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Captain's Meeting at CJs













Members enjoy a warm humid evening at CJs!

Photos courtesy of Cdr Wanda Burson

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8/16	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830			
8/16	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300	8		
8/18	Cruise and Lunch	Deep Lagoon	1130	10		
8/24	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	6		
8/27	Cruise and Lunch	Port of the Islands	1130	10		
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9/6	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300	8		
9/10	Cruise and Lunch	Naples Boat House	1130	10		
9/14	EXCOM meeting	Learning Center	0900			
9/14	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	6		
9/15-17	Governing Board	Raleigh NC				
9/20	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830			
9/20	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300	8		
9/22	Cruise and Lunch (BYOE)	Panther Key	1130	10		
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9/28	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	6		
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10/12	EXCOM meeting	Learning Center	0900			
10/12	Dinner Meeting	Marco Island Yacht Club	1700			
10/18	Silver Tridents	Hoots	0830			
10/18	Cards at the Condo	Learning Center	1300	8		
10/22	Cruise and Lunch	Paradise Found	1130	10		
10/26	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	6		



THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR Lt Jane Orsulak

Summertime is here, and with it comes the migration of many of our snowbirds to the northern oceans, lakes, and rivers. This issue covers local activities for August and September.

As a snowbird myself, I will not be able to participate in the various events, so I would appreciate photos that I can include in future newsletters. I welcome any comments and suggestions. Please email them to jmo.abcd@gmail.com



SUNSHINE NEWS Lt Ann Marie Ryan

Please keep the following in your thoughts as prayers:

- Ray Rosenberg, Vessel Safety Check Chairman, passed away on Thursday, 14th July. Ray recently fell while on a trip with his wife Linda in their new motorhome. Ray was not able to recover from the impact of the injuries and passed peacefully with Linda at his side. Please keep Linda in your thoughts and prayers.
- Rhonda & Bob Gloodt on the passing of their dog Lily, squadron mascot.
- Wanda and Gene Burson for their continued recovery from COVID
- Debbie Rago, who had been sick

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

Ann Marie Ryan, 908-313-8357

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COMMANDER Wanda Burson, P



The temperatures have been HOT, the rains refreshing, and the Moon spectacular as Summer gets into full swing. With the full moon comes some extremely low tides. Interesting to see what is down there under those docks. A lot of

our members are spread out in all directions exploring and enjoying family and friends. Be safe and enjoy your time away. We will welcome you back this fall as we have plans for you.

Linette Chaney has the Ships Store up and running. You can now order merchandise directly from the site and have it delivered or just pick it up. Cliff Winings put Linette's store on the website so just go to the site and enjoy the ease of shopping at home.

Please consider attending the Fall Conference – a flyer is attached. You need to register on the website and attend to be refunded for the Friday night dinner dance. We need delegates for this meeting. Delegates are reimbursed up to \$100 for expenses so save your receipts. The conference is October 7-8, 2022. Please let me know if you can attend and be a delegate.

Cruise & Rendezvous is in Bradenton this year at the Twin Dolphins Sept 30 - Oct 2, 2022. Come for the toga party. A flyer is attached.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and take time for reflection, always good to relax and come back prepared to start working on the Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Party. Always a fun event. Can we make it bigger?





EXECUTIVE OFFICER D/C Gene Burson, JN



In this summer's article I want to highlight the work being done by our Ship's Store Committee, Public Relations Committee, Ways & Means Committee, Co-Operative Charting Committee, Vessel Safety Check Committee and

Safety Committee.

The Ship's Store Committee consists of a Chairwoman alone, Linette Chaney. She has worked with Sunshine Stitchers to put our Ship's Store inventory of Club clothing online for purchasing directly from Sunshine Stitchers, thus eliminating the Club's need to maintain a physical inventory. Go to our Club's website (MarcoBoatingClub.org) and look for the Ship's Store logo.

Public Relations Committee consists of a Chairman, Dave Chaney. He is taking a well-deserved hiatus in Ohio after a very successful Wear IT Event during the National Safe Boating Week, May 21-27, 2022. When Dave returns to Marco Island this Fall, he will be Chairing the Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Party for 2023 and the construction of the float for the parade. The other duties of the committee, publish articles and education class schedules in the newspapers, have been suspended since we have no major activities or classes scheduled during the Summer.

The Ways & Means Committee Chair is Dave Chaney also. Since he is the Chair of the Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Party, which is our largest fundraising event, it is only right that he is the Chair of the Ways & Means Committee.

Our Co-Operative Charting chair has been Cliff Winnings for several years. He is the member that coordinates a team of twelve members to go around Marco Island and the Ten Thousand Islands to report on the Aids to Navigation (AToNs). Their work is reported to the City of Marco Island and Collier County. Here are some excerpts from the correspondence with Cliff replying to the County.

Thank-you for providing this information (Blackwater River and Cape Romano Channel); I added it to the Excel files on our website a couple of weeks ago

- I have the following comments and questions regarding your Blackwater River data.
- 1. Congratulations to your guys for replacing 42 signs on 24 ATONs, and for getting all the way up the river to R56. I have added the two that we did not previously know about.
- 2. The longitude in your data for G49 is not correct it places the aid miles away from the river. That aid is visible in Google Earth exactly at your recorded latitude, so I used the Google Earth position for longitude in my database.
- 3. Your repair work in early May made major improvements to the Blackwater River aids to navigation. Here are the remaining issues in that channel (all are also noted in in the posted Excel files):
- a) R2 should be moved to mark the better channel
- b) G5, R6 and G7 should be added to help boaters navigate into the river

You can see that Cliff has a good working relationship with the County.

I reported on the Vessel Safety Check program extensively in the previous issue. The program should be active again in early Fall. Our big push will be starting with the new year when 2023 decals are available.

If you have been reading the new issues of the Eagle's Eye as they are published, then you know our Safety Officer, Ken Deutsch, has been writing very complete articles about timely safety concerns. We all look forward to his article.

I want to thank all the Committee Chairs and Committee Members that work so hard in their respective positions.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C David Randall, AP



Peggy Reiss of Membership advised that it looks as though we had four non – renewals for May but has reached out to them to see if there might be interest in re-joining.

Other news and activities:

- May 18 The cruise and rendezvous to Island Gypsy had eleven members in attendance. For those who have yet to sample their cuisine, pretty much everything is great. They truly have the BEST onion rings in the world. Their carrot and chocolate cake slices will feed six and are awfully good. BTW no commission received for these comments but, perhaps, motivation to attend the next C & R at this Isles of Capri waterfront gem!
- July 2 The Naples Zoo offers Collier County residents free admission the first Saturday of each month until 3:30 PM. Bring proof of residency; those under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The original date of June 4 was rained out and rescheduled for July.
- **July 16** Cruise and dinner at Mango's Dockside Bistro in the Esplanade
- July 23 Breakfast at the Sand Bar
- **July 26** Cruise and Lunch BYOE at White Horse Key
- August 27 Port of the Islands cruise and rendezvous at 11:30 (See Nanette and Rhonda for details.)

Your Admin Officer now operates remotely from summer dwellings in Springfield, Missouri. It's hot as blazes here and no ocean breeze anywhere!

Have a great month!



"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!



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



Summer will come to an end, temperatures will decline, members will start returning to paradise and the education program will begin. My hope is to have the Fall/Winter schedule of course and seminar topics, dates

and times available on the Eagle's Eye and our web site by September, so please keep looking. In the meantime we are open for any suggestions for topics and volunteers for instructors. Do you prefer courses or seminars?

One new instructor is Ed Gerri. He has a wealth of knowledge in electronics and will head up our elective course "Marine Electrical Systems". The Marine Electrical Systems course is presented in seven chapters that start with an explanation of what electricity is, followed by discussions on boat electrical wiring, DC and AC electrical systems, galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection, and ends with troubleshooting of boat electrical problems.

The course includes detailed instructions on how to use a multimeter, how to solder and crimp electrical wiring circuits, and how to read electrical wiring diagrams. This course can be used as a reference guide for anyone interested in properly maintaining their boat electrical system.

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



SAFETY OFFICER Lt Kenneth Deutsch

USCG Boating Safety App



There is a new app available from the Coast Guard that has many features useful to a boater. The USCG Boating Safety App features include:

- •Find the latest safety regulations
- •Request a vessel safety check
- •Check your safety equipment
- •File a float plan
- Navigation Rules
- •Find the nearest NOAA buoy
- •Report a hazard
- •Report pollution
- •Report suspicious activity
- •Request emergency assistance

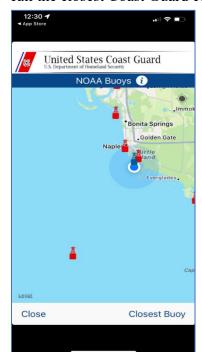
As the nation's recreational boating safety coordinator, the Coast Guard works to minimize loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and environmental harm. The USCG's boating safety program involves public education programs, regulation of boat design and construction, approval of boating safety equipment, and vessel safety checks for compliance with federal and state safety requirements. The Coast Guard Mobile App supports these missions by providing the essential services and information most commonly requested by boaters.

Features of the app include: state boating information; a safety equipment checklist; free boating safety check requests; navigation rules; float plans; and calling features to report pollution or suspicious activity. When location services are enabled, users can receive the latest weather reports from the closest National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather buoys as well as report the location of a hazard on the water.





The app also features an Emergency Assistance button which, with locations services enabled, will call the closest Coast Guard command center.



The Boating Safety Mobile app was not designed to replace a boater's marine VHF radio. which the Coast Guard strongly recommends boaters have aboard their vessels. The app was mainly designed to provide additional boating safety resources for mobile device users.

The app is selfcontained, so personal information is stored on the phone and is not sent to the

Coast Guard unless the user chooses to send it. The Coast Guard does not track a user's location, and the app does not track a user's location unless the app is being used

Membership Corner D/Lt/C Peggy Reiss

Welcome to the Membership Corner! My goal as membership chair is to have new members highlighted here. Our Club members are interesting and exciting folks who enjoy boating, getting connected with other boaters, becoming more educated in boating, and being involved with our community.

This month we feature Nanette Rivera and Gene Wordehoff. They joined America's Boating Club—Marco Island in October 2020.



Nanette Rivera and Gene Wordehoff

Gene and Nanette bought a home on Smokehouse Bay 23 years ago and have lived full time there since 2015 along with their two dogs Don and Ted and a 30 foot powerboat.

They worked in the pharmaceutical industry for some 40 years, Nanette as a consultant and engineer to Corporate VP and other executive positions. She has a BS in Industrial Engineering and a MBA in Finance. Gene was involved in operations management and quality control for the pharmaceutical industry. He has an MBA in Finance and a PhD in Industrial Engineering.

They both are ardent volunteers on Marco Island. Nanette is on the Planning Board of the City of Marco Island, is a board member of the Big Cypress Basin, Calusa Waterkeeper, Columbiette at San Marco Church, Treasurer of Collier County Republican Executive Committee, President and Campaign Chair Republican Hispanic National Assembly, member of US Coast Guard Auxiliary and certified in Boat safety and Navigation. As a member of America's Boating Club Marco Island, she chairs the Luncheon and Captains Meetings. She is currently running for City Council in Marco Island.

Gene is a member of the Collier Citizens Council, member of the Waterways Advisory Committee, and Board Member of the Collier County Water and Wastewater Authority. He is a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and is certified in Boat Safety and Navigation. He is on the Board of Directors of Marco Island Civic association (MICA) and regularly writes columns in the MICAWAVE and the Coastal Breeze regarding water quality.

America's Boating Club Marco Island are happy to have them as members of our organization.

Hand, Knee & Foot" Card Game

Call: Lt Dorothy Harkness, S at 239-642-3575 Email: dorothyharkness@embargmail.com

Easy to learn this fun game ... nice to play while on cruises. Socialize with members of the squadron, give Dorothy a call ... 239-642-3575.



Social distancing will be observed





Aug/Sept Birthdays

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

- 08/01 Kathleen H. Reynolds
- 08/03 Cloe Gerri
- 08/06 John P. Apolzan
- 08/06 Karen Kuettner
- 08/08 Mary Kreppein
- 08/14 Richard W. Rogers
- 08/15 Lonnie Hoschar
- 08/16 Pam N. Sander
- 08/18 Deborah L. Sweeden
- 08/19 Rhonda M. Gloodt
- 08/19 Peggy E. Reiss
- 08/19 Thomas M. Wagor
- 08/22 Marie D. Green
- 08/25 Eugene Wordehoff
- 08/29 Elizabeth Scandone
- 08/30 Scott E. DeBisschop
- 08/31 Robert H. Richardson
- 09/01 Ann Marie Ryan
- 09/06 Thomas G. Morr, P
- 09/06 Kristine S. Zikmanis
- 09/08 S. Lynn Morr
- 09/11 James M. Bahin
- 09/11 John (Jack) A. Bliss
- 09/12 Donald F. Bruns
- 09/13 Connie L. O'Reilly
- 09/16 Samuel J. Contrada
- 09/16 Robert K. Thomas
- 09/17 Andrew T. Ford
- 09/18 Douglas A. Foss
- 09/20 Wanda A. Burson
- 09/23 Dorothy Ann Harkness
- 09/25 Jose D. Puell Jr.
- 09/28 Jennifer L. Jewett





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

1) **BOTH INTERNATIONAL** & **INLAND** Which statement is TRUE concerning the danger signal?



- a. May be sounded by the stand-on vessel only
- b. Indicates that the vessel is in distress
- c. Is used to indicate a course change
- d. May be supplemented by an appropriate light signal
- 2) **INLAND ONLY** A vessel displaying an alternating red and yellow light is _____.
 - a. in distress
 - b. enforcing the law
 - c. engaged in public safety activities
 - d. restricted in its ability to maneuver
- 3) Wind direction may be determined by observing all of the following EXCEPT _____.
 - a. low clouds
 - b. waves
 - c. whitecaps
 - d. swells
- 4) The height of tide is the ...
 - a. depth of water at a specific time due to tidal
 - b. difference between the depth of the water and the area's tidal datum
 - c. difference between the depth of the water and the high water tidal level
 - d. difference between the depth of the water at high tide and the depth of the water at low tide

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

Summer/Fall Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities. Please note changes from previously published events due to restaurant closure as noted in **red**.

Date	Event	
8/11	Cruise & Lunch (BYOE) Cape Romano	1130
8/18	Cruise & Lunch, Deep Lagoon	1130
8/27	Cruise & Lunch, Port of the Islands	1130
9/10	Cruise & Lunch, Naples Boat House	1130
9/22	Cruise & Lunch (BYOE), Panther Key	1130
9/25	Full Moon Cruise, Marco River	1919
9/20-	D-22 Cruise and Rendezvous, Bradenton	
10/2		
10/22	Cruise & Lunch, Paradise Found	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





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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.

Safe trip home!





Updated Plans For The D22 Fall Conference 2022



Friday, 7 October:

Squadron/Member Donated Gift Raffle - \$20.00 for 15 tickets

0830 – 1200 Registration Desk Open

0900 - 1015 Squadron Bridge Officer Meeting 1030 - 1145 **Council Meeting**

1200 – 1330 Lunch on your own 1400 – 1600 Roundtables

FREE Dinner/Dance - Limited to 140 District 22 Members

1700 - Social 1800 - 50/50 & Gift Drawings 1830 - Dinner Served

1900 - 2100 - Live Music by Manatee Squadron Members

Reservations and deposit required thru D22 website - usps.org/d22

Saturday, 8 October:

0800 - 1200 Registration Desk Open 0800 - 0900 Coffee and Danish 0900 - 1030 Roundtables 1045 - 1200 Town Hall Meeting

1215 - 1330 Lunch - speaker *Hans Wilson, President of Marine Industries Assn*



1345 - 1530 - District Conference Meeting

1600 - 1700 - After Conference Social

Hotel Info:

Four Points Sheraton - 941-637-6770

\$109.00 + taxes (normal senior rate - \$179) - cutoff date 9/16 State you have the special "Power Squadron room block" or give **code PO1407** to receive the discounted rate - must make reservation directly

Springhill Suites by Marriott - 941-347-4224

City view - \$139.00 / Harbor view - \$159.00 + taxes (normal senior rate - \$201) breakfast included - cutoff date 9/16

Link to book your room online: **Book your group rate for America's Boating Club**

Must mention United States Power Squadrons/America' Boating Club and book for at least 2 nights for these rates



2022 Fall Conference Reservation Form



Friday, 7 October - FREE Dinner/Dance

Limited Free to first 140 District 22 Members - deposit required

1700 – Social 1800 – 50/50 & Gift Drawings 1830 – Dinner Served

Choice of:

Shrimp Scampi, Bourbon & Beef Tenderloin or Chicken Marsala

Choice will be plated and served with Caesar Salad, Loaded Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls & Butter. Ice Water and Ice Tea. Coffee on request.

Ice Cream Station with Hot Fudge, Caramel Sauce, Sprinkles, Whipped Cream & Cherries

To assure your intent to attend, we require payment of \$40.00 at the time of your reservation – all attendees will then receive a refund of their payment <u>AT</u> the dinner. No refunds for non-attendees.

Saturday, 8 October – Luncheon – Lunch Served at 1215

Speaker - Hans Wilson, President of Marine Industries Assn of Southwest Florida

The Marine Industries Association plays an active role in governmental and legislative matters throughout the region, working to increase awareness of the economic impact of boating. The Association works to grow boating and promote member businesses to the boating public through boat shows, web sites, social media and advertising.

Choice of: Chicken Parmigiana or Beef Brisket - \$30.00

Choice will be plated and served with House Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Cut Corn, Green Beans, Rolls & Butter, Water, Ice Tea and Fresh Oven Baked Cookies. Coffee on request.



We ask that you use the new, easy way to register for the Conference and Purchase your meals



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

No Reservations or Cancellations after 26 September 2022, please.

<u>District 22 - 2022 Fall Conference Roundtables</u>

Friday, 7 October - 1400 - 1600

Education Update - D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN, San Carlos Bay Squadron, presenter

Our District Education Officer will discuss updates in America's Boating Club's Education Program. Hear about the educational programs, changes in seminars, when new materials for courses will be available, etc.

Info Center - D/Lt/C Ron Jones, AP, Peace River Squadron, presenter

What's in the Info Center for (or about) me? Where is it? How do I check it out? What about DB2000?

Managing an Effective Meeting - Cdr Connie Beckman, SN, St. Pete Squadron, presenter

Do you know how to run a meaningful and fun meeting? Connie Beckman will lead a discussion of Robert's Rules of Order, how to take minutes and how to add fun to your general meetings.

Membership Planning Panel Discussion – Lt/C Barry Rush, SN, Sarasota, moderator

A discussion on techniques to grow and retain membership into future leadership positions.

Saturday, 8 October - 0900 - 1030

Global Scavenger Hunt - P/C Douglas Townes, SN, St Pete Squadron, presenter

Use your cell phone GPS to answer questions about Lat/Lon coordinates. This will educate and test your GPS skills. Use Lat/Lon coordinates with Google Maps to identify a location instead of a street address to answer questions. *There will be a prize!* If you have not used Google maps with Lat/Lon, instructions for iPhone and Android devices are available on the D22 web site (About Us/Announcements).

Keeping your boat exterior looking new – Travis Spier of Baybreeze Boatworks

No matter if your boat's hull is wood, fiberglass, or aluminum, routine cleaning and maintenance will improve performance and fuel economy and protect your investment in your boat. Stains, mildew, and algae are common on boats, learn how best to care for your boat's exterior.

Nautical Knots - Stf/C Dave Haddox, S. Anna Maria Squadron, presenter

A sampling of knots of use to mariners, including the handy one-handed bowline, which allows a person to hang onto a line for support, while tying a bowline in it.

The USS Hornet, "The Grey Ghost" - D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN, San Carlos squadron, presenter

A virtual tour of the USS Hornet, a museum in Alameda, CA. Hear the history of this aircraft carrier nicknamed "The Grey Ghost." Hear about past from WWII Pacific missions thru recovery of the Apollo Moon capsules.

Saturday's Lunch Speaker – 1230 – Hans Wilson, President

of Hans Wilson & Associates, a marine engineering and environmental consulting firm

Hans is also the President of the Marine Industries Association of Southwest Florida & Tampa Bay. which was formed in 1973 and represents over 250 marine businesses along Florida's West Coast. SWFMIA plays a role in governmental and legislative matters, working to increase awareness of the economic impact of boating through boat shows, web sites, social media and advertising. SWFMIA also sponsors the Go Boating Florida website which offers a wealth of information to recreational boaters.