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## WINE AND HORS D'OEUVRES FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!



Commander Bob Smith, AP and Past Commander Tom Morr, P getting ready to raffle off prizes



Lt John Salotto, Lt/C Wanda Burson, S, P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN, and Lt Dennis Enstrom were our wine servers



Some of the silent auction items



Lt Sonya Benson, Lt Susan Bauer, Barbara and Lt Mick Haldeman, S, Lt Ann Marie Ryan and Starr Whiting were our Silent Auction Volunteers

(More photos on page 12)



Lt Don Cates and Lt Dan Marinelli, P, manned the beer and soda booth

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# Coming Events 2020

## March

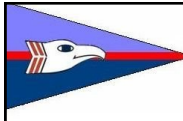
3/1	Naples Concert Band, Cambier Park	1400
3/3	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 21
3/7	Beach Clean Up, South Beach	0800
3/7	Cruise and Lunch, Dolphin Tiki Bar	1200 p. 07
3/11	Executive Board, Learning Center	0900
3/11	March Dinner Meeting, Yacht Club	1700 p. 09
3/14	Minnesota Twins vs NY Mets Baseball game	1300
3/17	Silver Tridents Breakfast, Hoots	0830
3/17	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 21
3/18	Fishing Contest	0800
3/21	Cruise and Picnic, Cape Romano	1200 p. 07
3/25	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04

## April

4/3-4	D22 Conference and Change of Watch, Punta Gorda	
4/7	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 21
4/8	Executive Board, Learning Center	0900
4/8	April Membership Dinner	1700 p. 10
4/11	Cruise & Picnic, Coconut Island	1300
4/18	Cruise and Lunch Port of the Islands	1100
4/21	Silver Tridents Breakfast, Hoots	0830
4/21	Cards at the Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 21
4/22	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04

## May

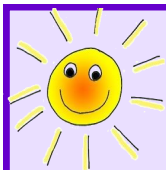
5/2	Mini Golf Tournament, Marco Golf & Garden	1700
5/2	Golf Awards Dinner, La Tavola (following mini golf)	1830
5/5	Cards at the Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 21
5/9	Cruise & Picnic, Panther Key	1100 p. 07
5/13	Executive Board Meeting	0900
5/13	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700
5/19	Silver Trident's Breakfast, Hoots	0830
5/19	Cards at the Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 21
5/23	Cruise & Lunch, Snook Inn	1200 p. 07
5/27	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04



**THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR**  
Lt Marcy Marinelli, P

This edition of the Eagle's Eye is packed with activities! Be sure you check out our boating events, sign up for the March dinner meeting, and think about attending the D22 conference in Punta Gorda in early April. There are lots of ways for you to get involved in our club activities.

I am still looking for someone who might be interested in training with me to do the Eagle's Eye! If you are creative, have good computer skills, and have some time to spare each month, we could use your help. If you want more information on what it takes to put together the Eagle's Eye, give me a call at 240-606-1119 or email me at talkdoc52@msn.com.

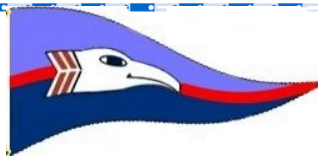


**SUNSHINE NEWS**



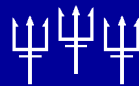
Please keep John and Madeline Moore in your thoughts and prayers on the death of their daughter, Carrie LaPiana.

Please let me know of anyone who is sick, injured or deceased. I will send a card in the name of the squadron.  
AnnMarie Ryan  
908-313-8357  
anmarieryan@att.net



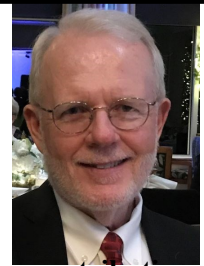
**Captain's Meeting**  
**"Meet & Greet"**  
*everyone welcome!*  
**CJ's Gazebo Bar**  
**at the Esplanade at 1700**  
**on the 4th Wednesday**  
**of the Month**

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



**COMMANDER**  
Bob Smith, AP

Congratulations to all of our member volunteers who helped to make the 2020 Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Party a resounding success. Preliminary figures indicate that in excess of 275 people attended the event. Our combined income from entrance ticket sales, Raffle ticket sales, Silent Auction sales and Sponsor contributions (thanks to Imperial Marine Construction) totaled in excess of \$20,000.



Special thanks go to those volunteers who solicited donations from generous local businesses and to those of you who prepared home made hors d'oeuvres, making the evening's menu truly special. Great food, great prizes and great volunteers are the keys to our success.

We will begin planning for the 2021 Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Party this month. A primary concern will be to match future volunteer member solicitors for Raffle and Silent Auction prizes with local businesses. Consequently, we will be asking each member to volunteer to solicit donations from those businesses that they patronize during the year. Please give some thought to volunteering to work with businesses that are familiar to you. Our planning committee members will be contacting you this fall to create a business /volunteer matching list.

There is still time to register for the District 22 Spring Conference to be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, Punta Gorda. Those who attend the Conference will be treated to a variety of great seminars, including a Town Hall Meeting led by District Commander Ted Reiss and National Administrative Officer Ralph Bernard. Marco Island's Past Commander Carl Thieme is conducting a seminar on How To Setup and Use a GPS Chartplotter, and Marco Island's Safety Officer Ed Bauer is offering an Emergencies on Board seminar. Please review the District 22 Spring Conference flyer, below, for more details.

I hope you can join us for the great variety of activities we have scheduled this month, including our Second Annual Fishing Contest, to be held on Wednesday, March 18. I also hope you will refer your friends for a free Vessel Safety Check, and refer yourself if you haven't already done so. Call John Salotto today at 703-864-5528.

See you on the water!



**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
Lt/C Wanda Burson, S

A great big Thank You to all the members of America's Boating Club - Marco Island. Your hard work has led to a very successful Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party.



Work continues in the Executive Department. Marketing and Communications under the capable direction of Lt. Ellen Filipiak, S, had marketing materials on VSC, Classes and Membership along with racks placed in the following locations around the Island. Walker's Showroom and Hideaway Marina, Marco Island Yacht Club, Rose Marina, Calusa Island Marine, Freedom Boat Club, Walker's Coon Key Marina, Marco Island Library, Trapper Custom Marine, MICA and the chamber of Commerce. She is also preparing articles to be published in the newspapers that coordinate with our education schedule. Be on the lookout for these.

Thus far this year from the VSC department we have completed a total of 88 vessel safety checks with 17 of those boats being our members. Members, you need to get your VSC completed and be sure and include your neighbors. We want to keep everyone out there on the water safe. Make that call to schedule your Vessel Safety Check.

Lt Ed Bauer, S, our General Safety Officer, has several articles ready to be published in the local newspapers.

The ships store is now under the direction of Supply Officer Lt Susan R. Bauer. She has ordered samples of new merchandise with the new logo. All items with the old logo will be on sale for 50% off. At our next meeting some of our members will be modeling the new clothing items. Be sure and check with Susan to update your wardrobe.

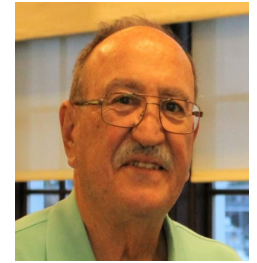
Cooperative Charting under the guidance of Lt Cliff L. Winings, SN, will soon have the new survey data on the Aids to Navigation page of our website. He will also have the results of his presentation to the Collier County Coastal Zone Management meeting next month.

Everyone be safe and enjoy the beautiful weather.



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
Lt/C Steve Riley, S

The first Aid, CPR and AED training on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the MIFD HQ was well received by those in attendance. We had 12 members signed up who will receive a Heartsaver, First Aid CPR AED certification card with a renewal date of 1/22/22 as a result of the training. Anyone who would like to participate in this training but was unable to attend the 1/22/20 session should contact me and I will schedule another session next Fall to accommodate them if there is sufficient interest.



Looking back on February, we had a cruise to the Capri Fish House on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Our cruise and picnic to Whitehorse key was cancelled due to a small craft warning on the day of the trip. It will be rescheduled. A Captain's meeting at CJ's was held on February 26; the USPS Annual Meeting was at Ponte Vedra from 2/9 to 2/15 followed by the D-22 Caribbean Cruise from 2/16 to 2/23.

In March, we have our Executive Board meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 0900 followed by the membership meeting at MIYC commencing at 1700. The speaker that night will be the "Shark Man", Patrick O'Donnell, from the Department of Environmental Protection. There is a cruise & lunch on the 7<sup>th</sup> at the Dolphin Tiki Bar, the Twins Vs the Mets at Hammond Stadium on the 14<sup>th</sup> and a cruise & picnic to Cape Romano on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Captain's meeting in March will be held at CJ's on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

And in closing, I'd like to commend Mercedes and Nick Fabregas for the very outstanding job they did in the kitchen during our fundraiser; they planned and executed the food preparation in a very professional manner. Our "runners" also did a great job and the membership's food offerings were exceptional. Sonya Benson's cheesecakes did not even make it to the tables in some cases because the participants emptied the runner's trays before they could get to the tables.

Thank you everyone!



## EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN

March continues to be a busy month for our educational department. Our fourth session of America's Boating Course ended on February 17. The fifth and final session will start on March 9. Following the ABC course, Rhonda Gloodt and Carl Thieme taught our very popular two-night Charting/GPS seminar.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the new Boat Handling course finished up on February 18. Ed Bauer and Nick Rago were the instructors. A new session will start up at the end of this month on March 31 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. This class consists of six sections which may be taken separately as seminars or as a whole for the grade of Seaman when you have successfully passed the exam.

Gene Burson is finishing up teaching Marine Navigation. This is the new version of Piloting.

My two Navigation (Advanced Celestial) students are working very diligently. They are learning two new software programs, Visual Passage Planner 2 and OpenCPN, which are helping them in their offshore voyage planning. The weather has not been cooperating with us when we want to take sights with our sextants. There always seems to be sea fog obscuring our horizon!

We have a change of dates for two upcoming seminars. The first is Partner in Command. This will be taught by Ted and Peggy Reiss on Tuesday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m. The second seminar is Hurricane Preparation for Boaters. This is now scheduled for Monday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m. and will be taught by Rhonda Gloodt and Ted Reiss.

For more specific information on these two seminars, see the descriptions on the Dinghy page—page 20.

Stay safe on the water and happy boating.



## SAFETY OFFICER

Lt Ed Bauer, S

Are you prepared for a **MEDICAL EMERGENCY** on your boat? Are you adequately trained? Do you have a properly equipped medical kit? Once you leave the dock you will not have quick access to EMS personnel and equipment.



Following are some of the many emergencies you may need to deal with: Heat stroke— Sunburn – Allergic reactions – Abrasions from coral and barnacles – Heart attack – Stroke – Head injuries – Bleeding – Burns – Fractures - Hypothermia – Hyperthermia – Falls including back injuries.

Your first consideration might be to investigate first aid courses available from the local Fire / Rescue squads, the American Red Cross, and the American Heart Association. Get on-hands experience in CPR.

Before leaving the dock determine if any of your crew have a medical condition you need to be aware of. Are they subject to seasickness? If they are subject to severe allergic reactions, do they have an EpiPen on board? What about sunscreen? Is there adequate water to keep hydrated? Alert your crew how to move about the boat safely. Advise them where the first aid kit is located on board. Keep hands and fingers inside the boat.

Your First Aid Kit should be sized for the type of boating you do & the emergencies which might be encountered; some suggestions for your First Aid Kit follow. Remember to check your kit periodically and replace/update supplies as necessary.

Don't forget a VHF radio and cell phone for communicating your possible need for medical response. If the medical emergency is severe or life threatening, make the *MAYDAY* call and get assistance headed in your direction.

Recommended first aid manuals are *Emergencies at Sea*, *First Aid Afloat*. Also, consider taking America's Boating Club course- Boat Handling which includes a seminar on *Emergencies on Board*.

For a list of first aid supplies to have on your boat, see page 8.



# 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!**

7 March	Cruise & Lunch, Dolphin Tiki Bar	1200	Don Cates	217-370-6659
21 March	Cruise & Picnic, Cape Romano	1200	Rhonda Glodt	239-450-7089
11 April	Cruise & Picnic, Coconut Island	1300	Nick Rago	860-798-4141
18 April	Cruise & Lunch, Port of the Islands	1100	Ted Reiss	239-213-8722
9 May	Cruise & Picnic, Panther Key	1100		
23 May	Cruise & Lunch, Snook Inn	1200		

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!



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## Course Schedule Winter 2020

Course	Public	Day of Week	Time	Start Date	Days	Instructor/Contact
<b>Advanced</b> (Prerequisites may apply)						
Boat Handling	Yes	TU & F	1800	3/31/20	7	Lt Nick Rago, AP 860-798-4141 Lt Ed Bauer, S 540-463-2018
<b>Public Boating</b>						
America's Boating Course	Yes	M & TH	1800	3/9/20	5	1/Lt John Maciolek, AP 732-496-4595
<b>Seminars</b>						
Partner in Command	Yes	TU	1800	3/24/20	1	D/Cdr Ted Reiss, SN-CN 239-213-872 D/Lt Col Peggy Reiss, JN
Hurricane Preparedness	Yes	M	1800	4/6/20	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
<b>Vessel Trainer</b>	REQUEST ONLY					1/Lt John Maciolek, AP 732-496-4595
<b>On-the-Water Training</b>	REQUEST ONLY					D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN 239-213-8722

## FIRST AID SUPPLIES TO HAVE ON YOUR BOAT

This is a continuation of Lt Ed Bauer's Safety Column from page 6. Here is a listing of supplies to have in your first aid kit.

Gauze pads small to very large Towels / blankets / poncho Chewable baby aspirin Electrolyte replacements Burn ointment Hydrocortisone cream Triple antibiotic cream Resuscitation mask Hydrogen peroxide	Bandage/ scissors Duct tape Ice / cold packs Tweezers Liquid soap Sugar packs Energy bars Pain killers Cloth diapers	First aid / adhesive tape Hand sanitizer Liquid Benadryl Disposable gloves Eye irrigant Towelettes / wipes Large Ziplocs Antihistamine Material for splints
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# **COMING IN MARCH**

## **MONTHLY DINNER MEETING**



**MARCO ISLAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020**

**MARCO ISLAND YACHT CLUB**

**1400 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island**

**1700 (5:00 PM) – SOCIALIZING**

**17:45 (5:45 PM) –MONTHLY MEETING**

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

**SPEAKER:**

**Patrick O'Donnell, Shark Tagger  
Florida DEP**

**MENU:**

**\$40 per Person Choose One Dinner per Person:**

**Mingled Greens, Cucumber, Tomato, Red Onion with Lemon Sherry Vinaigrette**

**Chicken Marsala – Pan Sautéed with Mushrooms,  
Rosemary and Marsala Wine Sauce**

**Or**

**Lemon Sole Medallions filled with Roasted Squash Caponata,  
Sambuca Dill Cream, Portabella Risotto**

**Or**

**Vegetarian: Portabella Ravioli Tower  
Tiramisu**

**Adult Beverages Available for Purchase**

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



**PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020**

**MAIL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MISPS TO:**

**DOROTHY HARKNESS  
1651 BARBADOS CT.  
MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145  
642-3575**



**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Tel# \_\_\_\_\_**

**Menu choice: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Sole \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_**

**No. attending @ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

**LAST DINNER MEETING OF THE SEASON**

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING



**MARCO ISLAND SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020**

**MARCO ISLAND YACHT CLUB**

1400 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island

**1700 (5:00 PM) – SOCIALIZING**

**17:45 (5:45 PM) – MONTHLY MEETING**

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

**SPEAKER:**

Greg Miller, GM Productions

**MENU:**

**\$40 per Person**

**Choose One Dinner per Person**

**Iceberg Wedge with Ripened Tomato, Crumbled Bacon and Gorgonzola Dressing,  
Mediterranean Beef Skewers with Red Bean Salsa and Garlic Sauce**

**Or**

**Grilled Salmon with Sauce  
Roasted Sweet Potato Tower**

**Or**

**Vegetarian: Eggplant Rollatini  
Apple Blossom Torte**

**Adult Beverages Available for Purchase**

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

**PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020**

**MAIL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MISPS TO:**

DOROTHY HARKNESS

1651 BARBADOS CT

MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145

642-3575



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

Menu choice: Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

No. attending @ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# MISPS: Second Annual Fishing Event



**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 18, 2020

**Alternate weather day:** March 25, 2020

**WHO:** Open to all members of MISPS and their guests. Each vessel will have one member per guest

**ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per fisherperson. Funds to be collected at the pre-event meeting.

**START TIME:** 8:00 am

**END TIME:** 3:00 pm followed by a **fish fry dinner at 6:00 pm** The Sand Bar restaurant, \$9.99. or regular menu. Captains to insure proper cold storage of fillets and delivery to the restaurant.

**AWARDS:** 1/3 of the entry fees each for the longest Trout, the longest Redfish, & the longest Spanish Mackerel.

**DON'T HAVE A BOAT?** We will place you on a member boat as available.

**SAFETY:** All participating boats will have to display their 2020 Vessel Safety Check sticker. Contact John Sallotto (703-864-5528) for your free inspection. Captains must insure that they have adequate liability insurance for their boat and crew. Fishing Licence as required by Florida Wildlife.

**FISHING AREA:** North to Gordon Pass: South to Round Key: West to three mile line per charts 9F & 11430

**Pre-event meeting for all Captains on Monday March 16 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Learning Center on North Collier**

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**Reply form :** MISPS: Second Annual Fishing Event: Wednesday March 18, 2020

**Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email and Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Fishermen?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Can you accommodate additional guests?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email reply form to:** [rileysteve9@gmail.com](mailto:rileysteve9@gmail.com) or mail to Steve Riley, 680 Thrush Ct., Marco Island, FL 34145

**More info:** Steve Riley 612-616-7517 or Bob Smith: 609-752-2459



# WINE AND HORS D' OEUVRES PARTY

America's Boating Club-Marco Island put on another successful wine and hors d' oeuvres fundraiser on January 31st at San Marco Catholic Church's Parish Hall. Over 275 people attended the event and enjoyed delicious food, wine, beer and soda. The silent auction and the raffle prizes were the highlight of the evening. Over \$20,000 was raised to support our squadron educational programs. Thanks to all the members who contributed food, solicited donations, worked at the event, bought items at the silent auction or participated in the raffle. It was a wonderful event that highlighted the good work we do!



The crowd enjoyed great food and beverages.



P/C Gene Burson, AP and Mike Murphy sell raffle tickets



Sponsor Imperial Marine Construction had lots of giveaways



There was a wide variety of silent auction items



D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, AP sells raffle tickets



The kitchen crew did a fantastic job



A tasty appetizer



The food tables had a nautical theme

# FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

At our February dinner meeting we were treated to an interesting talk by Lt Dodd Bulger and two of his fellow officers from the Florida Wildlife Commission. They spoke about issues related to enforcement of wildlife regulations on the water. A special thank you to D/Lt/C Andrea Battaglia, AP for the photographs from the meeting.



Chief Murphy with Lt Bulger and colleagues



Lt Susan Bauer shows off the new Ship's Store items



Lt/C Steve Riley, S & Julie Riley



P/C Tom Morr, P & Lynn Fann



Lt Bill Kreppin, S, Lt/C Steve Riley, S, P/C Bill Hughes, JN and Jennifer Jewett



Lt Susan Bauer and Lt Ed Bauer, S



P/C Steve Moore, S and Ann Moore



P/C George Engstrom, AP and Carol Engstrom



P/C Dick Rogers, P, Judy Crooke and their daughter and son-in-law

## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP DINNER, Cont.



**Hope and Joe Mena**



**Jerry Martin, P and Jo Martin, P**



**Alan Epstein, P. & Joyce Epstein**



**Karen and Tom Simmons**



**D/1st/Lt Gene Burson, JN and  
Lt/C Wanda Burson, S**



**P/C Lee Harkness, AP and Lt Dorothy Harkness, S**



**P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN and  
D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, AP**

**FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP DINNER, Cont.**



**Starr & Lt Joe Whiting**



**P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN, Lt Bob Gloodt, S, Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP**



**Lt Nick Rago, AP and Debbie Rago**



**Roy and Pam Sander**



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# America's Boating Club, City of Marco Island, Collier County, and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Successfully Work Together for Improved Boater Safety

By Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP

**Editor's Note:** This is the first of a three part series about the work America's Boating Club-Marco Island is doing to improve boating safety in our local waters. A special thank you to Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP, for authoring this document.

## The Beginning of the Project

In 2006, a small group led by Bryan Mordecai from the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron (MISPS – now known as America's Boating Club-Marco Island), decided as part of the organization's Civic Service Mission to engage in an important project related to boater safety. They worked with other members of the squadron to identify and to determine the condition of all of the Aids to Navigation (ATONS) and other water signs (manatee zones, no wake, etc.) in Marco Island and surrounding waters. This work had previously been done by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, but they had recently been assigned greater homeland security responsibilities. The intent was to supply information to the US Coast Guard and NOAA that would lead to corrections on nautical charts, small craft charts, and Coastal Pilot publications. The group called their project the Waterway Signs Inventory Program.

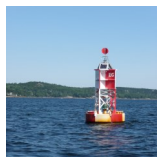
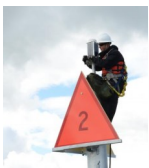
ATONS are intended to assist the operator of a boat in positioning the vessel on the intended course, in directing the vessel through safe waters, and in avoiding any hazards that might be in the area. As some locals and visitors have unfortunately discovered, disregarding ATON markings for recommended channels may result in a costly running aground, or, more importantly, in serious accidents causing injury to the boat's occupants. So it is critically important that that the Aids to Navigation are in the places where they are supposed to be, and also, that the signage on the markers be readily visible.

An ATON can be a buoy, a beacon, or a lateral marker, among other things. The marker can be red and triangular or green and square and have, respectively, even or odd numbers. There are also privately placed aids to navigation, called PATONS, but for the purposes of this article, waterway markers are referred to simply as ATONS. Many have heard the phrase "red, right, return" and know that when returning from sea the red marker should be on your right. The trick, of course, is to know when you are returning and when you are not. That changes multiple times on a simple trip around Marco Island, and, therefore, is a good reason why the ATONS need to be properly maintained. Incidentally, if the ATON numbers are increasing, the vessel is returning from sea; if the numbers are decreasing, the vessel is headed out to sea.

Bryan's design for collecting the needed information, according to the Squadron's then Educational Officer James Olmes, involved creating an interactive electronic method by which all signs and navigation aids could be monitored on a regular basis. "It also would provide information about sign legality. The Squadron's program encompassed over 300 ATONS and waterway signs with over 1200 photographs."

Bryan and six colleagues from America's Boating Club-Marco Island collected the needed information. Some of the ATONS were in relatively good shape. Some listed on local charts were simply not there. Some had lost signage, and some were in need of major repair. With the compiled data summarized in a comprehensive format, years long discussions began with local and county entities regarding which organizations had responsibility for ATON maintenance. Despite optimism about potential ways that the data would be used, little happened for some time because other priority issues needed attention. There were also the continuing questions about who had responsibility.

Next month: 2015 was a pivotal year in continuing to build the project.







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**0900 – 1200 Registration Desk Open**      **1200 – 1330 Lunch on your own**  
**0900 - 1200 Squadron Officer Meeting**      **1330 – 1400 Registration Desk Open**  
**1400 – 1600 District Council Meeting**  
**1600 – 1700 – Squadron / D22 Hospitality**  
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**0800 until gone Coffee and Pastry**      **0900 – 1200 Registration Desk Open**  
**1200 – 1315 Keynote Luncheon – Speaker - Liz Schmidt,**  
 Director of Aquatics & Community Water Safety, Water Smart, Palm Beach County  
**1300 – 1330 Registration Desk Open**      **\*1330 – 1600 District Conference\***  
**1730 – Change of Watch cocktail hour – dinner served at 1830**

**Have a safe trip home and see you 9 and 10 October 2020 for the FALL Conference!**

#### **Saturday Seminars / Roundtables – 0900 until 1145**

##### **0900—1015**

##### **Education Updates**

*D/Lt/C Jack Nason, SN*  
*D/1st/Lt Melissa Butler, SN*

##### **Emergencies on Board**

*Lt Edward Bauer, S*

##### **Co-Op Charting**

*D/Lt James Strothers, SN*

Myakka 1

Peace River 1

Peace River 2

##### **1030—1145**

##### **Town Hall**

*D/C Ted Reiss, SN*  
*V/C Rep V/C Ralph Bernard, AP*

##### **Using a GPS Chart Plotter**

*Lt Carl Thieme, SN*

##### **Doing the Great Loop**

*P/C William Knudsen, JN*

**Basic Weather and Forecasting Seminar— 1/Lt Timothy McGarr, P**  
 both sessions—Myakka 2

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## Spring Conference Roundtable Information to help plan your day

### **Weather Seminar — Lt/C Timothy McGarr, P - both sessions—Myakka 2**

We will cover various weather terminology and phenomenon and how we can apply this knowledge for a safe and happy voyage. It will not make participants TV weather reporters.

### **0900 – 1015**

**Education – DEO, D/Lt/C Jack Nason, SN and ADEO, D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Melissa Butler, SN – Myakka 1**

Come get the latest updates on Education from the National Meeting in Ponte Vedra.  
Bring your ideas for the year ahead.

**Emergencies on Board – Lt Edward Bauer, S - Peace River 1**

Review from Boat Handling course: This review and discussion will focus on one of the 6 modules in the revised Boat Handling Course (previously Seamanship). The material covers vessel related emergencies, medical emergencies, and emergency communications. This is an overview of the course material and not for credit.

**Co-Op Charting – D/Lt James Strothers, SN - Peace River 2**

Entering 2020, the Cooperative Charting Program has undergone some major changes from the previous program. Currently, there are three sub-programs under the Cooperative Charting Program heading: Nautical, Geodetic Recovery and the new Marina Surveying. Changes include the items to report, how to file the reports and how credits are issued. All previous contributors to Co-op Charting as well as those wishing to get involved in the community service program should plan to attend this Roundtable.

### **1030 - 1145:**

**District 22 D/C Town Hall Meeting – Myakka 1**

**Led by D/C Ted Reiss, SN and V/C Ralph Bernard, AP, National Administrative Officer**

Updates from National on many topics to include the latest from DANBoater. Bring your questions.

**How To Setup and Use a GPS Chartplotter – Lt Carl Thieme, SN – Peace River 1**

What are the different GPS Chartplotter set up options and suggested settings for safe navigation? How do you establish, change, store and identify waypoints? Getting there ---- creating and modifying routes for safe navigation. Limitations and issues arising from on-the-water use of GPS Chartplotters. Key factors to consider prior to purchase.

***"Doing the Great Loop" – P/C William Knudsen, JN – Peace River 2***

Brief definition and pictorial view of America's water trade routes

Basic preparation and requirements      After the Euphoria dissipates, what to expect

Actual scenes from a segment of the trip (Power Point Presentation)    Sights seen from the water only

Q and A session



# 2020 Spring Conference Reservation Form

**Saturday, 4 April - Keynote Luncheon - \$16.00**

**Choice of:**

**Chef's Salad:** *Crisp Romaine and Iceberg Lettuce, Ham, Turkey, Swiss and Cheddar Cheese, Hard Boiled Eggs, Cucumbers, Red Onion with Choice of Ranch or Italian Dressing.*

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**No Reservations or Cancellations after 21 March 2020, please.**

Here are a couple photos from the recent D22 cruise which followed the USPS National Conference. A number of our members went on the cruise. Thanks to Wanda Burson for the photos.



The USPS Burgee on the ship's mast

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Miscellaneous news from America's Boating Club-Marco Island



## TWO SEMINARS TO CONSIDER

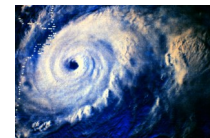
### Partner in Command Seminar, Tuesday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m.

Are you a crew member or partner of the captain who has no idea what's going on during a boat trip? In this seminar, you will learn the basics you need to help the skipper safely operate the boat, including how to respond in an emergency. Also included are communications, including the VHF radio, calling for help, signaling and safety equipment, first aid and starting and running the engine if the captain should become incapacitated.

### Hurricane Preparation for Boaters, Monday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.

When a storm threatens or when you are returning north for the summer months, you need to know how to secure your boat. This informative seminar will teach you everything you need to know to minimize the danger to your boat when a hurricane hits.

**2020 Hurricane Names:** Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Gibzaki, Hanna, Isaias, Josephine, Kyle, Laura, Marco, Nana, Omar, Paulette, Rene, Sally, Teddy, Vicky, Wilfred



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

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Steve Riley 3/2  
Karen Simmons 3/2  
Debbie Rago 3/5  
Kenneth Burnham 3/8  
Mary Werres 3/14  
Virginia Roseberry 3/17  
Steve Moore 3/19  
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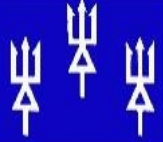
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You are underway in restricted visibility. You hear the fog signal of another vessel about 22° on your starboard bow. If danger of collision exists you must \_\_\_\_\_.

- reduce your speed to bare steerageway
- slow your engines and let the other vessel pass ahead of you
- alter the course to starboard to pass around the other vessel's stern
- alter course to port to pass the other vessel on its port side

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- Clay and rocks
- Soft mud
- Sandy mud
- Soft sand

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- broken limbs
- irregular breathing

ANSWERS: 1 a, 2 a, 3 c, 4 d

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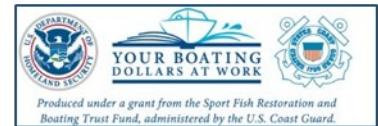
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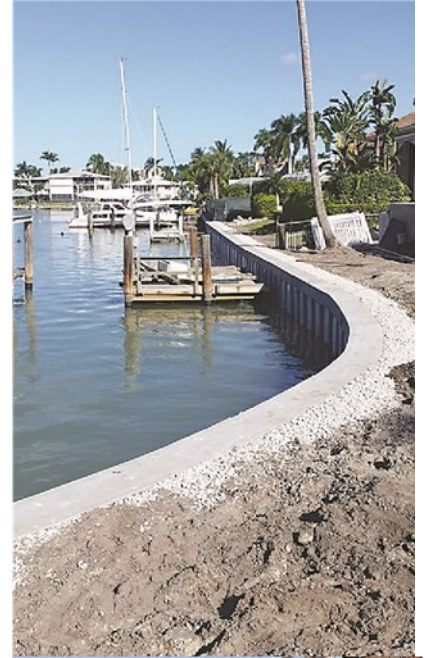


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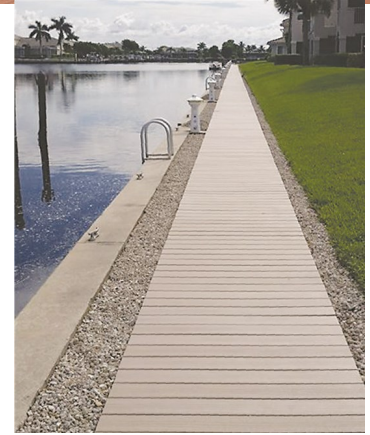
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