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## 1<sup>st</sup> Place Lighting Award Marco Island Christmas Parade Dec 9, 2023



Parade walkers getting bags of candy ready



MISPS takes home "Best Lighting Effects" in the 2023 Christmas Island Style Street Parade! Seven flying dolphins pulled a 24' candy cane sleigh that covered a pontoon boat donated by Walker's Marine. The total float length was 38'

Decorating in the morning took a lot of coordination!

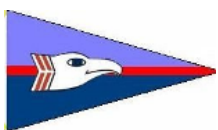


Our parade driver from Walker Marine Group

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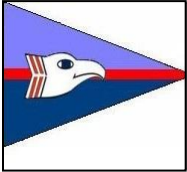
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16-Jan	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	0830	
16-Jan	Cards	Learning Center	1300	7
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<b><u>Feb 2024</u></b>				
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6-Feb	Cards	Learning Center	1300	7
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14-Feb	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900	
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11-18 Feb	National ABC Cruise	Ft. Lauderdale		
20-Feb	Cards	Learning Center	1300	7
20-Feb	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	0830	
<b>21-Feb</b>	Membership Dinner/Meeting	Marco Island Lutheran Church	1700	
28-Feb	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	11
<b><u>Mar 2024</u></b>				
5-Mar	Cards	Learning Center	1300	7
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13-Mar	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900	
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16-Mar	Beach Clean-up	South Beach	0800	
19-Mar	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	0830	
19-Mar	Cards	Learning Center	1300	7
20-Mar	Boat Around Marco	Off Rose Marina	1030	
27-Mar	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	11

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**Lt Jane Orsulak**

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



**SUNSHINE NEWS**  
**Lt Kathleen Reynolds**

Cards were sent in the last month include.

- Julie Riley, on loss of Steve Riley S.

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

Kathleen Reynolds

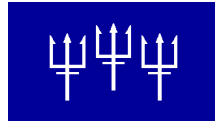
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### January Birthdays

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

- 01/01 Lee H. Harkness
- 01/03 Gene C. Burson
- 01/10 Linda A. Russo
- 01/10 Dennis Trego
- 01/12 Paul D. Sweeden
- 01/20 Andrea K. Battaglia
- 01/21 Carol S. McCann
- 01/22 Jann L. Kenyon
- 01/25 Gerald J. Cole
- 01/28 David B. Chaney
- 01/29 Sheila Ann Thieme



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



How much fun it is to end the year with so much energy and momentum! We should all be pleased with the effort and participation from the MISPS Bridge, Bridge Elect, committees, and the new members of our Squadron. I

believe their hard work has set us up for success in 2024. In November we passed a budget that is flexible and attainable. We elected a formidable team of officers for our new Bridge. Our membership is stable with energetic and active new members who have the skills and talents we need going forward. Our year-end financial status looks to be right on budget with positive upside as we end the year.

As I author this report, we have just learned MISPS won "Best Lighting Effects" in the 2023 Christmas Island Style Parade. Thanks go out to the many volunteers who decorated and walked the parade. I must say, working on this year's float with my wife Linette was extremely rewarding. MISPS deserves all the free publicity we can garner, and we succeeded (even though it was just a little eye candy)!

I believe our commitment this year to thank our 2023 Wine & Hors d'Oeuvre donors for their support, along with our submitted articles that talked about donors, and finally placing a "Thank You" ad in the Coastal Breeze is paying off. The first reports from our fundraising activities are positive with a high success rate for continued donations at or above 2022/23 levels. We have reports from several new donors, i.e., Marriot Properties, Hideaway Beach and the Historic Hermitage Inn located in Vermont, which have donated packages exceeding \$500.

Our task is now to draw in attendees that will bid appropriately to purchase these great packages. To succeed, we need all our members to get out and sell their tickets or bring guests to the party that will bid on our incredible donations. This year, we are also enhancing our ticket sales with online ticket purchases. This is possible by using the Chamber of Commerce to send eblasts to their members (our donors) with a link to buy tickets electronically! We will also have a QR code embedded in our print

advertising that will link potential ticket purchasers directly to the ticket purchasing site. Jerry Cole and Cliff Winings made this possible. Also, we will have a large sign (3'x5') in front of the Parish Hall, roadside on San Marco, announcing our event.


Lt. Linette Chaney, Lt. Nanette Rivera, (Event Co-Chairs) and Lt. Susan Cole (Kitchen and Food Chair) need you! They will be working to organize volunteers after January 1st with a kickoff meeting. Please step up and volunteer to help at the event and donate to our food needs. You have all received your tickets in the mail and you now have the opportunity to support our cause. We are, without a doubt, the best \$35 value on the island for a good night out! Please contact P/D/C Gene Burson if you need any additional tickets. Your guests and ticket sales will make the biggest difference in attaining our fundraising goal.

As we all reflect on the year behind us, we have many reasons to be thankful and proud of our club. Did you know during our 2023 WEAR It Campaign we delivered over 2,500 individual messages to boaters on the importance of wearing a life jacket? Did you know in 2023 we organized twenty club boating events (my favorite was boating to Panther Key)? Did you know in 2023 we had thirty-two club social gatherings? We participated in many local civic events, including beach clean ups, Meals of Hope, the Kiwanis Toy Drive, and the Christmas Island Style Tree Decorating and the Street Parade. We added thirteen new members and received four transfers to end our year with one hundred-thirty-one members. A very stable number compared to many of our fellow squadrons. Remember, our own P/D/C Ted Reiss SN was recognized by the United States Power Squadron, National, with the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. And, with the guidance of Treasurer Lt. Jerry Cole and the Investment Committee, we grew our reserves by \$16,000 and delivered a balanced budget in 2023. MISPS, we had a good year, and we should give thanks to all those who gave time and treasure to the club. If you would like to add to this success, I am sure Jerry Cole would appreciate any donations you can make to carry our club into 2024.

January is now upon us. We have the Change of Watch on January 10th on our doorstep, and we need your attendance. I am challenging our membership to have sixty-five members attend (one half). Let us

show the district we are a vibrant and engaged squadron. Come out and support our new Executive Committee and thank them for their service. We have a Cruise and Lunch at Mango's on January 19th followed by the Wine & Hors d'Oeuvre Party on January 26th. Now is the time to be thankful and active!

The year has flown by, and this is my last message to you as Commander. The support and mentoring I have received has been humbling. I cannot thank all of you enough for the friendship. I will have more to say at the Change of Watch. However, to those that will not attend the COW I will leave you with this: "May God's grace be with you and his whisper fill your sails."

	<b>EXECUTIVE OFFICER</b> <b>Lt/C Chris Ricci</b>
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### **Navigating the Waves of 2023: A Year-End Reflection on Boating Adventures**

As the sun sets on another remarkable year, avid boaters and maritime enthusiasts alike find themselves reflecting on the waves of 2023. From thrilling adventures to unexpected challenges, we have experienced a sea of memories that define this chapter in our maritime journey.

#### **Smooth Sailing: Highlights of the Year**

One of the defining features of 2023 was the incredible resurgence of boating culture. As the world gradually emerged from the challenges of the past, more people sought solace and excitement on the open waters. Marinas were bustling with activity as seasoned sailors and newcomers alike embarked on unforgettable journeys. From the microcosm that is our Squadron, we have seen 17 new members join this year and, more importantly, many were active in our activities. This month, Lori Batdorf, Sonny & Nancy McKay, and Chris & Jeff Williams jumped right in to help us put the Christmas float together for an award-winning effort in the Christmas parade event. While all are welcome, those who participate are our lifeblood, in much the same way as the ocean is the Earth's lifeblood.

The year 2023 brought a new Commander, to whom

we now bid a fond farewell. Dave Chaney carried an energy to the position that drove success in programs ranging from Wear-It to the design and building of our Christmas float. The latter was particularly notable as he applied his industrial engineering background to create the float that received numerous accolades. Overall, his tireless efforts kept the wheels turning smoothly. Lest I overlook the other half of the team, Linette's efforts were no less Herculean. I personally want to express my appreciation to both for all their hard work. I now look forward to working with Nanette Rivera, who will no doubt brilliantly navigate us through the upcoming seas.

### **Exploring Uncharted Waters: New Trends in Boating**

In 2023, boating trends evolved to cater to a diverse range of enthusiasts. Electric boats gained popularity, providing a silent and environmentally conscious alternative to traditional fuel-powered vessels. The thrill of electric propulsion met with a growing awareness of the need for eco-friendly practices, marking a significant shift in the boating landscape.

Adventure seekers found new outlets in long-distance cruising and exploration. Remote destinations and hidden coves became sought-after treasures for those seeking a break from the ordinary. The year also witnessed the rise of boating retreats, where enthusiasts gathered to share stories, skills, and a common love for the sea. For the Squadron, our flotillas found our retreats out on Panther Key, coconut key, and of course rendezvous at various lunch meetings in Naples and Goodland's.

### **Challenges on the Horizon: Weathering the Storms**

While the year brought much excitement, boaters faced their fair share of challenges. Climate-related incidents, such as unpredictable weather patterns and natural disasters, prompted a reevaluation of safety measures and preparedness. The Power Squadron, through the leadership of Ted Reiss, rallied together, emphasizing the importance of education and responsible boating practices to mitigate risks. He is always looking for new areas of interest, so if there are specific classes you'd be interested in, feel free to make the proposal.

Supply chain disruptions impacted the availability of

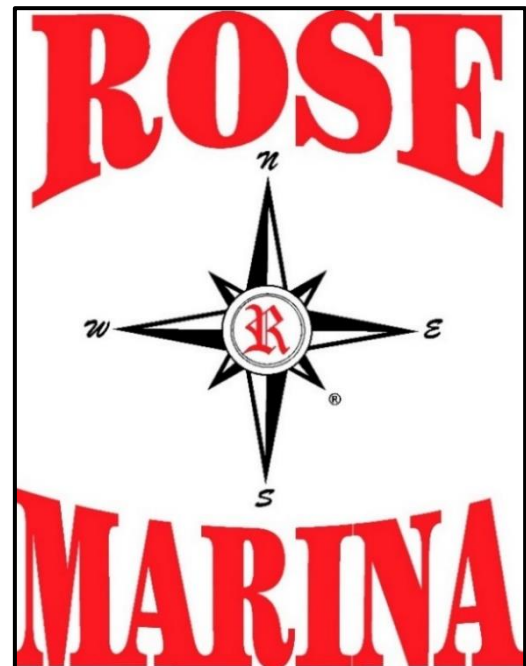
boating equipment, prompting enthusiasts to demonstrate resilience and adaptability. Terri and Ted Olshanski were recently telling us that they had to wait many months to get their VHS radio. Despite these challenges, the spirit of the Power Squadron remained unbroken, with boaters supporting one another through shared experiences and insights.

### **Looking Ahead: A New Horizon Beckons**

As we bid farewell to 2023, the Power Squadron sets its sights on the horizon of the coming year. Anticipating new technologies, exploring uncharted waters, and addressing challenges head-on, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the timeless allure of the open sea.

In the spirit of camaraderie, please continue sharing your stories, knowledge, and passion for the maritime lifestyle. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a novice adventurer, the journey ahead promises a sea of possibilities, inviting all to embark on another year of exciting boating escapades.

As the sun rises on 2024, may it illuminate a year filled with smooth seas, thrilling adventures, and the enduring camaraderie that defines the Power Squadron. Fair winds and following seas to all as we navigate the tides of the future.





**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
Lt/C David Randall, JN



As always – your Power Squadron has oodles of fun.

**January 2 and 16**

Join us for the first and third Wednesday at the usual time and usual place for the usual good time!

**Hand, Knee & Foot” Card Game**

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**10 January 1700**

MISPS change of watch  
Marco Island Lutheran Church



- OK – not as fancy as Buckingham Palace but you don't need wear one of those goofy hats!!
- \$50 per person and semi-formal attire



**January 19 1130**

Cruise & luncheon at Mango's' Bistro, The Esplanade

**24 January 1700 Captains' Meeting at CJ's**



**Jan 26, 1700 Annual Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Fundraising party**

- San Marco Catholic Church Parish Hall
- Tickets required

**Jan 29 0830 Breakfast at The Island Hideout (formerly the IslaMarotta!)**

**Street Parade  
Dec 9, 2023**

The "Street Walking Crew" gathers for a celebratory



shot before the start of the parade. Walkers were: (left to right) Andy Battaglia, Ted Reiss, Peggy Reiss, Susan Cole, Jerry Cole, Nancy McKay, Sonny McKay, Chris Frost, Christine Williams, Jeff Williams, Deb Ricci, Chris Ricci, Linette Chaney and Dave Chaney gives a wave from the float.



Bill Hughes and Chris Frost string the lighting harness with care on the dolphins.

Photos Courtesy Dave Chaney



**EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**  
**P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN**



Members and non-members continue to become educated. Four members passed the Boat Handling Course: Ted & Terri Olshanski and Chris and Deb Ricci. Five non-members passed the America's Boating Course.

Two attended the combined How to Use a Chart and GPS seminar. And five members attended the Operations Training seminar. Congratulations to all.

The new year has much to offer. January has starts for: America's Boating Course; Marine Navigation; Celestial Navigation; Electrical Systems and maybe the beta version of Advanced Marine Navigation. February has the Boat Handling Course and the America's Boating Course, plus seminars for Partner in Command and Anchoring. March has seminars for How to Use a Chart and GPS, Hurricane Preparedness and Emergencies on Board. Dates for all of the programs are elsewhere in the Eagles Eye and on our web site.

Marine Navigation is a new course which utilizes paper charts, electronic charts and planning software to help you get from here to there and back. A computer, preferably a laptop, is required for this course.

Boat Handling course is the next step after the America's Boating Course. It addresses six topics in more depth than the ABC. A full description is available on our web. It starts with a great video of exiting an inlet in rough water.

Don't forget On-the Water Training, our one-on-one opportunity for you to increase your skills operating your own or a rented vessel. Need help docking a boat? How about anchoring? No specific schedule, just let me know your interest and hope for good weather.

We can use more instructors. More instructors means enhancing our existing efforts with new thoughts and presenting other topics. There are lesson plans and presentation materials available for many courses and seminars to get you started. Let me know how you can help the education department.

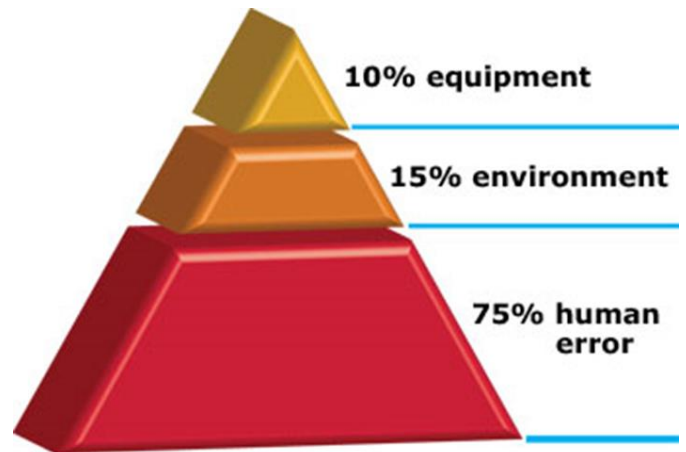
**SAFETY OFFICER**  
**Lt Kenneth Deutsch**



**Prepare for and Prevent Accidents**

When you go boating, you will encounter hazards and risks. The outcome of these encounters will be determined by your knowledge, skill, and attitude toward safety.

It's important to make a boating emergency less likely to happen by taking the proper precautions; it's equally important to be prepared and know what to do if an emergency occurs.



**Important**

Most accidents are preventable. Even accidents attributed to the environment most likely could have been prevented if the operator had not overlooked the warning signals, had not made poor decisions, or had the proper boating skills. Many accidents attributed to equipment also could have been prevented if proper maintenance and defect detection had taken place.

**Practice Risk Management**





Because most accidents are the result of a simple mistake, nearly all accidents are easily preventable.

- The best way to avoid having a serious accident is to take a few simple steps toward accident prevention. The water can be an unfriendly environment if you don't recognize risks and are not properly prepared for them.
- Risk management is the process of recognizing and acting upon accident warning signs or minimizing the effects of an accident if it does occur.
- By taking a boating safety course, you are practicing risk management. You've already reduced the chance that you will be involved in a dangerous boating emergency by learning safe boating practices.
  - You know the "rules of the road" and how important it is to pay close attention to other boats and potential hazards and to maintain a safe speed. By practicing these rules, you greatly reduce the chance that you'll be involved in an accident.
  - Developing a habit of wearing your personal flotation device (PFD) also reduces the chance that you will drown should you find yourself in the water unexpectedly.

### Important

It only takes one mistake to ruin your day of boating. Pay attention, slow down a little, and wear a PFD!

### Typical Boating Fatalities

The profile of a typical U.S. boating fatality is:

- Someone not wearing a PFD falls overboard and drowns or...
- A vessel capsizes and someone drowns or...
- A vessel strikes another vessel or fixed object, and the occupants are fatally injured or drown due to injuries.

Collisions often occur because boat operators are not staying alert and keeping a lookout for other boats or objects, or are going a little faster than they should. Although some collisions happen at night when it is difficult to see, many occur in daylight hours on calm, clear days. About one-third of the time, alcohol is involved.

You also might be surprised to learn that:

- Typically, victims drown even though there are enough PFDs on the boat. (Remember, you



probably won't have time to put on your PFD during an emergency. Get in the habit of wearing it.)

- The vessel is most often a small boat of open design, such as a skiff, dinghy, jon boat, canoe, or other type of boat with low sides.
- The victims are usually men 26 to 50 years old, who have been boating for years and likely know how to swim.

### Increased Risk Due to Boating Stressors



The glare and heat of the sun, along with the motion of the vessel caused by the wind and the waves and the noise and vibration of the engine, have a large impact on your body that you may not even realize. These natural stressors make you tire more rapidly when on the water—regardless of your age or level of fitness. Many boaters greatly underestimate the effect these stressors have on fatigue.

While perhaps not fatal themselves, stressors may weaken your body and mind enough to make the risk of an accident much greater. Again, proper risk management takes into account fatigue, stress and environmental exposure to determine when to press on, or when to head for the dock.

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## Membership Corner

### P/C Peggy Reiss

New Members Rich and Lori Batdorf have been married 43 years. They live in Hammock Bay just off the island near the Marco Airport. They have twin daughters, both married and living in Annapolis, MD. Rich is a graduate of the naval academy. There, he raced the "Yawls" in the late 60's and was sailing instructor to the plebes the summer after graduation. He then shipping out to flight school in Pensacola Fl., then test pilot school and brief training at NASA. He retired from the US Navy, and went to work for Northrup Grumman in the flight test program. Rich and Lori currently own a 37 foot Maxium, on the Chesapeake Bay, and a 27 foot Crownline bow rider. They had a sailboat for 15 years prior to power boating. They have cruised between Florida to the Chesapeake Bay multiple times. He has his coast guard captain's license with over 60+ years boating. He helps deliver boats, and loves cars, planes and boating.

Lori is a semi-retired registered nurse, doing mostly patient advocacy and hospice support. She currently is active at the YMCA Marco Island, church and community support and she volunteers in multiple organizations. She did most of her boating (sail and power) over the past 40+ years with Rich.

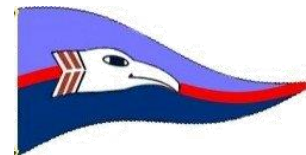
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**Wednesday of the Month**

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# MISPS Christmas Party, Dec 13



MISPS members provided lots of toys for our local school children in need. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner, then dancing



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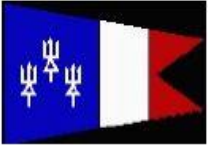
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- 1) The most doubtful and unpredictable factor in a mooring system is the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) ability of the anchors to hold in a seabed
  - b) anchor chain catenary length
  - c) variability of the fairlead
  - d) angle of the flukes
- 2) In all but the most severe cases, bleeding from a wound should be controlled by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) applying direct pressure to the wound
  - b) submerging the wound in lukewarm water
  - c) cooling the wound with ice
  - d) applying a tourniquet
- 3) How does the effect known as "bank suction" act on a single-screw vessel proceeding along a narrow channel?
  - a) It pulls the bow toward the bank.
  - b) It pushes the entire vessel away from the bank.
  - c) It pulls the stern toward the bank.
  - d) It heels the vessel toward the bank
- 4) Which knot is suitable for hoisting an unconscious person?
  - a) Bowline on a bight
  - b) Fisherman's loop
  - c) French bowline
  - d) Spider hitch

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

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# Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities.

Date	Event	Time
29 Jan	Cruise & Lunch – Mango's	1130
9-Feb	Scavenger Hunt – On Water TBA	1000
16-Feb	Fish Fry – Residence Beach	1630
9-Mar	Breakfast – Mangos	0900
16-Mar	Beach Clean up – South Beach	0800
20-Mar	Boat Around Marco – Off Rose Marina	1030

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

For boating/lunch reservations, contact Susan Cole 410-303-7730 [sboycecole@yahoo.com](mailto:sboycecole@yahoo.com)



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# MISPS Members assist with Tree Decorating Nov 28



Lt Nancy McKay and Cdr. Dave Chaney take a break to admire their Fluffing skills!



P/C Andy Battaglia, P/C Peggy Reiss, P/D/C Ted Reiss, Lt Linette Chaney, Lt/C Chris Ricci and Lt Deb Ricci huddle up to discuss how to “Fluff and Trim” the tree at Veterans Park. In all, ten MISPS members participated.



Everyone stands back as the fourth stage of five gets raised into position. Note that all the decorations must be in place on this stage before it can be raised and secured. It took about 3 hours to have the tree decorated and in place with lights all working.



P/C Wanda Burson (Chairperson for Christmas Island Style) and P/D/C Gene Burson sort decorations as volunteers place ornaments on the lower stage of the stacked Christmas Tree.

P/C Peggy Reiss and Lt Deb Ricci show us all how to “Fluff” a tree! There was a whole lot of Fluffing going on!





## America's Boating Club - Marco Island, 2024 Education Schedule

Course	Instructor	Date	Cost, \$	Classes	Time
<b>America's Boating Course</b>					
ABC	Ted Reiss++	Jan 8, 11, 15, 18, 22	50	5	6:00 PM
ABC	Ted Reiss++	Feb 5, 7, 12, 19, 21	50	5	6:00 PM
ABC	Ted Reiss++	March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18	50	5	6:00 PM
<b>Boat Handling</b>	Nick Rago	Feb 6, 8, 13, 15, 19, Feb 21, 27	70/100**	7	6:00 PM
<b>Marine Navigation</b>	Gene Burson	Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, Feb 22, 29, Mar 7	90/135**	9	9:00 AM
<b>Adv Marine Nav</b>	Ted Reiss	Jan - Feb ?? Beta??	90/135**	9	1:00 PM
<b>Navigation, Celestial</b>	Tippy Cavanagh	Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, Feb 15, 22, 29, Mar 7, 14	120*	10	1:00 PM
<b>Electrical Systems</b>	Jim Addison	Jan 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30	80/120**	7	9:00 AM
<b>Instructor Development</b>	Ted Reiss	TBD	FREE*	5	1:00 PM
Register at least 10 days before start of class					
Contact Ted Reiss <a href="mailto:capttedr@yahoo.com">capttedr@yahoo.com</a>					
* Members Only    ** Member/Non-Member Cost					
Location: 1114 N Collier Blvd, Marco Island					
					12-12-23

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Seminar	Instructor	Date	Cost, \$	Classes	Time
Partner in Command	Peggy & Ted Reiss	Feb 26	40/60** per couple	1	6:00 PM
Charting/GPS	Thieme/Reiss	March 5. 6	50/70	2	6:00 PM
Anchoring	Nick Rago	Feb 15	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
Hurricane Preparedness	Gloodt & Reiss	March 20	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
Emergencies on Board	Jeff Williams	March 26	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
Vessel Simulator	Ted Reiss	As Requested	FREE*	1, 2	
Jump Start	Ted Reiss	As Requested	Free*	1, 2	
Register at least 10 days before start of class Contact Ted Reiss <a href="mailto:capttedr@yahoo.com">capttedr@yahoo.com</a> * Members Only    ** Member/Non-Member Cost Location: 1114 N Collier Blvd, Marco Island					
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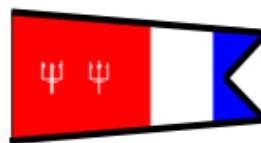
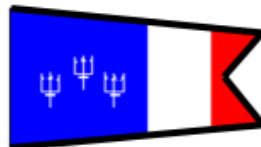


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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB  
Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron

# Change of Watch

January 10, 2024

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend  
Our 46th Anniversary Change Of Watch  
Marco Lutheran Church  
525 N Collier Blvd. Marco Island, FL

1700 Socializing, Appetizers & Refreshments  
1800-1900 Buffet Dinner  
1900 Change of Watch Ceremony

Welcome and Introductions  
P/C Peggy E. Reiss, JN-IN, Master of Ceremonies

Remarks by Distinguished Guests &  
Commander David Chaney

Installation of the 2024-2025 Bridge

Passing of The Flag  
All Past Commanders Present

Remarks By  
Commander Nanette Rivera S, New Squadron Commander

Attire: Semi Formal

\$50 per Person

Appetizers: Chicken Skewers, Mexican Dip W/Chips, & Italian Meatballs  
Caesar Salad

Choice of Roast Beef Carving Station or Crab Cakes W/ Remoulade Sauce  
Twice Baked Potato & Green Beans  
Key Lime Pie with Whipped Cream  
Coffee, Ice Tea & Condiments

Please Respond by Friday, January 6, 2024 With This Form

Mail Checks, Payable To MISPS, TO:  
Dorothy Harkness  
1651 Barbados Ct.  
Marco Island, FL 34145  
642-3575

Pay By ZELLE To: [Jerrysquadron@yahoo.com](mailto:Jerrysquadron@yahoo.com)  
If Paying by ZELLE You Must Mail This Form  
With Your Dinner Choice(s) TO: Dorothy Harkness

**Note: You may bring your own Wine or Beer.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel# \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice: Beef Tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_ Crab Cakes \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ ZELLE \_\_\_\_\_

(Check, Cash, or ZELLE Only—No Credit Cards)



**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron

# ***Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party & Fundraiser***

***Friday, January 26, 2024***

***5:00 - 7:30 PM***



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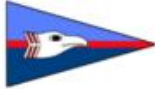


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# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



Marco Island



Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron Inc.

## February Dinner Meeting Wednesday, February 21, 2024 Marco Island Lutheran Church

Marco Island Lutheran Church 525 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island



### Buffet Style Dining

Ceasar Salad, Salmon Almondine or w/Dill Sauce OR Beef Stroganoff w/Noodles,  
Zucchini Mix, Cream Puff Dessert, & Coffee, Ice Tea, Soda



1700 (5:00 PM)- Socializing  
1745 (5:45 PM) Monthly Meeting



## Speaker: Captains For Clean Water!

**\$50/Person**

Please Respond by Friday, January 16, 2024 With This Form

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**Note: You may bring your own Wine or Beer.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel# \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice: Salmon Almondine \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Stroganoff \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ ZELLE \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: You may bring your own wine or beer and glasses.  
Please transport alcohol into the church in an appropriate bag or travel tote.  
Please Consume Alcohol Responsibly*

# Breakfast



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Monday, January 29th 8:30 am  
2 Marco Lake Dr. Marco Island FL 239-970-0812



Reservations Contact:  
Susan Cole 410-303-7730 [sboycecole@yahoo.com](mailto:sboycecole@yahoo.com)

# Sunset Fish Fry

**Residents Beach**  
**Friday, February 16th @ 4:00 PM**



*The best Grouper Dinner on Marco!*



*November 2023, We had a GREAT DINNER!*

***We Will Meet Under  
The Large Tikis  
Next To The Paradise Grill***

- **Bring Your Residents Beach Pass**
- If you do not have a Residents Beach Pass meet us in the Catholic Church Parish Hall parking lot at 3:45 and ride into the beach parking with a member as their guest.
  - You **MUST** be accompanied by a member to enter.
  - All food & beverages will be purchased individually
  - You may bring your own food and beverages to the event.
  - **You MUST sign up by February 14th**

**Susan Cole: 410-303-7730 - [sboycecole@yahoo.com](mailto:sboycecole@yahoo.com)**

**If you will attend as a guest please inform Susan Cole**  
**If you intend to order the grouper you must tell Susan Cole**



*Cruise or Drive to Lunch  
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# SCAVENGER HUNT



**Friday, Feb 9th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**  
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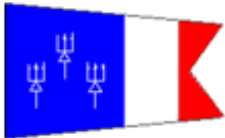




## 2024 Spring Conference

**Friday, 12 April and Saturday, 13 April**

**Roundtables - Member Luncheon  
District Conference Meeting**



## ***Change of Watch***



### **Hotel Info:**

**Four Points Sheraton – 941-637-6770**

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