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National Safe Boating Week May 22-28, 2021

May is the month that we traditionally focus on safe boating as in many parts of the country, May signals the start of boating season. Here on Marco Island we are lucky to be able to boat year round. But we still observe Safe Boating Week in May. Please join your Squadron colleagues at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 17 at 5:15 p.m. to receive the Safe Boating Week Proclamation from the City Council. Wear your ABC-MI shirt and your PFD to the meeting. The council meeting starts at 5:30 and we should be at the beginning of the agenda.

As you think about how you will observe Safe Boating Week, here is some data to consider:

- 79% of boating deaths are due to drowning
- 86% of drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket.
- Top causes of boating accidents are operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed and alcohol use
- 100% of accidents and fatalities from boating under the influence are preventable

Commit yourself to safe boating. Follow the boating safety seven: wear your life jacket, take a boating safety class, carry all required safety gear, use an engine cut-off device, file a float plan, be aware of weather and water conditions, and boat sober and be considerate of others.



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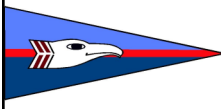
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Coming Events 2021

MAY

5/4	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 17
5/12	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900
5/12	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
5/13	Cruise & Lunch	Panther Key	1100 p. 08
5/18	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830
5/18	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 17
5/22-29	National Safe Boating Week		
5/22	Wear It Event	Rose Marina	1000
5/26	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
5/25	Cruise & Lunch	Island Gypsy	1130 p. 08

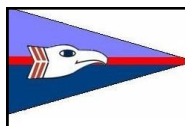
June

6/1	Cards at Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 17
6/9	Executive Board	Learning Center	0900
6/9	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
6/11	Land Locked Lunch	Ridgway's Porch/Naples	1130
6/15	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830
6/15	Cards at Condo	Learning Center	1300 p. 17
6/23	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
6/24	Cruise & Picnic	Whitehorse Key	1000 p. 08

Engine Cut-off Switch Safety Tips

A typical three-blade propeller running at 3,200 rpm can inflict 160 impacts in one second so it is critical that you are aware of what is going on around you. Be aware:

- People in the water may not be visible from the helm
- Account for passengers before starting the engine
- Inform passengers about propeller hazard areas
- Be alert in congested areas and near swimming zones
- Take extra precaution around towed watersports
- Never permit riding on the bow, gunwale, transom, seatbacks, or other locations where an occupant could fall overboard
- Children should be watched carefully at all times – it only takes a second to fall overboard
- You would childproof your home so think about childproofing your boat
- Establish rules for swim platform use, boarding ladders, and seating
- If someone falls overboard, STOP the boat; once clear begin recovery procedures.

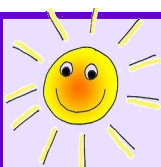


THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Marcy Marinelli, P



COMMANDER
Wanda Burson, S

This will be our last monthly newsletter until October 2021. Our summer publication schedule will start in June with a combined June/July edition followed in late July by a combined August/September issues. I'll be sending out postcards to Marco Island residents during the summer months, but be sure to check our website at marcoboatingclub.org for updated information. Wishing all our snow bird members safe travels to your summer home. We'll see you in the fall!



SUNSHINE NEWS

Please keep the following members in your thoughts as they recuperate from recent health challenges: Steve Riley, Anne Moore, John Noffze and Joyce Martindell.



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

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We had several members attend the District 22 Spring Conference and Change of Watch. We learned a lot and enjoyed the company of old and new – we had 44 first timers at the Conference. Not only did we learn a lot, we came home with awards. We received first place for Ft. Myers – Peace River Publication and Graphics Award. Congratulations to Marcy Marinelli, editor of our Eagle's Eye. The very large trophy is in the Learning Center for all to see and appreciate.



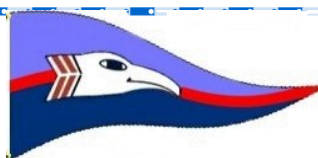
From National, we received the Distinctive Communications Awards for Publications 2020 for our Eagle's Eye Newsletter. Congratulations to Cliff Winings, Webmaster, for our Distinctive Communications Performance for Websites 2020 Award. The USPS Educational Fund 2020 Award was received because of our contribution of \$1 per member to this fund.

Congratulate P/D/Lt/C Andrea Battaglia, SN when you see her. She received a District Past D/Lt/C. Flag for being the District Treasurer for 3 years.

We recently had our second in person dinner meeting. It was great to be with everyone that attended. Bob McConville talked to us about the local dolphins and caught us up on the new offsprings. The dinner was delicious. It was a very pleasant evening especially after this awfully long past year.

For the next 5 months we will have opportunities twice a month to get together for Captain's meeting. Always a pleasant evening.

The joys of volunteering are too numerous to repeat, but not only do they give you much satisfaction personally, but it keeps organizations like ours working smoothly. Our organization benefits the community in many ways so your volunteering spreads throughout the community. Volunteering is contagious – try it you might really like it. Start out small or really big. Give a call to any member of the Bridge we would love to discuss the opportunities. Talk to you soon.



Captain's Meeting
"Meet & Greet"
everyone welcome!
CJ's Gazebo Bar
at the Esplanade at 1700
on the 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of the Month

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

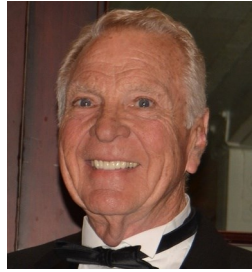




EXECUTIVE OFFICER D/Lt/C Gene Burson, JN

It's back – the Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party!

The party of the year and best value for all. We have the San Marco Catholic Church Parish Hall reserved for Friday, January 28, 2022 to host the Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party. The party is a long-awaited event for the Squadron to raise money and for the guests to enjoy themselves eating hors d'Oeuvres and drinking wine. I need an executive committee to begin the planning. If you have experience in any type of fundraising or public relations, or just would like to help, contact me.



District 22 is creating a program to help Squadrons with their Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) program. This is in the form of an ad to all Facebook users in all Squadron areas. We may see boaters wanting a VSC inspection being referred to our VSC Chair.

Co-op Charting, headed by Cliff Winings, has been busy contacting County and City officials to have a meeting concerning needed repairs on the AToNs surrounding Marco Island. Cliff and Carl Thieme are also working with Jim Strothers, District 22 Chair of Co-op Charting, to minimize the amount of work to report AToNs conditions following our survey. When these efforts are successful, we hope to carry the program on to all Squadrons in the District.

With so many new members joining us at the last dinner meeting, I am sure all did not yet purchase their Club shirt. With Susan Bauer moving to the Carolinas last month, Ted and Peggy Reiss filled in during April. We need someone(s) to volunteer to take ownership of the Ship's Store by selling shirts and other attractive boating clothing at the dinner meetings. Modeling is not required.

Marketing/Public Relations Committee have been holding meetings monthly to plan their strategy for the remaining months of the year. Tom Morr has taken on the task to find facts about accidents dealing with AToNs which are unreadable, missing, or misplaced to be used to justify the increasing of the County's and the City's budgets (money and manpower) in Waterways Safety.

XO Gene Burson, JN



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

Hi to all our most excellent members! I want to bring you all up to date on **MEMBERSHIP**. In 2020 we gained 20 new members despite the pandemic. Activities were pretty much at a standstill for most of the year—no classes, no VSC, no lunches and dinners, not much of anything due to the restrictions from the CDC. Zoom meetings entered our vocabulary and we did our best to hang in there together. It was a rough time for our Commander and Bridge. So we have 20 new members (10 couples) in 2020 that missed out on just about everything. This year so far we have 12 new members (4 couples and 4 singles) with a couple of others waiting in the wings.



Why am I telling you this? Well, I want to revitalize our ABC-MI CONNECT New Member Welcome Program and find sponsors for these new folks. This program seeks to make new Members feel welcomed and encourage active participation in classes, programs and activities by those new to the organization.

Hosts are asked to:

- Call and welcome the new ABC-MI Member (s)
- Meet with the new Member to learn about their boating interests, describe ABC-MI and answer questions
- Be available to answer new member questions and help arrange and encourage new member participation in ABC-MI for the next six months. We have a list of ideas for Hosts to use and topics for conversation.

Right now I need 18 people to Host our 2020 and 2021 new members. Please contact me peggy.reiss@yahoo.com or 239-213-8686 if you can lend a hand. Snowbirds are welcome! If you have met a new member and want to host a particular person let me know.

In the wings is our New Member Welcome Party. Stay tuned for more information....

Moving on, I am pleased to announce that P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN will again take the role of Chair of Boating Activities. Thank you Rhonda for all you do for ABC-MI.

Upcoming events:

- May 4 and 18- Cards at the Learning Center. Contact Dorothy Harkness if you would like to play. See announcement in the EE.

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EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN

We've had a successful restart of our education classes! Since January we held three ABC courses, two Advanced Piloting, one Piloting and one Boat Handling. Covid requirements were followed for all. My thanks to D/L/C Peggy Reiss JN-IN, D/L/C Gene Burson JN, P/C Tippy Cavanagh SN and Lt Nick Rago AP. Forty-eight students attended.



Now for the future. A proposed list of courses for the Fall is on our web site and is included in the next column of this edition of the Eagle's Eye. Nothing is concrete yet for specific dates or instructors but we are back with face-to-face courses. Final details should be published by 1 September 2021. Before then please let me know what topics you want to learn more about. Courses and seminars can be tailored to meet your interest.

We need more certified instructors! Certification only takes four sessions (plus homework). Anyone who has any interest please contact me. Once I have a small group we can establish dates for class. This is one of the FREE courses we offer. If your interest is only in helping out, also let me know.

An area talked about at the April District 22 conference is on-the-water training. This is thought to be the most beneficial training we can offer to our members. The Jump Start program allows most of us to help our fellow members improve their skills and does not require a certified instructor. Let me know if you are interested in either being an OTW helper or just need help so I can fill you in on the details.

For the next few months be safe, practice your skills and have fun.

Administrative Officer Report, Cont.

May 12 & 26- Captains Meeting at CJ's Tiki Bar 5PM.

May 13-Cruise and Picnic at Panther Key (Boats meet 11:00 at Coon Key Light if you need to follow in)

May 17-Proclamation for Safe Boating Week at City Hall, 5:15pm wear life jacket. Photo Op.

May 22-29 Safe Boating Week

May 25 Cruise and Lunch at the Island Gypsy. 11:30 at the Gypsy.

Hope to hear from you and look forward to seeing you on the water! Happy Boating!

PROPOSED EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2021

<u>Course</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Cost</u>
America's Boating Course Boat Safety	October	5	\$40
America's Boating Course-Boat Safety	November	5	\$40
Boat Handling (Seamanship)	October	7	\$70/\$100*
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	October	8	\$70/\$100*
Marine Navigation Advanced	October	8	\$60**
Offshore Navigation (Celestial)	November 1	10	\$90**
<u>Seminar</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Charting/GPS	October	2	\$40
Partner in Command	December	1	\$25/ couple
Docking	October	1	\$25
Knots, Bends & Lines	November	1	\$25
Handling Your Boat Underway	October	1	\$25

* Non-member cost

** Members only



NEW MEMBER PROFILE

As you read in Peggy Reiss' column, we have gained a number of new members over the past year. In an effort to get to know our new members I asked them to send me information about themselves to share with the club. Here's information on two new members.

John Alopzan hails from Carmel, Indiana. He moved here in 2006 and became a full-time resident in 2018. He became interested in joining America's Boating Club-Marco Island as a result of our training classes and enjoys just being on the water down here.

Vladimir and Galina Yurkin are originally from Russia but lived in New York prior to coming to Marco Island a year ago. They were attracted to joining America's Boating Club-Marco Island because of the wide variety of activities we have. They own jet skis and enjoy getting out on the water.

Welcome to all of you! We hope to see you at some of our upcoming club activities. Look for more new member profiles in upcoming issues of the Eagle's Eye!



John Alopzan



Vladimir Yurkin

EAGLE'S EYE WINS D22 PUBLICATIONS AWARD

At the recent District 22 Conference, our own Eagle's Eye won the District's Fort Myers and Peace River Publications and Graphics Trophy. This award is given out each year in recognition of an outstanding publication. Voting is done by a committee of D22 and national members who judge the quality of the publication. We are thrilled to add this award to our Distinguished Communicator Award for 2020. Thanks to all who helped us win this award. In addition to the editor, Marcy Marinelli, we have proof readers Ted Reiss and Dorothy Harkness and photographers Gene Burson, Andy Battaglia and Tom Morr. Cliff Winings helps publish the newsletter to our website!



Eagle's Eye Editor Marcy Marinelli receives the trophy from Gene Burson



Commander Burson receives the trophy at the D22 conference

Spring/Summer Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities!

May 13	Cruise and Picnic	Panther Key	1100
May 25	Cruise and Lunch	Island Gypsy	1130
June 24	Cruise and Picnic	Whitehorse Key	1000*
July 16	Cruise and Dinner	Mango's Dockside Bistro	1700
July 21	Cruise and Lunch	Rod and Gun Club	1015*
August 21	Cruise and Picnic	Cape Romano	1030*
September 23	Cruise & Lunch	Deep Lagoon/Esplanade	1130
October 5	Raft Up & Picnic	Tripod Key	TBD



For questions, contact Boating Chair, P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN 239-450-7089

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APRIL DINNER MEETING

Our April dinner meeting was held at Bistro Soleil and featured a favorite speaker, Bob McConville, naturalist with the Dolphin Explorer. His talk updated our group on the status of Marco Island's dolphin community and the new births that took place over the fall and winter. We also welcomed new members who were sworn in at the meeting. Congratulations to Dave and Linette Chaney, Jack Jamison, Kathy and Brian Aurori, Nanette Rivera and Gene Wordehoff. This was our last dinner meeting until the fall when we will meet again at Bistro Soleil on Wednesday, October 13th. A special thank you to D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, AP, for the photos from the meeting.



Bob McConville of the Dolphin Explorer is always a favorite speaker who has tons of insight about the dolphins of Marco Island



Front: Pam and Roy Sander, Debbie and Nick Rago;
Back : Bill Hughes, Mary Alice Wilson, Sheila and Carl Thieme



Front: Colleen Aurori, Christopher Frost, Brian and Kathy Aurori;
Back: Commander Wanda Burson, Bob McConville and Gene Burson

APRIL DINNER MEETING, Cont.



Commander Burson leads Dave and Linette Chaney and Jack Jamison in the membership pledge



Dave and Linette Chaney and Jack Jamison



New members Kathy and Brian Aurori and Nanette Rivera and Gene Wordehoff



Don Cates, Sonya Benson, Tippy Cavanagh, Starr and Joe Whiting, Rhonda and Bob Gloodt



Nanette Rivera and Gene Wordehoff with Dorothy and Lee Harkness



Ted and Peggy Reiss, Jack Jamison, Tom Morr and Dave and Linette Chaney

MARCH CAPTAIN'S MEETING AT CJ'S

It's so nice to see so many of our members coming out for the monthly Captain's meetings at CJ's on the Bay. Here are photos from the March get together courtesy of Tom Morr. Remember that starting in May we'll have Captain's Meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1700 at CJ's. Come out and say hi and meet our newest members!



CRUISE AND LUNCH TO THE BOATHOUSE NAPLES

By Andy Battaglia

It was a gorgeous day for a cruise to the Boathouse in Naples. Ted Reiss was the cruise captain and had a crew of Peggy Reiss, Andy Battaglia, Pam and Roy Sander. "Lucky Dog" with Rhonda & Bob Gloodt and Kathleen Reynolds, plus "Not on Call" with Brian Aurori as Captain with Kathy Aurori and Chris Frost joined up with "Just Us", then Ted led to Naples. A number of dolphins were viewed on the ride up to Naples. We were met at the dock by dock-hand for the Boathouse who gave excellent assistance. Everyone enjoyed a delightful lunch and long-overdue camaraderie with fellow squadron members. Out of the 18 members attending the lunch, 11 came by boat! It was so nice to start getting back to "normal".



P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN adjusting her flags



Chris Frost and new members Brian and Kathy Aurori
(below) Chris, Kathy & Brian ... they came by boat.



Roy Sander, JN and Pam Sander, JN



D/Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN and
P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN
our cruise cap-
tain

NAPLES BOAT HOUSE CRUISE AND LUNCH, Cont.



Betty and P/C Bob Richardson, P



P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN in lead boat with 2 boats following to Naples Boathouse Restaurant



Roy and Pam Sander with Peggy Reiss



D/Lt/C Gene Burson, JN and Commander Wanda Burson, S



P/Lt/C Mary Alice Wilson and P/D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, SN



Kathleen Reynolds, AP and P/C Carl Thieme, SN and Sheila Thieme



P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN and 1/Lt Bob Gloodt, S

CARDS AT THE CONDO IS BACK!

We know things are starting to get back to normal when our card group is back in action at the Learning Center! If you're interested in playing hand, knee and foot (a variation of canasta), come join the group on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Learning Center. This fun game is easy to learn and keeps you on your toes (no pun intended). Contact Dorothy Harkness if you have questions



Peggy Reiss, Gene Burson, Dorothy Harkness and Nanette Rivera having a good game



Vini Just, Wanda Burson, Mary Alice Wilson, Mary (Mary Alice's mother) and Kathy Enstrom

SAFE BOATING TIPS FROM THE NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL

Ensure your life jacket fits properly. Check the manufacturer's ratings for your size and weight. Make sure the life jacket is properly zipped and/or buckled. You can check for fit by raising your arms above your head while wearing the life jacket and asking a friend to grasp the shoulder lapels and gently pulling up. There should be no excess room above the openings and the life jacket should not ride up over your chin or face. A snug fit in these areas shows the life jacket fits properly.

Inspect your life jacket. Inspection should include orally inflating your life jacket and ensuring it holds air for 16-24 hours, inspecting the cylinder (there should be no discharge or corrosion), checking that the cylinder is screwed in tight, and doing a flotation check on inherently buoyant life jackets. Always refer to the owner's manual.

Restock your first aid kit if necessary, replacing anything that has expired.

Ensure all battery-powered devices have fresh batteries.

Order any gear that needs to be replaced. Never use expired or faulty gear.

Make sure you have two communications devices that will work when wet, such as a VHF radio and emergency locator beacon.

Double-check your trailer. Tire pressure, lights, tie downs, and other equipment should be tested and potentially replaced.

Take a safe boating course to brush up or learn new skills.

Get a vessel safety check to ensure you're ready to go!

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY FACTS

All figures are from the U.S. Coast Guard's 2019 Recreational Boating Safety Statistics, the latest official record of reported recreational boating accidents. Full report available: http://uscgboating.org/statistics/accident_statistics.php

Key Facts

- Drowning was reported as the cause of death in 79 percent of all boating fatalities.
- Approximately 86 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.
- 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 percent decrease from the 2018 fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Only 20 percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and alcohol rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. Where the primary cause was known, alcohol was listed as the leading factor in 23 percent of deaths.
- Where data was known, the most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (45 percent), personal watercraft (19 percent) and cabin motorboats (16 percent).

Data Snapshot

- Fatalities: 613
- Drownings: 484
- Injuries (requiring medical treatment beyond first aid): 2,559
- Boating accidents: 4,168
- Property damage: \$55,000,000
- Number of registered recreational boats in the U.S.: 11,878,542



Content from safeboatingcampaign.com

DISTRICT 22 SPRING CONFERENCE

District 22 of America's Boating Club held its first in person meeting since the start of the pandemic. The spring conference was held in Punta Gorda on April 9 and 10. Members attended various educational sessions as well as the annual business meeting and installation of the new bridge. America's Boating Club-Marco Island is well-represented on the bridge with Gene Burson serving as the new Executive Officer and Peggy Reiss continuing as secretary. P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN, was recognized with the Immediate Past Commander award and got to pass on the coveted past commander vest to the new past commander, Sam Bonilla, AP. P/D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, JN, was recognized for her service as D22 Treasurer these past three years. Thanks to our members for their leadership roles at the District level.



P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-IN proudly shows his award while wearing his Junior Commander vest



National Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbot congratulates P/D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, AP for her service to the district

"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.

Social distancing will be observed.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

Marcy Marinelli 5/6
Linda Spell 5/6
Bob Gloodt, 5/7
Scott Singer 5/8
Nanette Rivera 5/9
Gunars Zikmanis 5/13
Christopher Frost 5/23
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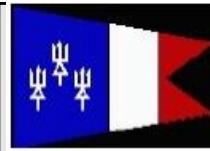
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1. **INLAND ONLY** Which type of vessel is NOT mentioned in the Inland Navigation Rules?

- a. An inconspicuous, partly submerged vessel
- b. A seaplane
- c. An air-cushion vessel
- d. A vessel constrained by her draft

2. Wind velocity varies _____.

- a. directly with the temperature of the air mass
- b. directly with the pressure gradient
- c. inversely with the barometric pressure
- d. inversely with the absolute humidity

3. The **MOST** important element in administering CPR is _____.

- a. having the proper equipment for the process
- b. starting the treatment quickly
- c. administering of oxygen
- d. treating for traumatic shock

4. For what purpose may gasoline be used on small passenger vessels?

- a. Heating
- b. Lighting
- c. Cooking
- d. None of the above

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





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