



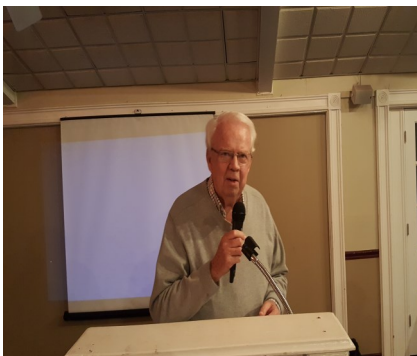
THE EAGLE'S EYE

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We're Back!

After a long year of limited club activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, America's Boating Club-Marco Island has started the process of coming back to life! March saw the first dinner meeting since 2020. We met at Bistro Soleil and had a wonderful dinner as well as an informative speaker. Captain Marv Market talked about weather and shared with the group his website and Facebook page called Marv's Weather Service. He has great information on weather throughout the state of Florida and up into Georgia and South Carolina. Check it out if you are planning a boating trip. At the dinner meeting we swore in new members Doug Foss and Jennifer Lattier. In addition to the meeting, we sponsored a successful Beach Cleanup on March 13th and had a cruise and lunch to Dolphin Tiki Bar.

Classes are back in session, and we have planned a variety of cruises and get-togethers. Come join us!



Dinner Meeting Speaker Captain
Marv Marker



Cruise and Lunch to the Dolphin
Tiki Bar

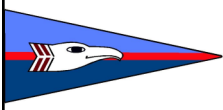


Beach Clean Up Crew

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Coming Events 2021

APRIL

4/6	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 19
4/7	Land Locked Lunch	Brewery	1200
4/9-10	D22 Spring Conference	Punta Gorda	0900 p. 15-17
4/14	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900
4/14	Members Meeting	Bistro Soleil	1700 p. 09
4/20	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830
4/20	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 19
4/22	Cruise & Lunch	Boat House Naples	1030 p. 14
4/28	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04

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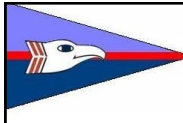
5/4	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 19
5/12	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900
5/12	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
5/13	Cruise & Lunch	Panther Key	1100 p. 18
5/18	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830
5/18	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 19
5/22-29	National Safe Boating Week		
5/22	Wear It Event	Rose Marina	1000
5/26	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
5/25	Cruise & Lunch	Island Gypsy	1130 p. 18

For cruises and lunches, contact Sonya Benson for reservations

PROPOSED EDUCATION SCHEDULE—FALL 2021

<u>Course</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Cost</u>
America's Boating Course—Boat Safety	October	5	\$40
America's Boating Course-Boat Safety	November	5	\$40
Boat Handling (Seamanship)	October	7	\$70/\$100*
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	October	8	\$70/\$100*
Marine Navigation Advanced	October	8	\$60**
Offshore Navigation (Celestial)	November 1	10	\$90**

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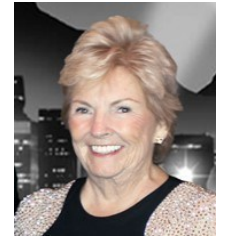
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COMMANDER
Wanda Burson, S

Apologies from your editor—I must plead COVID brain for my goof-up in sending the recent reminder postcards with the wrong dates and events. I was looking at something in the 2020 directory for another article and I think I must have mistaken those April events for this April, 2021. I sincerely apologize for any confusion that I may have caused our members. Be sure to look at the calendar of events on page 3 for the correct events for April 2021.

It's spring and things are happening; we are beginning to poke our heads out and get our world back in focus. We had our first in person bridge meeting in March followed by our first in person dinner meeting in a year. We met at the Bistro Soleil in their large dining room, and we had that entire rear area to ourselves. Everyone seemed to enjoy our Speaker, Captain Marv Market; he was one of those guys with great stories that you could enjoy. All in all, it was just wonderful to see everyone in person again.



Our classes are filling up and people are eager to learn. Check out the schedule in this Eagle's Eye.

We had a genuinely nice turn out for the beach clean-up. It was a beautiful day and nice to be out and doing something important for our community.

You will find the menu for the April dinner meeting being held at the Bistro Soleil April 14th on page 9 of this Eagle's Eye. All the details are in the flyer; we hope to see all of you in attendance. Be sure to send your RSVP by Saturday, April 10th.

The District 22 Spring Conference information is also included in this issue of the Eagle's Eye on pages 15-17. I encourage you to attend if possible. We do have some particularly good roundtables scheduled. If you cannot attend both days perhaps you can carpool and go for Saturday. We have openings for delegates. Please let me know as soon as you can if you are willing to be a delegate.

I hope that most of you have received a Vessel Safety Check by now. If not, please give one of our exceptional VSC Examiners a call and get that taken care of. The VSC form is included on page 13 so you can see what areas need attention prior to your inspection.

Remember we are representatives for boating education and safety so as you are out and about remember to take care, have fun and spread the word.



SUNSHINE NEWS

Please keep the following members in your thoughts as they recuperate from health challenges:

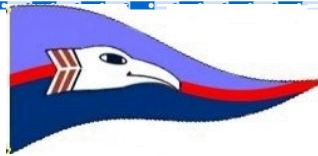
Dorothy Harkness, Richard Rodgers, John Maciolek, and John Noffze. Please keep Tippy and John Cavanagh in your thoughts on the death of her brother. Congratulations to Tom Morr and Lynn Fann on their recent engagement!



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!





EXECUTIVE OFFICER
D/Lt/C Gene Burson, JN

To allow instructors to have more alternatives in their class curriculum and use the internet with their students, the internet service has been upgraded to serve 10 connections with adequate speed.



As District Administrative Officer, I held a Zoom meeting for all District Vessel Safety Check Chairman. We discussed what can be done to bring greater visibility to Free Vessel Safety Checks to all boaters in our communities. As a result of the meeting, I have ordered decals for the VSC examiners to give to kayak and canoe owners to show ownership of the boat if lost. There are similar decals for the paddles which are reflective. An article promoting Free VSC checks was submitted and printed in the Coastal Breeze.

Henry Stanley and Cliff Winings met with Steve Stefanides, from the Coastal Breeze, to prepare an article concerning the yacht sinking in our area. The article emphasized the work done by Cliff to plot all Aids to Navigation (AToNs) in our area of responsibility on chart 11430. The City of Marco Island has not been keeping up with their responsibility to insure AToNs are correctly located, in good repair, and having missing AToNs replaced.

May 22nd through May 28th is National Safe Boating Week. The Marco Island City Council will present a Proclamation to the Club at the May 17th City Council Meeting naming the week "Safe Boating Week on Marco Island". All Club members should plan to attend the meeting wearing a life preserver. We will meet in front of the Police Building at 5:15 pm and enter Council Chambers at 5:30 pm.

Do you feel enthusiastic, motivated, and energetic when starting something new but after some time, you lose your enthusiasm and interest? That seems to have happened to many members of America's Boating Club-Marco Island. Covid hasn't helped our squadron rebuild or keep new members involved. You can help by setting aside Netflix, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, novels, or other escape activities and get involved with America's Boating Club-Marco Island. We are looking for you, your skills, and your talents.

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

Hi to all our members! March brought sunny, breezy days and fair temperatures for boating and many other activities. Cdr Wanda Burson held our dinner meeting at Bistro Soleil on March 10. This was the first in person meeting in over a year. The food was great and the speaker of Marv's Weather Service Capt. Marv Market was interesting. But most of all it was terrific to see one another! Thirty-three members came and enjoyed each other's company. Newer members Jerry & Nancy Dufresne, Bill & Linda Russo, and Doug Foss as well as new member Jennifer Lattier joined in. We welcomed back from Missouri Pam and Roy Sander who will be with us till May. Cdr Burson swore in Doug Foss and Jennifer Lattier. All stood and repeated the Membership Pledge.



America's Boating Club-Marco Island was a co-sponsor for the Beach Clean-up on South Beach March 13. A dozen of us wore "Love our Beach T-shirts" given to us and scoured the beach for non-organic trash. Depending where you went there was trash littering our beach in large and small quantities. It was a picture perfect morning for being on the beach and the early beachgoers expressed appreciation for our efforts.

CJ's was always popular with members getting together and chatting about things going on with them. There was a meet and greet going on with new members as well. Sonya Benson had signup sheets for April. The Dolphin Tiki Bar Cruise and Lunch provided a good setting for eating. Tom Morr and his fiancé Lynn Fann came on GOOD TIMES II. Ted & Peggy got to ride with the newly engaged couple to lunch.

April 9-10 brings the Spring Conference at the Charlotte Harbor Convention Center in Punta Gorda. I hope many of you will attend—let Cdr. Burson know you will be a delegate and vote at the meeting. Take advantage of the RoundTable offerings.

The next Cruise and Lunch is to the Boat House in Naples. Ted & Peggy Reiss are the cruise captains. Be sure to sign up if you are coming by boat or by car. Look for information on page 11 in this newsletter.

Take care and let's go boating!



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN

Our restarted classroom education program was a great success. Three members, L/C Shelly Derrough AP, Lt Dave Randall AP and Ray Rosenberg AP, passed the Advanced Piloting course. Four members attended the Operations Training seminar.



Three students passed the ABC course. The Piloting course has three students, Boat Handling course had eleven students (awaiting results), Advanced Piloting course has one member, March ABC course had eleven students and the ABC course for April has twelve people registered. So far this year, only six ABC-MI members signed up for a course out of the 48 total students. All classes were conducted in accordance with CDC guidelines.

D/L/C Peggy Reiss JN-IN, D/L/C Gene Burson AP, Lt Nick Rago AP and myself were the instructors for all training. Thank you Peggy, Gene and Nick for your help.

Classroom vessel simulator is available for members on 31 March. Contact me to reserve a time slot between 10 AM and 8 PM. This training can help new boaters and about to be boaters build confidence in handling a vessel on the water.

Members asked if two topics could be scheduled in the near future – GPS and sailing. P/C Carl Thieme SN will hold a seminar on Charting/GPS Chart Plotters in the Fall. For the chart plotter he will use one connected to our overhead projector so all can see the screen. We need an instructor for sailing. What else would you like to learn?

To improve our education program for the Fall and Winter, I see a need for several more instructors. The instructor development course is four sessions with homework, is free but is not needed for all classes or seminars. Do we have members with backgrounds in any of the following: boat safety, weather, navigation/piloting, boat handling, electronics, engines, GPS systems, cruise planning, sailing, kayaks/canoes, On-the-Water training or any other skills? Please let me know. We have members looking to learn. There are numerous student and instructor manuals already prepared by National United States Power Squadron for courses and seminars so you do not need to start from scratch.

So have fun boating, be safe and keep learning.



SAFETY OFFICER

Lt Ed Bauer, S

This will be my last Safety Officer column - cannot say I will miss Marcy's deadlines, but we will miss the opportunities to interact with boaters here with ABC and on Marco. Some of you have heard that Susan & I have sold our condo and moving to our other home, full time, on Lake Norman, North Carolina. We have become associate members of the Lake Norman Power Squadron, joined the Carefree Boat Club with access to 4 different styles of boats and have friends with boats as well. I have performed vessel safety checks and some cooperative charting and write a monthly column there as their Safety Officer. We do not have tides or the corrosive saltwater environment, but we do have shoals to avoid.



Although I grew up on the water with sail and power boats it was not until we came to Marco, bought on the water, bought our first boat, a Boston Whaler we named the "Hokie Hooker". We then joined the Power Squadron that I got serious about boating. Of course, we soon visited the Naples Boat show and decided we needed a larger boat which we named the "Bauercuda".

I have enjoyed all the activities, educational opportunities, friendships, and the challenges of writing this monthly column. I have learned so much, not only from taking courses and seminars, but also from instructing others. In-person instruction provides for a lot of shared information and hearing of others boating experiences, good or not so good. As a VSC examiner I have had the opportunities to board so many different boats, share my experiences with the owners and, learn from many of theirs.

Through the *Partners in Command* seminar and starring in some of the Americas Boating Channel videos, Susan has become a competent and safety-conscious skipper. Today, we joined other squadron members on the Marco South Beach cleanup and were thanked by numerous beachgoers for the community contributions we all make. Packing Meals of Hope, the Christmas Parade, scavenger hunt, and the many cruises will be long remembered as good times with friends. There is a good chance we will be visiting Marco and our friends here in the future but, in the meantime, stay safe on the water.

Editor's Note: A special thank you to Ed and Susan for the many contributions they made to America's Boating Club-Marco Island! You will both be missed! I personally learned a lot from your safety columns and will miss reading them.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB - MARCO ISLAND
Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron
Education Schedule

Start Date	Course	Sessions	Days	Cost, \$	Instructor	Phone
				Free for Members		
31-Mar	Virtual Boat Simulator	1 Hour	W		Ted Reiss	239-213-8722
	Boat Safety, America's Boating Course	5	M & Th	40	Various	239-213-8722
4/5 6 PM						
11/1 9 AM	Offshore Navigation	10	M	90	Tippy Cavanagh	239-248-5815

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

Executive Officer Report (Continued from page 5)

We need members willing to:

- ◆ Help teach classes or become an instructor
- ◆ Help find interesting speakers on boating topics
- ◆ Become a Vessel Safety Examiner
- ◆ Help with our Eagle's Eye monthly newsletter
- ◆ Help with Cleaning the Learning Center
- ◆ Become the Club's Supply Officer
- ◆ Help plan new member receptions
- ◆ Contact Admin Officer with a new boating activity
- ◆ Seek out local businesses to advertise in the Eagle's Eye
- ◆ Participate in Cooperative Charting
- ◆ Write Boating Safety articles for the newsletter
- ◆ Be part of the Leadership Team (committee member) for the Club
- ◆ Call members on a regular basis
- ◆ Volunteer on the Ways & Means Fundraiser Committee

The opportunities are endless, and the rewards are great. Remember the squadron's success depends on your participation. If you are willing to help by giving one hour each month, just contact me at geneburson@gmail.com or 239-941-1775.

BEACH CLEAN UP

America's Boating Club-Marco Island co-sponsored the March 13th Beach Clean up at South Beach. Twelve of our members participated and picked up quite a bit of trash on the beach. It's always amazing how much trash people leave behind and the interesting things that are found! Those beachgoers who saw the clean up were very appreciative of our efforts. Participating were Wanda and Gene Burson, Ted and Peggy Reiss, Andy Battaglia, Ed and Susan Bauer, Bill Hughes, Jennifer Jewett, Doug Foss, Cliff Winings, Cliff's cousin and other members.



Bill Hughes and Jennifer Jewett



Jennifer Jewett, Bill Hughes and Andy Battaglia with some of the trash they found on the beach



The ABC-MI Beach Clean Up Crew

**APRIL DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021**

**BISTRO SOLEIL
100 PALM STREET
COCKTAILS 1700; MEETING AT 1745; DINNER AT 1815
SPEAKER Bob McConville—Dolphins of Marco Island**

MENU:

1st Choice

**Salmon with roasted Pineapple Salsa
Roasted Potatoes
Mixed Green beans**

2nd Choice

**Pork Chop gratin with blue cheese
Cabernet wine reduction
Roasted Potatoes
Mixed Green beans**

Salad:

Mixed field greens

Bread rolls and butter

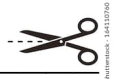
Dessert:

**Key Lime Mousse
Coffee or hot tea, iced tea
Price is \$55 per person, includes tip.**



Please call Dorothy Harkness 239 642-3575 (H) 239 235-9336 (Cell) if you have questions.

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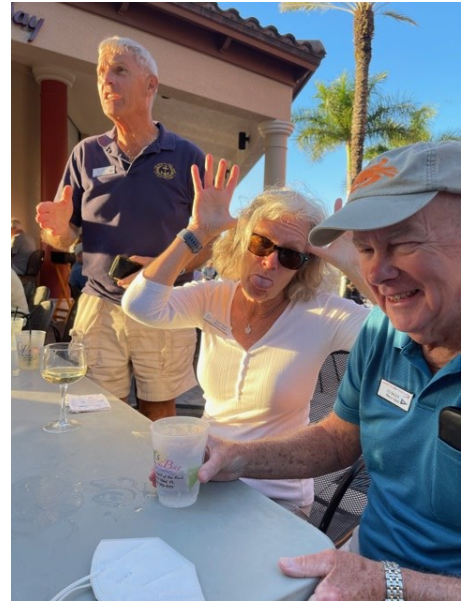
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Menu choice: Fish# _____ Pork Chop # _____

No. attending @ \$55/ea. _____

CAPTAIN'S MEETING

Our February Captain's Meeting at CJ's was one of the bigger ones we have had since we started meeting up again. It was great to see so many members and share tales of how we survived the pandemic. Hope to see you at a future Captain's Meeting. Remember that starting in May, we'll meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays.



PARADISE FOUND CRUISE AND LUNCH

It was a beautiful day for a cruise to Paradise Found in Goodland on February 25th. A good time was had by all who attended! Why not plan to join your fellow ABC-MI members for one of our upcoming cruises? See the calendar for the dates of upcoming trips.



Fun times on the water!

USCG Announces New Engine Cut-off Switch Law

As of April 1, 2021, operators of recreational vessels less than 26 feet in length overall (LOA) will be required to use the engine cut-off switch link under certain circumstances, as the U.S. Coast Guard implements a 2018 federal law.



Each year, people are injured or killed when operators fall or get ejected from their boats. The boats will either continue on course until they run out of fuel or may eventually strike an operator in what is called the “circle of death.” “A circle of death” is caused by the rotation of the propeller, which can send the boat into an ever-tightening turn, eventually running over the operator or other occupants who may have been ejected from the vessel.

An engine cut-off link, which can be a lanyard or a fob, connects the vessel operator to a switch that shuts the engine off if the operator is displaced from the helm. Physical lanyards are designed to disengage from the engine cut-off switch and shut the motor down when the operator falls from the vessel. Wireless links use an electronic fob that is carried by the operator and activates the cut-off switch remotely when it is submerged in water.

The 2018 law requires that manufacturers of new recreational boats of less than 26 feet LOA with an engine capable of at least 3 horsepower be equipped with an engine cut-off switch. This feature has been in place on many vessels for decades, but as of 2019 it is a federal requirement. Since the wireless technology has become available, some manufacturers have also begun to install wireless engine cut-off switch links as optional or standard equipment.

Since the overwhelming majority of recreational vessels already have an engine cut-off switch, compliance has been the biggest problem. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 now obligates recreational vessel operators of vessels under 26-foot LOA to use the engine cut-off link under certain circumstances.

According to the new requirement, “the engine cut-off links must be used when the primary helm is not within an enclosed cabin, and when the boat is operating on plane or above displacement speed.” Some situations where the engine cut-off link will not be required include docking, trailering, trolling, and operating in no-wake zones.

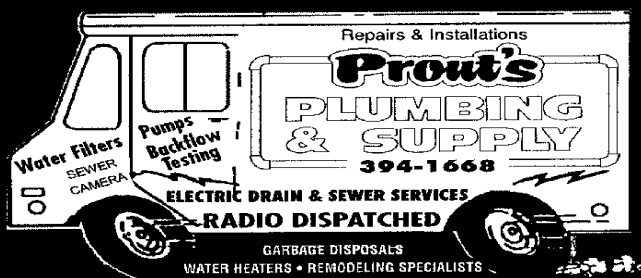
Seven states already have engine cut-off switch laws for traditional recreational vessels, and 44 states already have engine cut-off switch laws for personal watercraft (PWC).

This article was found in the Soundings Newsletter. For more information concerning changes in boating laws, visit MarcoBoatingClub.org.

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DO YOU GET SEASICK?

Here are some tips to help you deal with seasickness:

- Stay on the deck in fresh air as much as possible
- Face forward and look at the horizon
- Don't look through binoculars for a long time
- Avoid reading, playing on your phone, etc.
- Take deep breaths and drink plenty of water.
- Take Dramamine or Bonine; take a dose before you go to bed the night before your trip then another in the morning.
- Ginger capsules, chews or root can help with seasickness.
- Acupressure wristbands can help.
- Obviously, avoid alcohol before and during your trip!

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		
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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 _____ .

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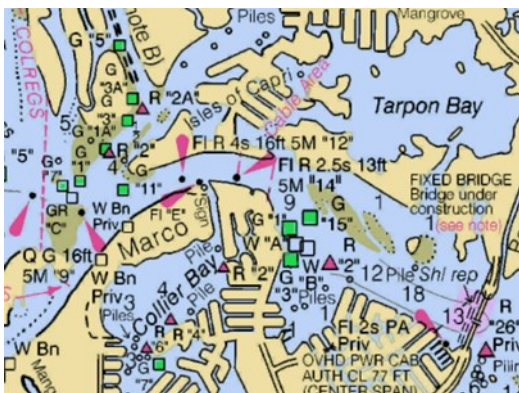
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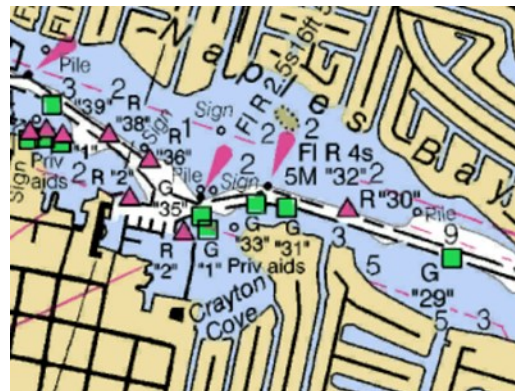
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Cruise and Rendezvous to Naples Boat House

Fix the date 22 April 2021. Boat cruise or car cruise to Naples' Boat House restaurant near marker #36 in Naples Bay. Boat convoy leaves the Marco River, near Snook Inn, marker #14 at 1030. We will take the inland route. Peggy and Ted's JUST US, black 27 foot Sea Ray sun deck will take the lead. Let Ted know if you want to follow JUST US [239-213-8722, Capttedr@yahoo.com]. Lunch time is noon. Contact Sonya Benson, 414-617-5718, by 15 April and let her know how many will be at lunch via car or boat



Marco River Chart



Naples Bay Chart



Naples' Boat House



For those coming by car



DISTRICT 22

2021 SPRING CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events will follow Strict CDC Guidelines

Friday, April 9

0900 – 1200	Registration Desk Open	1200 – 1330	Lunch on your own
0900 - 1200	Squadron Bridge Officer Meeting	1330 – 1400	Registration Desk Open
	1400 – 1600	District Council Meeting	
	Dinner – social - 1730 / dinner served 1900		

Saturday, April 10

0800 - 0900	Coffee and Pastry	0900 – 1200	Registration Desk Open
0900 – 1145	Seminars/Roundtables	1130 – 1315	Social and Luncheon

Speaker -Chief Commander's Representative

1300 – 1330	Registration Desk Open	1330 – 1600	District Conference
	Change of Watch - social 1730 / dinner served 1845		

Saturday Seminars / Roundtables – each limited to 24 attendees

0900 – 1145 - Instructor Recertification – *Lt Sylvia Weeks-Wedge, AP*
Pre-registration recommended - Contact Melissa Butler @ butlerm@wabash.edu

0900 - 1015

The D22, Squadron & National Websites
Lt Garry Stubbs, S & D/Lt Casey Considine, JN

Membership & Retention
P/Stf/C Sandy Krupa, P

Updated Info Educators Need to Know
D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN

1030 - 1145

Co-op Charting 2021 – “Moving Forward”
Stf/C Jim Strothers, SN

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

New Merit Mark System – Do’s & Don’ts
Cdr Connie Beckman, SN

Dress: squadron shirt, khaki slacks, shorts or skirt / **Change of Watch:** Uniform A or semi formal

Hotel Information

Four Points Sheraton – 941-637-6770 - \$109.00 + \$9.95 resort fee + taxes - cutoff date 3/10
State you have a special “Power Squadron room block” (code PO 1367) – need to make reservation directly

Springhill Suites by Marriott – 941-347-4224 - \$99.00 + taxes - includes breakfast - cutoff date 3/19
Link to book your room online: [Book your group rate for America's Boating Club](#)
Rate is good for one day prior and a day after the conference dates

***Must mention United States Power Squadrons and book for 2 nights for these rates ***



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 till 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.

Spring/Summer Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities!

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
October 5	Raft Up & Picnic	Tripod Key	TBD



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

*boat gathering time

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“Hand, Knee & Foot” Card Game

Call: Lt Dorothy Harkness, S at 642-3575

Email: dorothyharkness@embarqmail.com



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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Rudy Landwaard 4/4
 Bernard Pointer 4/4
 Kelly Gulling 4/7
 Roy Sander 4/12
 Jo Martin 4/16
 Nick Rago 4/16
 John Noffze 4/23
 John Salotto 4/24
 Carl Thieme 4/24
 Lynette Noffsinger 4/25
 Cliff Winings 4/26



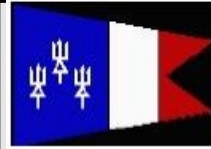
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1. INLAND ONLY Passing signals shall be sounded on inland waters by _____.

- a. all vessels upon sighting another vessel rounding a bend in the channel
- b. towing vessel when meeting another towing vessel on a clear day with a 0.6 mile CPA (Closest Point of Approach)
- c. a power-driven vessel when crossing less than half a mile ahead of another power-driven vessel
- d. All of the above

2. Which knot is suitable for hoisting an unconscious person?

- a. Bowline on a bight
- b. Fisherman's loop
- c. French bowline
- d. Spider hitch

3. Which type of hull damage should be repaired FIRST?

- a. Damage below the waterline
- b. Damage to interior watertight boundaries
- c. Damage in way of machinery rooms
- d. Damage at or just above the waterline

4. When navigating a vessel, you _____.

- a. can always rely on a buoy to be on station
- b. can always rely on a buoy to show proper light characteristics
- c. should assume a wreck buoy is directly over the wreck
- d. should never rely on a floating aid to maintain its exact position

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

PROPOSED EDUCATION SCHEDULE- FALL 2021 (Cont. from page 3)

Seminar	Start	Sessions	Cost
Charting/GPS	October	2	\$40
Partner in Command	December	1	\$25/ couple-
Docking	October	1	\$25
Knots, Bends & Lines	November	1	\$25
Handling Your Boat Underway	October	1	\$25



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