specific topic in a two-hour presentation. We have included GPS and Charting, to name two, in our upcoming schedule.

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SAFETY OFFICER
Lt Ed Bauer

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy". Whether on Marco or at a northern home this column suggests some ideas for safe, summer boating fun.



First, keep a keen watch on the weather particularly for thunderstorms, squalls, and sudden drops in temperature and get off the water as soon as possible. If you cannot get to shore, crouch down in the middle of the boat or go below if possible Listen to marine forecasts on your VHF radio - channel 16. Second, the humidity and intense sun of summer require plenty of hydration and sunscreen.

Alcohol can be even more hazardous on water than on land. The waves, vibration, engine noise, sun, wind, spray and other stressors of the marine environment can all accelerate the effects of alcohol and the drinker's level of impairment. The same amount of alcohol can therefore impact a boat operator's coordination, judgment and reaction time even faster than if he or she was driving a car. If alcohol is included in your gathering, designate a *sober skipper*

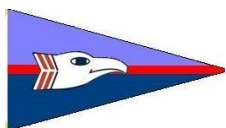
Wake boarding and tubing are becoming more popular. Stay clear of these activities as the specially modified wake boats develop very large waves which can easily swamp a small craft; cross the wake at an angle. There also is the possibility of fallen boarders in your planned course of travel. If you are the towboat, make sure you have an alert spotter so that you may keep your eyes ahead. Shut off your engine when approaching anyone in the water; people in the water may not always be visible from the boat's helm. Appropriate PFDs are a must for these activities. All states require children to wear life jackets. Adult-sized life jackets don't work for children.

Explain all the safety and other rules before leaving the dock, taking special care that children understand. Are you rafting with others? All engines off while swimmers are in the water! Guests should be especially careful when climbing from one boat to another! Fenders in place. Is your first aid kit adequate and handy! While traveling with other boats, keep a safe distance of about 100' ahead and behind.

Finally, has a VSC been performed on your boat? Have you taken basic boating courses and seminars including ABC, Weather, and Anchoring?



Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron Boating Activities



Boating Chair: Lt Nick Rago, AP at (860) 798-4141
Boating Assist. Chair: Dan Marinelli (240) 606-1119



**** Call the Lunch Chair for reservations at the restaurants
 Sonya Benson at 414-617-5718 Or Email: sbensonwi@gmail.com**

Before cruising, make sure you have your vessel safety check!

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Cruise Captain</u> | <u>Phone (239)</u> |
|--------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 13 July | **Cruise & Lunch, Island Gypsy | 1200 | Ted Reiss | 213-8722 |
| 27 July | Cruise & Picnic, Keewaydin Island | 1100 | Rhonda Gloodt | 450-7089 |
| 11 August | **Cruise & Lunch, Naples Boat House | 1200 | Tippy Cavanagh | 393-9158 |
| 8 September | Cruise & Lunch, Wahoo's River Bar and Grill | 1200 | TBA | |
| 21 September | Cruise & Picnic, Coconut Island | 1100 | Andy Battaglia | 642-5721 |
| 05 October | Cruise & Lunch, Little Bar | 1200 | Don Cates | 217-370-6659 |
| 20 October | Cruise & Picnic, Keewaydin Gulf Side | 1100 | George Engstrom | 301-606-6980 |
| 1-3 November | D22 Cruise & Rendezvous | | TBA | |
| 17 November | Cruise & Picnic, Panther Key | | Bob Smith | 609-752-2459 |
| 07 December | Cruise & Lunch, Speakeasy | | Steve Moore | 642-3655 |

If you'd like to go on one of these trips, but don't have a boat, contact the cruise captain who can connect you with someone willing to give you a ride!



Educational Officer Report, Continued

Check the schedule on the website for the complete set of offerings for the upcoming year.

Kudos to Rick Kelso, JN who recently passed the Junior Navigation Course. Rick is one of our Seamanship Instructors. Congratulations Rick. Also, Nick Rago, AP, Gene Burson AP (soon to be JN), John Maciolek, AP and I have completed the Instructor development course. Congratulations to us as well!

As many of you know, John Maciolek, our Assistant Educational Officer, has recently undergone by-pass surgery. John is one of our key instructors and he keeps our ABC course running. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Port of the Islands Lunch

Thanks to Cruise Captain, Jim O'Connell, P for organizing the lunch at Port of the Islands on May25th. Due to conditions in the river, no one was able to take their boat, but a great time was had by all.



P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN, John Cavanagh and P/C Bob Richardson, P



Cherie Roginsky, Harold Schafke, Lt Sonya Benson and Don Cates



Susan and Richard Flaherty



D/Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN, P/C Bill Hughes, JN and P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN



Julie Riley and Lt Steve Riley



Lt/C Bob Smith, AP and Lt/C Meg Smith, AP

Port of the Islands Lunch, Continued



Lt/C Terri O'Connell, JN and Lt Jim O'Connell, P, Cruise Captain



Betty Richardson, Jerry Williams, S and P/Lt/C Lori Williams, S



P/C Steve Moore, S and Ann Moore



D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, SN and Bryan Mordecai, AP

**Mark your calendars for the MISPS Holiday Party
Sunday, December 16, 2018 Hideaway Beach Club
5:00-9:00 p.m.
More information will follow in the coming months!**

Captain's Meeting at CJ's



D/Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN and Lt John Salotto



**Ann Moore, P/C Steve Moore, S, 1/Lt
Debbie Rago and Julie Riley**



Wanda Burson, S and Bryan Mordecai, AP



**D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia and Cdr Gene Bur-
son, AP**



**P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN, John Cavanagh and
Lt/C Bob Smith, AP**



P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN and Lt Nick Rago, AP

Captain's Meeting at DaVinci's

The Captain's Meeting on June 12 was moved to DaVinci's as CJ's was undergoing maintenance. Despite the change of venue, a good crowd was on hand. We were able to surprise Ted and Peggy Reiss, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.



New member Marc Pellegrini, John Cavanagh, Bryan Mordecai, AP and Lt Dan Marinelli, P



Cdr Gene Burson, AP, D/Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, and P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN



Nick Fabregas, Lt/C Meg Smith, AP and Mercedes Fabregas



Lt/C Tom Morr, P and Karen Morr manned the Ships' Store



Peggy and Ted Reiss—50 years!



Lt Jim O'Connell, P, Lt/C Terri O'Connell, JN and P/C Bob Richardson, P

Ladies Lunch at Sunset Grille



Third Tuesday

July 17, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Contact Dorothy Harkness, S 239-642-3575 by Friday, July 13 to RSVP

August Ladies Lunch at Stonewalls

Third Tuesday, August 21, 2018 11:30 a.m.



Contact Dorothy Harkness, S 239-642-3575 by Friday, August 17 to RSVP



Linda & Paul Flores

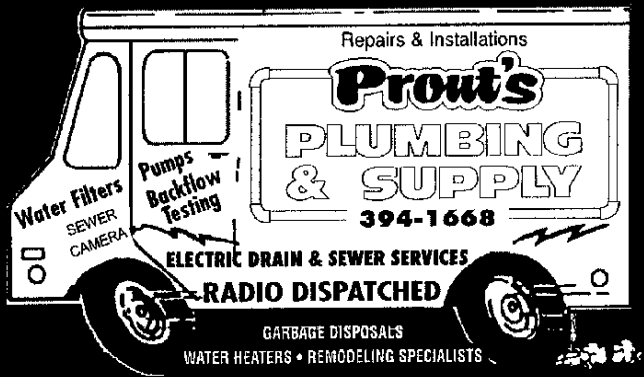
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by the **Friday** prior to the luncheon for reservations.

"Hand & Foot" Card Game

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



Easy to learn this fun game ... nice to play while on cruises. Socialize with members of the squadron, give Dorothy a call ... 642-3575

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

July and August BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Nancy Zikmanis | 7/2 | Pam Sander | 8/16 |
| Francisco Garcia | 7/9 | Rhonda Gloodt | 8/19 |
| Ed Bauer | 7/12 | Peggy Reiss | 8/19 |
| Jose Puell | 7/18 | Lindsay McFadden | 8/21 |
| Julie Riley | 7/18 | James Mogan | 8/23 |
| Deborah Kennedy | 7/20 | Barbara Taylor | 8/24 |
| Don Cates | 7/22 | Samuel Taylor | 8/24 |
| Dick Flaherty | 7/27 | Scott DeBisschop | 8/30 |
| Alan Epstein | 7/29 | Robert Richardson | 8/31 |
| Bryan Mordecai | 8/1 | | |
| Kathleen Reynolds | 8/1 | | |
| Helen Sharkey | 8/2 | | |
| Ellen Filipiak | 8/4 | | |
| Nick Fabregas | 8/9 | | |
| Trevor Haworth | 8/9 | | |
| Louis Riche | 8/11 | | |
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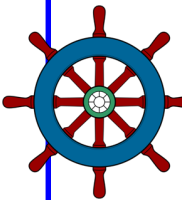
If I've missed your name, let me know!



"CAPTAIN TED'S CORNER"
D/Lt/C Edward Reiss, SN-CN



- BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND A power-driven vessel has on her port side a sailing vessel which is on a collision course. The power-driven vessel is to _____.
 - maintain course and speed
 - keep clear, passing at a safe distance
 - sound one blast and turn to starboard
 - stop her engines
- For safety reasons, when assistance towing _____ .
 - the disabled vessel should be towed to the nearest port
 - the disabled vessel should be inspected for flammable gases
 - passengers should always be removed from the disabled vessel
 - personnel on the disabled vessel should don PFD's
- Water pockets on the underside of an inflatable life raft are for _____.
 - catching rain water
 - stability
 - easy drainage
 - maneuverability
- When a lifeline is required to be attached to a ring life buoy it must be at least _____. (small passenger vessel regulations)
 - 30 feet long
 - 60 feet long
 - 90 feet long
 - 120 feet long

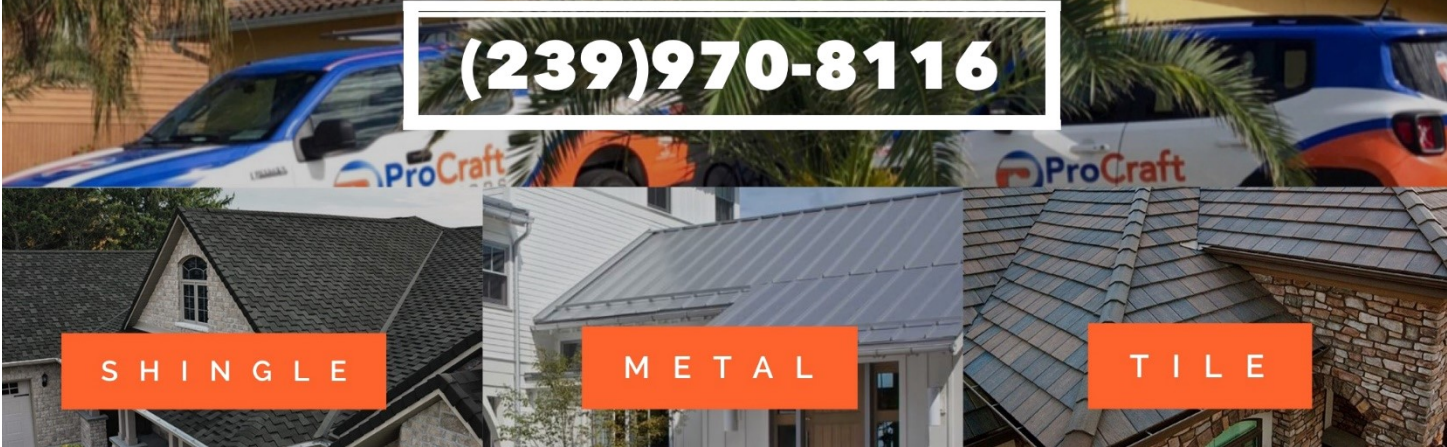


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