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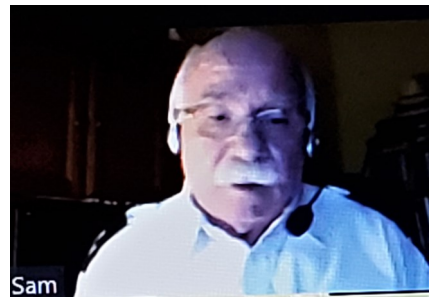
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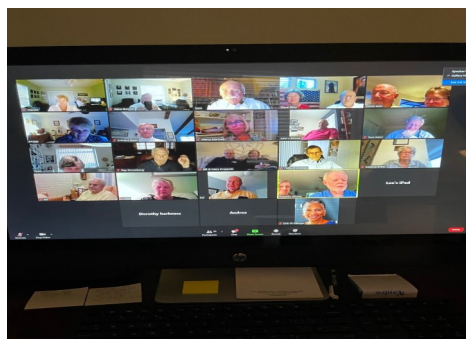
Congratulations to our new bridge which was installed at our Zoom Change of Watch on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. In keeping with the strangeness that has been characteristic of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Change of Watch was done via Zoom this year. ABC-MI members were joined by District 22 Commander Sam Bonilla, AP and D22 Educational Officer D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN who gave remarks. Butler awarded outgoing Educational Officer Tippy Cavanagh the D22 Outstanding Educator Award. Commander Bonilla swore in new Commander Wanda Burson and congratulated our Eagle's Eye for winning the Distinctive Communicator award for 2020. Outgoing Commander Bob Smith gave remarks about his year as commander and welcomed new Commander Burson and swore in her bridge. After the Zoom change of watch a group of ABC-MI members gathered at Bistro Soleil for a social gathering. Photos of the new bridge and brief biographies of them are included on pages 11-12 later in the Eagle's Eye. We hope that 2021 provides you with fewer challenges to our operations!

The 2021 Bridge consists of:

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Wanda Burson is sworn in by D22 Commander Sam Bonilla, AP



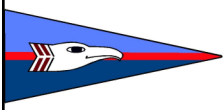
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Coming Events 2021

FEBRUARY

2/2	Cards at Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 10
2/10	Executive Board	Zoom	0900
2/10	Membership Meeting	Bistro Soleil or Zoom	1700
2/14-21	<i>USPS National Meeting</i>	Virtual – Free Conference Call	p. 15
2/16	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830
2/16	Cards at Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 10
2/23	<u>Scavenger Hunt</u>	Rose Marina	1000 p. 13
2/24	Captains' Meeting	CJ's	1700 p. 04
2/25	<u>Cruise and Lunch</u>	Paradise Found	1130

MARCH

3/2	Cards at Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 10
3/10	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900
3/10	Members Meeting	Bistro Soleil or Zoom	1700
3/13	Beach Clean-up	South Beach	0830
3/16	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830
3/16	Cards at Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 10
3/24	Captain's Meeting	CJ's	1700 p. 04
3/25	<u>Cruise and Lunch</u>	Dolphin Tiki	1130



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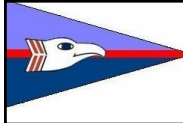
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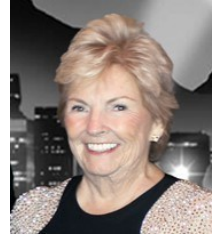


COMMANDER
Wanda Burson, S

I'm thrilled that this month's edition of the Eagle's Eye is almost looking as full as last year's February issue! I'll also be sending out the monthly postcards again so look for yours. It's a sign that maybe we are starting to emerge from the effects of COVID-19.

At the Change of Watch ceremony on January 13, I learned that our Eagle's Eye was once again awarded the Distinguished Communicator Award for 2020 by the national office. D22 Commander Sam Bonilla mentioned it in his remarks. I'm happy to keep the tradition of a quality newsletter alive and well! If anyone is interested in learning more about publishing the Eagle's Eye, feel free to contact me.

We have passed a new unwanted milestone in that we had our first Zoom Change of Watch. We all wish we could have been together in fellowship, but that is not yet to be.



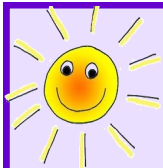
There are still things that need to be done before we are all vaccinated. One of those is Vessel Safety Checks. You need to call one of our exceptionally fine examiners and have your boat checked as soon as possible. One of our aims is to have a safer boating community and we should lead the way to ensure that all of our boats are inspected.

Boating classes are being set up for this Winter/Spring. Please check the calendar for these classes. This has been a long period of time without our being able to hold classes. So, I encourage each of you to look closely at these classes and take one to refresh and further your knowledge of boating. Refer to Ted Reiss, SEO article. Safety on the water is so especially important for us and the community. Starting at home, sets an example for all others to follow.

This year we have great opportunities to learn from others who have already done the jobs we have coming open. Merit Mark Chair has been made easier by the recent improvements in reporting. If you would be interested in this position give me a call and I will tell you all about it.

The opportunity for great training from those who have held the position twice as Executive Officer and as Administrative Officer are now available, and I know you would receive great training for taking over these positions next year.

The year ahead has many fun activities planned. Let's all get vaccinated so that we may get back out and enjoy life.



SUNSHINE NEWS



Please keep Mike Murphy in your thoughts and prayers as he deals with a health issue.

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!



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER
D/Lt/C Gene Burson, JN

Here it is only a few days after the Change-of-Watch (CoW), and I am writing an article on what I expect to accomplish as the new Executive Officer (XO). For those of you that are not familiar with the officers/ committees/activities that fall under the XO, I will list then with a very general description.



General Safety is usually thought of as the boating activities, but with COVID-19, the job has been expanded to take in meetings and all gatherings of members in any official capacity.

Marketing is the term we use to inform the public of news from the organization such as the CoW, educational classes being offered, free Vessel Safety Checks (VSC), and our fundraiser in January.

Ways and Means is a committee that tries to insure the squadron has the funds to support the mission of the organization.

Supply Officer oversees the squadron "Ship's Store". The store sells squadron shirts, sweaters, jackets, burgees, etc. to members to wear during those special times to display their membership.

Vessel Safety Check is a committee of dedicated individuals that perform the free safety checks on anyone's boat to ensure the boat is compliant with US Coast Guard rules and regulations.

Cooperative Charting is another activity the Club does free for the public. Volunteers go out in their own boats to check on the condition of the navigational markers. (Aids To Navigation – ATON)

As you can see, the activities deal with the safety of the community and less with the education or social aspects of the Club. The office of the XO is to assist these committees in performing their work for the good of Club's mission.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
D/Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN

Welcome to the NEW YEAR! ABC-Marco Island has been hard at work planning activities for 2021. The complete schedule will be in your new 2021 Roster and Fleet List and will be mailed to you in February. The offerings for February are: Cards at the Condo (tables of 4 only and separated) February 2 and 16. CDC guidelines will prevail. This includes temperature checks, social distancing, handwashing. The tables and chairs are wiped down after every activity. Call Dorothy Harkness to join in ((239-235-9336) and see the information in the Eagle's Eye.



The Executive Board Meeting will be February 10 at the Learning Center. A summary of the meeting will be sent out to the membership. It is our hope that Membership dinner meetings will resume in March.

CJ's Captain's Meeting will meet 2/24 at 5PM at the Tiki Bar in the Esplanade. Come and enjoy your boating friends.

Boating Activities! Yes, we will do some boating—2/23 is the on the water Digital Scavenger Hunt. See the Eagle's Eye for details. On 2/25 we have planned a C & R (cruise and lunch) to Paradise Found in Goodland. Both activities are outside and CDC guidelines followed. Let Sonya Benson know if you plan to come to Paradise Found a week before the event. (414-617-5718) (sbensoawi@gmail.com). If you go by boat also let Asst. Admin Officer Bill Kreppein know (732-822-7111) (bkreppein@hotmail.com).

The postcards are back! Every month you will receive a postcard to stick on your fridge with the monthly happenings at ABC-Marco Island as a reminder.

Our hope is that everyone is comfortable with the proposed activities and that some semblance of normalcy will occur as the vaccines become more available. Please let me know your thoughts about the schedule. We hope to make plans around your comfort zones.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN

As the newly installed Squadron Educational Officer let's start the new year with a plan, a plan subject to change. My plan is to identify courses and seminars of interest we can conduct safely in-person based upon expressed interest and need from our members and availability of instructors. Since our classroom has seven six or eight foot tables there is a limit per class of seven individual students or up to seven couples if each has their own table. No class will be mandatory and each member decides if the classroom procedures meet their comfort level for safety.



Currently there are three students taking Marine Navigation (Advanced Piloting) in the classroom. We check temperatures as they arrive, wear masks, use a hand cleaner, keep a distance from one another, keep the air purifier on and wipe up the tables and chairs after class. Each person has their own table.

Our first limited list (elsewhere in this newsletter and on web site) of courses and seminars contains titles, start dates, number of sessions, costs and instructors. Full descriptions of each are in the roster. For half of our members, the first course taken was Boat Handling (Seamanship). This full course contains six topics and a short test. However each of these topics can be taken as an individual seminar without a test by members wanting information on a select topic. Advanced registration is required due to our limitation on number of students. If more members are interested I will be glad to schedule additional dates.

As we proceed with concerns for Covid-19 and vaccines, changes, eliminations and additions are all possible. We have many other courses and seminars to offer. Some might even be free.

How many new boaters have used a boat simulator? We have one. Look for a specific date in March to try your hand at docking (while in the classroom).

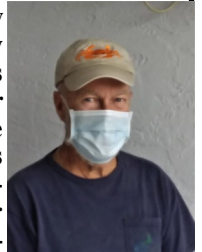
Let me know how else the education department can help you.



SAFETY OFFICER

Lt Ed Bauer, S

An integral part of our squadron's Safety Program is the annual performance by member examiners of Vessel Safety Checks ("VSC"). These are performed on power vessels including jet skis and also paddle crafts such as kayaks. The VSC program is a dual initiative with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The program is designed to make our waterways safer and ensure that vessel operators are in compliance with current Coast Guard regulations. Club members performed about 150 inspections during the past year.



America's Boating Club Marco Island has about 10 certified examiners who will travel to your boat, whether at home or marina and spend about 30-45 minutes reviewing compliance issues and discussing appropriate recommendations.

The examination is facilitated when the vessel owner is prepared for the inspection by reviewing the contents of the form. Form 7012 may be found on our website or the Coast Guard Auxiliary website or an examiner may forward one ahead of time. Items to be checked include the following:

- Proper display of numbers
- Registration / documentation
- PFDs – Life Jackets - are they serviceable?
- Visual distress signals – are flares current?
- Fire extinguishers – are they operational?
- Ventilation – of closed spaces
- Backfire flame control
- Sound producing device- whistle / horn / bell
- Navigation lights
- State requirements
- Overall vessel condition – clean bilge / electric and fuel / cluttered deck and spaces

In my experience failures to pass the inspection, while infrequent, are usually the result of owners not checking ahead of time to ensure that lights are operating properly, or the flares are not in-date.

The basic inspection is straight forward but to me, a primary value of the exercise is in the discussion items which are a part of the form. This leads to a back-and-forth discussion of good, safe operating practices and I usually learn information valuable to me as a boat owner; could even be a fishing tip.

When the examiner finds your boat in compliance, he / she will sign the form, give the owner a copy, and award a sticker as shown below which is placed in a visible location on the left side of the vessel. Pass or fail, no information is passed on to authorities.

Now, for your free 2021 inspection, contact any of the inspectors listed in our current roster. Or, you may also go on to the USCGA website and highlight: *I Want a VSC*. Through the magic of the internet your contact information will be provided to the 5 closest examiners to your location, one of which will call you.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB - MARCO ISLAND
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Spring 2021 Education Schedule

Start Date	Course	Sessions	Days	Cost, \$	Instructor	Phone
3/4 6PM	Boat Handling	7	T & Th	70	Nick Rago	860-798-4141
3/4 9 AM	Marine Navigation	8	Th	70	Gene Burson	239-945-1775
3/15 6 PM	Boat Safety, America's Boating Course	5	M & W	40	Various	239-213-8722
3/16 9 AM	Advanced Marine Navigation	8	T	60	Ted Reiss	239-213-8722
4/5 9 AM	Offshore Navigation	10	M	90	Tippy Cavanagh	239-248-5815
4/5 6 PM	Boat Safety, America's Boating Course	5	M & Th	40	Various	239-213-8722

Date	Seminars	1 Day	Instructor	860-798-4141
4-Mar	Nautical Rules of the Road -A Practical Approach			
9-Mar	Confidence in Docking & Undocking Slow Speed Maneuvering			
11-Mar	Boating with Confidence - Handling Your Boat Underway			
16-Mar	Anchoring with Assurance - Don't get Carried Away			
18-Mar	Emergencies on Board - Preparation for Handling Common Problems			
23-Mar	Knots and Line Handling - The Knots You Need to Know			

Seminars start at 6 PM. Cost is \$20 per Seminar

Contact Instructor or Ted Reiss to Register or ask questions
Register 12 Days before Start Date with Instructor or Ted Reiss
Courses and Seminars limited to 7 people or 7 couples to meet COVID Guidelines

MARINE NAVIGATION (PILOTING) CLASS TO START ON 3/4

Marine Navigation (Piloting) is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal navigation. This course focuses on navigation for recreational boaters today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool. The students will learn traditional techniques of navigation so the student can find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Eight–Ten classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. Topics covered include:

- ⇒ Charts and their interpretation
- ⇒ Navigation aids and how they point to safe water.
- ⇒ Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- ⇒ The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic.
- ⇒ Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS.
- ⇒ Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning

Classes meet on Thursday mornings starting March 4th at 9:00 am.

Register by contacting Gene Burson, geneburson@gmail.com or 239-945-1775, by February 20th to reserve your place in class.

Courses in the Learning Center are limited to 7 people or 7 couples. (COVID guidelines)

Cost \$40



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

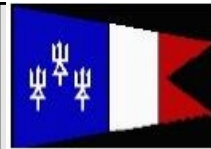
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“CAPTAIN TED’S CORNER”
P/D/C Edward Reiss, SN-CN

1. INLAND ONLY The stand-on vessel in a crossing situation sounds one short blast of the whistle. This means that the vessel _____.
 - a. intends to hold course and speed
 - b. is changing course to starboard
 - c. is changing course to port
 - d. intends to leave the other on her port side



2. In reading a weather map, closely spaced pressure gradient lines would indicate _____.
 - a. high winds
 - b. high overcast clouds
 - c. calm or light winds
 - d. fog or steady rain
3. If there's a fire aboard your vessel, you should FIRST _____.
 - a. notify the Coast Guard
 - b. sound the alarm
 - c. have passengers put on life preservers
 - d. cut off air supply to the fire
4. A small craft advisory forecasts winds of up to what speed?
 - a. 16 kts.
 - b. 24 kts.
 - c. 33 kts.
 - d. 48 kts.

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

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW BRIDGE



The 2021 Bridge and Officers of America's Boating Club-Marco Island includes (from left) Shelley Derrough, Secretary, Bill Kreppein, Assistant Administrative Officer, Mary Kreppein, Assistant Secretary, John Maciolek, Assistant Education Officer, Gene Burson, Executive Officer, Ted Reiss, Senior Education Officer, Wanda Burson, Commander, and Peggy Reiss, Administrative Officer. Not pictured are Treasurer, Lindsay McFadden and Assistant Treasurer, Bob Gloodt. Welcome and congratulations to all! A profile of the new board members follows.

Commander Wanda Burson, S

Wanda was born in Georgia and lived in South Georgia until she was 13. She then moved to the Carolinas. She has been coming to Marco since the 1980s and made her permanent move here in 1990. Early in her career she worked as a paralegal; upon moving to Marco she became a real estate agent. When asked about her favorite part of boating, Wanda said that she loves the variety of the sea life—"it pops up at surprising times showing you something new. I love the color of the water and the beauty of it all." During the pandemic Wanda has been staying home. She's been working around the house, playing backgammon with Gene, getting out to the grocery store (not her favorite task), and was instrumental in getting the Christmas Island Style tree up in Veteran's Park. In addition to her work with ABC-MI Wanda is involved in other local organizations. She truly is a citizen of the island. Her other hobbies include painting and card games. She plans to expand her boating knowledge by taking Piloting this summer. Wanda, as we all know, loves to have fun and laugh! Thanks for your leadership Wanda!

Lt/C Gene Burson, JN Executive Officer

Wanda's other half is her husband, Gene, who is well known to our members. Gene has held multiple positions in ABC-MI and is also involved at the District level. Gene grew up in Toledo, Ohio and has lived in SW Florida since 2009. He has been on Marco Island since 2014. Gene worked in the computer field for much of his career. He enjoys boating in the area because the season is long, we don't have to put your boat in storage there are lots of people who enjoy the same thing. In his spare time, Gene loves to do Sudoku and watch the stock market. Gene looks forward to supporting Wanda during her term as Commander, just as she did with him when he was Commander.

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Introducing Your New Bridge, Cont.

D/Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, Administrative Officer

Peggy has held multiple positions in ABC-MI and has stepped up to serve again this year. She grew up in New Jersey and then lived in Maryland for 13 years before living in Marco. She and Ted have been here for 11 years now. Peggy is a retired hospice nurse. She's been spending the pandemic cooking, playing cards, walking, quilting and staying busy with D22 activities. As to what she loves about boating here, it's that the boat doesn't need to be hauled out of the water and winterized in October! Peggy's been a member of America's Boating Club for 25 years in NJ, Maryland and Marco Island. She has served in multiple positions and is currently the D22 secretary. She and Ted have been married for 53 years! Thanks for your service to the club!

1/Lt Bill Kreppein, S, Assistant Administrative Officer

Bill grew up in New York and then moved to New Jersey as an adult. He worked as a middle school math teacher for 33 years. He and wife Mary have been coming to Marco since the 1980s. They have been seasonal residents for the past three years. Bill finds boating here easy in that you don't have to worry about rough water. During the pandemic he and Mary have been going for walks, playing golf, and binge watching TV.

D/L/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN, Senior Education Officer

Ted is well-known by all of our members, but you may not know that for the first 50 years of his life he grew up in New Jersey, then moved to Maryland for 13 years before moving to Marco Island 11 years ago. Ted worked as a chemical engineer for the Army Research Lab and worked mostly on non-rechargeable batteries. Ted loves the year-round boating opportunities in our local waters. He has a USCG 100 Ton Master license and worked for SeaRay for 8 years delivering boats and helping new owners learn how to operate their boat. During the pandemic Ted has stayed masked and away from large groups. He's kept busy with yard and house work, as well as D22 activities. Although we know Ted mostly for his boating prowess, he also enjoys biking, reading, playing the piano and swimming. He's been in America's Boating Club for 27 years and has held just about every position imaginable! Ted's main goal is to help people learn to be better boaters! Thanks for your continued support Ted!

1/L John Maciolek, AP, Assistant Education Officer

John was born in New Jersey and he and wife Erma lived there until moving to Marco Island in 2013. John worked as the operations manager of an open pit mine in North New Jersey that produced aggregate for concrete and asphalt products. He worked there for 35 years. He and Erma love cruising Marco waters and exploring the canals. During the pandemic he and Erma have been hunkered down and are experimenting with gourmet seafood cooking. He says that he has learned the secret to growing tomatoes in SW Florida! Thanks for your service John!

Lt/C Shelley Derrough, P, Secretary

Shelley grew up in Springfield and Columbia, Missouri then moved to the east coast for residency and military service. She has been coming to Marco Island since 1999 and moved here full-time in 2018. She loves our local waters, cruising, and meeting fellow boaters. When asked how the pandemic has affected her, she said that it hasn't changed things much. She still gets in her outdoor activities and has been able to travel a bit. In addition to boating, Shelley enjoys flying, travel, reading, exercising, cooking and home wine-making. Thanks for stepping up to help this year!

1/Lt Mary Kreppein, S Assistant Secretary

Mary also grew up in New York and moved to New Jersey with husband Bill. She too was a middle school math teacher before retiring. Her hobbies include sewing, and golf. She has spent the pandemic catching up on her sewing and playing a lot of golf. She echoes Bill's comments about boating in this area. Thanks, Mary, for your service to the club!



**ON-THE-WATER DIGITAL SCAVENGER HUNT
STARTS AT 10 AM AT ROSE MARINA DOCK,
23 FEBRUARY 2021**



How many items can you find between Marker R24 in Marco River and Gulf of Mexico to include canals? A list of objects to find, not to exceed one hundred, and photograph plus questions will be distributed to registered boats at the floating dock at Rose Marina at 10 AM. Find each item, take a digital picture and identify it on the list of objects. By 4 PM turn in digital copies of your finds and paperwork to Ted & Peggy at their home, 339 Columbus Way. In addition to a camera, chart, and pencil/pen, a GPS and field glasses may be helpful. To register your team for this activity, tell Ted your boat name and information by 12 February. capttedr@yahoo.com. You can have as many people on board as is safe. You may not use any connection to the internet. All pictures must be taken from your boat. You do not need to find all items or answer all questions, so relax and have fun.

Winner will be determined by your findings.

Decision is at the sole discretion of Ted.

Details on 6 PM wrap-up party (virtual or in-person) will follow.

Registration:

BOAT NAME: _____

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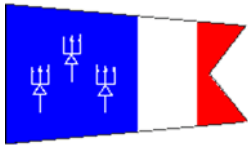
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Friday, 9 April

am - Squadron Officer Meeting / pm - District Council Meeting

Saturday, 10 April:

Roundtables - Keynote Luncheon - District Conference Meeting



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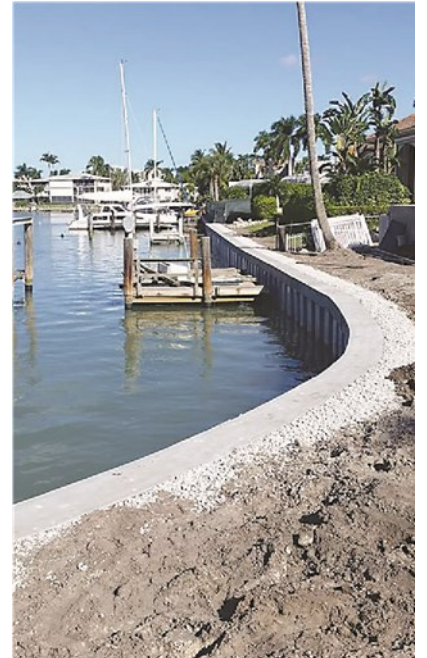
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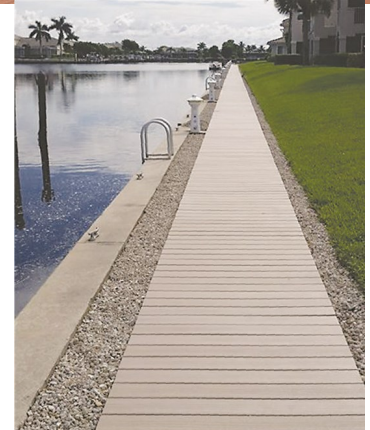
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