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## **ZOOM INTO OUR CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY**

Our annual Change of Watch has become yet another victim of COVID-19! Our Change of Watch is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. In a normal year we would all gather together to install our new Bridge, but we know that this hasn't been a normal year! For the first time (and hopefully the last time) ever, our Change of Watch will be conducted on-line via the Zoom Video Conferencing platform. Invitations to the Change of Watch with the weblink will be sent to all members prior to the meeting. Please join us as we welcome our new bridge and bid farewell to our outgoing bridge. Following the Zoom Change of Watch, we'll have a reception at Bistro Soleil at 6:30 p.m. for those who would like to come out and celebrate the change of watch in person. Be on the lookout for an email with further details about the Bistro Soleil event.

#### Our new bridge for 2021 includes:

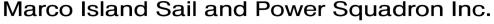
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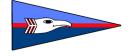
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#### **Coming Events 2020**

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.

#### January 2021 (Check our website to insure that January events will go on as scheduled)

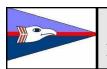
1/13	Change of Watch—Zoom installation on-line	1700
	Link will be sent to you	
1/13	New Bridge Celebration Bistro Soleil Outdoor Patio	1830
1/23	District 22 Winter Conference—via internet	1000-1200
	See page 7 for additional information	
2/14-21	USPS Annual Meeting, Ponte Vedra, Florida	
3/13	Beach Cleanup, South Beach	0800
4/9-10	District 22—Spring Conference	TBA











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

I'm sure many of you will join me in feeling happy to say good-bye to 2020! I was looking at last year's January Eagle's Eye and was saddened by the fact that so many of our club activities had to be curtailed. There sure is a difference between what we had planned in January 2020 vs. what we have planned in January 2021! Hopefully 2021 will bring us more opportunities for socializing with one another and sharing our love for boating and boating activities. I look forward to the day that we have a full complement of activities in the Eagle's Eye and that our calendars are once again full of club events.



#### **SUNSHINE NEWS**

We send condolences to Jennifer Jewett on the recent loss of her mother.

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

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!



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#### **COMMANDER Bob Smith, AP**

Happy New Year to all ABC-MI members! I hope this year will be filled with increased social intimacy, a long awaited, welcomed alternative to the universally detested social distancing by which most of us have been hampered during 2020.

The past year has been filled with manifold challenges and disappointments for many of us. As an organization, America's Boating Club-Marco Island had to severely restrict its educational programs and many of its traditional activities, including dinners, luncheons and cruises.

On the positive side, the paramount strength of our organization continues to be our volunteer members, who have contributed both time and generous charitable donations to the Club again this year. My heartfelt thanks go to the dozens of members who collaborated to make the 2020 Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Party a record success. Thank you to the Bridge and Executive Committee members, and to those who have served in all of our Departments and Committees this past year.

I leave you with, as a last thank you, the poem Sea Fever by John Masefield.

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky.

And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by; And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,

And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide

Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied; And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying.

And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,

To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;

And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow rover.

And a quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.



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

As we near the end of the strangest year we have known we are preparing for what comes in the new one. We hope that we will all be able to start a new normal in the next few months.



Since we are not having our only fund raiser in January 2021, we sent out a letter to all of you for squadron donations. Through your generous response we raised \$8,000. As part of the fundraising campaign, a second letter was sent to all members reminding them of year end tax deductions.

I just wanted to remind everyone to get your merit marks into your Committee Chair. We all need to get this done quickly.

This year due to Covid still hanging over us we are having a Zoom Change of Watch/Officer Installation to which you will all receive a link to join. We will be having the Installation January 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Immediately following the Zoom installation, we will be having an outdoor celebration at 6:30 p.m. at the Bistro Soleil outdoor patio. You will be receiving an email blast about this. Please respond to me to let me know how many will be attending. Everyone will be responsible for their own tabs.

The Bistro's outdoor patio is accessible from the side of the building so you do not have to enter the restaurant. Come celebrate the new bridge and thank our outgoing bridge.

Thanks everyone I am sure we are all looking forward to 2021.

#### DID YOU KNOW AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB NOW HAS AN APP?

The app will give you access to nautical information, float plans, maintenance records, weather, tides, etc. To download it to your phone or table, go to the Apple Store or Google Play.

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

This will be my last column as Administrative Officer as I am leaving the Bridge. A number of family issues have made it difficult for me to continue. I wish that I had interesting things to report but once again, Covid-19 has put a damper on our club activities. Here's hoping that 2021 will allow



us to restart many of our important club activities. I wish you all the best for 2021!

Editor's note: We thank you, Steve, for your service to America's Boating Club-Marco Island We hope to see you at the different club activities which will hopefully start back up soon!







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#### **EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN

Ready to keep learning? I am. On January 13<sup>th</sup> I will be installed as the Squadron Educational Officer replacing Tippy Cavanagh, our most dedicated instructor, Past SEO and Past Commander. She continued to make the America's Boating Club – Marco Island one of the best in District 22 and the nation, especially over these trying times.

Our classroom was recently cleaned and reorganized. For the present Advanced Piloting course we start with a temperature check, wear masks, use a hand sanitizer and after class I wipe down the tables and chairs etc. with a Clorox disinfectant. John Salotto has donated an air purifier to further clean the air.

For the coming year I have identified several courses and seminars potentially of interest to our members. Starting with at least one America's Boating Course open to both members and non-members, our classroom can handle seven people/couples each at different tables to keep the six foot separation.

The first advanced grade course is Boat Handling comprised of six seminars. You can take the whole course or any of the individual seminars. Seminars are: Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach; Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering; Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway; Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away; Emergencies on

Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems; and Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know. This is a great course for the 50% of our membership that have not yet taken a course.

Other courses being considered are: Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Junior Navigation. Seminars are: Instructor Development, Operations Training, Partner-in-Command, Charting/GPS and On-The-Water Training.

At this point in time our classroom can accommodate seven individuals or seven couples. We follow the CDC guidelines. So first come, first registered.

Please let me know what courses or seminars you would like to attend so we can set up dates and instructors. Your response by 10 January is appreciated. Also let me know of other course, seminars or topics you have an interest in.

Hope to hear from you. See you at the Learning Center.



#### SAFETY OFFICER Lt Ed Bauer, S

Marine Safety Alert

The U.S. Coast Guard's Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety (CG-BSX) has issued a new Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB 20-20) related to performing a VHF Marine Radio Check. The MSIB was issued in re-



sponse to the discontinuation of the Sea Tow-operated Automated Radio Check System, which was available on VHF Channels 24 to 28 for the benefit of mariners in over 130 locations. The service was discontinued during October.

Before leaving the dock, do you perform a radio check on your VHF? Remember, if you have a radio, the Coast Guard requires it be turned on to channel 16. If you have a cellphone, is it charged?

How to test a VHF Radio using Rescue 21: The U.S. Coast Guard continues to offer an automated Digital Selective Calling (DSC) Test Call capability from each of its Rescue 21 coastal stations. All fixed mount marine radios certified by the Federal Communications Commission since 1999 are required to have a DSC capability. All such radios sold since 2011 must also have a DSC test call capability. Marine radios transmitting and successfully receiving a response from a DSC test call can be expected to operate acceptably in the voice mode as well.

To perform a DSC Test Call, enter the U.S. Coast Guard's coast station group identity "003669999" into the radio's DSC memory. Once entered and stored, a DSC test call can be made by executing the following three steps:

- 1) Select "Test Call" from the radio's DSC menu,
- 2) Select the USCG number entered into memory, and
- 3) Transmit the call.

The radio display should indicate when that test call is acknowledged and display the acknowledging station's nine-digit identity. That identity may be different than the group identity previously entered into memory.

Please use VHF Channel 09 and do not use VHF Channel 16:

VHF Channel 16 is not for the purpose of radio checks.

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Please use VHF Channel 09, which has been designated by the FCC as a boater's calling channel.

Questions concerning this notice may be forwarded to Coast Guard Spectrum Management and Communications Policy Division (CG-672) at HQS-SMB-CG-672@USCG.MIL or to the Coast Guard Navigation Center's "Contact Us" page by selecting "Maritime Telecommunications" as subject.

Some content from gCaptain



Finally, it is a New Year and time to have a VSC performed on your boat?



#### IT'S VSC TIME!

With a new year starting, it's time to think about getting your Vessel Safety Check for 2021. Our team of VSC inspectors will be available to perform a safety check of your vessel in order to make sure it meets proper safety requirements. Contact either Lt. John Salotto or Lt. Dan Marinelli, P, VSC Committee Co-Chairs to set up a visit with one of our inspectors.

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#### **District 22 2021 Winter Conference**

Due to Covid issues, the 'in-person' District 22 meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 5 January 2021 has been switched to a Virtual Conference.

The schedule is as follows:

Council member electronic voting 11-12 January 2021

District member electronic voting 13-14 January 2021 (elected/appointed delegates will receive detailed information via email)

Virtual Conference Meeting Saturday, 23 January 10:00am – 12:00pm (watch for zoom instructions in January, prior to the meeting)

Important Matters to be covered include Officer Reports, Committee Reports, including Conference, Rules, Planning, Audit, Budget, Presentation of Awards, D22 Website Update, with intro to Manatee site

The District 22 leadership is looking forward to gathering with our fellow members on April 9 and 10 for the 2021 Spring Conference with Change of Watch! More details about the spring conference will be forthcoming.





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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.

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Lee Harkness 1/1 Gene Burson 1/3 Linda Russo 1/10 Dennis Trego 1/10 Paul Sweeden 1/12 John Guthrie 1/17 Andrea Battaglia 1/20 Jean Commeaux 1/20 Nancy DuFresne 1/20 Jann Kenvon 1/22 Barbara Faha 1/23 Erin Olmes 1/28 Sheila Thieme 1/29 Don Henderson 1/31 Elisabeth Rechtin 1/31 Cynthia Walker 1/31



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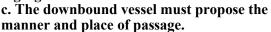


#### "CAPTAIN TED'S CORNER" P/D/C Edward Reiss, SN-CN

1 INLAND ONLY A power-driven vessel operating in

a narrow channel with a following current on the Great Lakes or Western Rivers is meeting an upbound vessel. Which statement is TRUE?

- a.The downbound vessel has the right-of-way.
- b. The downbound vessel must initiate the required maneuvering signals.



- d. All of the above
- 2 A crack in the deck plating of a vessel may be temporarily prevented from increasing in length by
  - a. cutting a square notch at each end of the crack
  - b. drilling a hole at each end of the crack
  - c. slot-welding the crack
  - d. welding a doubler over the crack
- 3 Your vessel is port side to a pier with a spring line led aft from the bow. In calm weather, putting the engines ahead with the rudder hard left should bring
  - a. the bow in and the stern out
  - b. both the bow and stern in
  - c. the bow out and the stern in
  - d. both the bow and stern out
- 4 Which procedure should NOT be done for a person who has fainted?
  - a. Revive the person with smelling salts.
  - b. Loosen the clothing.
  - c. Lay the person horizontally.
  - d. Give pain reliever.

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





## Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron Donation Request to the Community

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the America's Boating Club-Marco Island to provide safe boating classes & FREE <u>Vessel Safety Checks</u> to residents of Marco Island.

#### 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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America's Boating Club—Marco was one of a number of local organizations that got together to package meals. Tables were spread out under the "Airnasium" because of Covid 19; masks, gloves and hats were worn. Each table formed an assembly line for measuring each product, then poured into a plastic bag; bag was then weighed for uniformity and then sealed. Participants from MISPS were: Wanda and Gene Burson, Tom Morr and friend Lynn, Ted and Peggy Reiss, Sheila and Carl Thieme and Andy Battaglia.

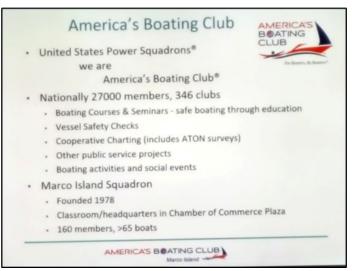


## Waterways Advisory Committee Meeting

America's Boating Club—Marco Island Coop Charting Chair Lt Cliff Winings, SN Presents Aids to Navigation Project

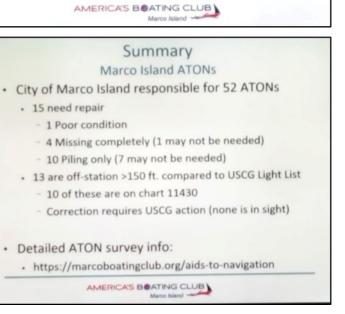


On Nov. 19th, Cliff did a presentation to City of Marco Island's Waterways Committee explaining who we are and what we do to report on ATONS in our area. He went on the explain our goals and activities for surveys and reporting. Cliff demonstrated how to go to our website and pull up Google Earth and see representations of the Markers and icons for documenting which ATONS are missing, etc. The committee members were very interested, asked questions and were in full support of our efforts.





# Aids to Navigation Project Marco Island Goals Keep ATONs serviceable Keep nautical charts accurate Activities Periodically survey ATONs from Everglade City to a mile north of Marco Island Report discrepancies to responsible agencies (City, County, USCG) Publish survey results on marcoboatingclub.org



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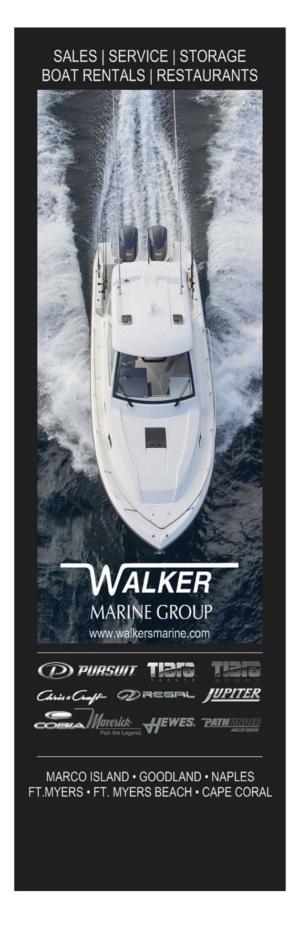
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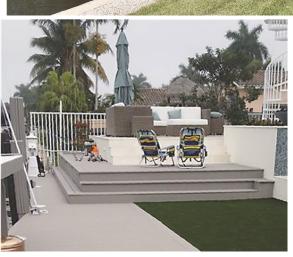


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