



THE EAGLE'S EYE

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SAFETY IS JOB ONE!

We've all heard the phrase "Safety is job one". This is just as important to our mission in America's Boating Club-Marco Island as it is in the construction field. Our main goal as an organization is to promote safe boating. We all know too well what can happen when we aren't focused on safety.

The spring months remind us that it's time to get our vessels inspected to make sure that we have all the required safety equipment. Our trained Vessel Safety Examiners are ready to inspect your vessel (power boat, sailboat, jet ski, or kayak) as well as vessels of your friends or neighbors. This is a free service to our members and the community and helps insure that everyone's boat meets federal and state recreational boating safety laws regarding the carriage of safety equipment on board their vessel. VSCs are non-punitive and confidential. If you don't pass the first time, you'll be able to correct what is missing and be re-examined at a later date. Upon a successful VSC, you will receive the 2021 VSC sticker to put on your hull or windshield.

On page 13 of the newsletter is the complete inspection form that is used by the VSC examiner. Everyone can take a look at what safety equipment is currently on your vessel prior to your inspection. That way you'll be able to pass on the first attempt. General requirements include registration documentation and numbers, personal flotation devices, fire extinguishers, visual distress signals, sound producing devices, navigation lights, navigation rules, MARPOL trash placard, backfire flame control, ventilation, marine sanitation devices, and state and local requirements. The inspector will also check the general condition of the vessel to insure that the deck is clear of hazards, the bilge is clean and that electrical, fuel and heating systems (if applicable) are operating correctly. Recommended items include a marine radio, anchor and lines, and a first aid kit.

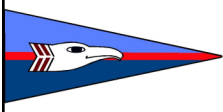
To schedule your VSC contact John Salotto 239-235-1047 (text preferred) or Dan Marinelli 239-900-0299 and they will make sure your vessel gets inspected. If you're interested in becoming a VSC Examiner let John know and he will make sure you get trained.



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Coming Events 2021

MARCH

3/2	Cards at Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 15
3/10	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900
3/10	Members Meeting	Bistro Soleil or Zoom	1700 p. 09
3/13	Beach Clean-up	South Beach	0830
3/16	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830
3/16	Cards at Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 15
3/24	Captain's Meeting	CJ's	1700 p. 04
3/25	Cruise and Lunch	Dolphin Tiki	1130 p. 14

APRIL

4/6	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 15
4/7	Land Locked Lunch	Brewery	1200
4/9-10	D22 Spring Conference	Punta Gorda	0900 p. 10-12
4/14	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900
4/14	Members Meeting	Bistro Soleil or Zoom	1700
4/20	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830
4/20	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 15
4/22	Cruise & Lunch	Boat House Naples	1030 p. 14
4/28	Captain's Meeting	CJ's	1700

For cruises and lunches, contact Sonya Benson for reservations

Ship's Store

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**Burgees, shirts, hats,
jackets & totes**

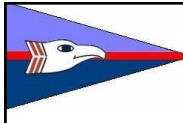
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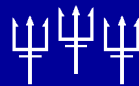


D22 SPRING CONFERENCE

The District 22 Spring Conference will be held in Punta Gorda on April 9-10. See the information about the conference on pages 10-12 of the Eagle's Eye. We will need to have delegates from America's Boating Club-Marco Island attend the conference. If you've never served as a delegate, it's a lot of fun and a good learning experience. The Charlotte County Conference Center is a great environment and the hotels near the conference center provide a good rate for conference attendees. It's a fun getaway for a couple days. Let Commander Wanda Burson know if you would be interested in serving as a delegate.



THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Marcy Marinelli, P



COMMANDER
Wanda Burson, S

Have you gotten a reminder postcard? I send out these postcards at the end of each month to remind our members of the upcoming month's activities. I only send postcards to Marco Island and Naples addresses so if your address is not local, you won't get a postcard. If you haven't been getting a postcard it's mostly likely because your address in our database is out of town. If you would like me to add a local address for you, please contact me via email at talkdoc52@msn.com or by phone at 240-606-1119 and I'll be happy to make sure you get added to the local roster. If you want to verify that we have the correct address for you, please contact me as well.

We have certainly been fortunate to have such wonderful weather while the rest of the Country has really suffered some very cold times. A great benefit of living in paradise.



I am extremely excited that we are having our first regular meeting together in a very long time. It is really going to be good to see everyone and it seems like the first step in a very long process.

The Bistro Soleil is taking all precautions to keep us safe. We will be in a very large room that we will have to ourselves so we will be spread out safely.

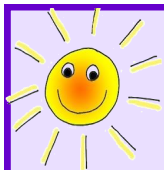
Our Speaker Chairman, David Randall, MD, secured our speaker, Marv from Marv's Weather Service Daily Buoy Reports. This is something that should be of interest to all of us. I am looking forward to having a live presentation.

On another subject, I hope all of you have called and set up appointments for your Vessel Safety Check. Safety is so very important and we must be leaders and examples in our community.

There are several classes set up for March and I do hope that you are signed up as we do have size limits for the classes. We need to keep active and up to date with classes. Maybe a refresher class – I am sure you will find something to fill in and bring you up to date.

Check out the list of opportunities. We have a Beach Cleanup March 13th. This is a great opportunity to get out on the beach and do good at the same time.

Hope everyone stays well and don't forget our Dinner Meeting on March 10th at the Bistro Soleil. Hope to see you there.

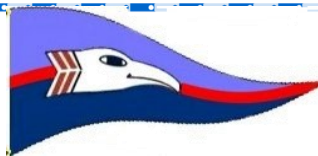


SUNSHINE NEWS

Please remember the family of P/C Owen Henning who recently passed away. Continue to keep Mike Murphy in your thoughts and prayers.



Please let me know of anyone who is sick, injured or deceased. I will send a card in the name of the squadron.
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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!



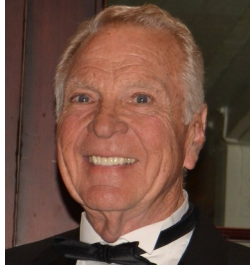
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER
D/Lt/C Gene Burson, JN

Since the article was printed in the Coastal Breeze, “Free Vessel Safety Checks (VSC): What Are You Waiting For?” we have been receiving calls from boaters in the Marco Island area for our safety boating service. This is very exhilarating, but we need to have our own members call, text, or email John Salotto to schedule their boat Vessel Safety Check. John would like to be contacted by text at [239-235-1047](tel:239-235-1047) or by email at Eagles31543@Gmail.com



Be sure to read the Safety Officer’s article. There are always good tips on how to be safe before boarding your boat, on board before your leave the dock, and then on the water. Ed has a remarkably interesting article this month.

This month at our General Membership meeting, the Supply Store will be open for business. This will be the time for new members to see all the articles that Susan Bauer has to offer to display your America’s Boating Club-Marco Island Spirit. Get yourself a Squadron shirt to show everyone at CJ’s who you represent. For those members that haven’t gotten a new shirt in sometime, Susan will be glad to take your order, possibly for a larger size.

Most of you are aware that we had an 85-foot yacht run aground in the Big Marco River in early February. Did you know that it was not the captain’s fault? He was in the designated channel. The Coastal Breeze wrote the article concerning the yacht and sinking, not completely, but enough to cause thousands of dollars of repairs. Members of the Squadron’s Marketing/Communications committee, along with members of the Marco Island Yacht Club, contacted Steve (Stef) Stefanides of the Coastal Breeze to see if he would be willing to do a follow-up article on the general conditions of the Aids-To-Navigation (AToNs). Stef was interested in hearing all the work that Cliff Winings put into the website with Google Earth to show AToNs that were in disrepair and the task given to many members of the Squadron to gather the Co-operative Charting data: Latitude, Longitude, and appearance. If you missed the article, you could find it in the February 25th edition of the Coastal Breeze. The work of the Co-op Charting members is greatly appreciated by the Squadron, the City and County.

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

March is upon us after a fairly quiet February. The scavenger hunt was cancelled as well as cards at the condo for now. As more of us get our vaccinations it is hoped that we can socialize more as a club following the guidelines from the CDC.



That being said look forward to the *treasured refrigerator postcard* coming in the mail! It lists the upcoming events for the month and how to participate in them. We are looking forward to an in-person member dinner meeting at Bistro Soleil on March 10. The email has been sent to all with the dinner offerings, price, etc. Call Dorothy Harkness to reserve your spot. Come to listen to Marv’s Weather Service to find out how to get up to date information about the weather around us.

Next we have the Beach Clean-up at South Beach on March 13 at 0830. This is an opportunity to perform a civic duty and give back to our beautiful island. We can all then go on March 24 to CJ’s for the ever popular Captain’s Meeting. Come and renew friendships with fellow club members and share experiences. We can chat about the Cruise and Lunch at the Dolphin Tiki at 1130 the very next day. It is an easy run to there from everywhere on the Island. Let Sonya know if you are going.

Speaking of renewing friendships, why not call a member you haven’t seen in a while, maybe in a very long while? A phone call can alleviate some of the isolation we have all felt during this year-long pandemic. You all have your rosters—the member phone numbers are there. And speaking of members I would like to welcome our two newest members: Paul & Kelly Gulling, 3415 Runaway Ct. Naples, 330-704-3021, pgulling@hotmail.com. They have a 35’ SeaRay. Please add them to your Rosters.

Last but not least I hope many of you took advantage of the USPS National Meeting via Free Conference Call. Over the two week period many interesting topics were discussed. USPS America’s Boating Club is alive and well. The recordings can be found on the USPS website.

Stay safe, have fun and keep in touch.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT, Cont.

If you would like to be a member of a committee, do new and exciting things, and be rewarded by the gratitude of your fellow members, please contact me. No previous experience required.



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN

Advanced Marine Navigation/Advanced Piloting course was completed with three students turning in their end-of-course exam for grading. Students were Shelly Derrough, Dave Randall and Ray Rosenberg.



Education course/seminar schedule for the winter/spring is elsewhere in the Eagle's Eye. Due to Covid restrictions we are limiting in-person sessions to 7 individuals or up to 7 couples. Why? We have seven tables to provide proper distance. We take temperatures of each student when they arrive and require masks. After class we wipe down tables and chairs.

Five students from the postponed ABC course from March 2020 registered to complete the course in February. Four non-member couples and one individual read our web site about our Boat Handling course and have registered for the course starting 4 March. There must be more members interested since about 50% of our members have not taken this first of the advanced courses. One member and two non-members have expressed interest in the Piloting/Marine Navigation course so far. What about the other 28 who have passed Seamanship? Four members attended the Operations Training seminar. A Free Conference Call virtual session will be scheduled for several others who could not attend.

A FREE Instructor Development seminar will be scheduled in the spring. We have temporarily lost four instructors due to concerns with Covid. The FREE ID seminar requires four sessions for students to make short presentations and prepare lesson plans. We need instructors. Let me know who is interested so we can set up dates.

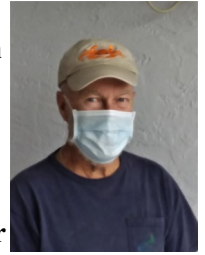
Who is interested in a SAIL, Engine Maintenance, or Cruise Planning course? Likewise who is interested in seminars on Partner in Command, GPS, VHF Radio, or Use of Charts? Lastly on Wednesday, March 31st the Virtual Boat Simulator in our learning center is available. Great for new or unsure boaters. FREE! Schedule for members is to start on the hour for each person. First session is at 9 AM. Please let me know what hour you would like to reserve.



SAFETY OFFICER

Lt Ed Bauer, S

An Anchor Drags and Puts Boaters in Peril, a boater's harrowing tale by Tim Bower



"After a weekend lake cruising, my wife and I prepared to anchor our wooden 29-foot outboard-powered trawler. The evening forecast called for southerly winds of 15 mph, so I chose a protected cove but was exposed to the west. I dropped the hook in 8 feet of water and settled in for the night. Around 1:30 a.m., the wind began howling out of the west. We were sideways to the wind and dragging anchor. There was no time to react, no time to correct—we were going ashore.

The starboard-side landing was gentler than I expected. The high water placed us against growth that would normally be several feet ashore. A tree about 12 inches in diameter kissed the rub rail about a foot forward of the transom, and brush along the waterline seemed to cushion the remaining hull. Without them, the wind would have blown the boat hard aground.

I managed to slip the eye of a line over the amidships cleat. I then ran it around the tree and wrapped the bitter end back around the cleat. But with the tree continuing to move forward, I did not have time to secure it. I needed to stop the rearward slide, so with a tight grip, I held the line. The aft motion stopped. But waves had built from the west, and the cabin roof's overhang began to slam into the tree. I passed the line to my wife and held a fender between the roof and the tree to stop the damage.

Finally, our arms aching, the wind subsided. Though the anchor dragged, the anchor rode hadn't parted, so I used the windlass to pull our bow seaward. The outboard was free of underbrush, so I applied reverse thrust and began a coordinated side slip from the shore until, finally, we could re-anchor at a safe distance.

Two errors were classic. I failed to pay out enough rode to meet the preferred scope of 7 to 1, and failed to properly set the anchor by powering back hard and digging it in. Also, I should have acknowledged that most storms in our area approach from the south and west, so allowing a large, open western exposure proved to be a serious mistake."

Some content from R Macke@ Boating Magazine



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB - MARCO ISLAND
Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron
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	70/100*	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
31-Mar	Virtual Boat Simulator	1 Hour	W	Free for Members	Ted Reiss	239-213-8722
4/5 6 PM	Boat Safety, America's Boating Course	5	M & Th	40	Various	239-213-8722
11/1 9 AM	Offshore Navigation	10	M	90	Tippy Cavanagh	239-248-5815

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 before Start Date with Instructor or Ted Reiss
Courses and Seminars limited to 7 people or 7 couples to meet COVID Guidelines

* Non-Member Cost

2/18/2021

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:

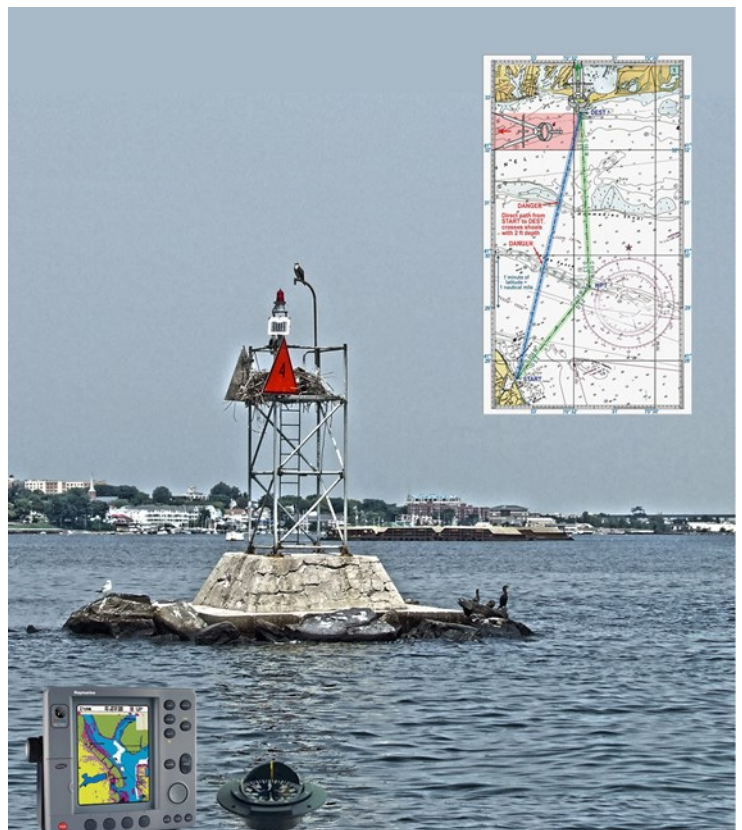
- ⇒ Charts and their interpretation
- ⇒ Navigation aids and how they point to safe water.
- ⇒ Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- ⇒ The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic.
- ⇒ Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS.
- ⇒ Monitoring progress 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 to reserve your place in class.

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

Cost Members \$70; Non-members \$100



Dinner Meeting March 10, 2021

Bistro Soleil

100 Palm Street, Marco Island

Cocktails at 5:00 Meeting at 5:45 (Zoom or in-person) Dinner at 6:15

Bistro Soleil is taking all precautions for us. We will be in a large room with plenty of room between us for comfort plus safety. Our speaker for the evening is going to be Marv from Marv's Weather Service Daily Buoy Reports, Fort Myers. This should be a very interesting meeting for all.

Menu—\$55 per person includes 20% gratuity and 7% tax

1st Choice

Beef Short ribs cooked in a rich demi-glaze sauce.
Garlic mash potato, roasted asparagus with basil

2nd Choice

Pan Seared yellow tail snapper topped with blue crab, lemon and capers butter sauce.
Garlic mash potato, roasted asparagus with basil

Salad:

Mixed field of greens with black peppercorn and garlic vinaigrette
Bread rolls and butter

Dessert:

Dark chocolate parfait scented with grand Marnier, fresh berries and whipped cream.
Coffee or hot tea, iced tea
Adult beverages available for purchase.

PLEASE RESPOND BY FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021



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Name(s) _____

Telephone # _____

Menu choice: Beef# _____ Fish# _____

No. attending @ \$55/ea. _____



District 22 Conference
Charlotte Harbor Event and
Conference Center, Punta Gorda, FL

2021 Spring Conference Reservation Form

Friday, April 9 – Appetizers and Dinner – Compliments of District 22

Choice of:

Chicken Parmigiana – bread crumb and parmesan crusted chicken topped with marinara sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheese, served with penne pasta.

Beef Brisket - slow roasted til tender, sliced, presented with gravy, with loaded potato casserole, peas and carrots.

Shrimp Scampi - jumbo shrimp baked with lemon garlic butter atop rice pilaf with scampi sauce and grilled asparagus.

Served with bottled water, garlic breadstick, garden salad with dressings. Coffee & bottled iced tea on [request](#).

Saturday, April 10 – Chief Commander Representative Luncheon

Choice of:

\$24.00 - Chef's Salad - romaine and iceberg lettuce, ham, turkey, swiss & cheddar cheese, hard boiled eggs, cukes, red onion with choice of ranch or Italian dressing, garlic breadstick and fresh fruit cup.

\$26.00 - Peace River Club Sandwich - turkey, ham, bacon, swiss & cheddar cheese on multi grain bread with lettuce, tomato, Dijon spread and chips.

\$26.00 - Veggie Lovers Wrap - red pepper, cukes, avocado, alfalfa sprouts & hummus in flour tortilla and chips

Served with bottled water and fresh baked cookies - Coffee & bottled iced tea on request.

Saturday, April 10 – Change of Watch Dinner

Choice of:

\$40.00 - Sirloin Steak - grilled, with Burgundy maître's, butter roasted redskin potatoes, green beans.

\$42.50 - Grouper Oscar – seared grouper, with lump crabmeat and hollandaise sauce, roasted red skin potatoes, green beans.

\$33.00 - Vegetarian - grilled and roasted asparagus, zucchini, squash, red onion, portabella mushrooms, beet, broccoli, sweet potato and carrots atop saffron and walnut cauliflower rice with a spicy pesto glaze.

All with bottled water, house salad with dressing, garlic breadstick. Coffee & bottled iced tea on request.

Ice Cream Sundae Station!

Check out the new, easy way to purchase your meals:

Sign in to the D22 website — americasboatingclub-d22.org — Members Only/ Announcements and follow the instructions to purchase lunch (need your credit card, too)

Or.....Complete the form below and mail it with your check payable to D22

Mail to: Jeane Anderson, 3191 Matecumbe Key Road #407, Punta Gorda, FL 33955

Friday Dinner - # chick ___ # beef ___ # shrimp ___ Saturday lunch - # salad ___ # club ___ # wrap ___

Saturday Dinner - # steak ___ # grouper ___ # vegetarian ___ Check enclosed \$ _____

Name with rank and grade: _____

Name with rank and grade: _____

Your 1st D22 Conference? _____ Medical Dietary Restrictions only _____

Squadron: _____ E-Mail _____

PHONE: _____

No Reservations or Cancellations after April 3, 2021, please.



Spring Conference Roundtable Information to help plan your day

Instructor Recertification - presented by Lt Sylvia Weeks-Wedge, AP - 0900 - 1145

This seminar hopes to renew enthusiasm and enhance instructional skills of USPS certified instructors. Many changes have occurred relevant to the courses we teach. We now encounter a younger adult generation with different interests and learning strategies. Here is a chance to update your instructor skills and share your experiences. This seminar is to renew the 4-year certification for certified instructors, not to by-pass the Instructor Development Course.

Pre-registration recommended. Contact Melissa Butler at butlerm@wabash.edu

maximum of 24 attendees at each Roundtable per CDC Guidelines

0900 - 1015 Roundtables:

Using District, Squadron and National Websites - presented by Lt Garry Stubbs, S

and D/Lt Casey Considine, JN

A look at the new D22 and Manatee websites, with the latest improvements. We will also review parts of National's website, featuring areas that provide helpful information.

What Educators Need To Know - presented by DEO D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN

Get the latest updates/changes from the National Meeting. Bring your issues and questions regarding the Education Department. They will be addressed, solved or taken to 'higher authority'.

Membership & Retention - presented by P/Stf/C Sandy Krupa, P

Attracting new members, then making them active and long standing. Share your ideas, successes, and failures with District Members.

1030 - 1145 Roundtables:

Co-op Charting 2021 - Moving Forward - presented by Stf/C Jim Strothers, SN

The Cooperative Charting Program has undergone some major changes in 2020 from the previous program. Presently, there are three sub-programs under the Cooperative Charting Program heading: Nautical, Geodetic Recovery and the new Marina Surveying. There are also changes involving 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.

Emergencies on the Water - presented by D/Lt/C Cliff Schmidt, JN

Different types of vessel and medical emergencies on the water will be discussed and how to deal with them. Along with a discussion of the types of communication devices to carry onboard along with a basic vessel emergency kit.

New Merit Marks System-the DOs and DON'Ts - presented by Cdr Connie Beckman, SN

Whether this is your first time doing merit marks or you've done them before, this roundtable will help you navigate the new online system. Also, some hints on what the area monitors are looking for when you write your merit marks.

SAMPLE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK FORM

If you are curious as to what your VSC examiner will use to certify your vessel, here is the form. You can use this to insure that your vessel has all it needs to pass the first time!



VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)

To be completed by a U.S. Coast Guard approved Vessel Examiner.
See the back of this form for a brief explanation of required items.
A Federal Requirements pamphlet is also available.

Date of VSC: _____

Decal Awarded: Yes No

Owner/Operator Name: _____

Owner/Operator has attended a CGAUX, USPS, State or Boating Safety Class: Yes No

Location of VSC - County: _____ State: _____

Replaced decal was: Last Year Outdated First time

VESSEL INFORMATION:

Registration or Documentation Number: _____

HIN: _____

Length: <16 16-25 26-39 40-65 >65

Powered by: Gas Diesel Sail Other

Area of Operations: Inland Coastal

Type: PWC Open Cabin Other

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS

Item	Yes	No	N/A
1. Display of Numbers			
2. Registration/Documentation			
3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)			
4. Visual Distress Signals (VDS)			
5. Fire Extinguishers			
6. Ventilation			
7. Backfire Flame Control			
8. Sound Producing Devices/Bell			
9. Navigation Lights			
10. Pollution Placard			
11. MARPOL Trash Placard			
12. Marine Sanitation Devices			
13. Navigation Rules			
14. State and/or Local Requirements			
15. Overall Vessel Condition: as applies			
a. Deck Free of Hazards / Clean Bilge			
b. Electrical - Fuel Systems			
c. Galley - Heating Systems			

RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

(While encouraged, items below are not VSC requirements)

Item	Yes	No
I. Marine Radio		
II. Dewatering Device & Backup		
III. Mounted Fire Extinguishers		
IV. Anchor & Line for Area		
V. First Aid and PIW Kits (**over)		
VI. Inland Visual Distress Signals		
VII. Capacity/Certificate of Compliance		
VIII. Discussion Items: as applies		
a. Accident Reporting - Owner Responsibility		
b. Offshore Operations		
c. Nautical Charts / Navigation Aids		
d. Survival Tips / First Aid		
e. Fueling / Fuel Management		
f. Float Plan / Weather & Sea Conditions		
g. Insurance Considerations		
h. Boating Check List		
i. Safe Boating Classes		
j. Maritime Domain Awareness		

I certify that I have personally examined this vessel and find it meets the above requirements at the time of this Vessel Safety Check. I am a qualified Vessel Examiner of the: CGAUX USPS State of _____ or _____ .

Printed Name of the Examiner _____

Examiner Number _____

Examiner Signature _____

Telephone Number _____

Additional Comments: This is not an official boarding for law enforcement purposes. It is recommended that you correct any deficiencies noted. This checklist is furnished for your information. There is no assumption of liability of any kind for advice given or opinions expressed in connection to this examination. By accepting the Vessel Safety Check decal you are pledging to maintain your boat and equipment to the standard of safety exhibited during this examination. Please remove the Vessel Safety Check decal if the boat is sold or no longer meets these requirements.

I am consenting to this Vessel Safety Check of my watercraft with full knowledge that it is provided to me as a public service on a volunteer basis without cost, and I understand and agree that my receipt of a Vessel Safety Check shall not constitute or be construed as a warranty or guarantee as to either the qualification, knowledge, or skills of the operator; the seaworthiness of the vessel; or the serviceability or adequacy of any equipment on board.

Owner/Operator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spring/Summer Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities!

March 25	Cruise & Lunch	Dolphin Tiki Bar	1130
April 22	Cruise & Lunch	Boat House Naples	1030*
May 13	Cruise and Picnic	Panther Key	1100
May 25	Cruise and Lunch	Island Gypsy	1130
June 24	Cruise and Picnic	Whitehorse Key	1000*
July 16	Cruise and Dinner	Mango's Dockside Bistro	1700
July 21	Cruise and Lunch	Rod and Gun Club	1015*
August 21	Cruise and Picnic	Cape Romano	1030*
September 23	Cruise & Lunch	Deep Lagoon/Esplanade	1130



For questions, contact Boating Chair, 1/Lt Bill Kreppin, S (732) 822-7111

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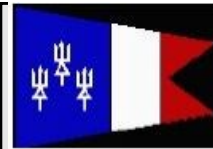
Easy to learn this fun game ... nice to play while on cruises. Socialize with members of the squadron, give Dorothy a call ... 642-3575.

Tables of four only. Social distancing will be observed.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Bill Hughes 3/1
Steve Riley 3/2
Karen Simmons 3/2
Debbie Rago 3/5
Marsha Pointer 3/12
Steve Moore 3/19
John Jamison 3/20
Starr Whiting 3/22
Dennis Enstrom 3/27
Geoffrey Walker 3/30



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



1 INLAND ONLY You are crossing the course of another vessel which is to your starboard. You have reached an agreement by radiotelephone to pass astern of the other vessel.

- You MUST _____.
- sound one short blast
 - sound two short blasts
 - change course to starboard
 - None of the above

- 2 The best line for towing small vessels is _____.
- three strand nylon
 - double-braided nylon
 - polypropylene
 - manila

- 3 A vessel's position should be plotted using bearings of _____.
- buoys close at hand
 - fixed known objects on shore
 - buoys at a distance
 - All of the above

- 4 A katabatic wind blows _____.
- up an incline due to surface heating
 - in a circular pattern
 - down an incline due to cooling of the air
 - horizontally between a high and a low pressure area

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

AMERICA’S BOATING CHANNEL

Have you taken a look at America’s Boating Channel recently? You can access it on-line at <https://americasboatingchannel.com>. America’s Boating Channel provides digital content on boating safety, navigation rules, basic boating skills, life jackets, and more! The most recent video is about Engine Cutoff Devices and reminded me that it’s vital to use this important safety tool when driving our boats. I recently heard a sad story about a Sarasota child who was killed when he was struck by an unmanned motor boat whose operator had fallen overboard. Due to this horrible event, Florida representative Fiona McFarland from Sarasota is proposing a bill in the Florida legislature called “Ethan’s Law” which, if passed, will require operators of power boats under 26 feet to wear an engine safety cutoff device.



Next time you are on line, check out the variety of boating videos. You might even see some familiar faces among those in the videos.



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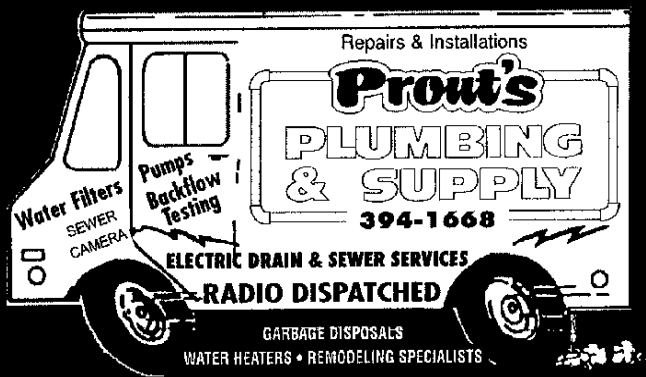
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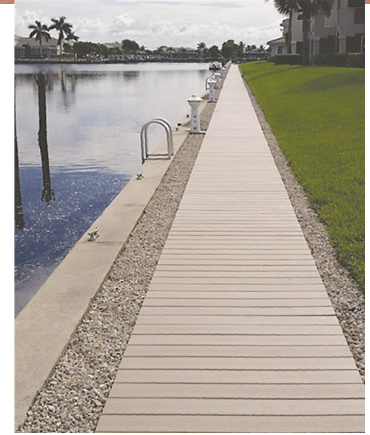
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