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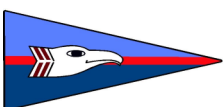
Our District 22 Conference and the Cruise and Rendezvous are the latest victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. The District 22 leadership team made the decision to postpone the Fall Conference, originally scheduled for October 9-10. The conference has been re-scheduled as a one-day event for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the Charlotte County Event Center. The plan is to have our Commander's meeting from 1000-1200 and a combined Council/Conference from 1300 to 1600. Hopefully the new year will bring more opportunities for face-to-face contact.

The Cruise and Rendezvous scheduled for October 21-23 has been cancelled and there is no plan at this point to reschedule it. The health and safety of our members is of utmost concern and these decisions were made with that in mind.

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# Coming Events 2020

Due to COVID-19, our calendar of coming events gets shorter each month! Keep your eyes on our website for updates; we'll also be sending Email Blasts with relevant information if new activities are being planned.

## October (Check our website to insure that October events will go on as scheduled)

10/14	Executive Board, via Zoom	0900
10/20	Silver Trident's Breakfast, Hoots	0800
10/28	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04

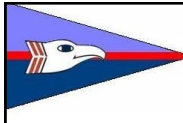
## November (Check our website to insure that November events will go on as scheduled)

11/11	Executive Board, via Zoom	0900
11/11	Annual Membership Meeting, TBD	
11/17	Silver Tridents Breakfast, Hoots	0800
11/24	Put up/Decorate Christmas Tree, Veteran's Park	TBD
11/27	Captain's Meeting, CJ's	1700

## December (Check our website to insure that December events will go on as scheduled)

12/5	Tree Lighting Tailgating Veteran's Park	TBD
12/9	Executive Board, via Zoom	0900
12/15	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300
TBD	Christmas Street Parade	





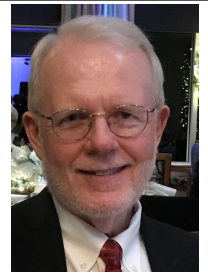
**THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR**  
Lt Marcy Marinelli, P



**COMMANDER**  
Bob Smith, AP

I sure didn't think that by October we would still be dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Eagle's Eye will continue to be published, albeit in an abbreviated format, until we can get back to our full schedule of club activities. In the meantime, please send me any news or boating photos, interesting boating articles, etc., that we could share with our membership. Be sure to check out the Nominating Committee's slate of officers for 2021 on page 9. Remember that most of our activities have been cancelled so always check the website for up-to-date information. Rather than our usual postcards, Email blasts will be sent out to remind our members of upcoming events while we are still in the pandemic.

I hope everyone had a good summer, given our restricted circumstances, and I look forward to seeing many of you who will be returning to Marco from summer in the north. Thanks to all of you who completed our Survey Monkey questionnaire, which greatly helped the Executive Committee to plan for Fall meetings. The questionnaire results were as follows:



Q 1. Would you be likely to attend the membership meeting at the MIYC on October 14th with the Miller Band? Yes 16 (28%); No 41 (72%).

Q 2. Would you be likely to attend the membership meeting at MIYC on November 11? Yes 23 (41%); No 33 (59%).

Q 3. Would you be likely to attend our Christmas party at Bistro Soleil on December 11 with Rosetta Stone? Yes 25 (45%); No 31 (55%).

Q 4. If you answered no to the above questions would you tell us when you are likely to attend our meetings? Answered 47; Skipped 10.

In 2021 6 (13%); When case #s go down 9 (19%); When vaccine is available 19 (40%); Other 13 (28%).

Q 5. Are you in favor of us having Captain's Meetings at CJ's? Yes 19 (35%); No 21 (39%). If yes would you attend? Yes 14 (26%).

Q 6. Please share additional comments about reopening activities. 25 people responded to this with a wide variety of answers.

Based upon your answers to the first three questions the Executive Committee decided to cancel previously scheduled sit down Membership Meetings in October, November and December. We are now trying to reserve Sarazen Park for outdoor socially distanced meetings on October 14, 5pm to 7pm; November 11, 12pm to 2pm; and December 9, 12pm to 2pm. We are waiting for approval from the City of Marco Island which, as I write this, is not approving any gatherings of more than ten people at the park. If this policy changes and our Sarazen Park reservation is approved, we will inform our members by email. Meanwhile, we are resuming Captain's Meetings at CJ's, trying to observe appropriate social distancing.

I hope to see many of you on the water this Fall and hope that you all stay safe during the Covid 19 crisis. Be well.

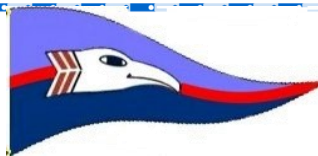


**SUNSHINE NEWS**

Please remember the family of Petra Williams who recently passed away. We learned that Bob Marks passed away in March. Tippy Cavanagh and Marcy Marinelli are recovering from surgery. Julie Riley will be having surgery soon. Keep these members and their families in your thoughts.



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



**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 Wanda Burson, S

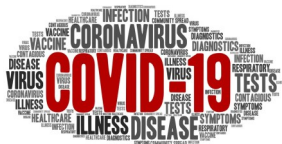
Greetings my fellow Mariners, hopefully you have all become adept at filling your time with good projects and preparing for the future. Your Executive Committee has been at work trying to find ways to use some of your time.



We held a marketing meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September at 2:00 p.m. to determine how we are going to secure the funds for next year's operations. We have to make a decision as to whether it is safe to hold the wine and hors d'oeuvres fund raiser and if anyone would attend. At this time, it does not appear to be a safe option. We will have a report for you in the November Eagle's Eye as to the directions we will be heading.

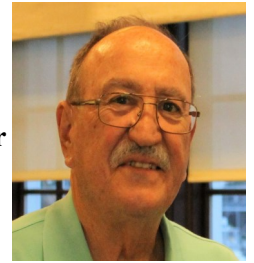
It would be great to hear from all of you particularly if you have come up with an interesting way to fill the time. I know we all miss getting together; I certainly do, and look forward to the time that we can make that happen and may it be a joyous occasion.

We would all like to be making things happen, people attending classes and learning, meetings that keep our club on the move and staying alert of what is changing in the boating world. We will have a report on a meeting, we are a part of, requested by the Coast Guard on improvement of shallow draft waterways ATON system.



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

I hope that everyone has had a good summer. Julie and I just got back from Wisconsin and a busy summer where we sold our home there. Now to think about whether it's time to unwrap our boat here or wait until the bulk of hurricane season has passed.



We are in need of members who might be able to serve as Cruise Captains for our future cruises. Cruise captains organize our cruises, communicate with members before and during the cruise and should have some familiarity with the area we will be boating to. We generally like to have two boats—a lead boat and a following boat. If you haven't been a cruise captain, but you want to learn more about it, you could volunteer to be the following boat. If you have an interest in helping out with this, please get in touch with me. You can call me at 612-616-7517 or email me at [rileysteve9@gmail.com](mailto:rileysteve9@gmail.com).

We are hoping that as the pandemic lifts we can start getting back to our regular club activities, but for now we are still in a holding pattern.

## Volunteer Needed!

**Merit Mark Coordinator Needed:** We are seeking a volunteer to coordinate our Merit Mark program for 2020. The Coordinator communicates with Department heads to catalog "Valuable Service Performed" by ABC-MI members. The Coordinator submits a report to [USPS.ORG](http://USPS.ORG) at the end of the year, which lists our member's names and the number of hours of valuable service they contributed to our organization. Please contact Bob Smith, Commander, at [bob-smithmarco@gmail.com](mailto:bob-smithmarco@gmail.com) to volunteer for this important position. Thank you.

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## EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN

There's not much to report in the education department. The only class that is a definite is Advanced Piloting being taught by Ted Reiss. This is scheduled for the middle of November.



I had the opportunity to listen by teleconference calling to the National Education Officer's virtual Governing Board's sessions on education. The National USPS meeting that was scheduled this month in Raleigh had to be cancelled because of Covid. It was divided into four segments: the new virtual classroom, what's down the road for ABC, current status of courses and seminars, and how our inventory system can be of help. All of these sessions were well-presented and very informative. I even learned a new word "Moodle." I'm sure you're all dying to know what it means. Well, it's a free and open-source learning management system used for blended learning, distance education and other e-learning projects. "Virtual" sure does seem to be the buzzword today.

During these sessions Instructor Recertification was offered. The two sessions filled up very quickly, but Rhonda Glodt was lucky to get in on one.

Congratulations to Gene Burson for passing his open book exam in Navigation! Now, if the weather would cooperate, we will get out with the sextant and get his Sight Folder done. In Navigation students have to take sights on the sun, moon, a planet and a star and also get a two-body sighting.

Hope this finds everyone safe and healthy.

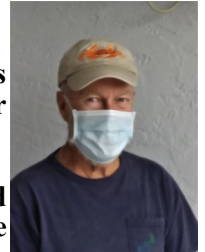


## SAFETY OFFICER

Lt Ed Bauer, S

### You and Your Engine Cutoff Device

If your boat is a paddle craft, skip this article and go on to the next newsletter feature.



An engine cutoff device is simple and mechanically foolproof—if you are wearing it! It could save your life.

What is more nightmarish than falling out of a boat you're driving? Watching it begin circling, seemingly intent on striking you or chopping you up? Nearly as bad would be watching your empty boat cruise off into the distance!

Often called a "kill switch", it can be an inconvenience if you are moving about on the boat, attending to fishing lines, or scooping debris or a loose line out of the water. The red coiled cord clips to your wrist, an item of clothing, or a life jacket. It is connected to a toggle on the dash. If you move more than a couple of feet away from the helm the cord pulls loose a clip to immediately stop the engine, and suddenly stopping the boat.

Check out this video on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW715iup0k>

But wait, there is another option: the wireless lanyard. Like its mechanical cousin, this device cuts power to the engine, but it does it remotely by sensing when the captain goes overboard: Immersion in water, or a distance of 25 to 100 feet from the boat, sends a radio signal to a module to stop the engine and sound an alarm. Investigate further at West Marine or your local marine products store.

The mechanical tether is simple, is always aboard, uses no batteries, and needs no electronic pairing. Downside? The cord system protects only the driver and does not allow freedom of movement.

The wireless system allows free movement throughout the boat. Downside – added expense and the wireless unit does not kick in if the driver is thrown from the helm but remains in the boat.

It only takes a wave, wake, sharp turn, collision, steering failure, or other issue, and suddenly, a boat's driver is in the water. With either kind of kill switch, the boat stops, and the driver can reboard. Restarting the motor requires only replacing the clip or overriding the signal, depending on the device.



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Due to COVID-19, the remaining cruises that had been scheduled for October, November and December have been cancelled by the Executive Board. We will hope for better boating opportunities in 2021!



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## ***“Hand, Knee & Foot” Card Game***

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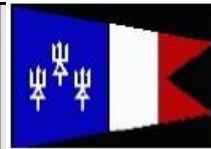
Easy to learn this fun game ... nice to play while on cruises. Socialize with members of the squadron, give Dorothy a call ... 642-3575.

We are not currently meeting to play cards.

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to the following ABC-MI members who are celebrating their birthdays in August! If we've missed your birthday, contact the Editor.

**Ted Reiss 10/1**  
**John Bishop 10/2**  
**Vickie Wendt 10/2**  
**Susan Bauer 10/5**  
**Tom Ryan 10/7**  
**Thomas Simmons 10/9**  
**George Vlasuk 10/9**  
**Jesse Mena 10/11**  
**Tippy Cavanagh 10/14**  
**Mary Kayhart 10/14**  
**Priscilla Schultz 10/14**  
**Sonya Benson 10/17**  
**Jessica Zikmanis 10/17**  
**Rebecca Puell 10/19**  
**John Maciolek 10/20**  
**Pat Mogan 10/21**  
**Earl Haldeman 10/27**  
**Teri O'Connell 10/27**



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



### **1. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND**

The Rules state that certain factors are to be taken into account when determining safe speed. One of the factors is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. radio communications that are available
- b. maximum speed of your vessel
- c. temperature
- d. current

### **2. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND Power-driven vessels must keep out of the way of sailing vessels except \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. in a crossing situation
- b. when they are making more speed than the power-driven vessel
- c. when the sailing vessel is overtaking
- d. on the Inland Waters of the United States

### **3. INLAND ONLY While underway and in sight of another vessel forward of your beam more than 0.5 mile away, you put your engines full speed astern. Which statement concerning whistle signals is TRUE?**

- a. You must sound three short blasts on the whistle.
- b. You must sound one blast if backing to starboard.
- c. You must sound whistle signals only if the vessels are meeting.
- d. You need not sound any whistle signals.

### **4. INLAND ONLY A commercial vessel engaged in public safety activities may display a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a. flashing blue light
- b. alternately flashing red and yellow light
- c. flashing yellow light
- d. alternately flashing blue and red light

Answers: 1 d, 2 c, 3 d, 4 b

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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE OFFERS SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

Our nominating committee has been hard at work identifying candidates for leadership positions in the organization for 2021. We will vote on these candidates at our November annual meeting on November 11, 2020. Please take the time to review their slate prior to that meeting. Thanks to P/C Bill Hughes, JN and his committee for their work on the slate of officers. September 6, 2020

To: Lt/C Margaret M. Smith, AP

Pursuant to the bylaws of America’s Boating Club—Marco Island (Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron), the Nominating Committee presents the following slate of nominees for election at the Annual Meeting on November 11, 2020 for the Squadron year 2021-2022:

## BRIDGE OFFICERS

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Administrative Officer	Vacant
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Lt Edward W. Bauer 3-year term  
Cdr Robert N. Smith AP Immediate P/C

Respectfully submitted,

P/C William J. Hughes JN Chair

P/C Steven J. Moore S

1/Lt Kathleen H. Reynolds AP

P/C Thomas G. Morr

## AUDITING COMMITTEE

P/C Patricia P. Cavanagh SN	1-year term
D/Lt Teri O’Connell JN	2-year term
P/C William J. Hughes JN	3-year term

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P/C Steven J. Moore S	1-year term
1/Lt Kathleen H. Reynolds AP	2-year term
Lt/C Steve Riley, S	3-year term
Cdr Robert N. Smith AP	Immediate P/C

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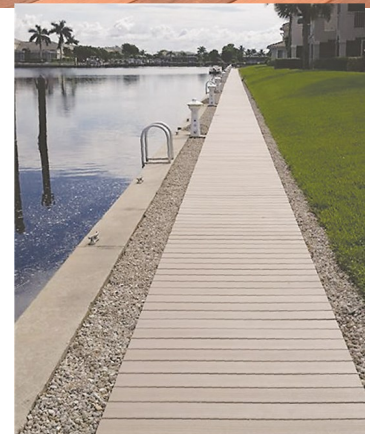
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