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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB-MARCO ISLAND MEMBERS SWORN IN AT DISTRICT 22 CHANGE OF WATCH!

A large contingent of MISPS members attended the District 22 Spring Conference on April 12 and 13 and were present at the Change of Watch on April 13, 2019. The following MISPS members assumed leadership positions on the D22 Bridge for 2019-2010: D/Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN became the D22 Cdr.; D/Lt Peggy Reiss, JN-IN became D22 Secretary; D/Lt/C Andrea Battaglia, SN became D22 Treasurer; P/C Gene Burson, JN became D22 Assistant Secretary; D/Lt Teri O'Connell, JN will be chair of the Audit Committee; D/Lt Lee Harkness, AP became Chair of the D22 Rules Committee and Parliamentarian and D/Lt Jim Olmes, SN became a member of the D22 Finance Committee. Congratulations to all the new bridge members!





Past Chief Commander Louis Ojeda, SN, administers the oath of office to new D22 Commander Ted Reiss, SN-CN accompanied by wife, D/1/L Peggy Reiss, JN. Ted received his District commander burgee too. More photos on pages 16 and 17.





Some of the MISPS delegation



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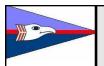








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THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR Lt Marcy Marinelli, P

At the recent D22 Conference both the Eagle's Eye and our MISPS website were recognized with the Distinctive Communicator award. This award recognizes publications and websites that are high quality. In addition to the Distinctive Communicator Award, the Eagle's Eye won second place in the Fort Myers and Peace River Publications and Graphics Award. This award is given by a committee of D22 members that judges publications based on the National Communications Committee Evaluation form. Thanks to Cliff Winings, our webmaster, and to all those who helped me with the Newsletter this year. Whether you wrote a column, proofread the Eagle's Eye or submitted a photo, you helped us win this award. Next year we are going for first place!



SUNSHINE NEWS

We wish a speedy recovery to the following members who are recuperating from recent illnesses or surgeries:
Susan Flaherty
Wanda Burson
Tom Ryan
Ann Marie Ryan

Please let me know of anyone who is sick, injured or deceased. I will send 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
Wednesday
of the Month



Sonya Benson at 414-617-5718 Or Email: sbensonwi@gmail.com



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COMMANDER Tom Morr, P

Safe boating is fun boating! National Safe Boating Week is May 18-24, 2019. On May 6th all of the boating organizations on Marco will go to City Council to receive the City's annual proclamation in support for Safe Boating. We will wear our personal flotation devices and generate a photo to remind people to use life vests.



America's Boating Club – Marco Island was formed forty years ago to educate boaters about the safe operation, proper maintenance and prudent use of their boats. We teach courses, inspect vessels, notify authorities when navigation aids are missing or defective and promote responsible boating around Marco. We are a chapter of America's premier boating education organization. If anyone should lead on the issue of safe boating, it should be us.

Let us consider making this year the time we up our game on our own commitment to safe boating. Let's increase the time we focus on boating skills at our regular dinner meetings. We have started to show America's Boating Channel video's as part of that effort. They are brief and well done. Sometimes our Members serve as the 'talent'.

Next, let's see if we can have all the boats in our Fleet Roster inspected by our VSC Examiners. What a goal that would be. It's free. The examiners come to you. There is no sanction if your boat isn't in compliance and, if needed, you will know what should be done to make your vessel safer.

Also, more than half of our Members do not hold an advanced United States Power Squadrons educational grade and many have not taken the basic America's Boating Course. Let's see if we can improve on that. Do you think it is possible for say twenty more members to earn their Seamanship Grade by taking our Boat Handling Course? I do. It's interesting and the skill development may encourage more Members to join in the fun of our cruising activities. If you don't want to earn the grade, you don't have to take the test. You will still learn something worthwhile.

Safe boating is fun boating! Not having a problem on the water almost by definition makes boating more fun. Let's see how many fun and interesting ways we can increase the Club's commitment to being better boaters in 2019.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Bob Smith, AP

America's Boating Club, Marco Island celebrated its first ever Fishing Day on April 3, 2019. Five boats carrying fourteen anglers ventured out onto our local waters in hot pursuit of four prized game fish: Pompano, Redfish, Spotted Sea Trout and Snook. Together we succeeded in catching all but the elusive Pom-



pano which, unfortunately, no one could find the entire day. Well, we are sure to get them next year!

I had a very pleasant day on the water with my crew, Gene Burson and Mike Rechtin. We were lucky enough to catch a wide variety of fish, including Sea Trout, Redfish, Sharks, Jack Crevelle, Spanish Mackerel, Blue Runners, Sand Perch and the inevitable Catfish. Of course it was fun to catch all of those fish, but there were many additional highlights to the day, the best of which was the camaraderie the three of us shared while enjoying the many sights and sounds all around us on the water. We saw many dolphins breaching at several points along the way. At about a mile south of Coon Key Light we saw a five foot shark and a large sea turtle swim past our boat. As always, we spotted a variety of birds, including various gulls, herons, egrets, ibis, pelicans, cormorants, anhingas and ospreys.

After a great day on the water our anglers and spouses gathered at the Sand Bar to exchange fish stories and enjoy dinner together. It was a satisfying ending to a beautiful day.

I want to thank Rick Kelso for conceiving the event and chairing the organizational meetings. Rick, you did a great job. Thanks also to Bryan Mordecai and Steve Moore for their participation in the original planning meeting.



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C Wanda Burson, S

We had a wonderful Spring full of learning experiences at the D-22 Conference where a great number of our members were inducted into District offices. Ted Reiss became our District Commander. I know that we will all be there to sup-



port Ted and the other officers whenever needed.

We have several events planned for May. We will be cruising to the Island Gypsy on May 18; our annual Mini Golf Tournament will be on May 25; and our Cruise and Lunch to Port of the Islands will be on May 30th.

Check the calendar to be sure you are signed up for all the good times. Contact Sonya Benson to reserve your place. As things start to slow down a little over the summer, don't forget to check the Squadron and Chamber community calendars and continue to volunteer for up coming events. Your club and community volunteering keep our club strong, involved and recognized in the community. Serving our community is the second leg of our mission.

This is the time of the year when a lot of our members and friends leave us for other parts of the Country. While we will miss you, enjoy your summer and return to us invigorated and ready for a great fall of safe boating and fun events on the water.

SAFE BOATING MONTH

Join your fellow America's Boating Club-Marco Island members, as well as members of the local boating community, for the City Council meeting on Monday, May 6 at 1730 p.m. to recognize Safe Boating Month. We will receive a proclamation from the City to recognize the work we do for safe boating. Wear your club shirt, as well as your PFD to the Council meeting!



EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Ryan

News Flash! Due to popular demand we have added another course to our program. We will offer Hurricane Preparedness on May 9th at the Learning Center from 6-8PM. This 2-hour seminar will cover practical information on how to



prepare your boat for a hurricane. More information will follow in a "blast" email. To register email Tom Ryan (tomryan@att.net) or John Maciolek (jlmmaciolek@live.com). Register early, seating is limited.

Well – the season is over and hopefully so are the crowds, lines and traffic. This would be a great time of the year to get out on the Marco River and practice docking at the Snook Inn. Actually, this is a good time to practice many of those things we learned in class during the year. We seldom get a chance to "practice boating". Usually the boat and its operation are peripheral to some other activity – like going to a picnic or lunch, or fishing or taking someone out for a ride. One of the key ingredients of safe boating is experience. We teach a number of skills in the classroom but to master these skills, we have to practice them on the water in our own boats. So, this summer set aside a day or two with the intention of practicing. Try anchoring in the gulf, practice turning in one of the canals, practice docking, try using spring lines. These are all skills covered in classes and now it's up to us to become experienced at doing them.

And, what better way to practice than to have an experienced person on board to help. This is what our "On the Water Training Program" is all about. On the Water Training is one of our membership benefits that is often overlooked. People tend to shy away from asking for free help. But as a boating club, we all realize that boating is a lifelong learning experience. So if you have boat operation or safety questions give us a call and we will be glad to help. I suspect we will both learn something. For more information call me or Ted Reiss.

Next year's curriculum - We are working on the schedule for next year's education program. We are trying to achieve a balance between advanced courses and seminar/refresher courses. One of our objectives for next year is to increase our advanced course participation. Currently less than 50% of our membership have attended Boat Handling (Seamanship). This is the initial advanced course. As the name suggests, it provides fundamental information on how to operate/handle a boat. If you have not already taken this course, plan to sign up in the Fall.



SAFETY OFFICER Lt Ed Bauer, S

Safe Boating Week is designated as May 18th – 24th. The Marco Island City Council will allow each boating organization an opportunity to make a proclamation at their May 6th meeting which starts at 5:30 PM. All available members should attend and wear their PFD's in support.



Besides wearing PFD's on the dock and water, the following are other suggestions that you may consider sharing with your boating friends. A recent Coast Guard survey revealed that of those who died in boating accidents, 83% were not wearing life jackets.

- Periodically inspect your PFD's. Recently Coast Guard inspectors in Key West discovered two vessels that had over 60 life jackets that were required to be removed and destroyed. It was discovered that the unicellular foam buoyant material within the nylon outer shell had broken apart and degraded significantly over time, crumbled and in some instances was reduced to dust. The life jackets were properly stored, kept dry, and not under direct sunlight; however, the location was very hot at times.
- Watch the weather and get current marine forecasts; the Coast Guard announces weather advisories on VHF channel 16.
- Prepare a pre-departure checklist.
- Use <u>common sense</u> in operating your vessel; safe speed, alertness to other boats and possible obstructions.
- Designate an <u>Assistant Skipper</u>; take the Partner in Command seminar.
- Develop a <u>Float Plan</u> and share it with someone staying on land.
- Use a VHF radio tuned to channel 16; if you have one, CG regs require that it be turned on. Additionally, consider a cell phone for in-shore and a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) or EPIRB for off-shore.
- <u>Avoid Alcohol</u> The probability of being involved in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved, and studies have shown that the effects of alcohol are exacerbated by sun and wind. Another Coast Guard survey revealed that alcohol was involved in 1/3 of all recreational boating fatalities.
- Learn to Swim
- Watch videos from: americasboatingchannel.com
- Take another <u>refresher course</u> or a new boating education course.
- Have a <u>Vessel Safety Check;</u> call John Salotto @ 703-864-5528 for an appointment.
- Update your <u>First Aid/ CPR</u> certification through Marco Fire Rescue.
- Review contents of your <u>First Aid and tools kits</u>.
- Before embarking, <u>Review with your Crew</u> various safety issues including location of PFD's, fire extinguisher, and first aid and tool kit and also leaving the dock protocol.

Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron Boating Activities



** 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!

18 May	Cruise & Lunch, Island Gypsy	1130	Rhonda Gloodt	
27 May	Cruise & Lunch, Port of the Islands	1200	Jim O'Connell	239-784-0970
29 June	Cruise & Picnic, Keewaydin	1130	Henry Stanley	817-692-6303
13 July	Cruise & Lunch, Island Gypsy	1130	Peggy Reiss	239-213-8686
27 July	Cruise & Picnic, Coconut Island	1130	Lindsay McFadden 239-228-5522	
17 August	Cruise & Lunch, Naples Boat House	TBA	Bob Gloodt	239-850-8508

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!









3rd Annual MISPS Mini Golf Tourney Saturday, 25 May at 1700

Marco Golf and Gardens—971 Winterberry Drive



The 3nd annual MISPS Mini Golf Tourney will be held on Saturday, 25 May. The tournament will feature special rules and prizes. Golfers will play for the "Coveted Marco Cup Trophy". Following the tournament there will be drinks on the patio at La Tavola. Golfers will be responsible for their greens fees of \$6.00 and will pay for their own beverages and any food at La Tavola. If we have enough golfers there will be a "shotgun start".

Prizes will be awarded at La Tavola.

For golf groupies who want to hang with the (dare I say pro) golfers but not play golf, they can meet the group at La Tavola at about 1800 hours.

Reservations: Contact Lt. Sonya A. Benson at 414-617-5718 or email her at Sbensonwi@gmail.com



The beautiful Marco Golf and Garden facility.







Andy B arriving at Cape Romano

Beautiful weather, sunny with no humidity for the cruise and picnic! Ten boats (well, 8 boats and 2 jet skis) and 32 people enjoyed a great day on the water! Thanks to Cruise Captain P/C Carl Thieme, SN for leading the group.





Photos courtesy of Andy Battaglia and Rick Kelso

FIRST ANNUAL MISPS FISHING TOURNAMENT

It was an unexpected very windy day which made fishing conditions difficult. Out fishing were: Bob Smith, Mike Rechtin, Gene Burson on The Norm. Nick Rago, Erich Lademann, Chris Frost, on Dancing Queen. Steve Riley, Bob Gloodt, and guest Rusty Roe on BlackJack, Steve Moore, Mick Haldeman on Down 2 One. Rick Kelso, Ed Bauer on RIMO.

Winners were: Bob Smith, longest Sea trout and longest Redfish. Mick Haldeman, longest Snook. No pompano that day so the fourth prize went to Rusty Roe for the second longest Snook.

Fishing ended at three and everyone and spouses joined in for supper at the SandBar. Trivia night added to the fun.



Bob Smith and his certificate for longest Sea Trout



Mick Haldeman and his certificate for longest snook



Yet another certificate for Bob Smith!





APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our last membership dinner was held on April 10 at the Yacht Club. Our speaker was Dr. Michael Savarese of Florida Gulf Coast University who spoke about different types of sea level rise and what our local governments are doing to plan for future events. In addition to our speaker, we shared the submissions to the USPS Poster Contest. This year's theme is "America's Boating Club Saves Lives." Thanks to member Jennifer Jewett, a teacher at Tommy Barfield School, for encouraging her students to participate in the contest. Thanks also to D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, SN, for providing the materials for the students to make the posters. The top three posters were sent to the District 22 conference for the next level of the contest. More details about the contest will be in the June/July Eagle's Eye.

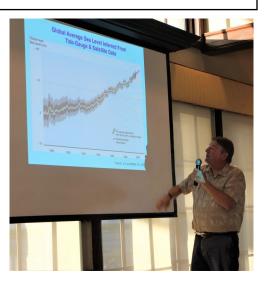
We will resume our monthly membership dinners in October, 2019.



P/C Gene Burson, AP, Dr. Michael Savarese, our speaker and Commander Tom Morr, AP



Jennifer Jewett and P/C Bill Hughes, JN with the winning poster that will go to the District



Dr. Savarese provided an interesting presentation on sea level rise



Dan Marinelli, P and Lt Ed Bauer, S admire the poster contest submissions

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Lt Steve Riley, Dennis Enstrom, Brian Mordecai, AP



Alan and Joyce Epstein, D/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN



Lt Sheila Thieme, Lt Ed Bauer, S, Lori Williams, S



Lt Bob Gloodt, P, D/L/C Andy Battaglia, SN, D/L Teri O'Connell, JN and P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN



D/L Lee Harkness, AP, Jerry Williams, S, P/C Carl Thieme, SN



Lt Joe and Starr Whiting



Kathy Enstrom, Lt Sonya Benson, P/L/C Mary Alice Wilson



Debbie Rago, Lt Nick Rago, AP, Pat Mogan, S

CAPTAIN'S MEETING AT CJ'S

It was a blustery afternoon for our last Captain's Meeting at CJ's but we had a good turnout. Starting in May our Captain's Meetings will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1700. Come join us and share your boating stories!



New member transfers Allen and Lt Karen Kuettner and D/Lt/C Andrea Battaglia, SN



Francisco Garcia, Commander Tom Morr, AP and Ellen Filipiak



Mick and Barbara Haldeman, D/1st/L Peggy Reiss, JN-IN and D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN



Lt Susan Bauer and 1st/Lt Kathleen Reynolds,



New member Jack Bliss, D/1st/L Peggy Reiss, JN, Pat and John Mogan



P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN and husband Lt Bob Gloodt, P, brought their grandkids



← Lt/C Wanda Burson, S and D/1st/L Gene Bur-





Hurricane Preparedness Seminar

Hurricane season is just around the corner. Now is the time to prepare.

A Hurricane Preparedness Seminar will be offered by America's Boating Club - Marco Island on May 9, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Club's Learning Center, 1114 N Collier Boulevard on Marco Island.

The Seminar will be taught by United States Power Squadron's® Past Commanders, Rhonda Gloodt and Ted Reiss. The Seminar will examine the components of a hurricane - wind, surge, rain - and how to protect your vessel from a hurricane's damaging effects. It will cover all storage options from trailer, land, slips/marinas, mooring/anchoring, davits and lifts as well as removal from the area.

To sign up for the seminar contact John Maciolek, <u>jlmmaciolek@live.com</u>, (732) 496-4595 or Tom Ryan, <u>tomryan@att.net</u>, (908) 432-8767.

The cost of the Seminar and materials is \$40.





Mango's Dockside Bistro Cruise and Lunch



Debbie & Lt Nick Rago, AP & Mary Kreppein



1/L Steve Riley, D/L/C Andy Battaglia, SN, Bryan Mordecai, AP & Cdr Tom Morr, P



D/1st/L Gene Burson, AP and his son Jeffrey and granddaughter Emma



Don Cates, daughter Lisa Benson & Lt Sonya Benson



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



Julie Riley & D/1st/L Peggy Reiss, JN-IN



Lt Susan & Lt Ed Bauer, S



Bill Kreppein & Ginny Roseberry



D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN



Lt Shiela & P/C Carl Thieme, SN

DISTRICT 22 SPRING CONFERENCE PHOTOS



D/L/C Andy Battaglia, SN and Elizabeth Rechtin at the 50/50 Raffle table



Cdr Tom Morr leading a session on strategic planning for your squadron



Beautiful Charlotte Harbor and the Peace River outside the conference center



D/L Peggy Reiss, JN-IN sells 50-50 tickets at lunch



Lt/C Meg Smith, AP, displays the three winning posters from our community

DISTRICT 22 SPRING CONFERENCE PHOTOS



D/L Terri O'Connell, JN buys her 50-50 raffle tickets from D/L/C Andy Battaglia, SN



The Marco Island delegation at lunch



Our new District Commander, Ted Reiss, and wife D/1st/L Peggy Reiss, JN-IN



D/L/C Sam Bonilla, AP, D/C Don Cook, SN present the certificates and cash awards in the poster contest to Cdr Tom Morr, P



Past Chief Commander, Louis Ojeda, S, D/C Don Cook, SN, Cdr Tom Moor, P and D/L/C Sam Bonilla, AP display the winning posters

"Hand & Foot" Card Game

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following club members who are celebrating this month!

Jim Olmes 5/1
Marcy Marinelli 5/6
Bob Gloodt 5/7
Mona Kelso 5/8
Scott Singer 5/8
Bob Storc 5/11
Gunars Zikmanis 5/13
Cheryl Storc 5/22
Christopher Frost 5/23
Marty Wilhelm 5/25
David Randall 5/29
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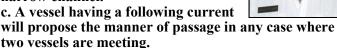
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"CAPTAIN TED'S CORNER" D/C Edward Reiss, SN-CN



- 1. INLAND ONLY Which statement is TRUE concerning narrow channels?
- a. You should keep to that side of the channel which is on your port side.b. You should avoid anchoring in a narrow channel.



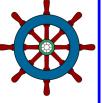
d. All of the above

- 2. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND Sailing vessels are stand-on over power-driven vessels except ______.
- a. in a crossing situation
- b. in a meeting situation
- c. when they are the overtaking vessel
- d. on the inland waters of the U.S.
- 3. A lookout can leave his/her station

a at any time

b. at the end of the watch

- c. 15 minutes before the end of the watch
- d. only when properly relieved
- 4. You are underway at 10 knots. At 1800 you note a radar contact dead ahead at a range of 10 miles. At 1812 the contact is dead ahead at a range of 8 miles. The estimated speed of the contact is
- a. dead in the water
- b. 5 knots
- c. 10 knots
- d. 15 knots



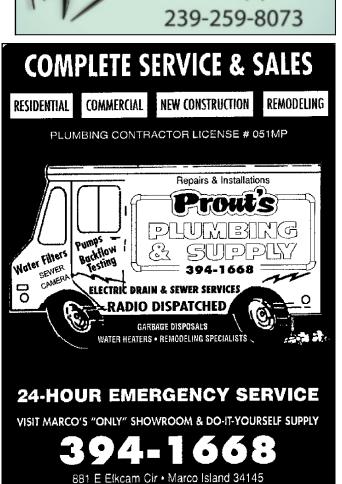
Answers: 1 B, 2 C, 3 D, 4 A



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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

Hurricane season is just around the corner. Now is the time to prepare.

A Hurricane Preparedness Seminar will be offered by America's Boating Club - Marco Island on May 9, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Club's Learning Center, 1114 N Collier Boulevard on Marco Island.

The Seminar will be taught by United States Power Squadron's® Past Commanders, Rhonda Gloodt and Ted Reiss. The Seminar will examine the components of a hurricane - wind, surge, rain - and how to protect your vessel from a hurricane's damaging effects. It will cover all storage options from trailer, land, slips/marinas, mooring/anchoring, davits and lifts as well as removal from the area.

To sign up for the seminar contact John Maciolek, <u>ilmmaciolek@live.com</u>, (732) 496-4595 or Tom Ryan, <u>tomryan@att.net</u>, (908) 432-8767. The cost of the Seminar and materials is \$40.







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