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## 2023 Safe Boating Week



City Council Safe Boating Week Proclamation MISPS attendees: Mary & John Moyer, Linette & Dave Chaney, Deb & Kris Ricci & "Veke" (dog), Kathleen Reynolds, Andy Battaglia, Wanda & Gene Burson, Ted & Peggy Reiss, Bill Hughes, Jennifer Jewett, Sue & Jerry Cole, Sheila & Carl Thieme, Don & Judy Bruns, John Apolzan, Jean & Bill Godfrey & "Bruno" (dog), Dave Randall & Shelly Derrough



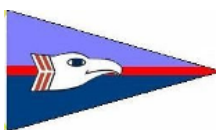
Photos courtesy of Dave Chaney

## Naples Zoo trip May 6

It was all happening at the Zoo in May! Linette Chaney, Kathleen Reynolds, and Debora Ricci found the infamous toucan. Kathleen and Debora were awarded a Wear It dry bag for finding the toucan as part of Linette's Zoo scavenger hunt to find the bird and send her a photo.

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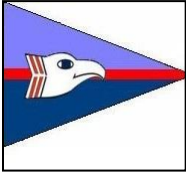
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3-June	Marco Museum	Marco Island	1300	
6-June	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
7-June	Lunch	Ridgeway Bar & Grill	1130	
12-June	Cruise & Picnic	Sand Dollar	1130	
14-June	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900	
14-June	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4
20-June	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	0830	
20-June	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
28-June	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4
<b><u>July 2023</u></b>				
1-Jul	Cruise & Lunch	Port of The Islands	1130	
4-Jul	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
12-Jul	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4
15-Jul	Cruise & Dinner	Mango's	1700	
18-Jul	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	0830	
18-Jul	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
22-Jul	Breakfast	IslaMoratta	0830	
25-Jul	Cruise & Picnic	Whitehorse Key	1130	
26-Jul	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4
<b><u>August 2023</u></b>				
1-Aug	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
9-Aug	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4
10-Aug	Cruise & Picnic	Cape Romano	1130	
15-Aug	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	0830	
15-Aug	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
17-Aug	Cruise & Lunch	Deep Lagoon	1130	
23-Aug	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4
26-Aug	Cruise & Lunch	Island Gypsy	1130	

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**Lt Jane Orsulak**

Since I will not be returning to Florida until October, please continue to send any pictures of club events for me to include in upcoming newsletters.

I welcome any comments and suggestions to the newsletter. Please email to [jmo.abcd@gmail.com](mailto:jmo.abcd@gmail.com)



**SUNSHINE NEWS**  
**Lt Ann Marie Ryan**

The following cards were sent in the last month.

- Get well card to Tippy Cavanagh for back surgery

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

Ann Marie Ryan,

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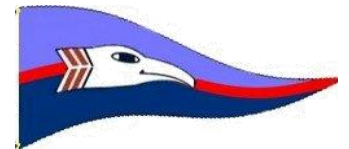
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## June Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following MISPS members who are celebrating their birthdays this month. If we've missed your birthday, contact the Editor.

- 06/04 Paul G. Gulling
- 06/05 Jean M. Taylor
- 06/07 Susan B. Cole
- 06/07 Christine Williams
- 06/12 Kenneth W. Deutsch
- 06/22 Michele Carney
- 06/22 Susan E. Flaherty
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- 07/28 Mary Alice Wilson
- 07/29 James H. Addison
- 07/29 Bill Russo



**Captain's Meeting**  
**"Meet & Greet"**  
*everyone welcome!*

**CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade at**  
**1700 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 meet and greet!*





**COMMANDER**  
**Cdr David Chaney**



Greetings from Central Ohio where Linette and I call home in the summer months.

May was certainly a busy month as we wrapped up Safe Boating Month on Marco. We kicked off with the Safe Boating Proclamation presented by the Marco City Council where we filled the council chamber with first responders, business partners and twenty-five MISPS members wearing PFDs (see Photo). Our thanks go out to Fire Chief Byrne for opening the new fire station where we all gathered with many first responders to celebrate their service with ice cream floats served by Sweet Annie's Ice Cream and Candy. Abbey Lewandowski and Jenna Palumbo from Sweet Annie's did a great job serving up over 50 floats as we were treated to a three-truck fire run exiting the station mid celebration!

As the month wrapped up our safe boating partners Cool Beans Cruises, Dolphin Explorer, Florida Adventures and Rentals, and Go Cats on the Water delivered our safe boating message with emphasis on wearing a PFD when on a personal watercraft. Over two thousand coupon cards were handed out by our partners which included the Seven Safe Boating Tips and our MISPS mission statement with contact information. Each coupon card also included a half-off discount for an ice cream float at Sweet Annie's. As part of our support to our partners we provided a talking points card that crew members could wear and reference as they gave their pre-departure safety speech. (See photos)

This year, the use of the coupon card was a much easier implementation and cost-effective way to get our message physically in the hands of the boating public vs the wrist bands we handed out last year. This approach has shown itself to be scalable in the future and can be supported with new activities surrounding the campaign.

As we look forward to June and July activities, I encourage all of you to stay active and support the club. Dave Randall, Chris Frost and Nanette Rivera have planned many great boating trips and luncheons for us. Linette and I will especially miss the Cruise and Picnic to Sand Dollar Beach on June 12th. This

is a great place to shell and dolphin watch. Also coming up is the July 1st Cruise and Lunch at Port of The Islands, one of my favorite places to see manatees. If you really want to have a great chance to see manatees up close check out one of our safe boating partners, Go Cats on the Water who tour out of Port of The Islands. They specifically know where to find these gentle giants.

For those of you who enjoy a great boating adventure, the Cruise and Picnic to White Horse Key on July 25th is a must. Take some bait and your fishing rod and check out the 22' deep cut on the back of the key where the big fish hang out during the tide changes. It is easily fished from the beach.

Yes, the Captains Meeting at CJ's goes on all summer, and I hope someone takes a few photos and sends them on to me so I can see all those smiling faces enjoying friendship and conversation.

While Linette and I do enjoy being up north with family and friends we do miss all of you and the wonderful experiences we share together. Please enjoy your summer and be safe. I will stay in touch as I am now planning for our big fall and winter events.



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**Lt/C David Randall, AP**



There are a lot of fun events planned for June and July this year!

**7 June – Lunch at Ridgeway Bar and Grill**

**12 June – Cruise & Picnic to Sand Dollar**

**6-June, 20-June, 4 July and 18 July: Cards at the Condo!**

Join Dorothy and the usual suspects at 1300 for knee – slapping fun and high – stakes Hand – Knee & Foot cards

### **Hand, Knee & Foot” Card Game**

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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 ... 239-642-3575.



Social distancing will be observed.

**14-June, 28-June, 12 July and 26 July – Captains’ Meeting at CJ’s on the Bay**

Need anyone say more???



**1 July -- Cruise and lunch to the Port of the Islands**

Come and enjoy a little change of scenery and take the boat or car down to Port of the Islands for lunch - 11:30.



**15 July – Dinner Cruise or Drive to Mango’s**

I wonder if they really serve a Cosmopolitan that big??? It would pair nicely with the 65 – ounce steak that you get for free if you can eat it and don’t explode. Anyway, come on down to the Esplanade for another fun meal with the gang!



**Breakfast at IslaMorotta on Marco Lake July 22**

What’s not to like with such a cute little crabby guy on their sign? It is also the home of Mr. Crab Cake. Although it seems odd to have a crab willing to advertise food made of his buddies.... Sorta like the pigs advertising BBQ.



## July 25 -- White Horse Key Cruise and Picnic

Nestled in the 10,000 islands, your trusty skipper will guide you for a three – hour tour! No – wait, that was a 1960’s sit com with Gilligan and the Skipper (and Mary Ann!)



Wear It Safe Boating Campaign talking points card that is worn by crews and captains when they give their safety speech and covers the importance of wearing a life jacket when on their watercraft.

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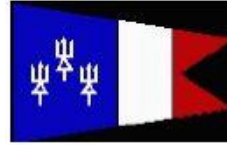
1. Wear A Properly Fitted Lifejacket.
2. Wear your engine cut-off device.
3. Carry and know where all safety gear is stored.
4. Tell someone where you plan to boat.
5. Be aware of weather and water conditions.
6. Boat sober and be courteous to others.
7. Stay informed, take a boating safety class.

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Are you having fun yet? Is there more to learn?

Education program is over until October. What would you like to take starting in October and into 2024? Attached is a listing of courses and seminars we can

provide. Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation courses should be updated by January 2024. How to Use a Chart and GPS seminar is the number one priority by National to update. If you have another topic not listed, we may be able to create information for you and others. One topic I have already heard that has some interest is RADAR. What else is of interest? Do you have an interest in being a presenter of your favorite topic? We have or can get power point slides for use in class. We can always use your skills OR we can help improve your teaching skills with the INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT course. I plan to present a new education schedule around the first of September so let me know your interest soon or by the beginning of August.

Now for some more fun, we have a vessel trainer/simulator in our classroom available to all members. It is a great device to help especially new boaters learn how to operate a boat. We can set it up with boats ranging from a jet ski to an ocean liner, one engine or two. Sorry, no joy sticks or bow thrusters. Most members pick a boat similar to what they have or plan to get. Let me know when you want to practice.

On-the-water training is also available, free on your inspected boat or a boat you rent, to address aspects of boat operation of interest to you. Let's set up a date.

Don't forget to check out the course and seminar lists!

It's time to have fun, go boating, be safe and keep on learning.

## Courses:

### Boating Courses

- America's Boating Course, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

### Advanced Courses

- Boat Handling
- Marine Navigation (Beta)
- Piloting w/ *Weekend Navigator*
- Advanced Piloting w/ *Weekend Navigator*
- Junior Navigation
- Navigation

### Elective Courses

- Cruising and Cruise Planning
- Engine Maintenance
- Instructor Development (Download from Member site)
- Marine Electrical Systems
- Marine Communications Systems
- Electronic Navigation
- Radar for Boaters
- Sail
- Weather

### Seminars:

- Advanced Powerboat Handling
- AIS Electronics for Boaters
- Basic Weather and Forecasting
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- BH2019: Confidence in Docking and Undocking
- BH2019: Emergencies on Board
- BH2019: Knots and Line Handling
- BH2019: Rules of the Road
- Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes
- Crossing Borders
- Fuel and Boating
- Hands-On Training
- How to Use a Chart
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### **Top 10 Boating Safety Tips**

As we gear up for the summer, I wanted to share an article by Yamaha on their Top 10 boating safety tips. Using these key tips will allow you to maximize your time on the water, enjoy recreating

with others and most importantly return home safely.

#### **1. ALWAYS WEAR A PFD.**

Safety on the water begins with a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or life jacket. It's imperative for everyone recreating on the water to use a United States Coast Guard (USCG)-approved PFD. There are multiple types of PFDs meant for a variety of situations. Foam PFDs are a great option and require minimal maintenance. Inflatable PFDs can provide additional benefits, but they need to be maintained properly. I highly recommend always wearing a PFD while you're recreating on the water. You never know when something could happen.

Don't be that guy. Always wear a PFD while on the water.

#### **2. USE AN ENGINE CUT-OFF DEVICE.**

Please use an Engine Cut-Off device - either the factory lanyard-style switch, or one of the electronic ones, such as the Fell Marine MOB+. The safety lanyard should be hooked directly to the boat operator or a conveniently located D-loop on the operator's PFD. The safety lanyard should be correctly attached to the engine cut off switch located at the helm. I recommend testing the engine cut off device to make sure it shuts off the outboard immediately when the safety lanyard is pulled. I can personally attest to the Fell Marine solution as I have it on my Pathfinder and it has worked flawlessly for three years.

Attach the engine cut-off device to the boat operator or their PFD.

#### **3. TAKE A SAFE BOATING COURSE.**

Please complete a safe boating course, no matter how much time you have spent on the water. Whether you're a new boat owner or a skilled operator, a safe boating course gives us all the opportunity to brush up our safety knowledge before hitting the water.

Please consult your state regulations. Various states have safe boating course requirements to legally operate a vessel.

#### **4. FILE A FLOAT PLAN.**

Please file a float plan. A float plan lets people know where you're recreating on the water, the time you expect to return, and how to contact you should you not return. Methods for filing a float plan include a text message, a hand-written note, or a shared GPS location. The purpose of this plan is to have help already in place should an issue arise.

#### **5. MONITOR THE WEATHER.**

Please monitor the weather. I use various apps on my phone in order to prepare for my trips on the water. It's important to understand precipitation levels, wind speeds and wind directions before ever hitting the water. Continue to monitor the weather throughout the day, so that you do not get caught in any harmful situations. If weather arises, please take shelter immediately.

#### **6. PREPARE YOUR SAFETY GEAR.**

Please prepare your vessel with all necessary safety gear. Make sure you have a properly working fire extinguisher, flares, navigational lights, whistle, first aid kit, PFDs and throw cushions. Additional items to carry include: a spare prop, tools, rain gear, extra clothes, food, water, etc. Once your vessel is prepared for the boating season, it is highly recommended to have our MISPS experts perform a free vessel safety check.

Prepare your vessel with all necessary safety gear.

#### **7. NEVER BOAT UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

Please do not boat under the influence. It's important to stay hydrated on the water, but not with alcohol. If we don't drink and drive in a car, why are we doing it behind the wheel of a boat? It's our responsibility to make sure the boat operator is always sober.

#### **8. FOLLOW ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

Please familiarize yourself with all rules and regulations before hitting the water. First, make sure you are aware of all national regulations put in place by the United States Coast Guard®. Understand the mandatory equipment and operation requirements associated with being a boat operator. Rules vary by vessel type so please consult your local state agency.

## 9. MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Please follow your regularly scheduled maintenance on your propulsion gear to ensure optimal performance and safe operation on the water. Preparing your vessel for time on the water ensures everything is serviced, bolts are tightened, and your equipment is performing to its full potential. It might just keep you off the tow line.

Proper Maintenance may prevent being on the wrong end of a tow line

## 10. BE ALERT.

Please be alert and always maintain awareness while you are operating a vessel. Things happen fast on the water.

Make sure to always keep a proper lookout and understand situational awareness. Remember that boats do not have brakes, so it's our responsibility to maintain a full field of view and navigate cautiously while recreating on the water.

Reference these boating safety tips before you hit the water. It's our responsibility as boat operators to set the proper safety example on the water. A fun and safe day begins with being prepared.

## America's Boating Channel Launches Seventh Season



### “WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL” Will Be First Video to Premiere

America's Boating Channel™, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS)-America's Boating Club® (ABC), will publicly debut its new season of twelve videos across its smart TV, online, and mobile distribution platforms starting in June.

In making the announcement, USPS-ABC Chief Commander Craig Fraser remarked, “We're excited to introduce America's Boating Channel's seventh

season of original non-duplicated boating safety and boater education videos. This year's slate of titles reflects a sharpened focus on critical safety considerations, operational guidance, and electronic aids to navigation.”

The first video in the new series, **WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL**, will premiere on Fire TV, Roku, and YouTube, as well as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social networks at 8 PM EDT on Thursday June 1.

**WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL** asks a series of "What if..." questions about contemporary life jackets. Viewers will learn the benefits of wearing life jackets while underway on boats. Also featured are tips to consider when buying a new life jacket.

Every ten days throughout the boating season, America's Boating Channel will launch a new video. Upcoming Season Seven titles include:

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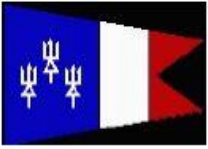
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  - b) vessel at anchor
  - c) small motorboat underway
  - d) sailboat underway
- 2) **INLAND ONLY** Two vessels in a crossing situation have reached agreement by radiotelephone as to the intentions of the other. In this situation, whistle signals are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) required
  - b) not required, but may be sounded
  - c) required if crossing within half a mile
  - d) required when crossing within one mile
- 3) What should you do if you have transmitted a distress call a number of times on channel 16 and have received no reply?
  - a) Repeat the message using any other channel on which you might attract attention.
  - b) Key the microphone several times before transmitting again.
  - c) Turn up the volume on the receiver before transmitting again.
  - d) Report the problem to the head electrician.
- 4) Where there are multiple accident victims, which injuries should be the **FIRST** to receive emergency treatment?
  - a) Major multiple fractures
  - b) Eye injuries
  - c) Back injuries with spinal-cord damage
  - d) Airway and breathing difficulties

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

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# Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities.

Date	Event	Time
12-Jun	Cruise and Picnic – Sand Dollar	1130
1-July	Cruise & Lunch – Port of the Islands	1130
15-July	Cruise & Dinner – Mango’s	1700
25-July	Cruise & Picnic – Whitehorse Key	1130
10-Aug	Cruise & Picnic – Cape Romano	1130
17-Aug	Cruise & Lunch – Island Gypsy	1130

For questions, contact Boating Chair, 1/Lt Christopher Frost, AP (848) 466-0230

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Posing for a photo in front of the new Marco Island Fire Station 50 are: MISPS members, first responders and business partners Sharron Callahan from Cool Beans Cruises and Maria Reilly from Florida Adventures and Rentals.

Florida Adventures Captain Jessica Falco presents a Safe Boaters Coupon Card to a departing passenger after a great safe trip on the water. Passengers were told of the importance of wearing a life jacket when out on the water.



Jenna Palumbo and Abby Lewandowski from Sweet Annie's Ice Cream serve up floats to over 50 sugar buzzed proclamation attendees.

Captain Barron Brunal with Go Cats on The Water Reviews the Seven Safe Boating Tips with passengers and thanks them for wearing a PFD by giving them a Safe Boater Coupon Card.



Cool Beans Cruises Captain Kelly Callahan fits children with life jackets after reviewing the Seven Safe Boating Tips with passengers as part of the MISPS WEAR IT Campaign.



Photos courtesy of Dave Chaney



MARCO ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM JUNE 3 at 13:00

Join us to learn about Marco of the past – both Native Americans as well as the Deltona Days!



# Captains' Meeting May 24 2023

MISPS Members enjoyed a pleasant meal at the outdoor pavilion at CJ's. It was a great way to share stories of boating adventures and life on the water!

Join us 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays throughout the summer!!



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