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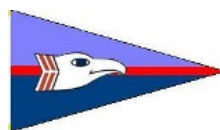


Laurie Stoppiello-Marswillo, Joseph S Marswillo, Geoff Fahringer, Kathie Fahringer were sworn in as new Marco Island Power Squadron members by Cdr Nanette Rivera (center).

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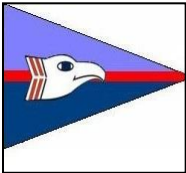
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UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

| Date | Event | Location | Day | Time | Page |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|------|------|
| <u>Apr 2024</u> | | | | | |
| 2-Apr | Cards | Learning Center | Tue | 1300 | 8 |
| 9-Apr | Executive Board | Learning Center | Tue | 0900 | |
| 9-Apr | Membership Dinner/Meeting | Lutheran Church | Tue | 1700 | |
| 12-13 Apr | D-22 Spring Conference | Punta Gorda | | | 26 |
| 15 or 16-Apr | Situational Awareness Training | Learning Center | Mon | 1800 | 16 |
| 16-Apr | Silver Tridents Breakfast | Hoots | Tue | 0830 | |
| 16-Apr | Cards | Learning Center | Tue | 1300 | 8 |
| 18-Apr | Picnic Cruise – BYOE | Sand Dollar Key | Thu | 1100 | 20 |
| 19-Apr | Cruise/Drive | Naples Boat House | Fri | 1130 | 21 |
| 24-Apr | Captain's Meeting | CJ's on the Bay | Wed | 1700 | 9 |
| <u>May 2024</u> | | | | | |
| 2-May | Cruise – BYOE | White Horse Key | Thu | 1130 | |
| 7-May | Cards | Learning Center | Tue | 1300 | 8 |
| 8-May | Executive Board Meeting | Learning Center | Wed | 0900 | |
| 8-May | Captain's Meeting | CJ's on the Bay | Wed | 1700 | 9 |
| 10-May | Luncheon | Ridgeway Bar and Grill | Fri | 1130 | 23 |
| 16-May | Sunset Cruise | Marco River | Thu | 1830 | 24 |
| 20-May | Safe Boating Proclamation | Marco Island City Hall | Mon | 1700 | 22 |
| 20-26 May | Safe Boating Week/Wear It Campaign | | | | |
| 21-May | Silver Tridents Breakfast | Hoots | Tue | 0830 | |
| 21-May | Cards | Learning Center | Tue | 1300 | 8 |
| 22-May | Captain's Meeting | CJ's on the Bay | Wed | 1700 | 9 |
| 23-May | Cruise/Drive | Crabby Lady | Thu | 1130 | 25 |
| <u>June 2024</u> | | | | | |
| 4-Jun | Cards | Learning Center | Tue | 1300 | 8 |
| 6-Jun | Cruise/Drive | Everglades Museum/ R&G Club | Thu | 0900 | |
| 12-Jun | Captain's Meeting | CJ's on the Bay | Wed | 1700 | |
| 12-Jun | Executive Board Meeting | Learning Center | Wed | 0900 | |
| 18-Jun | Silver Tridents Breakfast | Hoots | Tue | 0830 | |
| 18-Jun | Cards | Learning Center | Tue | 1300 | 8 |
| 20-Jun | Cruise – BYOE | Panther Key | Thu | 1100 | |
| 26-Jun | Captain's Meeting | CJ's on the Bay | Wed | 1700 | |

NOTE: 18th Please note that April's dinner meeting is on TUESDAY, April 9th.



THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Jane Orsulak

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



SUNSHINE NEWS
Lt Kathleen Reynolds

On behalf of the Squadron, we have extended our deepest sympathies to Jeffrey Williams on the sudden loss of both his wife and daughter. Please note that Christine Williams was also a member of MISPS.

If you are aware of a member of MISPS who could use a little ray of good cheer due to an illness or some other bump along the road of life, please do let the SUNSHINE LADY know. That way I can send along the good wishes of the Squadron. Information can be sent to kreynol@aol.com or by phone call at 239-394-0459. Thanks

Kathleen Reynolds

April Birthdays

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

- 04/01 Robert Gerald Taylor
- 04/04 Rudolf Landwaard
- 04/05 Loretta Metzler
- 04/07 Kelly J. Gulling
- 04/12 Roy M. Sander
- 04/16 Jo S. Martin
- 04/16 Nicholas Rago
- 04/21 William C. Godfrey
- 04/23 John P. Noffze
- 04/24 Carl W. Thieme
- 04/25 Barry J. Hoey
- 04/26 Colleen Aurori
- 04/26 Cliff L. Winings



BOSUN'S Whistle Bridge Report
Cdr Nanette Rivera
Lt/C Chris Ricci, S
Lt/C Christopher Frost, AP



Participation is the lifeblood that keeps an association viable – the glue that holds the organization together. Like a coin, participation has two faces. One side represents the membership enjoying the activities offered by the group and, on the obverse, the effort (participation) expended by the officers and committee members creating, organizing and administrating those activities. One can't exist without the other.

We all joined MISPS with interests in one or more of the three pillars underlying our organization –

- boating education
- social activities
- giving back to our community - participation in civic and environmental programs, teaching safety and vessel safety inspections to name a few.

Implicit in joining the squadron was a commitment to participate in some of these programs and volunteer in the running of the organization as a whole.

Like any organization, some of the interests of our squadron have changed with each new year and new members added. It is a goal of your bridge officers and committee members to remain relevant and ensure that the organization reflects the evolving interests of its membership and how they impact the future of the squadron. We feel a detailed assessment of current member interests within the framework of USPS guidelines would be helpful.

In the next few months, we will be soliciting your opinions by asking you to participate in a brief survey. We are interested in your views on current and future operational practices and social activities as well as what additional education courses, seminars or personal training would be of interest to you. Your opinions on our monthly meetings and speakers, how we interact with the Marco

community and boating activities are but a few of the areas where we need your input to help shape our offerings into the future

Polling will be anonymous. While we will need your comments and are interested in receiving specific opinions on some items, no individual comments or opinions will be made public (unless so wished by the participant). We are more interested in honest feedback. The aggregated results will be reviewed by the bridge confidentially and presented to the squadron as a whole. We can then have general discussions, analysis by committee and voting on changes as needed.

We look forward to receiving your ideas and suggestions and 100% participation in the survey.

Nanette Rivera: Commander – Squadron-3125

Chris Ricci: Ex/O– Squadron

Chris Frost: A/O – Squadron

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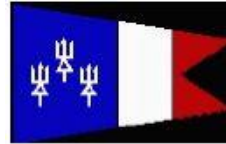
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EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
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Thanks to great instructors the Winter courses and seminars are over. Education team consisted of: Peggy Reiss and Jeff Williams for the America's Boating Course, Gene Burson for Marine Navigation, Tippy Cavanagh for Offshore Navigation, Nick Rago

for Boat Handling, Jim Addison for Marine Electrical Systems, Carl Thieme for Charting/GPS and Rhonda Gloodt for Hurricane Preparedness. The product is many more learned boaters.

What would you like for the summer – a course or a seminar? The classroom is not shut down. What would you like for the Fall and next Winter? Since I am asking, who would like to be an instructor and share your experiences with others? You do not need to be an expert, only willing. We have material for many courses and seminars to guide you. We have an instructor development program to help if you are bashful.

Parts for our classroom vessel trainer/simulator just arrived. As soon as it is assembled and the software installed and functioning, we will let you know and begin scheduling sessions – maybe 45-50 minutes at a time. You will be able to dock a boat in various wind and current conditions, race in open water, refloat a sinking vessel etc.

National USPS continues to upgrade many courses and seminars. Weekly updates are presented on the progress. By the end of the year we should have a new Advance Marine Navigation course and a new Coastal Navigation course. New education schedule will be published in Eagle's Eye and our web site in September.

America's Boating Channel continues to have more videos, TV shows and information for a growing variety of boating activities. These are available for free on Fire Stick and Roku. Let me know your interest and I can help you get started.

Let's go boating, be safe and keep on learning.



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For all our trips both big and small

I have seen over the years how sometimes we get quite lackadaisical over our pursuits and hobbies when it comes to planning and safety. Pilots call it “deviation of normalization,” a condition where we have a checklist or plan but over time we start to cut corners. We cut corners on our safety, and when nothing happens, the shortcuts become normal until **BANG**, problems do indeed crop up with results from a small inconvenience to disaster.

The Southern Boatings’ December issue touched on this subject. I have taken the liberty to reproduce their information and added some points of our own. We have a lot of great trips planned for 2024, DON’T cut corners on those trips, both the small and the big ones. Safe boating as they say is “No Accident”.

- **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** Begin with a thorough inspection of safety gear. Ensure you have life jackets, flares, a first-aid kit, fire extinguishers, and a working horn or whistle onboard. Double-check that all safety equipment is up-to-date and in good condition.
- **NAVIGATION SYSTEMS:** Confirm that your GPS, chartplotter, and compass are functioning correctly. Update charts and navigation software as necessary.
- **ENGINE AND FUEL:** Check the engine for any signs of wear or damage. Top off fuel tanks and verify that all engine fluids are at the appropriate levels.
- **ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS:** Test all electrical systems, including lights, navigation lights, and communication devices. Carry spare batteries and be sure your radio is working well.
- **BILGE PUMPS:** Inspect bilge pumps and ensure they are in good working order. A reliable bilge pump is essential for keeping your boat dry.
- **ANCHORING GEAR:** Verify the condition of your anchor, chain, and ropes. Be certain that the windlass or manual winch works smoothly.
- **MAN OVERBOARD DRILLS:** We need to practice man overboard drills. Even a simple

sunset cruise can turn deadly. DISCUSS where the life jackets are, first aid kits and the plan if someone falls overboard EVERY TIME

- **SAILS AND RIGGING:** For sailboats, check the condition of sails, lines, and rigging. Look for any signs of wear or damage and make necessary repairs or replacements.
- **PLUMBING AND WATER SYSTEMS:** Test the freshwater and plumbing systems to ensure there are no leaks or blockages. Verify that the toilet, sinks, and showers are in working order.
- **PROVISIONS:** Stock up on food, water, and essential supplies for your trip. Consider the duration of your cruise and pack accordingly.
- **DOCUMENTATION:** Be sure all necessary documents, such as your boating license, registration, and insurance, are up-to-date and readily accessible.
- **WEATHER FORECAST:** Check the weather forecast for your intended route and destination. Be prepared for changing conditions.
- **EMERGENCY PLAN:** Develop an emergency plan and communicate it with your crew. Ensure everyone knows the location of safety equipment and how to use it.
- **FIRST AID TRAINING** We can schedule a CPR/AED and First Aid Class for our members, you should take advantage of this and all training opportunities. The Coast guard, Power Squadron and many other groups offer extra training on many subjects.

March 13 Dinner Meeting

Our March 13th meeting was a celebration of St. Patty’s Day with Corned Beef and Cabbage or Cod in butter/lemon sauce on the menu. As our Bailey’s Irish Crème cake was being served, Don Rice and Richard Hurd from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 95 here in Marco gave their presentation on kayak construction and safety issues, proper kayaking technique, as well as where to kayak, training opportunities and interest groups around Marco. Don, who is nationally recognized as a Paddlecraft Qualifier for the Coast Guard and an American Canoe Association Coastal Kayaking Instructor, described the three types of kayaks – ocean, sit- inside and sit- on -top and the advantages and disadvantage of each. He explained how improper construction of many kayaks almost assure they will sink. Properly sealed flotation chambers in sit-in kayaks along with self-rescue paddle float and a pump will insure a safer trip. Of course, a proper life vest, signaling devices and handheld VHF and personal locator beacon are a must when kayaking in the backwaters. The presentation ended in a discussion on how boaters and kayakers need to respect each other out on the water and how MISPS and the USCGA can work together to promote safe boating and kayaking.

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March 9 Breakfast at Mangos

Members boated and drove to breakfast at Mangos restaurant on March 9th.



Photos courtesy of P/C Peggy Reiss

Hand, Knee & Foot” Card Game

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Coop Charting Team Report

Your 2024 MISPS Coop Charting team has been hard at work, completing surveys on 220 of the 325 ATONS in Marco Island, Isle of Capri, Everglade City, Port of the Everglades, and Blackwater River waterways. The remaining surveys will be wrapped up in early April. The information gathered is comprised of the exact GPS location, photographs of both sides of each marker and documentation as to its condition: damaged, leaning, missing parts, unreadable, or simply missing altogether. These are all entered into a database noting each ATON's position and how its location differs from the published charts. This information is published on the "Aids to Navigation" page of our website. Reports will be provided to the US Coast Guard, to Collier County Coastal Zone Management and to Marco Island City; each of these organizations has responsibility for maintaining specific markers in these waterways. Each year numerous markers are damaged or destroyed, some by boaters, but mostly by wind and waves. Despite significant annual maintenance by the responsible organizations, the work is never complete. Nearly 30% of the markers currently need repair or replacement and more than 15% are charted at a position more than 150 feet from their actual location.

Participating in the survey effort either as Captains or surveyors are: Chris Ricci, Chris Frost, Andy Battaglia, Ken Deutch, Kay Deutsch, Ted Olshanski, Dave Chaney, Jerry Cole, Carl Thieme, Jerry Williams, Joe Marswillo and of course, Cliff Winings who is in charge of the survey.





Photo courtesy of P/C Andrea Battaglia



Photo courtesy of Chris Frost

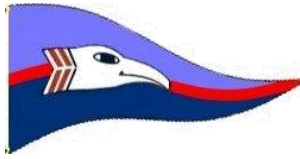
Offshore Navigation Course

As part of the Navigation course, P/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN, gave students “hands on” instruction in the moonlight. Pictured below are Jeff Williams, instructor P/C Tippy Cavanagh, Glenna Jones, and 1/Lt Chris Frost.



Photo courtesy of John Cunningham





*Captain's Meeting
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*CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade
at 1700 on the 4th
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*For the time being, those who wish to
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South Beach Cleanup

The MISPS supported the Beach Cleanup activities at South Beach on March 16. The weather was perfect – sunny and not too hot, and not too cold!

Participants included:

- Jane Orsulak
- Ted & Peggy Reiss
- Andy Battaglia
- Chris and Colleen Frost
- Shelly Derrough
- Randy Egan
- Joe & Laurie Marswillo



Photo courtesy of Jane Orsulak

Andrea demonstrates the very helpful “picker-upper” and shows off the pile of trash she collected in less than 2 hours!



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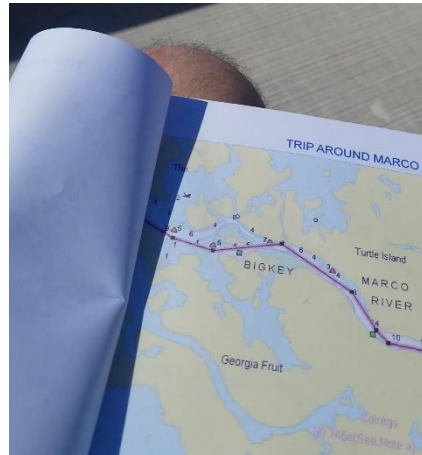
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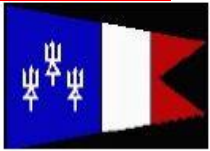
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Boat Around Marco March 20,2024



Photos courtesy of Chris Frost, Andrea Battaglia, and Mary Johnson

Nine boats rendezvoused off Rose Marina on a bright sunny day with dying winds to start our annual cruise around Marco. The goal was to introduce those experienced, new or unfamiliar to boating or Marco to the ATONS, changes in number sequence of markers around the island, landmarks, shallow areas, channels and missing aides that make our navigation around the island interesting and worthy of attention. Each boat could create a breadcrumb trail or add waypoints on their GPS for future trips. In addition to handouts, written highlights and charts conveyed by crab net to the participants, Andy Bataglia gave a running commentary on channel 78 with historic information, pointed out important sites and shallow areas to avoid, as well as how to negotiate the "Picket Fence". Due to relatively calm seas, we were able to go all around the island including going out the Caxambas Pass into the gulf and back through the entrance of the Marco River. Joining us on this trip were: Ted Reiss with Andy Battaglia and Joe and Laurie Marswillow on board, Geoff and Kattie Fahringer, Sonny and Nancy McKay, Ted and Terri Olshanski, Darren and Liz Scandone, Jane Orsulak and Tim Benincasa with Mary Johnson on board, Randy and Carrol Egan with Chris Frost on board, Denise and Steve Conboy with Dave Chaney on board and following up in the last boat, Chris and Deb Ricci. We were joined in Goodland by Jorge Orchilles (a potential new member) who learned about the trip through our website. Seven of us gathered at the Poseidon Tiki Bar for lunch, afterwards.



"CAPTAIN TED'S CORNER"
P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN

- 1) **INLAND ONLY** Which statement is TRUE concerning narrow channels?
 - a) You should keep to that side of the channel which is on your port side.
 - b) You should avoid anchoring in a narrow channel.
 - c) A vessel having a following current will propose the manner of passage in any case where two vessels are meeting.
 - d) All of the above
- 2) **INLAND ONLY** Which statement is TRUE concerning the fog signal of a vessel 15 meters in length, anchored in a "special anchorage area" approved by the Secretary?
 - a) The vessel is not required to sound a fog signal.
 - b) The vessel shall ring a bell for 5 seconds every minute.
 - c) The vessel shall sound one blast of the foghorn every 2 minutes.
 - d) The vessel shall sound three blasts on the whistle every 2 minutes.
- 3) A lookout can leave his station _____ .
 - a) only when properly relieved
 - b) at the end of the watch
 - c) 15 minutes before the end of the watch
 - d) at any time
- 4) The turning circle of a vessel making a turn over 360 degrees is the path followed by the _____.
 - a) center of gravity
 - b) bow
 - c) bridge
 - d) centerline



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

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About the Instructor

Captain Geoff Fahringer

Captain Geoff Fahringer is a fifty-year career law enforcement officer who retired as a Supervisor with the Police Department of Syracuse, New York, before joining the Collier County Sheriff's Office for twenty-nine years. His experience includes SWAT service, dive instructor for Collier County Sherriff, detective in vice/narcotics, major crimes, Criminal Intelligence, and organized crime departments. His VIP protection work involved coordination with the Secret Service and Capitol Police. Other training experience includes first aid, CPR, and AED, as owner of a training company locally. Currently president of the Marco Island Board of Realtors, Captain Geoff serves as the safety officer for both the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron and Marco Island Yacht Club.

Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities.

| Date | Event | Day | Time |
|-----------|---|-----|------|
| 18-Apr | Picnic Cruise – BYOE – Sand Dollar Key | Thu | 1100 |
| 19-Apr | Cruise/Drive – Naples Boat House | Fri | 1130 |
| 2-May | Cruise – BYOE – White Horse Key | Thu | 1130 |
| 6-May | Proclamation – Town Hall | Mon | 1700 |
| 10-May | Luncheon – Ridgeway Bar and Grill | Fri | 1130 |
| 16-May | Sunset Cruise – Marco River | Thu | 1830 |
| 18-24 May | Safe Boating Week/ Wear It Campaign | | |
| 23 May | Cruise/Drive – Crabby Lady | Thu | 1130 |
| 4-Jun | Cruise/Drive – Everglades Museum / Rod and Gun Club | Thu | 0900 |
| 20-Jun | Cruise – BYOE – Panther Key | Thu | 1100 |

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

For boating/lunch reservations, contact Lt Terri Olshansky 201-207-1957 terriolshanski@gmail.com



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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

Marco Island



Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron Inc.

April All Country Dinner Meeting

NOTE: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Marco Island Lutheran Church

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



Dining Choices

Seafood Strudel or Roasted Ham

Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans Almandine,

Bread Pudding W/Rum Sauce for Dessert, & Coffee, Ice Tea, Soda

1700 (5:00 PM)- Socializing

1745 (5:45 PM) Monthly Meeting



Line Dancing & Lessons By The Amazing Angie's Boot Scoot! Boots, Hats and Belts Encouraged

\$50/Person

Please Respond by Friday, April 5, 2024 With This Form

\$50/Person

Mail Checks, Payable To MISPS, TO:

Dorothy & Lee Harkness
1651 Barbados Ct.
Marco Island, FL 34145
239-642-3575 or 239-404-6367

Zelle Pay By ZELLE To: 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: Seafood Strudel _____ Roasted Ham _____

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

It's Time To Pack Up For A Picnic Cruise!

To Sand Dollar Key

Come Join us for a day of relaxation and fun as we explore one of Marco Island's great natural treasures!. Meet at the location on:

Thursday
April 18, 2024
at 11:00 am

Sand Dollar Key is located through the inlet between Tiger Tail and Hideaway Beaches

Since it is accessible by boat only, contact Chris Frost (contact info below) if you want to attend and need to arrange a boat ride to the event.

It's a BYOE event—Bring your own everything (ie drinks, snacks, sandwiches, chairs, umbrellas) and expect to have a shell of a time!

And don't forget your buckets for shells!



Contact information:

Terri Olshanski (Event Coordinator) 201-207-1957, terriolshanski@gmail.com

Chris Frost (Boating Chair) 848-466-0230, frostchris@verizon.net

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron 

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Cruise or Drive to The Boathouse on Naples Bay

For Lunch on Monday, April 22, 11:30 am



This is an experience you won't want to miss! Come by boat or car to enjoy great food and comradery with your boat club friends and sit over the beautiful waters of Naples Bay. With an unparalleled view, the Boathouse is a historical landmark that has been a local favorite for four generations, featuring some of the freshest seafood in Naples.

- **To reserve your spot for the lunch contact Terri Olshanski by April 18th: 201-207-1957 terriolshanski@gmail.com**
- **To boat to this event contact Chris Frost at 848-466-0230**
- **Don't have a boat? No problem! Hitch a cruise with one of us.**



Please Join Us
As The Marco Island City Council
Proclaims May 20-26, 2024 As
Safe Boating Week
On

Monday, May 20, 2024 Promptly At 5:00 PM
Marco Island City Hall

50 Bald Eagle Drive



You Are Cordially Invited To Attend A Reception and Group Photo
Immediately Following the Proclamation At The Fire Station
To Honor Our First Responders and Safe Boating Partners.

Please Wear a PFD To Support Safe Boating Week and the WEAR IT Campaign

Marco Island Fire and Rescue and Marine Group
Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron
Marco Island Police Department
Marco Island Yacht Club
Flotilla 95, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Marco Island Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Marco Island Yacht Club
Sea Tow
TowBoatUS



Immediately following the presentation SWEET ANNIE'S Ice Cream & Candy Shoppe will serve ice cream.

Lunch



Friday, May 10th 11:30 am

1300 Third Street South Naples, FL 239-262-5500

To Confirm Your Participation Contact

Terri Olshanski: 201-207-1957 terriolshanski@gmail.com

Sunset Cruise

May 16th

Rendezvous: 6:30pm

Off Of The Snook Inn Docks



Come join us for an evening of serenity and comradery as we celebrate another beautiful sunset on Marco Island. We will rendezvous at 6:30 pm off the docks of the Snook Inn and watch the sunset near Red Marker 14 in the north end of the Marco River .

If you would like to cruise and do not have a boat contact Chris Frost. We have plenty of space available!

To participate in this wonderful evening cruise contact:

Chris Frost : 848-466-0230, frostchris@verizon.net

WE WILL HAIL ON CHANNEL 16 AND TALK ON CHANNEL 78.



Cruise & Lunch

At The

Crabby Lady

Thursday, May 23rd @ 11:30 AM



*Come see why our Eagle
smiles when it flies to the
Crabby Lady!*

*Come by boat
Come by car
Come from close
Come from afar*

*Don't miss the friendship
Don't miss the food
Don't miss the atmosphere
And don't spoil the mood
Without you here
We won't be a club
So get off your duff
And support this club!*

*To reserve your spot
contact:*

Terri Olshanski: 201-207-1957

*If you would like to boat to this
event and need a ride*

Contact:

Chris Frost: (848) 466-0230

***This is a rain or shine event
So no excuses!!!***

**Crabby Lady
123 Bayshore Way
Goodland, FL 34140**

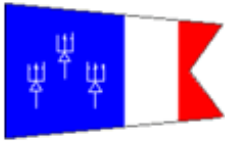




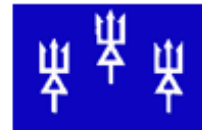
2024 Spring Conference

Friday, 12 April and Saturday, 13 April

**Roundtables - Member Luncheon
District Conference Meeting**



Change of Watch



Hotel Info:

Four Points Sheraton – 941-637-6770

\$149.00 + \$9.00 amenity fee and taxes (normal senior rate \$297)

cutoff date 3/20

Make your reservation directly with hotel and use code PO1768 to get special [rate](#)

Springhill Suites by Marriott – 941-347-4224

\$179.00 + taxes (normal senior rate \$229)

includes breakfast - cutoff date 3/21

[Book your group rate for Americas Boating Club](#) by clicking this [link](#)

Rates are good for one day prior and a day after the conference [dates](#)

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



Friday, 12 April: All Membership Workshop

0930 - Introductions 1015 - 1200 - Roundtables / Workshops

1200 - 1330 - **Lunch on your own** 1330 - 1500 - Group Discussions

1600 - until ? - Gathering at Ice House Pub



Saturday, 13 April:

0830 - 1200 Registration Desk Open

0800 - 0900 Coffee and Danish

0900 - 1015 Roundtables

1030 - 1145 Roundtables

First Aid for Boaters

Dr Carl Schultz, AP

Importance of Public Relations

D/Lt/C Ron Jones, AP & P/C Bob Moro, AP

Coop Charting/Geodetic Marker Intro

P/R/C Jim Strothers, SN

How to Become an ABC3 Instructor

Tom Dawson



0900 - 1130 - Instructor Recertification - *Cdr Susan Agruso, AP*
Registration required by April 5 - jsa818.sa@gmail.com

0900 - 1030 - Town Hall - *D/C Matt Braatz, JN & P/C/C Craig Fraser, SN*



1200- 1330 Lunch - Piloting Crowdsourced Bathymetry
(seafloor depth)

Speakers, Sarah Grasty-Prueitt, Project Manager and Dr Mark Luther, Director

*Hear how **you** can help collect seafloor depth measurements
in Tampa Bay and Beyond -in your own boat.*

1345 - 1600 - District Conference Meeting

1700 - 1800 - after Conference Social at Spring Hills Suites (cash bar)

Change of Watch - event center

1800 - 1830 - Social

1900 - Dinner Served

Thank you for your participation - safe travel home!

Dress:

Daytime: Squadron shirt, khaki slacks, shorts or skirt

Change of Watch: Bridge - Uniform G (short sleeve shirt, black pants or skirt)

Members and Guests: Semi Formal or appropriate dressy casual attire

2024 Spring Conference

Saturday April 13, 2024

Luncheon and Change of Watch Menu



0800 – 9:00am - Complimentary Continental Breakfast

Luncheon – 1200 – *Piloting Crowdsourced Bathymetry (Seafloor Depth)*

Speakers - Sarah Grasty-Prueitt, Project Mgr & Dr Mark Luther, Director, Ocean Monitoring Lab

Hear how **you** can help collect seafloor depth measurements in Tampa Bay and Beyond
- in your own boat.

Choice of:

\$24.00 – Turkey Croissant - Sliced Turkey, Havarti Cheese, Cranberry Sauce and Dijon on a Croissant.

\$23.00 - Chef's Salad – Romaine and Iceberg Lettuce, Ham, Turkey, Swiss and Cheddar Cheese,
Hard Boiled Eggs, Cucumbers, Red Onion
Choice of Dressing: Ranch, Italian, Blue Cheese or Balsamic Vinaigrette

Iced Tea, Water and Assorted Fresh Baked Cookies - Coffee on request.

Change of Watch Dinner – Cocktail Social 1800 / Dinner 1900

Change of Watch Ceremony 2000

Choice of:

\$40.00 – Bourbon and Bacon Pork Tenderloin – Seared and Roasted Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin,
Sliced and Complimented with Bourbon Demi Sauce

\$40.00 – Shrimp Scampi – Jumbo Shrimp Skewered and Baked with Lemon Garlic Butter
Atop Rice Pilaf with Shrimp Scampi Sauce

\$40.00 – Chicken Marsala – Sauteed Chicken Breast Finished with Mushroom Marsala Sauce

Entrees will be plated and served with Garden Salad, Loaded Potato Casserole, Green Beans,
Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea and Water – **Key Lime Pie** - Coffee on request.

Drinks can only be purchased with Credit Card - Event Center no longer accepts Cash

Purchase your meals using the D22 Website:

Sign in to the D22 website — <https://americasboatingclub-d22.org/>
Members Only – Registration/Purchase -
then follow the instructions (need your credit card)

No Reservations or Cancellations after **April 2, 2024**, please.

2024 District 22 Spring Conference Roundtables

Friday 12 April

All members and officers alike come together to build networking with their like office holders to set out responsibilities, identify common challenges, solutions and challenges.

Saturday 13 April – 0900 – 1015

Basic First Aid Kits for Coastal Cruising – *Dr Carl Schultz, DO, AP*

Let's talk about what you need in your first aid kit for the boating you do. AND, various scenarios for using items in the kit.

Coop Charting/Geodetic Markers Introduction – *R/C Jim Strothers, SN*

Want to participate in Co-op Charting but do not have a boat? The Geodetic Marker Recovery program is just for you. Come to the Roundtable to learn more about this program.

Saturday 13 April – 0900 – 1130

Instructor Recertification Seminar – *P/C Susan Agruso, AP*

Are you one of the 28 members of District 22 who need to be recertified as an instructor during 2024? If you are, join with other instructors to talk about how to teach more effectively and to share your teaching experiences. Renew your Instructor Certification while enjoying this stimulating learning experience.

Registration required for this course – email Susan Agruso @ jsa818.sa@gmail.com by April 5 to reserve your spot.

Saturday 13 April – 0900 - 1030

Town Hall - *D/C Matt Braatz, JN & P/C/C Craig Fraser, SN*

Hear how the District and National USPS operate. Use this opportunity to discuss issues which may be of interest to the group. Bring your questions and/or issues that you might have.

Saturday 13 April – 1030 – 1145

Importance of Building a Public Relations Program – *D/Lt/C Ron Jones, AP & P/C Bob Moro, AP*

An effective public relations program helps your club attract students to your classes and seminars and increases your club's positive image in your community. Learn how to use your increased visibility to even build membership.

How to Become an ABC3 Instructor – *Thomas Dawson, Cape Coral Squadron*

Florida is working to make boating education mandatory for every boat operator starting July 2026. Are we ready to capitalize on this opportunity? More students in your classes mean more members in your squadron. This session is designed to take the mystery out becoming an instructor.

Saturday's 13 April - Lunch

Piloting Crowdsourced Bathymetry (seafloor depth)

Speakers, Sarah Grasty-Prueitt, Project Manager and Dr Mark Luther, Director of Ocean Monitoring Lab



Crowdsourcing is the collective efforts of a community to gather data. Anyone enthusiastic about the ocean can participate in collecting data about our seafloor. Bathymetry focuses on measuring and mapping the topography of the ocean floor. It is the study of underwater depths, contours and features, providing crucial insights into seafloor formations such as mountains, canyons and ridges.