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Monthly Highlight



The New District 22 bridge was sworn in at the Spring Conference on April 2, 2022, including MISPS member Gene Burson D/C (left), our new District 22 Commander. Photos courtesy of Gene Burson D/C.

We Support Safe Boating

Be a Safe Boater

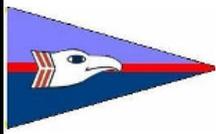
Seven Safe Boating Tips

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

80% of all boating fatalities occur to people who are not wearing a lifejacket

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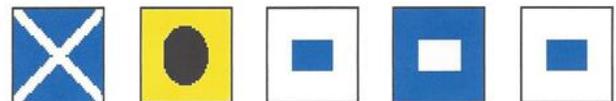


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UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

May 2022

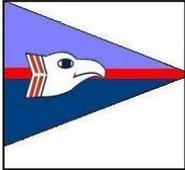
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5/17	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830	
5/17	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300	8
5/19	Cruise and Lunch	Island Gypsy	1130	9
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5/25	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4

June 2022

6/4	Saturday at the Zoo	Naples Zoo	1000	
6/7	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300	8
6/8	EXCOM meeting	Learning Center	0900	
6/8	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4
6/13	Cruise and Lunch (BYOE)	Sand Dollar Island	1130	9
6/15	Lunch – Ridgeway Bar & Grill	Naples	1130	
6/21	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830	
6/21	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300	8
6/22	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4
6/25	Cruise and Lunch	Port of the Islands	1130	9

July 2022

7/5	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300	8
7/13	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4
7/16	Cruise and Dinner	Mango's	1700	9
7/19	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830	
7/19	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300	8
7/23	Breakfast	Sand Bar Restaurant	0830	
7/26	Cruise and Lunch (BYOE)	White Horse Key	1130	9
7/27	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	4



THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Jane Orsulak

As incoming editor of *The Eagle's Eye*, I'd like to thank Marcy Marinelli for all her help in the transition process. She's done an amazing job on the newsletter, and I hope I can fill her shoes. I also ask for your patience as I find my "sea legs" in this endeavor.

In order to enhance the on-line readability of the newsletter, I will be doing some reformatting in the upcoming months. One new feature for this month will be hotlinks to external web sites. I welcome any comments and suggestions.

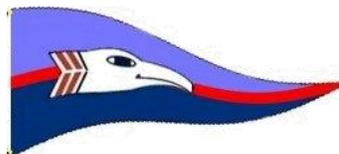


SUNSHINE NEWS

Keep Julie Riley and Jim Bahin in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with health issues, and Ray Rosenberg as he recovers from knee surgery.

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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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 meet and greet!



COMMANDER
Wanda Burson, P



Welcome to Spring my friends. Does it seem like we have a lot more pollen than our usual Springs? Does this mean we are going to have many more flowers? I hope so. I do know what May heralds in and that is Safe Boating

Week for the United States Power Squadrons. It is just a time to remind us to Wear our Life Jackets at all times near the water and on boats. We should wear them the other 11 months of the year as well. You will see articles on the Safe Boating Week Wear It event in this edition of the Eagles Eye. Dave Chaney is working hard to make this a memorable event for all.

We have enjoyed our last Dinner Meeting until next October. So, we now have cards at the Learning Center twice a month. These games are always fun, and you have the opportunity to get to know everyone a lot better. All are welcome to come and play with us. We also will be continuing the ever-popular Captain's Meetings at CJ's twice a month. Always fun to catch up with everyone.

We had a very successful Spring District Conference. Great round tables. In the Town Hall R/C David Allan tried to answer all questions about reorganization to the best of his knowledge. Nothing is final yet and we need to expect changes.

Fishing Frank gave a presentation on fishing the local waters, especially shallow areas. The main thing to remember is the fish return to deeper water when the tide comes in and leave your favorite spots when the tide goes out.

Ted Reiss led a very successful round table in On the Water Jump Start Program.

The Change of Watch was attended by 64 members. You can view the Change of Watch pictures on the District Website.

Enjoy the Summer. In your travels have fun and stay safe. Keep boating and wear your PFD.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
D/C Gene Burson, JN



Lt Cliff Winnings, SN has just given me information that he received notice from National USPS that his test trial of a new method to transfer Co-Operative Charting data has been received and appears to be working successfully. This will

mean that all the data (ATONs location, condition, recommendation for repair) Cliff and other volunteers collect each year, in addition to reporting to County and City, can easily and quickly be transferred to USPS National for nautical reporting credit. Reporting to USPS national requires that ATON discrepancy information first be reported to the United States Coast Guard (USCG). The USCG controls the database of ATON information used in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) nautical charts. NOAA is the governmental organization that provides the nautical charts we rely on for safe navigation, and that GPS manufacturers rely on to show marks/water depths on their devices. Lt Linette Chaney has reported that she has been working with Sunshine Stitchers to have them prepare an inventory of our goods for members to be able to purchase directly. The member can purchase the article and pick it up or have it sent to any address. This convenience should be ready in June.

Our Safety Officer, Lt Ken Deutsch, will be working with our National Safe Boating Week Event Chairman, Lt Dave Chaney, to ensure a safe environment for the Wear It campaign to be held at the Marco Island Yacht Club on May 21, 2022, from 1330-1530. All members should be there wearing their PFD (Personal Floatation Device, Life Preserver, Life Jacket) in support.

Lt Ray Rosenberg, Vessel Safety Officer, reports that things are going along fine now that they have received an additional 40 decals. It wasn't easy getting more decals, but Ray is persistent.

Lt Dave Chaney, our National Safe Boating Week representative and Wear It Event Chairman, has been busy gathering support from local businesses. Once the businesses are introduced to the idea of emphasizing the use of wearing Life Jackets around

and on the water, they want to join the cause. I will not explain any more at this time and possibly steal any of Dave's thunder. Read Dave's article on the Wear It campaign.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C David Randall, AP



The Power Squadron had an active past month. Education wrapped up its training for the season and Ted Reiss has plans already in the works for the fall schedule. The usual flurry of activity such Cards at the Condo and meetings at

CJ's continue over the summer months.

Peggy Reiss reported that we gained new members this month: Lynn Morr, wife of member Tom. They live in Texas now but are keeping their membership with MISPS; Paul Young joined after completing the ABC class. He and wife Pamela spend December to June on Marco. Backgrounds include CEO in manufacturing and degrees in both engineering and finance. Pamela is a Registered Nurse; Tom and Lori Wagor joined the squadron on St. Pat's day. They have a 24' Pathfinder named Tomfoolery and live on Marco. Banking and retail were their occupations and they look forward to boating activities and charting. Welcome to all!

We had a nice finish of the formal season with our Dinner Meeting on April 13 and learned about the Marco Island Eagle Sanctuary from Carl Way. The Sanctuary has a pair of eagles who nested after the departure of some owls that occupied the nest.

Our club looks forward to October, when we have our next dinner meeting. Buzz has been a-plenty with regard to possible topics. One front runner has been: "The Boat Macerator and You: Time to Gain Understanding, Become Friends, and to do a Rebuild Together." A second and oft-expressed request has been: "When to use a Bic Lighter to Identify Propane Leaks." A late-runner related to the Rookery Bay Preserve might be a less industrious and olfactory option, however,

For those of you heading north: have safe travels, fair winds, and following seas!



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



Education season has ended. No more new starts planned until October with the exception of a virtual zoom class in the May-June timeframe being offered by District 22 to recertify existing instructors. As we conclude I want to thank the instructors who

made the program work – P/D/Lt/C Peggy Reiss JN-IN, P/C Tippy Cavanagh SN, D/C Gene Burson JN, P/C Carl Thieme SN, Lt Nick Rago AP, P/C Rhonda Gloodt JN and our helpers Lt Cliff Winings SN, P/C Andy Battaglia SN, Chris Frost AP, and Sam Contrada. Congratulations to members John Apolzan P, and Ilya Langley P, plus four non-members for passing Marine Navigation taught by D/C Gene Burson JN. Great job. Six students passed the last America’s Boating Course in March. Twelve attended the GPS/Charting seminar and six attended the Hurricane Preparedness seminar. Schedule for next Fall and Winter classes and seminars will be created over the summer. Let me know what you would like to learn or if you would like to teach a topic. We have many courses and seminars already in power point to use as a start. All suggestions are welcomed. We still need more instructors so we can offer a more diverse program.

Jump Start, the free on-the-water one-on-one training program, is available. To me, this is the best way to improve a skill or two on your boat. Let me know if it is of interest to you or just to find out more about it. Maybe you would like to help another member learn a skill.

Keep learning, go boating, have fun and be safe.



SAFETY OFFICER
Lt Kenneth Deutsch



Lifeline to Survival

No one expects to have an accident, get lost or experience some other distress situation when they get underway, set sail, or head offshore. But it does happen. A VHF radio may or may not be

within range of another VHF-equipped user during your emergency. Mobile phones have limited range offshore and do not always work when you need them to. When an emergency occurs and you need help now, a 406 Mhz distress beacon is your best bet. It only has one function – to alert Search and Rescue (SAR) authorities directly within minutes of activation that you are in trouble and need help.

There are three types of 406 emergency beacons used to transmit distress signals, EPIRBs (for maritime use), ELTs (for aviation use), and PLBs (handheld personal, portable units for remote-environment use, including at sea). 406 MHz Emergency beacons are digitally coded and transmit distress signals immediately upon activation. 406 refers to the proprietary radio wavelength these beacons transmit on. This means that even a brief inadvertent signal can generate a false alert. To avoid getting a call from the Coast Guard or Air Force, make sure that, when you test your 406 beacon, you follow the manufacturer’s recommendations carefully.

EPIRBs AND PLBs

WHAT ARE EPIRBs AND PLBs?

First of all EPIRBs and PLBs are acronyms. EPIRB stands for emergency position indicating radio beacon. PLB stands for personal locator beacon. A PLB is the smaller counterpart of an EPIRB. In any case they are both life-saving devices. By simply turning them on, they send out an SOS signal via satellite. They directly inform search and rescue personnel of your position from virtually anywhere on the planet. EPIRBs and PLBs are saving hundreds of lives every year and operate easily under duress or stress.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN EPIRB AND A PLB?

The biggest difference between these two devices is that EPIRBs register with the boat. PLBs are for use

by an individual. EPIRBs mount on the boat itself. PLBs are usually worn on a PFD. They can also fit nicely in a dry bag or an emergency go-bag. EPIRBs are larger than PLBs. EPIRBs usually have more battery life. In fact they require them to have a minimum of 48 hours of battery life. On the other hand, they require the PLBs have only half that at 24 hours of battery life. EPIRBs always have a strobe light built in, while PLBs may or may not have a strobe light.

HOW DOES AN EPIRB WORK?

Firstly, when a locator beacon activates it transmits an SOS message to a rescue dedicated satellite. Secondly, the distress signal relays to a network of ground stations. Thirdly, this triggers alerts to the appropriate local or national authorities to initiate a search and rescue mission. Furthermore authorities will attempt to contact the beacon owner to make sure that it hasn't been an accidental triggering. Above all rescuers can initiate a response within minutes.

The Category I EPIRB design will automatically release from its mounted position and activate when they become submerged. The Category II EPIRB design allows for both hard mounting or hand carrying. Category II's also activate manually if need be. Modern EPIRBs and PLBs models generally have internal GPS. Unlike the past this allows them to transmit their exact location when activated within seconds. Most importantly this reduces the search-time massively. As a result, as many say, the modern day EPIRBs and PLBs takes the search out of search and rescue.

By law, you must register a locator beacon with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). There is a link at the bottom of this article. Once registered the beacon's unique 15-digit identification code is then associated with either your boat or you personally. Hence when triggered and begins transmitting its signal, the authorities immediately know who and where you are. They will also know all the ancillary information you added at registration.

WHERE CAN I GET THEM?

So the truth is that EPIRBs and PLBs are affordable. You can do an internet search and find hundreds of makes and models online. Most any Marine Shop will be able to help you as well.

Keep in mind that although these devices must be registered to a boat or a person, one can rent an EPIRB or PLB. Once again, at a very reasonable price. The beacons you rent are pre-registered and when rented, you'll provide your vessel type, itinerary, and other pertinent information. Subsequently, if a unit gets triggered, the information immediately passes this information on to the US Coast Guard.

Considering how much these units enhance your safety at sea, most boaters would surely agree that getting a modern EPIRB or PLB is well worth the investment.

SHOULD I BUY AN EPIRB OR A PLB?

The decision as to whether you buy an EPIRB or a PLB may be dictated by legislation. Some vessels are required to carry an EPIRB to meet their legal obligations. If this is the case, then your decision will be whether you want to carry a PLB in addition to an EPIRB or not.

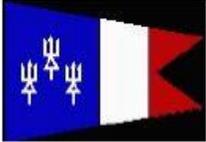
Experts recommend an EPIRB be fitted to any boat that goes to sea. If mounted correctly, it will float free if you have an incident and immediately broadcast for assistance. You may get trapped in the cabin during a capsize, so having an external automatic method of broadcasting distress is invaluable.

In addition to an EPIRB, experts recommend each crew member has a PLB fixed to themselves. The personal nature of the PLB means that it can be used if the crew member gets separated from the vessel. A typical scenario is a man overboard. Unless the person falling is spotted immediately it is very hard to locate someone in the water. Giving them the ability to call for assistance is critical for improving their chances of survival.

EPIRBs and PLBs may seem like just another expense for a mariner, but in the view of many the benefits certainly outweigh the cost. If it was your child going to sea, you would want them to carry both an EPIRB and a PLB. The cost of equipment is always less than the cost of a life.

IN CONCLUSION

Here is a great page from NOAA's website further clarifying and linking information regarding 406 beacons: <https://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/emergency-406-beacons/>



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



1) INTERNATIONAL ONLY

While underway and in sight of another vessel, you put your engines full speed astern. Which statement concerning whistle signals is TRUE?

- a) You must sound three short blasts on the whistle.
- b) You must sound one blast if backing to starboard
- c) You must sound whistle signals only if the vessels are meeting.
- d) You need not sound any whistle signals.

2) INLAND ONLY You are the stand-on vessel in a crossing situation. The other vessel is showing an alternating red and yellow light. Which action should you take?

- a) Stand on.
- b) Heave to.
- c) Alter course to assist.
- d) Yield the right-of-way.

3) Provided every effort is made to preserve body moisture content by avoiding perspiration, how long is it normally possible to survive without water?

- a) Up to 3 days
- b) 8 to 14 days
- c) 15 to 20 days
- d) 25 to 30 days

4) A "barrel" is a unit of liquid measure equivalent to _____.

- a) 40 U.S. gallons at 50°F
- b) 42 U.S. gallons at 60°F
- c) 43 U.S. gallons at 65°F
- d) 45 U.S. gallons at 75°F

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

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Social distancing will be observed

May Birthdays

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

Linda Spell	5/6
Marcy Marinelli	5/6
Bob Gloodt	5/7
Scott Singer	5/8
Nanette Rivera	5/9
Gunars Zikmanis	5/13
Chris Frost	5/23
Jeff Comeaux	5/26
Ken Koos	5/26
Dave Randall	5/29
Paul Young	5/29



New Members

Welcome new members:

Lynn Morr, Paul Young, Tom & Lori Wagor



Spring / Summer Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities

Date	Event	
5/19	Cruise & Lunch, Island Gypsy	1130
6/13	Cruise & Lunch (BYOE) Sand Dollar Island	1130
6/25	Cruise & Lunch Port of the Islands	1130
7/16	Cruise & Dinner Mangos Dockside Bistro	1700
7/26	Cruise & Lunch (BYOE) White Horse Key	1130
8/11	Cruise & Lunch (BYOE) Cape Romano	1130
8/18	Cruise & Lunch, Deep Lagoon	1130
8/27	Cruise & Lunch, Island Gypsy	1130

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

For reservations, contact Nanette Rivera 609-658-2947 nanette.rivera@gmail.com



VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

We now have Vessel Safety Check stickers for 2022. If you want a 2022 Vessel Safety Check (and you should if you will be involved in any squadron boating activities), please request one by contacting Ray Rosenberg (raymondhrosenberg@gmail.com). We already have had 56 vessel checks done by our crew of inspectors. VSCs are free and we can send you the paperwork in advance so you can get ready for your inspection. We are also looking for individuals who would like to volunteer to be a VSC inspector.

April Dinner Meeting

At our April dinner meeting, we enjoyed an informative talk about the Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary. Our speakers, Carl H. Way and Linda Turner, described the nature preserve and talked of the wildlife that can be found on it, including bald eagles. The preserve comprises 12 acres and includes a half-mile oyster shell walking trail. The preserve is located on Tigertail Court. You can find more information about the preserve at www.MarcoIslandNaturePreserve.org.



Commander Wanda Burson, P, welcomes newly sworn in members P/Lt/C Tim Benincasa, Jane Orsulak and Michele Carney. Tim joins us from the Sandusky, Ohio squadron. Photo courtesy of Andrea

Lunch at Everglades Rod and Gun Club



Photos courtesy of D/C Gene Burson

Lunch at Naples Boat House 4/21



Dennis Enstrom's boat with Dennis, Kathy, and Julie and Steve Riley.



Ted and Peggy Reiss on their boat with Andrea Battaglia and Chris Frost.



We had 18 attendees for lunch. Two boats with the rest by car.

Photos courtesy of Cdr Wanda Burson

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National Safe Boating Week and the WEAR IT Campaign

Our National Safe Boating Week and WEAR IT Campaign is off to a great start!!

I am pleased to inform you that we have secured partnership with four local business to help drive awareness for Safe Boating Month and the importance of wearing a lifejacket when on personal watercraft. Our partners will be: Cool Beans Cruises, Dolphin Explorer, Florida Adventures and Rentals, Rose Marina, and as previously announced SWEET ANNIE'S Ice Cream Parlour. Through the support of these partners, we will now reach over 4,000 local boaters and tour guests with a personal safe boating message in the month of May. This is double our original goal for the campaign!

As I outlined last month, each boater and passenger will hear a safe boating message during the departure safety address and receive a WEAR IT wrist band or WEAR It coupon which can be used to receive ½ off an ice cream float at SWEET ANNIE'S anytime in the month of May. Special thanks go out to SWEET ANNIE'S for letting us double our goal.



We are also finalizing plans for the WEAR IT event to be held at the Marco Island Yacht Club on Saturday, May 21st when we recognize our local First Responders. In attendance will be the Marco Island Police Department, Marco Island Fire and Rescue Marine Group, Flotilla 95, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. SWEET ANNIE'S will provide free Ice cream floats to top off the event.

Now the hard work has begun. We are busy preparing crew talking points cards, on board waterproof "Seven Safe Boating Tips/WEAR IT" cards, coupons, register posters, press releases, newspaper advertisements, and WEAR It Event invitations.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the City Council meeting on May 16th at City Hall where a Proclamation will be made setting May 21-27 as Safe Boating Week. Please attend with **Life Jackets On (Pets with lifejackets on would be a welcome addition!)**. The press will cover this event so a well-attended photo in the Coastal Breeze would show off our support and community service. Also mark your calendars for the big WEAR IT event on May 21st at the Marco Island Yacht Club, 1:30-3:30. Please come out **with lifejackets on** as we commend our First Responders and celebrate our campaigns success.

Dave Chaney



Marco Island

*Please Join Us In Support Of Our
Marco Island First Responders*

2022 WEAR IT Event

Kick Off National Safe Boating Week

Saturday, May 21st, 2022

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Marco Island Yacht Club



Please Wear Your Lifejacket To This Event

In attendance will be:

Marco Island Police Department

Marco Island Fire and Rescue Marine Group

Flotilla 95, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Marco Island Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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D-22 Cruise & Rendezvous
September 30-Oct 2, 2022
Twin Dolphins Marina, Bradenton
GPS coordinates of 27° 29' 57.2244" N and 82° 34' 19.0956" W

Join fellow District members for this fun activity. We will have a toga party on Friday; a visit to the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature; dinner at a local restaurant; a cookie contest in honor of October 1st being National Home-made Cookie Day!

Dockage: \$3.25/ft plus electric & tax.
Please contact Susan Tokarz: sittokarz@aol.com (727) 244-7933 for reservations.

Hotel: A block of 10 rooms has been reserved at the Springhill Suites Bradenton/Riverfront,
102 12th Street West (941) 226-2200
Room rate is \$189.00 (+tax)

Individuals have to contact the hotel directly. Be sure to mention you are with the D-22 Cruise & Rendezvous!!!!

Schedule (tentative)

Friday: 5:30 p.m. TOGA PARTY--- Covered Dish at Pool
Come dressed in your finest Toga!
Make your own head-piece.
There might even be prizes!
Home-made Cookie Contest

Saturday: Morning on your own – swim, visit the museum, enjoy!
2:00 p.m. Lunch at a local restaurant.
Evening – Cocktails & Camaraderie!

Sunday: Pastries by the pool – Bring your own coffee.

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