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## AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB-MARCO ISLAND ANNUAL MEETING

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020 5:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Please plan to attend our annual meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. We will be voting on officers for the 2021 year so it is important that we have a quorum of members for the voting. The meeting will be held via the Zoom on-line conferencing platform. Commander Bob Smith will be sending an email with the Zoom link to all members early in November. Be sure to check out the slate of officers which is included on page 11 of this month's Eagle's Eye.

# Meeting

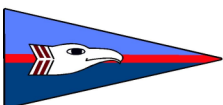
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# Coming Events 2020

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.

## 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, via Zoom	1700
11/17	Silver Tridents Breakfast, Hoots	0830
11/18	Captain's Meeting, CJ's	1700

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

12/9	Executive Board, via Zoom	0900
12/9	Zoom Holiday Cocktail Party	1700

Looking ahead—Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. for Beach Clean-up



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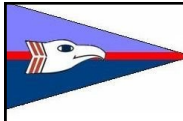
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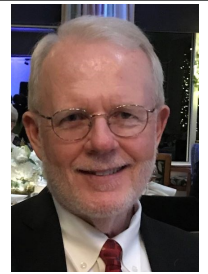


**COMMANDER**  
Bob Smith, AP

Who would have thought that in November we would still be dealing with COVID-19? I know I sure thought we'd be done with this and back to our regular routines. As you can tell from this month's Eagle's Eye, our activities are still limited. I hope everyone will attend the Zoom annual meeting on Wednesday, November 11th where we will be voting in our slate of officers for 2021.

I'm still looking for someone to take over my role as Eagle's Eye Editor. If you have any interest in doing the newsletter, please call me or email me and we can talk about the process.

Welcome back to the many members who are returning to Marco Island from their summer stay in the north. Temperatures are now moderating and we can all look forward to a pleasant season of boating in and around our beautiful ten thousand islands.

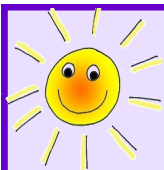


At our October Executive Committee Zoom meeting we decided that, because of COVID 19 crowd risks, and to protect the safety of our members and the community, we will cancel our 2021 Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres Party fundraiser. We expect to return to that successful tradition in 2022.

In a normal year we would enjoy each other's in person company at the November Annual Membership meeting. This year we have decided to make this event a Zoom meeting. I'm hoping to see many of you there at 5pm on Wednesday, November 11, when we can socialize, elect a new slate of officers for the coming year, and approve our 2021 Budget. Look for the Zoom invitation in your email in early November.

In response to the Coast Guard's request for comments to improve the nation's shallow draft waterways ATON system, we have mobilized the Marco Island Commanders Group to collaborate in a joint response. The participating organizations included America's Boating Club-Marco Island, Marco Island Yacht Club, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Marco Sport-fishing Club, Sailing Association of Marco Island, and Marco Bay Yacht Club. Many thanks to Cliff Winings, our Cooperative Charting Officer, for leading and informing our discussion with all of the comprehensive data he has organized in our Aids to Navigation Project. I'm happy to be working with Cliff and the Cooperative Charting Team again this season to continue our work to make our waterways safer. Please let Cliff know if you would like to volunteer to be a member of the team.

I look forward to seeing you at the November Membership meeting and, as always, on the water!

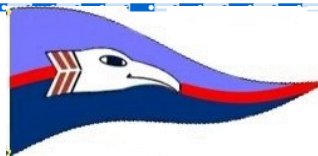


**SUNSHINE NEWS**



We haven't received many notification this month of any members who are sick or grieving. We hope everyone stays well! We have heard that John Maciolek has been under the weather. Feel better John!

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  
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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**



*For the time being, those who wish to attend should just show up at CJ's and be ready to enjoy a socially distant meet and greet!*



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

It is difficult to tell that it is fall on beautiful Marco Island. We are having a few more late summer storms in the afternoons – but that is about the only change for us.



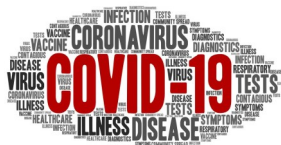
Still being in the middle of the pandemic has sorely curtailed our activities. I do have a couple of items to report on. At the Coast Guards request, we hosted a Shallow Draft meeting on ATON's by zoom. In attendance were ABC-MI, MIYC, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Marco Sport Fishing Club, Sailing Association of Marco Island and Marco Bay Yacht Club. Cliff Winings, our Cooperative Charting Coordinator, drafted a response from the meeting. The other boating clubs, except USCGA because of line approval requirement, have approved the response.

Your Ways and Means Committee has been busy with meetings. It was decided with an abundance of caution to cancel the Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party for the safety of our guests and members.

The Learning Center needed repairs to the ceiling. Bob Gloodt did a great job overseeing this project. They are now completed, and the center is ready for use.

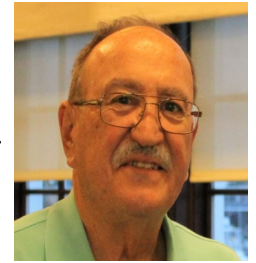
You will be hearing about our November meeting soon. We are looking forward to seeing the snowbirds flying back into Marco.

Everyone, please stay safe and well.



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

After several ExCom meetings, it was decided to cancel our face-to-face meetings until 2021 WITH THE EXCEPTION of the Captain's meetings at C.J's. Instead of having our Christmas party at Bistro Soleil with Rose on December 11, we are having a Zoom Christmas conference call at 1700 hours on December 9<sup>th</sup>. All of you will be given a link to easily connect to this event. Your Bridge is well aware this is not a fair exchange for the dinner/dance we had planned, but safety of our membership will always come first.



The get togethers at CJ's have been a big hit in my book. My only problem with them is that I never seem to be able to talk to everyone, which is on me and not on the event. As to cruises, it has been very difficult to recruit Cruise Captains due to a lack of participation and coping with the virus. Rhonda Gloodt, who was our coordinator for these events, had extensive germ & chemical warfare during her time in the US Navy. Rhonda knows what she's talking about regarding the virus and her strong advice was not to do cruises. A number of our members would take an opposite view but the ExCom doesn't at this point in time. Personally, I believe we will all have an opportunity no later than next spring to take one of the many vaccines now in the approval process and then we can resume our usual schedule.

If you have any suggestions for events we can safely conduct, please give me a call at 612-616-7517. In the meantime, please be careful and Welcome Back to you snowbirds!

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**EDUCATION OFFICER**

**Lt/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN**

The Education Department continues to be very quiet due to Covid 19. We are expecting to finish up several of the ABC classes that were disrupted in March.



Peggy and Ted Reiss have volunteered to teach with proper social distancing. The only class that is scheduled is Advanced Piloting which will start up in November.

Did you know that Sea Tow is discontinuing the Automated Radio Check Program and Stickers? Evidently, they were unable to renew their contract.

For any student planning to take Advanced Piloting or other advanced grades, Weems & Plath offers a 25% discount to USPS members if you order online. They have available items like dividers, parallel rulers and plotting tools. Use the Promotion Code USPS25.

Check out America's Boating Channel! The United States Coast Guard has given a grant to USPS to produce and promote a 5<sup>th</sup> season of boating safety and boater education videos. The 2021 topics include knowledge vs skill, safety wearables, inflatable life jackets, cold weather boating, carbon monoxide dangers, collision avoidance, BUI fatalities, new labeling for life jackets, new fire extinguisher standards, and marine communications. Simply GOOGLE America's Boating Channel or subscribe to the channel on YouTube.

I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. Be safe on the water.



**SAFETY OFFICER**

**Lt Ed Bauer, S**

Andrew Free died this summer from "carbon monoxide poisoning" after a day of boating and watercraft rides on a lake near the family's home in Oklahoma. The family recently suffered one of the worst tragedies imaginable, the death of their youngest son at age 9.



From his mom's Facebook post, "Make this story go viral. This is one of the hardest posts I will ever have to write, but this information needs to be shared. Andrew was only 9 years old. Most people don't really know what happened and we haven't been fully willing to publicly share until we had autopsy answers. The news outlets said that he fell off the dock and drowned. We did not dispute this without having our own concrete evidence, but we knew this wasn't what happened. He wasn't on the dock. His brothers were treated that night at the local hospital for 'Acute Carbon Monoxide poisoning.' Andrew has been swimming since he was two years old – he was a STRONG swimmer – and yet he didn't even struggle; now we know why".

"His COHb was 72 percent. His so-called 'drowning' was secondary to the fact that he never would have lived at that level. What does that mean? It means Andrew was not going to live regardless of what happened next. He was at the back of our Malibu Skier most of the day. Boats, even moving, create a backdraft of exhaust. Exactly what I've typed: carbon monoxide exits the rear of the boat and drafts right back into the back of the boat".

"Backseat riders are especially vulnerable at low speeds and in long no-wake zones like the one we had to cross to return to the docks. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas. Sources on a boat may include engines, gas generators, cooking ranges and space and water heaters. CO can accumulate anywhere in or around a boat, including on back decks, swim platforms or on the water around generator exhausts. CO can remain in or around one's boat at dangerous levels even if the engine or one nearby is no longer running."

"I didn't know this. It's called 'open-air carbon monoxide poisoning,' Free wrote. "another friend looked into this and found that it can happen on other recreational vehicles like 4-wheelers. Our little Andy was probably slowly dying that afternoon/evening and we didn't know it. He would've been tired. His head would've started to hurt. Sounds like too much sun after a long, physically draining day of wakeboarding, skiing and tubing."

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## Safety Officer Column, Cont.

At 72 percent, or 720,000 parts per million carbon monoxide, his blood was no longer capable of carrying oxygen. Andrew crawled up onto the back edge of the boat while we were packing up at the dock and became unconscious and unaware of his impending death. We had no idea anything unusual was taking place. Had he not fallen over; had he made it into the car; even if he wouldn't have passed out at the lake, he would've been so severely brain-damaged that he likely would've passed away in his sleep on the way home. Even if he would've gone immediately to the ER at that time, he still would've died. No medicine could've saved him at his levels. There was nothing that could've been done at this point". So, we have a little peace; he did not suffer – he fell asleep. We couldn't have done anything differently with the knowledge we had. But everyone else can. Online boat forums will say this risk is minimal, or an 'old wives' tale,' that it just doesn't happen.

"You have to search for this information to find it for sure; used boats do not come with this warning. But do you want to risk that your child falls into this category?

Now you know, at the loss of our precious child, that it can happen. It may be a one-in-a-million chance, but it exists. It happens in minutes – sometimes in 60 seconds. Andy was smaller than his brothers (ages 13 and 15). They were moving around the boat more than he was. They were at slightly less risk than their youngest brother.

"But we could've lost all three of our children that night. As hard as it is to swallow, we were fortunate – fortunate that Andy doesn't have to spend his life on life support, fortunate that his brothers lived."

"All of this information was confirmed by the Tulsa County Medical Examiner's Office. I've been assured that my baby was so far gone that he did not cry out for me in his mind as he died. He went to sleep and that was it."

"In the past 15 years, we've owned four registered boats and four registered personal watercraft. We've never received a notice of any dangerous conditions. But as of 2010, outside sources began to seriously investigate/test potential watercraft issues. Many state the numbers of the CO deaths on the water are skewed – skewed because they're reported as heart failure or drowning. If you search online hard enough, you can find this, but who would ever think to research? And now I know that boat manufacturers do know of the dangers, and they're not being proactive to help people stay safe. Boat manufacturers make modifications on newer models, but do not notify owners of used boats. The CDC researches it, but no one has asked that boats get annual exhaust inspections and be retrofitted for human safety when solutions are available."

And it turns out there are solutions available. A boat repair shop would tell you there's nothing wrong with my

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## Safety Officer Column, Cont.

boat, but clearly there is; this needs to change.

"Don't let Andy's death be in vain. Educate yourself, and your friends and family. I do not want anyone else ever to experience what I am going through."

A local Vessel Safety Check examiner from the USCG Auxiliary has visited Kerr County to distribute safe boating tips and users' responsibility booklets to the public on occasion. Two handouts are titled "Safe Boating Tips for Anglers, Hunters & Campers" and "You're in Command – Boat Responsibility". The first, a page titled "Dangers Astern" has carbon monoxide poisoning information and warnings on three-fourths of that page. In the other 14-panel folded brochure, two panels list symptoms, warnings. It says that early symptoms of CO poisoning can be confused with seasickness or intoxication, therefore those affected may not get needed medical attention.

Boat captains should have properly tuned engines; treat symptoms (headache, nausea, weakness and dizziness) as CO poisoning as quickly as possible; and take immediate action to ventilate fumes, by heading the boat into the wind and opening hatches and other ports for ventilation.



## Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron Boating Activities

Boating Chair: P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN  
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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!



## **ABC-MI Organized Meeting about Shallow Draft Waterways -ATON System**

Commander Bob Smith arranged a meeting of local boating organizations to develop a coordinated response to the United States Coast Guard's request for input to their Waterway Analysis and Management System (WAMS) study. Recommendations from the USCG study are intended to "shape policy for the next generation waterway system management and design" but the study is not about fixing current ATONs. However, participants in this meeting were much more interested in getting our current ATON system fixed, so that topic dominated the discussion. Participants included Bob Smith – Commander, America's Boating Club – Marco Island (ABC-MI); Lee Konecke - Commander, USCG Auxiliary; Ray Rosenberg, Commodore, Marco Island Yacht Club (MIYC); Keith Wohltman - President, MI Fishing Club; Martin Winter - Sailing Association of Marco Island; Geoff Walker – Vice Commodore, MIYC; Pete Frazier – Power Fleet Capt. – MIYC; Henry Stanley – MIYC and ABC-MI; Wanda Day Burson – Executive Officer, ABC-MI and Cliff Winings – Coop Charting Chair, ABC-MI ..

The 68 USCG-owned ATONs in our area are generally in good condition and are located correctly on nautical charts. These are the markers in Everglades City main channel, Capri Pass and the Channel from Marco Island toward Naples. Coon Key light is also a USCG marker.

ATONs not owned by USCG are Private ATONs or "PATONs". USCG controls PATONs through a permit system and most are included on the USCG Light List. NOAA uses Light List information to create charts; they will not correct an ATON position until it is corrected on the Light List.

Marco Island City owns 52 ATONs in Collier Bay, Smokehouse Bay, Factory Bay, Caxambas Breakwater and Moran's Marina Channel. Fifteen need repair (poor condition, missing completely or missing a sign). Fourteen are out of position on chart 11430 (and electronic charts) by more than 75 ft.

Collier County owns 204 ATONs in our area. Forty-nine need repair. These numbers reflect conditions April 2020. Brian King (Collier County CZM) has agreed to provide updates to Cliff Winings as repairs are completed this fall and Cliff will update the online data. Sixty-three Collier County ATONs are out-of-position on NOAA chart 11430 (and electronic charts) by more than 75 feet.

Collier County owns most of the ATONs needing repair. Chris D'Arco and Brian King of the Coastal Zone Management Section work on them every year, but because of other responsibilities, have not been able to devote the time necessary to keep up with the needed repairs. They use ABC-MI survey data in planning their work and use the Google Earth display of data in the field when doing the work. They have met with Lee Konecke and members of ABC-MI numerous times over the last few years to review needs and plans.

The problems of ATONs that are missing or in poor condition are nearly all under the control of local governments. There was considerable discussion on how our boating organizations could help get these problems fixed. Most involved highlighting the issues to local government officials.

Agreement was reached on the following actions: a letter will be sent to Collier County leaders letting them know that we are concerned about the condition of local ATONs, requesting more resources be committed to maintenance effort, and offering to help. Leaders of boating organizations and other stakeholders should sign the letter. Other stakeholders may include boat rental companies, tow companies and government agencies that run boats such as fire, police, sheriff, FWC and Conservancy of SW Florida; representatives will approach high-level Collier County contacts directly to encourage more attention to ATON maintenance. Martin Winter is a new member of the Marco Island Waterways Advisory Committee; he offered to serve as a channel to the city for any issues with City-owned ATONs and has scheduled Cliff Winings to give a presentation at the Waterways Advisory Committee meeting on November 19. Finally, all of us should look for opportunities to inform local government officials of the problems.

If you have any questions about how you can help with this project, contact Commander Bob Smith or Cliff Winings.



## "Hand, Knee & Foot" Card Game

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We are not currently meeting to play cards.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Joyce Martindell 11/1

Janet Knudson 11/2

Patricia Arcidiacono 11/3

Anne Moore 11/11

Dan Marinelli 11/13

Jim Richards 11/13

Joe Whiting 11/18

Hope Mena 11/19

Tommy Simmons 11/20

Kathy Enstrom 11/21

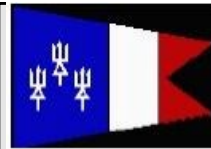
Jerald Martin 11/22

Jim O'Connell 11/26

## 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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- d. All of the above

2. The catenary in a towline is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. a short bridle
- b. the downward curvature of the hawser
- c. another name for a pelican hook
- d. used to hold it amidships

3. The set of the current is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. speed of the current at a particular time
- b. maximum speed of the current
- c. direction from which the current flows
- d. direction in which the current flows

4. A line on a weather chart connecting places which have the same barometric pressure is called an

- a. isotherm
- b. isallobar
- c. isobar
- d. isotope

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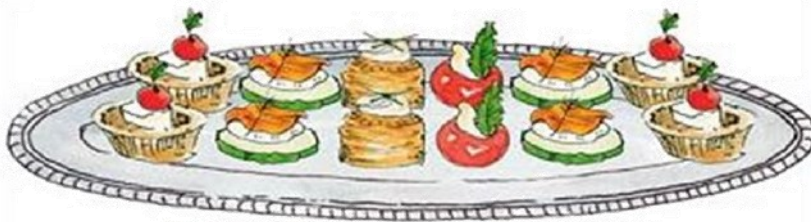


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### **Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party Canceled 2021**



## **Party expected to return in 2022**

**Our mission to provide safe boating classes and VSCs must continue. We want to thank all past sponsors and attendees for their support and hope you will join us in 2022. Since we have no other fundraiser, we are asking for donations to support our mission. To donate, send your check to:**

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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:

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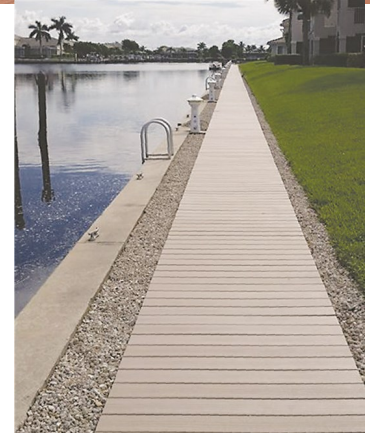
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