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SUCCESSFUL SHOWING FOR BOATING SAFETY

America's Boating Club – *Marco Island* and thirteen other boating-related organizations gathered Saturday, November 2nd at Rose Marina to remind Marco Island Boaters to always wear a life jacket (also known as a Personal Flotation Device [PFD]) while on the water or underway in a boat. Kudos to member Joey Puell who helped organize this event as his Eagle Scout Project. Close to 50 people from the various organizations attended the event. A special thank you to Rose Marina for allowing us the space for the event. Here are some photos from the day. Additional photos and a story by Joey Puell are on page 9 and page 10.



A group shot of everyone wearing life vests.



Aerial shot of the group from John Cavanagh's drone



MIPD and MIFD chiefs and officers attended the event



Joey Puell (3rd from left front row) with his Boy Scout Troop who supported him in his Eagle Scout Project

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Coming Events 2019

December

12/3	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 16
12/7	Tree Lighting Tailgate, Veteran's Park	1700
12/11	Executive Board, Learning Center	0900
12/13	Cruise & Lunch, Speakeasy	1200 p. 07
12/14	Marco Island Street Parade	1800
12/15	Christmas Party, Yacht Club	1700 p. 13
12/17	Silver Tridents	0830
12/17	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 16
12/21	Marco Island Boat Parade - Smokehouse Bay	1800

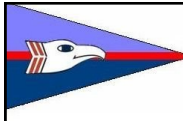
January

1/4	Naples Zoo trip	1100 P. 20
1/7	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 16
1/8	Executive Board, Learning Center	0900
1/8	Change of Watch, MI Yacht Club	1700 p. 14
1/11	Scavenger Hunt, TBA	
1/18	Cruise & Lunch, CJ's on the Bay	1200 p. 07
1/21	Silver Tridents	0830
1/21	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 16
1/22	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
1/31	Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Fundraiser, San Marco Catholic Church	1700 p. 15

February

2/4	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 16
2/11-16	USPS Annual Meeting, Ponte Vedra, Florida	
2/12	Executive Board, Learning Center	0900
2/12	February Dinner Meeting, Yacht Club	1700
2/16-23	D-22 Caribbean Cruise	
2/18	Silver Tridents	0830
2/18	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 14
2/26	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04





THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Marcy Marinelli, P

Happy holidays to all our MISPS members. I hope you are able to fit in some squadron holiday activities during the month of December. We have lots to do from the tree lighting tailgate party, to the holiday party, to the street and boat parades! The Captain's Meeting for December has been cancelled since it falls on Christmas Day.

Starting in January we will no longer be mailing out the Eagle's Eye. Postage and printing costs have become prohibitive. Please make sure you check out the Eagle's Eye on our website starting in January.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!



COMMANDER
Tom Morr, P

Civic engagement. Not something that we discuss often on these pages, but an important part of the purpose of America's Boating Club – Marco Island (ABC-MI). Think of it as the third leg of our stool.

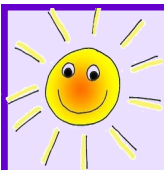


During the last year our Club contributed approximately 1,000 hours of service to our community. Things like beach cleanup, Meals of Hope packaging, free Vessel Safety Checks, supporting Christmas Island Style (Street Parade, Boat Parade, Tree decorating and lighting), guiding a coalition of Marco Island boating organizations, promoting the 'Wear It' proclamation and a separate public relations event to encourage people to have and wear life jackets and importantly conducting the work we do to survey the area aids to navigation (ATONS) to inspect their condition and report to the relevant authorities so they may be kept in a state of good repair. This work is valuable and some of it saves lives.

Each Christmas we help Kiwanis collect unwrapped toys for donation to children in our local schools who would do without a holiday gift, but for the generosity of local citizens. This is important. *Please plan to attend our December 15th Holiday Party and bring new unwrapped toys to the event. Select gifts that would be appropriate for grade schoolers. Bring your gifts to donate to the Yacht Club the night of our party and together with Kiwanis we will see they get put to good use.*

In one sense, almost everything we do has an important civic purpose. Our club and its members are focused on making boaters more capable and boating safer here around our island paradise. Our classes teach important rules and skills. Our events encourage our members to use their boats and gain useful boating experience. This year, thanks to Jim Olmes' leadership, we produced a publication of essential safety information that every boater should have on their vessel. In November, our Club helped the producers of America's Boating Channel film three short videos teaching boat operators about the importance of boater education, the meaning of aids to navigation and how and when to determine whether your life vest is in serviceable condition or should be replaced. Watch for the release of these new films in 2020.

For everyone who donated their time and effort during 2019 to make Marco Island a better, safer place – **Thank you.** You and our Club are important parts of the fabric of our community.



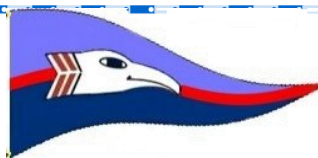
SUNSHINE NEWS



Please remember Bryan Mordecai who is dealing with some health issues and Marcy Marinelli who is having surgery on 12/11.

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 4th Wednesday
of the Month



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Bob Smith, AP

As 2019 draws to a close we can all look back with pride upon a year of tremendous accomplishments by our boating club. We are now doing business as America's Boating Club - Marco Island, as we continue to pursue our traditional Power Squadron mission of education, boating safety, community service and fraterni-



ty. While our local activities and safety efforts remain strong, we are also making substantial contributions at the District level, with Ted Reiss becoming District 22 Commander and with six additional Marco Island members assuming D22 leadership positions during the past year.

Boating safety continues to be our number one priority, and I am proud to report that our club has extended its leadership role among boating organizations on the island, organizing an impressive attendance at the City Council meeting in May to support its Safe Boating Week Proclamation. Carrying on with this leadership role last month, we organized all of the island's boating, safety, and law enforcement organizations to cooperate in a well publicized photo shoot to promote our "Wear It" campaign. In so doing, we continue to encourage all boaters to wear life jackets at all times because we know that wearing life jackets saves lives!

Our Fundraising and Marketing / Communications committees have been hard at work throughout the summer and fall developing strategies to bolster our financial health and promote our educational goals. The Sponsorship Program is now generating a significant amount of funding to help support educational advertising. Marketing efforts have included development of press releases, safety columns, safety tips and promotion of our brand in general.

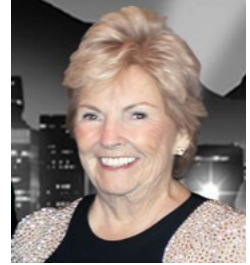
Last month twenty of our members helped to amplify our educational and boating safety efforts by participating in America's Boating Channel's video productions of "Boater Education," "Introducing ATONS" and "Life Jacket Care". We hope to see these videos on our computers and cell phones in the near future.

I am looking forward to an exciting December with all of our activities, meetings and holiday parties and to a new year filled with even more opportunities to enjoy our fraternity and promote safe boating in and around Marco Island.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Wanda Burson, S

It's Fall and we are feeling the crispiness in the air – oops wrong part of the Country. Here in Paradise we are still very warm and perfect boating weather prevails. I hope that you are enjoying the change as less humidity becomes the norm.



With the holidays fast approaching, we have started our involvement with Christmas Island Style. We decorated the Christmas tree at Veteran's Park on November 26. Let's not forget the fun evening at Veterans Park for the Tree Lighting and Tailgating December 7th.

We have a Cruise and Luncheon at Speakeasy December 13th at 1200. The Cruise Captain is Lt. Nicholas Rago, AP 860 798-4141. Give him a call. This is always a fun afternoon.

December 14th we have the Marco Island Street Parade that many of you will be walking in. The boat will be decorated at Walker's. Rhonda Gloodt is in charge give her a call 239 450-7089 to be a part of this evening.

Be sure you are signed up for the Christmas Party at the Yacht Club on December 15th at 1700. Bring a toy for Santa's distribution at the Manatee School. Rose will have everyone on their feet after dinner.

We end this very busy month with the Marco Island Boat Parade on December 21st. Hopefully some of you have entered a boat but go out and enjoy the lights, music and fun.

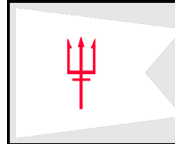
You can put your feet up now – you made it through this very busy month.





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN



SAFETY OFFICER

Lt Ed Bauer, S

Our education schedule started in late October with our first ABC class with 17 students in attendance. I'd like to shout out a big thank you to all of our instructors that helped make this class so successful: John Maciolek, Bill Krepplein, Peggy Reiss, Kathleen Reynolds and Ted Reiss.



Andy Battaglia and Bill Hughes assisted with knot tying in the last session. Our next ABC course starts on Monday, December 2, and we already have a list of interested attendees. Perhaps you have a friend or neighbor you could recommend this class to?

Following the completion of the ABC course, we held a two-night Charting/GPS seminar. This was well attended with 13 students. Rhonda Gloodt and Carl Thieme were the instructors for this popular seminar. If you missed it, it will be offered again on January 21 and 22.

The start of the Boat Handling course was rescheduled to Tuesday, November 19. This is a new version of the old Seamanship class. It runs for six sessions and will be taught by Nick Rago and Ed Bauer.

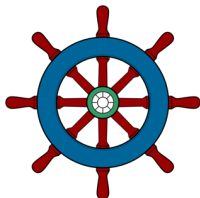
I am excited to have three students in my Navigation class (that's advanced celestial navigation!). I know it's a lot of work for students but think of how proud they will be when they can have bragging rights to tackling this course. We will be doing sights with the sextant on the sun, moon, planets and stars!

Please check out our up-coming courses on the calendar. Rhonda Gloodt will be teaching our popular Weather course which starts on Wednesday, January 8. Gene Burson will be teaching Marine Navigation (this is the same as the old Piloting course). This class starts on Friday, January 10.

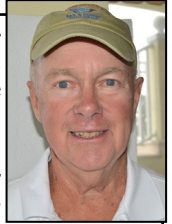
Did you know that the U S Coast Guard has adopted a new labeling system for life jackets? It is designed to help people make the right decisions about which life jacket to wear on the water. They will be divided into five buoyancy categories: 50, 70, 100, 150 and 275 NEWTONS (this was a big buzz word at the D22 Conference this fall). The new system will include labels with pictures to illustrate which life jacket is needed for the type of water conditions. Your old life jackets are still fine to use as long as they are in good condition and the right size for the wearer.

Hope to see you at one of classes.

Stay safe on the water and happy boating!



It's that time again for the Coast Guard's Annual Recreational Boating Accident Report. This information can provide us with valuable insights toward safer boating.



In 2018, the Coast Guard counted 4,145 accidents that involved 633 deaths, 2,511 injuries and approximately \$46 million dollars of damage. The fatality rate was 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.

This rate represents a 3.6% decrease from the 2017 fatality rate of 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. Compared to 2017, the number of accidents decreased 3.4%, the number of deaths decreased 3.8%, and the number of injuries decreased 4.5%.

Where cause of death was known, 77% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 84% were not wearing a life jacket.

Where length was known, eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length. Where instruction was known, 74% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Only 18% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received nationally approved boating safety education.

TOP FIVE PRIMARY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.

- Operator inattention
- Improper lookout
- Operator inexperience
- Machinery failure
- Excessive speed

TOP FIVE PRIMARY ACCIDENT TYPES

- Collision with recreational vessel
- Collision with fixed object
- Flooding/swamping
- Grounding
- Falls overboard

VESSEL TYPES WITH THE TOP CASUALTY NUMBERS

- Open motorboat
- Personal watercraft
- Canoe / kayak
- Cabin motorboat
- Pontoon

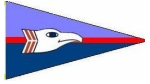
More than 50% of all accidents, deaths, and injuries occur in calm waters of waves 6 inches or less. For a list of the top ten primary contributing factors of accidents and casualties, see the chart on page 19.

About 2/3 of accidents involve operators in the 36 and over age group.

So, if you are a senior who has not completed a safe boating course, operating an open motorboat, been drinking, speeding not paying attention, and, not wearing a PFD, chances are good that you will become a Coast Guard statistic.

Some content: <https://www.uscgboating.org/>

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!

13 December	Cruise & Lunch, Speakeasy	1200	Lt Nick Rago, AP	860-798-4141
11 January	Scavenger Hunt		TBA	
18 January	Cruise & Lunch, CJ's on the Bay	1200	P/C Gene Burson, JN	239-945-1775

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!



Course Schedule Winter 2020

Course	Public	Day of Week	Time	Start Date	Days	Instructor/Contact
Advanced (Prerequisites may apply)						
Marine Navigation	Yes	F	0930	1/10/20	7	P/C Gene Burson, JN 239-945-1775
Boat Handling	Yes	TU & F	1800	1/28/20	7	Lt Nick Rago, AP 860-798-4141 Lt Ed Bauer, S 540-463-2018
Boat Handling	Yes	TU & F	1800	3/31/20	7	Lt Nick Rago, AP 860-798-4141 Lt Ed Bauer, S 540-463-2018
Electives						
Weather	Yes	W	1300	1/8/20	10	P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN 239-450-7089
Engine Maintenance	No	TH	1000	1/9/20	8	1/Lt John Maciolek, AP 732-496-
Public Boating						
America's Boating Course	Yes	M & TH	1800	1/6/20	5	1/Lt John Maciolek, AP 732-496-4595
America's Boating Course	Yes	M & TH	1800	2/3/20	5	1/Lt John Maciolek, AP 732-496-4595
America's Boating Course	Yes	M & TH	1800	3/9/20	5	1/Lt John Maciolek, AP 732-496-4595
Seminars						
Charting/GPS	Yes	TU & W	1800	1/21/20	1	P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN 239-450-7089 P/C Carl Thieme, SN 239-970-2177
VHF/DSC Radio	Yes	TH	1800	1/30/20	1	P/C Jim Olmes, SN 703-899-7328
Charting/GPS	Yes	TU & W	1800	2/18/20	2	P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN 239-450-7089 P/C Carl Thieme, SN 239-970-2177
Partner in Com-	Yes	SAT	1000	2/22/20	1	TBD
Hurricane Preparedness	Yes	TU	1000	4/7/20	1	D/Cdr Ted Reiss, SN-CN 239-213-8722 P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN 239-450-7089
Hurricane Preparedness	Yes	TU	1800	5/5/20	1	D/Cdr Ted Reiss, SN-CN 239-213-8722 P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN 239-450-7089
Vessel Trainer	REQUEST ONLY					1/Lt John Maciolek, AP 732-496-4595
On-the-Water	REQUEST ONLY					D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN 239-213-8722

WEAR-IT MARCO ISLAND



WEAR IT—MY EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

By Joey Puell

The very second you step out onto a dock for the purpose of recreational boating you are silently accepting all the risks that go along with it. The goal of organizations like America's Boating Club, and the U.S. Coast Guard's National Safe Boating Council is to help boaters know these risks and try to minimize them. Encouraging the use of life jackets is one of the simplest but most important ways to do so.

According to the American Boating Association's executive summary in 2016, out of all the fatalities with a known cause while boating, drowning accounted for 80% of them, and out of those thousands of victims, 83% of them were not wearing life jackets. Some people think having them on board for an emergency is enough, but things can go wrong so quickly while on the water. That is why the Safe Boating Council created a program called "Wear It." It is reminiscent of the Department of Transportation's "Buckle Up" slogan and essentially the same idea. Too many people have been tragically injured or killed because they did not strap something mildly uncomfortable onto themselves. The Wear It campaign aims to make the act of wearing proper and fitting life jackets, while boating, a common practice, just like seatbelts nowadays.

To support this campaign America's Boating Club Marco Island, decided to host a Wear It event at Rose Marina. Being a Boy Scout on the search for an Eagle Scout project and a member of this club since I was 12, I was approached to help them organize and strengthen their Facebook page for the purpose of online education and communicating with members. I gladly accepted it. Then I was alerted that the ABC would be holding a Wear It event and invited me to help coordinate, get the supplies, and advertise for it. I realized I could connect both the education on Facebook and in person at the Wear It Event.

Ultimately, this became my Eagle Scout project. I was willing to put over 35 hours of my own time into this because I believe in the message. Boating safety has always been a very important topic to me due to an accident I experienced at the age of 11. That experience taught me the importance of boating education, and how open it should be to the public. However, educators can only go so far. We rely on you to search for yourself, whether it be on our club's Facebook page, other places online, or in classes. Hopefully, upon reading this article you now understand better that a life jacket is not something to be forgotten in a compartment on your boat, and instead a device that can prevent unwanted tragedy in your vessel. So please, have fun, be cautious, and remember to "Wear It."



P/C Gene Burson, AP and Joey Puell



Commander Tom Morr, AP and Joey and fellow scout Caleb.

Editor's Note: Joey Puell is a junior at Marco Island Academy. He is the son of Dr. Jose and Dr. Rebecca Puell of Marco Island. He plans to go to college at Florida State or U of Florida and ultimately go to medical school. In addition to having been a Boy Scout since kindergarten, Joey's very involved in academic and athletic activities at MIA and has assumed leadership roles in many of these activities. I remember when I first met Joey and his parents in our ABC course back in 2016. I was impressed by his maturity and personality then as an 8th grader. He is a great reflection on the young people in our community and a great representative of America's Boating Club-Marco Island!

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At our November membership meeting on November 13, we welcomed back many of our northern neighbors who are here for the season. In addition, we held our annual meeting where we elected the bridge for the 2020 club year which will start in January. We swore in two new members, Barbara Faha and George Vlasuk. Our speakers that evening were two representatives from the Marco Island Fire Department, Captain Dustin Beatty and Firefighter Dirk Switken, who spoke to us about first aid on the water.



Captain Dustin Beatty of MIFD



Firefighter Dirk Switken of MIFD



New members Barbara Faha and George Vlasuk



Commander Tom Morr swearing in Barbara Faha and George Vlasuk



1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP and our speakers prior to their introduction

MORE PHOTOS FROM NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Lt/C Meg Smith, AP, Lt Susan Bauer, 1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP



Carol Engstrom, Julie Riley and Sheila Bahin



Lt Dorothy Harkness, S



P/C Gene Burson, JN selling raffle tickets



Mary Kayhart, Barbara Faha and Lt Sheila Thieme



Lt Nick Rago, AP and Debbie Rago



Lt/C Lindsay McFadden, Lt Sonya Benson, Don Cates, Lt Susan Bauer & Lt Ed Bauer, S



1/Lt John Maciolek, AP and Lt John Salotto



D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN and Lt Cliff Winings, SN



1/Lt Steve Riley and Jim Bahin



D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, SN, P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN, and Lt Sonya Benson

MARCO ISLAND SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Christmas Party

Marco Island Yacht Club

1400 North Collier Blvd. Marco Island, FL 34145

Sunday, December 15, 2019

1700 (5:00 P.M.) *SOCIALIZING*

1830 (6:30 P.M.) *DINNER*

Followed by entertainment by Rosetta Stone

Admission \$60 per person

Menu:

Salad

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Or

Petite Steak and Shrimp Scampi

Or

Vegetarian: Vegetarian Lasagna

Chocolate Lava Cake a la Mode

Coffee/Tea/Lemonade

Adult beverages available for purchase

(No cash or Discover—American Express, Mastercard or Visa)



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PLEASE RESPOND BY DECEMBER 11, 2019

Sheila Thieme

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Name _____

Telephone # _____

Menu Choice: _____ Chicken _____ Steak/Shrimp _____ Vegetarian Total Enclosed \$ _____

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

Marco Island



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42nd CHANGE OF WATCH



Marco Island Yacht Club

1400 N Collier Blvd, Marco Island, FL 34145

Wednesday, 8 January 2020

1700 (5:00 PM) - SOCIALIZING

1800 (6:00 PM) DINNER and
CHANGE OF WATCH

Menu:

Asian Pear and Arugula with Candied Pecans and
White Balsamic Mandarin Dressing

Stuffed Pork Tenderloin with Sundried Apricots,
Dried Cranberries, Spinach and Pine Nuts

Or

Baked Stuffed Shrimp with Lump Crab and Lobster Veloute
Basmati Broccolini

Or

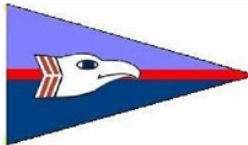
Vegetarian: Wild Mushroom Wellington
Chocolate Lava Cake
Coffee/Tea

Admission: \$40.00 per person

Attire: Semi-Formal, Uniform A Optional

Adult Beverages Available for Purchase

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



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Please respond by Fri, 3 January 2020

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Name _____ Tel# _____

Menu choice: Pork Shrimp Vegetarian _____

No. attending @ \$40 _____ Amount Enclosed _____

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron

Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party

FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY 2020

5:00 PM to 7:30 PM



San Marco Catholic Parish Hall
851 San Marco Road, Marco

Tickets \$25 in advance and at the door



**Free Food &
Wine**



**Silent Auction ...
Raffle Prizes ...**



✦ **Ticket Information** ✦

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following ABC-MI members who are celebrating this month!

Kyle Fabregas	12/1
Joseph Fritz	12/2
Gerry Marks	12/2
Joyce Epstein	12/6
Mercedes Fabregas	12/7
Mary Richards	12/8
Patricia Riche	12/8
Henry Stanley	12/8
Bernie Greichen	12/9
Lori Williams	12/11
Jerry Williams	12/24
Colleen Singer	12/28
Rick Siegel	12/29
Bill Kreppein	12/31



“CAPTAIN TED’S CORNER” D/Lt/C Edward Reiss, SN-CN



- When using GPS, how many theoretical position lines are required for a two-dimensional fix?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4

- The heading of a vessel is indicated by what part of the compass?
 - Card
 - Needle
 - Lubber's line
 - Gimbals

- A great circle crosses the equator at 173°E. It will also cross the equator at what other longitude?
 - 7°W
 - 73°E
 - 73°W
 - 173°W

- As you enter a channel from seaward in a U.S. port, the numbers on the starboard side buoys _____.
 - decrease and the buoys are black
 - increase and the buoys are green
 - decrease and the buoys are red
 - increase and the buoys are red

Answers: 1-c; 2-c; 3-a; 4-d

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EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPLETES FIRST ABC COURSE OF THE YEAR

Instructors Ted Reiss, Tippy Cavanagh and John Maciolek recently led our first ABC course. They worked with 17 Marco residents who signed up to improve their boating knowledge! All successfully completed the ABC course! Congratulations!



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MANATEE

By Kathleen Reynolds

Once again, the gracious membership of America's Boating Club, Marco Island, has agreed to help the Kiwanis Club insure that all children at Manatee Elementary School receive Christmas gifts.

We focus on all students in this school because it is a school with a very high poverty rate. Over 90% of the children at Manatee are identified as coming from economically needy families, and staff tells us that this year things are particularly challenging. The presents given to this initiative each year by the members of this Club help out enormously in achieving the goal of putting a smile on each child's face as he or she receives a gift from Mr. or Mrs. Santa Claus.

Since the school serves Prekindergarten through fifth grade, gifts for all those ages are appropriate. In general, a \$15 - \$20 limit per gift is recommended. However, following the day of toy distribution, the staff at Manatee puts together packages for families whose Christmas gift would consist only of the one toy given by the Kiwanis Santas, so, as in previous years, toys that strike your fancy, something your own grands would love, are most welcome. I hope that this year, as in other years, a Boating Club liaison will attend and report back to members on the joy these gifts bring to the children receiving them. Thank you for your continuing kindness.



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TOP TEN PRIMARY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS OF ACCIDENTS & CASUALTIES

(Continued from Safety Officer Column on page 6)

Contributing Factor	Accidents	Deaths	Injuries
Operator inattention	654	50	437
Improper lookout	440	27	316
Operator inexperience	387	40	213
Machinery Failure	321	9	86
Excessive speed	276	25	231
Alcohol use	254	101	204
Force of wake/ wave	209	10	153
Weather	205	40	96
Navigation rules violation	184	19	144
Hazardous waters	169	61	70



Data from the USCG Recreational Boating Report, 2019



Friday, 3 April

**Squadron Officer Meeting
District Council Meeting**

Saturday, 4 April:

**Roundtables - Keynote Luncheon
District Conference Meeting
Change of Watch
Thank You D/C Ted and Welcome D/C Sam**

Hotel Info: Four Points Sheraton – 941-637-6770

\$109.00 + \$9.95 resort fee + taxes (normal senior rate - \$257) - cutoff date 3/10

State you have the special “Power Squadron room block” – so need to make reservation directly

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\$139.00 + taxes (normal senior rate - \$196) - includes breakfast - cutoff date 3/12

Link to book your room online: [Book your group rate for America's Boating Club](#)

Rate is good for one day prior and a day after the conference dates

***Must mention United States Power Squadrons and book for 2 nights for these rates* If you have any issues making reservations, please make sure to contact Myles Gee at 941-518-2475**





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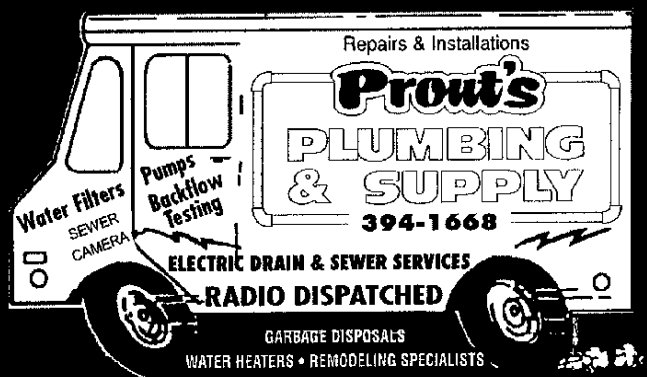
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NAPLES ZOO TRIP—SATURDAY, JANUARY 4



Join your America's Boating Club-Marco Island friends for a day at the zoo!

We'll meet at the zoo on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

On the first Saturday of each month, zoo admission is free for Collier County residents. Bring your driver's license to prove you are a resident. The zoo recently experienced the birth of lion cubs. If you haven't been, it's a nice sized zoo with a good variety of exhibits as well as a beautiful garden.

The zoo is located at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road Naples, Florida.



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