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Congratulations to Our New Bridge

At the November 11th Annual Meeting, held on Zoom, the membership met to elect our bridge for 2021 and to approve our budget for the upcoming year. The following members will serve on the bridge and on executive committees in 2021. Thank you to all those who are willing to serve and congratulations on your election! The new bridge will be sworn in at the Change of Watch on January 13th, 2021. The Change of Watch will be held at the Island Country Club. More details will be sent to members soon.

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Coming Events 2020

Due to COVID-19, our calendar of coming events gets shorter each month! Keep your eyes on our website for updates; we'll also be sending Email Blasts with relevant information if new activities are being planned.

December (Check our website to insure that December events will go on as scheduled)

12/1	Tree Decorating, Veteran's Park	0900
12/9	Executive Board, via Zoom	0900
12/9	Zoom Holiday Cocktail Party	1700

January 2021 (Check our website to insure that January events will go on as scheduled)

1/13 Change of Watch. Island Country Club, time and cost TBA

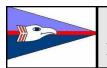
Looking ahead—Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 13. 2021 at 8:00 a.m. for Beach Cleanup











THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR Lt Marcy Marinelli, P

It's hard to imagine that 2020 is coming to an end. I know many of us are glad to bid adieu to this year! I was comparing The Eagle's Eye from December 2019 to this month's edition. It's sad that COVID-19 has made us cut back our traditional holiday activities. From the tree lighting, to the Street parade to our holiday party, our club's celebration of the holiday season will look very different this year. Although we'll have a Zoom holiday party, it's not the same as dancing to the music of Rosetta Stone. Here's wishing you all a very happy holiday season and best wishes that 2021 will see an end to COVID-19 and the restart of our club activities.



SUNSHINE NEWS



We haven't heard of any members who have been ill or been hospitalized this month. Stay healthy everyone!

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

AnnMarie Ryan
908-313-8357





Captain's Meeting
"Meet & Greet"
everyone welcome!
CJ's Gazebo Bar
at the Esplanade at 1700
on the 4th
Wednesday of the Month

For the time being, those who wish to attend should just show up at CJ's and be ready to enjoy a socially distant meet and greet!



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COMMANDER Bob Smith, AP

Warm holiday greetings to everyone! All members are invited to help with our island's Christmas tree decoration at Veterans Community Park on December 1, 2020 at 9:00 am. There is no need to sign up, just come to the park ready to decorate.



Everyone is also invited to our Holiday Zoom Cocktail Hour on December 9 at 5pm. Each member will receive an email invitation to participate early in the month. If you so choose, please dress in holiday attire, raise your beverage of choice in a holiday toast, and share with your fellow members what has been happening with you and your family during the past several months.

Thanks to all of you who participated in our November 11 Zoom Annual Membership Meeting, where we elected a new slate of Officers for 2021 and approved our 2021 operating budget. Special thanks to Bill Hughes, Steve Moore, Kathleen Reynolds and Tom Morr of the Nominating Committee and to Mick Haldeman, Teri O'Connell, and Andy Battaglia of the Budget and Finance Committee for all of their hard work in preparation for the coming year.

We are presently seeking volunteers to be delegates to the District 22 Winter Conference on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda. There will be a luncheon at noon, followed by a combined Council and Conference Meeting. Please let me know if you would like to represent Marco Island at this important event.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and I'm, as always, hoping to see you on the water soon.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERLt/C Wanda Burson, S

Well my friends, 2020 has been a very strange year. This year we have had more hurricanes and tropical storms than we have had in an exceptionally long time. Almost all hit the Mid to Midwest part of the Gulf and we have been incredibly lucky. Now, that we are approaching the end of hurricane



season we are expecting one this weekend or Monday. One thing to put in the column of good things that happened to us this year, this is supposed to be very mild and something most of us have been through before.

As I reported in the past, the Ways and Means Committee with the Finance Committee, have been working on replacing some of the funds we will miss due to the cancellation of the Wine & Hors d' Oeuvres fund raiser. We decided it would be good to send a letter to our Members and Past Supporters explaining the situation we find ourselves in. We are receiving responses and will keep you informed on the progress

We have been working on the new officer's installation lunch to be held January 13, 2021. We certainly want it to be a safe environment that is why I chose lunch rather than dinner. We will be meeting at the Island Country Club which has a large room that we can use for the installation. We can relax and know that all has been done to keep us safe. Please put this on your calendar.

A number of us participated in The Meals of Hope event held on November 21st. We joined over 300 volunteers to pack over 123,000 meals!

Although many of the Christmas Island Style events have been cancelled, the tree decorating will be in Veterans Park on December 1, 2020. It will begin at 9 a.m. We will be wearing masks. I do hope you will participate with decorating the Trees this year.

Kathleen Reynolds is organizing our annual holiday toy drive. See details about the toy drive on page 9.

Thanks for all that you do. I know this has been a trying year for us all. Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and smooth boating ahead.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C Steve Riley, S

After several ExCom meetings, it was decided to cancel our face-to-face meetings until 2021 WITH THE EXCEPTION of the Captain's meetings at C.J's. Instead of having our Christmas party at Bistro Soleil with Rosetta Stone on December 11, we are having a Zoom Christmas conference call at 1700 hours on December 9th. All of



you will be given a link to easily connect to this event. Your Bridge is well aware this is not a fair exchange for the dinner/dance we had planned, but safety of our membership will always come first.

The Captain's Meetings at C.J's continue to be well attended. As to cruises, the Executive Committee has decided to cancel them due to Covid 19. However, I will ask the ExCom to consider allowing me to ask the membership by email if they would participate in a fishing contest possibly to include a dinner to follow at a place that would cook our catch (catfish excluded!). The dinner would be preconditioned on social distancing & masks.

Last month I asked that if you had any suggestions for events we could safely conduct, to please give me a call at 612-616-7517; no calls were received. In the meantime, please be careful and Welcome Back to you snowbirds!





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN

This will be my last article as your Education Officer. It has been a trying year due to Covid 19, but we did successfully finish some courses and seminars in 2020.

I'd like to shout out a big THANK YOU to all our instructors who have selflessly given up so much of their time to teach.

Our ABC course was held in January and February with a total of 30 students. We started another session in March but had to cancel the last two classes due to Covid. Instructors for ABC included John Maciolek, Bill Kreppein, Peggy Reiss and Kathleen Reynolds. Andy Battaglia was always available to help with knot tying.

Nick Rago and Ed Bauer taught one session of Boat Handling in January with seven students. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the second session scheduled for late March. Gene Burson had five students who successfully completed the new Marine Navigation (Piloting) course. My Navigation class finished up with Gene Burson passing his open book exam. We are still waiting for some clear and dry skies to get his sight folder done.

Several seminars were also completed. Two sessions of the Charting/GPS seminar were taught by Carl Thieme and Rhonda Gloodt in January and February with a total of 13 attending, but the third session had to be cancelled due to Covid. Jim Olmes taught the popular VHF/DSC radio seminar in late January with six attendees.

Our education program could not survive without such dedicated teachers, and I want to thank each and every one of them. I will be turning over my reins to the very capable, dedicated, learned Ted Reiss starting January 1. I can't think of anyone who would be a better Education Officer than Ted. Please give him your support. He will be meeting with all the instructors in the near future. Hopefully, the new year will bring good news about this terrible virus and that soon we will have a vaccine available. Only then will we be able to resume our normal activities. Until then, be safe and have fun on the water.



SAFETY OFFICER Lt Ed Bauer, S

It's that time again for the Coast Guard's Annual Recreational Boating Accident Report. This information can provide us with valuable insights toward safer boating.

In 2019, the Coast Guard counted 4,168 accidents that involved 613 deaths,



2,559 injuries and approximately \$55 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents. The fatality rate was 5.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 1.9% decrease from the 2018 fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. Compared to 2018, the number of accidents increased 0.6%, the number of deaths decreased 3.2%, and the number of injuries increased 1.9%.

Where cause of death was known, 79% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 86% were not wearing a life jacket. Where length of the boat was known, eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.

Alcohol use is by far the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 23% of deaths.

Where instruction was known, 70% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction.

Only 20% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally approved boating safety education certificate.

The top five primary contributing factors to boating accidents and causalities are: operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed and alcohol use.

More than 50% of all accidents, deaths, and injuries occur in calm waters of waves 6 inches or less.

So, if you are a senior who has not completed a safe boating course, operating an open powerboat, been drinking, speeding not paying attention, and, not wearing a PFD, chances are good that you will become a Coast Guard statistic.

See page 10 for a detailed table describing the top primary contributing factors for boating injuries, accidents and deaths.

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CJ'S ON THE BAY



THE LITTLE BAR



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LEARNING CENTER CLEANED AND SANITIZED

A special thanks goes out to Ted and Peggy Reiss, Tom Morr, Gene Burson and Tippy Cavanagh who spent the morning of November 2 cleaning and sanitizing the Learning Center prior to the upcoming fall course schedule. Bob Smith and Bob Gloodt also worked in the Learning Center the weekend before, cleaning up after the construction project to repair the ceiling. Thanks to all who so willingly gave of their time! We'll be ready to offer classes observing all CDC safety guidelines, such as masks, hygiene and social distancing. Thanks to Gene Burson and Tom Morr for the photos.



Gene Burson took out all supplies and materials for cleaning and sanitizing



Tippy Cavanagh sorting materials



Peggy Reiss cleaned the refrigerator



Gene Burson and Ted Reiss did the heavy lifting



Tom Morr and Ted Reiss set up the room after cleaning



Ted Reiss setting up the classroom after cleaning

"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.

We are not currently meeting to play cards.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

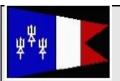
Happy birthday to the following ABC-MI members who are celebrating their birthdays in December! If we've missed your birthday, contact the Editor.

Joseph Fritz	12/2
Joseph Kistner	12/4
Joyce Epstein	12/6
Mary Richards	12/8
Patricia Riche	12/8
Henry Stanley	12/8
Bernie Greichen	12/9
Lori Williams	12/11
Gerald Dufresne	12/20
Jerry Williams	12/24
Colleen Singer	12/28
Rick Siegel	12/29
Bill Kreppein	12/31



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The Kiwanis Club will again be holding their annual toy drive and distribution for the children at Manatee Elementary School. School staff have asked that we continue this tradition even under trying covid circumstances due to the particularly challenging times so many of the Manatee families have endured in 2020. Toy distribution will be outside of the school and under a tent. Presents will be placed on a table for each child to take. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be there, but will not interact directly with the children. If members of our local America's Boating Club wish to again participate by donating toys, it will be very much appreciated. Members are welcome to donate appropriate gifts in the \$15 to \$20 range for a boy or girl aged from Pre-K to Grade 5. Donations accepted at Kathleen Reynolds' home, 1685 Ludlow Road, Marco Island, from 6 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday December 1 and Tuesday December 8. If those times don't work for you, please call me at 239-394-0459, and we'll arrange a mutually convenient time. Thanks.



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

1. INLAND ONLY A power-driven vessel crossing a river on the Western Rivers has the right of way over .

- a. vessels ascending the river
- b. vessels descending the river
- c. all vessels ascending and descending the river
- d. None of the above



- 2. The vessel's "quarter" is located ____
 - a. abeam
 - b. dead astern
 - c. just forward of the beam on either side
 - d. on either side of the stern
- 3. You have taken another vessel in tow. You can tell that the towing speed is too fast when the
 - a. vessels are not in step
 - b. tow line feels like it is "jumping" when touched
 - c. catenary comes clear of the water
 - d. towed vessel goes "in irons"
- 4. What is the MOST important consideration when determining how to fight an electrical fire?
 - a. Whether the fire is in machinery or passenger spaces
 - b. Danger of shock to personnel
 - c. The amount of toxic fumes created by the extinguisher
 - d. Maintaining electrical power

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



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SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO BOATING ACCIDENTS

AND CASUALTIES

Contributing Factor	Accidents	Deaths	Injuries
Operator inattention	546	36	296
Improper lookout	506	26	425
Operator inexperience	458	39	273
Excessive speed	358	22	325
Alcohol use	282	113	221
Machinery Failure	274	18	93
Navigation Rules Violation	235	21	141
Weather	184	31	58
Hazardous Waters	170	48	87
Force of wake / waves	140	12	117

Data is from the United States Coast Guard 2019 Recreational Boating Report.



THE SHIFTING SANDS OF MARCO

Cliff Winings submitted the following photographs taken from the 18th Floor of Shipp's Landing on two different days in November. The photos are looking approximately southeast toward Dickman's Island; the northern tip of Kice Island is at the upper right.

The photo on the left is at tide = -0.8 ft. on Nov 17. At this tide level the route from Caxambas Pass to Kice Island is completely blocked by exposed shoals in two places.

The second photo is at tide = ± 0.4 ft. on Nov 21. Water is clear and beautiful but less than a foot deep in the best route.

These photos remind us why it's important to have local knowledge of our waters as there are so many factors that impact how we can navigate on a day-to-day basis. Thanks Cliff for sharing these photos!





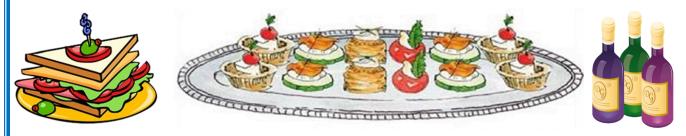
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2021 In-Person Winter Conference Tuesday, January 5, 2021 1000 - 1200 - Squadron Officers Meeting 1215 - 1315 - Luncheon A. Chefs Salad - \$24.00 crisp romaine and artisan greens garnished with ham, turkey, tomato, cucumber, red onion. Swiss and Cheddar cheese with Ranch or Italian dressing. Fruit Cup Fresh Bakes

onion, Swiss and Cheddar cheese with Ranch or Italian dressing, Fruit Cup Fresh Baked Cookie, Iced Tea and Ice Water

B. Peace River Club Sandwich—\$26.00

turkey, ham, bacon, swiss and cheddar cheese presented on multi grain bread with let tuce, tomato and Dijon spread Fruit Cup, Fresh Baked Cookie, Iced Tea and Ice Water

C. Veggie Lovers Wrap - \$26.00

grilled tofu, roasted red pepper, diced cucumber, avocado, alfalfa sprouts and hummus spread rolled in a flour tortilla, Fruit Cup, Fresh Baked Cookie, Iced Tea and Ice Water

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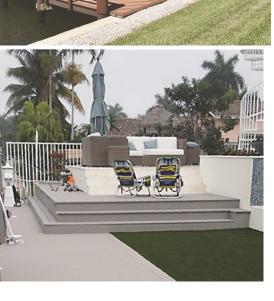
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