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August 2023			•	
1-Aug	Cards	<b>Learning Center</b>	1300	6
9-Aug	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	5
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15-Aug	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	0830	
15-Aug	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
17-Aug	Cruise & Lunch	Deep Lagoon	1130	
23-Aug	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	5
26-Aug	Cruise & Lunch	Island Gypsy	1130	
Sep 2023	<u> </u>	•	•	•
1-4 Sep	USPS Governing Board	Raleigh NC		
5-Sep	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
7-Sep	Cruise & Lunch	Naples Boat House	1130	
13-Sep	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b>	Learning Center	0900	
13-Sep	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	5
19-Sep	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	0830	
19-Sep	Cards	<b>Learning Center</b>	1300	6
21-Sep	Cruise & Picnic	Panther Key	1130	
27-Sep	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	5
Oct 2023			-	
3-Oct	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
11-Oct	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b>	<b>Learning Center</b>	0900	
11-Oct	Membership Dinner/Meeting	Marco Island Lutheran	1700	15
		Church		
13-14 Oct	District 22 Fall Conference	Punta Gorda		
17-Oct	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	0830	
17-Oct	Cards	Learning Center	1300	6
21-Oct	Cruise & Lunch	Little Bar	1130	
25-Oct	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	1700	5



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### THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR Lt Jane Orsulak

Since I will not be returning to Florida until October, please continue to send any pictures of club events for me to include in upcoming newsletters.

I welcome any comments and suggestions to the newsletter. Please email to jmo.abcd@gmail.com



#### SUNSHINE NEWS Lt Ann Marie Ryan

The following cards were sent in the last month.

- John Moyer's wife in hospital
- Starr Whiting Sympathy card for the death of Joe
- Roy Sander Sympathy card for the death of Pam
- Jim Addison sympathy card for the death of his Dad



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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#### **Aug/Sept Birthdays**

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

- 08/01 Kathleen H. Reynolds
- 08/03 Cloe Gerri
- 08/04 Alexander W. Rychalsky
- 08/06 John P. Apolzan
- 08/14 Richard W. Rogers
- 08/15 Lonnie Hoschar
- 08/18 Deborah L. Sweeden
- 08/19 Rhonda M. Gloodt
- 08/19 Peggy E. Reiss
- 08/19 Thomas M. Wagor
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- 08/31 Robert H. Richardson
- 09/01 Ann Marie Ryan
- 09/06 Thomas G. Morr
- 09/06 Kristine S. Zikmanis
- 09/08 Sandra L. Morr
- 09/11 James M. Bahin
- 09/12 Donald F. Bruns
- 09/16 Robert K. Thomas
- 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



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### **COMMANDER Cdr David Chaney**



The "Dog Days" of summer are certainly upon us as well as the haze and smoke from the fires in Canada. There have been many days here in central Ohio when we can barely see the opposite shoreline which is less

than one half mile away. As I follow the weather on Marco, I see you too have been seeing high heat as well as higher than normal water temperatures. So, we are all finding ourselves indoors staying cool with some time to catch up on those things we said we would get to sometime!

So, if you find some time, I have several suggestions to stay involved with boating. How about you check America's Boating Club website out the (americasboatingclub.org). On this site you can watch videos on boating, safety, and instructions on the latest technologies. You can even catch a video, "Stopping A Boat on Plane", starring our own P/D/C Captain Ted Reiss, SN-CN. Check out the video on Situational Awareness to keep your boating skills fresh for this fall. Have you seen the America's Boating Channel? You can check it out by watching the video: Introducing America's Boating Channel Live.

Once you are on the ABC website go to the "Member Login." It is in the menu at the top of the page. This will take you to the United States Power Squadrons website. If you have never set up your account this would be a good time to do so. You will need your USPS Certificate Number and your USPS PIN number. Remember to check the "Remember Me" box so you do not need to continually log in. Don't be afraid to surf around this site. It has more things to read about and learn than you can do in one day. Once you have cruised the Home Page, click on the "Site Index" in the blue header bar. This is the "Go To" place to see the extensive national club's library of helpful information and operation policies and procedures. I visit this page routinely to conduct squadron business. You will be amazed at how fast time goes by when getting absorbed in the content on this page.

Now if you are still thirsting for more boating information make sure you check out the Ensign

Magazine (theensign.org) and the Compass site (boatingcompass.org). Take advantage of your free time and get back into boating without the need to leave your chair!

Of course, I know all of you on the island are all staying active by attending the Captains Meetings at CJ's and planning to cruise or drive to many of the five Cruise and Lunch/Picnic events scheduled in August and September. As always, if you would like to attend one of these events and do not have a boat or car to make the trip you can contact: Chris Frost (848 466-0230) or Nanette Rivera (609 658-2947) and they will help make arrangements for your participation.

I want to give a big "THANK YOU" to Jerry Cole and Gene Wordehoff for their persistent and successful effort to find a carrier to renew our club's 2023/2024 insurance policies. This was a big task and concern for the Bridge. Thank them when you get a chance.

Enjoy your summer and please be safe, stay cool, and stay in touch with your club friends and family. Linette and I look forward to seeing you all again in a few months.

Dave



Smoke from Canadian fires blocked the sun and clouded visibility to less than one half mile in the north and northeast states in July. Air quality was posted as "Hazardous" keeping boaters off the great lakes and surrounding waterways for days at a time. Lake Buckhorn, N.E Ohio.





Captain's Meeting
"Meet & Greet"
everyone welcome!
CJ's Gazebo Bar at the
Esplanade at 1700 on
the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday of the Month



#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C David Randall, JN



As always – your Power Squadron has oodles of fun stuff to do whether boating, eating out, or enjoying our local scenery. Come join us for August and September's offerings!

10 August – Cruise & Picnic to Cape Romano 17 August – Cruise & Lunch at Deep Lagoon 26 August – Cruise and lunch at Island Gypsy 7 September – Cruise and lunch at the Naples Boathouse

Come and enjoy a jaunt to Naples by boat or car to enjoy good cuisine, a wonderful view, and great camaraderie! - 11:30



21 September – cruise and picnic at Panther Key This big guy is saying, "don't make me chase you down to sign up for the good times to be had at this picnic!" 11:30



### 1 and 15 August, 5 and 19 September: Cards at the Condo!

Join Dorothy and the usual suspects at 1300 for knee – slapping fun and high – stakes Hand – Knee & Foot cards

#### 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.

### 9 and 23 August, and 13 and 27 September – Captains' Meeting at CJ's on the Bay

Need anyone say more??? 17:00





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



Are you ready to learn more exciting aspects of safe boating? Are you ready to help others learn about the many facets of boating? The Fall/Winter education schedule will be on our web site in September and following Eagle's

Eyes. Let me know what topics you would like to learn or present.

Re instructors, we need members interested in presenting a chapter (or more) of the America's Boating Course. There are four to choose. We have power point slides and lesson plans for each. Some of you remember taking the squadron's first course, ABC, (America's Boating Course) or Boat Handling and since then you have applied your knowledge and skills to more enjoyable times on the waters. National will introduce at their September Governing Board meeting a better, more realistic, free, course for members to become certified instructors, a requirement to offer the Florida and It is also helpful in NASBLA public course. preparing to present any of our other courses and seminars. Right now we only have five members certified. But you do not need to be certified to present other courses or seminars. Bottom line: we **need more instructors to offer an informative** education program.

The new computer Vessel Trainer program is being installed. I am looking to find appropriate scenery to use for boat docking in a slip. The new program lets us control speed and direction of both wind and current so we can simulate docking at local restaurants. System should be up and running soon. Let me know when you would like to play.

On-the-water training is available for members only on their boat or one they rent. This one-on-one program is called "Jump Start". We can address specific skills of interest to you. Sessions usually last a little over two hours. This is the best way to take your classroom information to improve your skills behind the steering wheel.

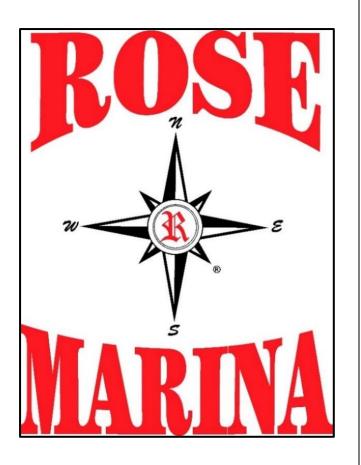
Continue to go boating, be safe and keep learning.

Congratulations to Dave Randall for passing the Junior Navigation course which deals with navigation by use of the sun rather than electronic devices. This is the first of two courses using celestial information and the use of a sextant as well as classroom information to determine your location. Well-deserved after many, many hours of effort.



#### SAFETY OFFICER Lt Kenneth Deutsch





#### **Avoidable Accidents**

Coast Guard Statistics reveal decreasing recreational boating accidents in 2022, but the leading causes remain frustratingly fixable with skipper education and attentiveness.



Accidents happen, but most are avoidable.

Safe boaters see inexperienced and irresponsible boaters on the water on a regular basis, so it should come as no surprise that alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2022, accounting for 88 deaths, or 16% of total fatalities. The recently released 2022 US Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics report (https://uscgboating.org/library/accident-

statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2022.pdf) also reveals the 636 total reported boating fatalities nationwide were a 3.3% decrease from the 658

deaths in 2021.

In calendar year 2022, the Coast Guard counted 4,040 accidents that involved 636 deaths, 2,222 injuries and approximately \$63 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.

The fatality rate was 5.4 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 1.8% decrease from the 2021 fatality rate of 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.

Compared to 2021, the number of accidents decreased 9.0%, the number of deaths decreased

3.3%, and the number of injuries decreased 15.9%.

Where cause of death was known, 75% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 85% were not wearing a life jacket.

Where length was known, 3 of every 4 boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.

Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 16% of deaths.

Where instruction was known, 74% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Only 14% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally-approved boating safety education certificate.

There were 173 accidents in which at least one person was struck by a propeller. Collectively, these accidents resulted in 41 deaths and 182 injuries.

Operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, excessive speed, and machinery failure ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.

Where data was known, navigation rules violations were a contributing factor in 50% of accidents, 35% of deaths, and almost 60% of injuries.

Collisions (with vessels, objects, groundings) were the most frequent first event in accidents, attributing to 55% of accidents, 21% of deaths, and 53% of injuries.

Where data was known, the most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (47%), personal watercraft (18%), and cabin motorboats (14%).

Where data was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (47%), kayaks (14%), personal watercraft and pontoons (both 9%).

The 11,770,383 recreational vessels registered by the states in 2022 represent a 1.6% decrease from last year when 11,957,886 recreational vessels were registered. The total number of boating accidents decreased 9% (4,439 to 4,040), and the number of nonfatal injured victims decreased 15.9% (2,641 to 2,222). Even more tragically, drowning was the

official cause of death in 75% of fatal boating incidents. And among those drowning victims, 85% of the deceased were not wearing a life jacket.

"Most incidents occur in benign conditions — calm waters, light wind, and good visibility — under which you may least expect to end up in the water, which is why it is critical to wear a life jacket and engine cut-off switch at all times as they are designed to save your life," says Capt. Troy Glendye, chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety.



PFDs save lives, but only if worn.

The Coast Guard reminds boaters to ensure life jackets are serviceable, properly sized, correctly fastened, and suitable for your activity. Among accident where boating instruction was known, 74% of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had not received boating safety instruction. The Coast Guard encourages all boaters take a boating safety course that meets the National Boating Education Standards before they go boating.

Fun on the water can turn into tragedy in an instant at high speeds.

Other takeaways from the report:

 The fatality rate was 5.4 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. In 1971, when the Safe Boating Act was first passed, the fatality rate was 20.6 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.

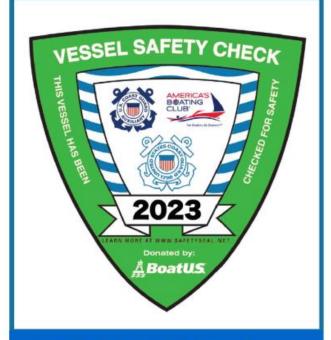
- Property damage totaled \$63 million.
- The most common vessel types involved in reported incidents were open motorboats, personal watercraft, and cabin motorboats. Where vessel type was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (47%), kayaks (14%), and personal watercraft (9%) and pontoons (9%).

The data is based on incidents that resulted in at least one of the following criteria: death, disappearance, injury that required medical treatment beyond first aid, damages to the vessel(s) or other property that equaled or exceeded \$2,000, or a loss of vessel. "We thank our partners in boating safety who have all made it their mission to prevent incidents through educational outreach and enforcement," says Glendye.





### Make Your Boat A Safe Boat



#### **ATTENTION MISPS Members**

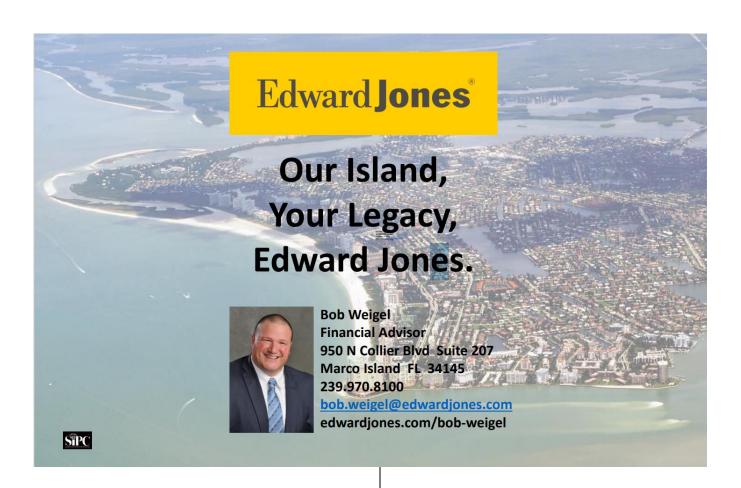
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#### BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND At night you sight a vessel displaying one green light. This light could indicate a

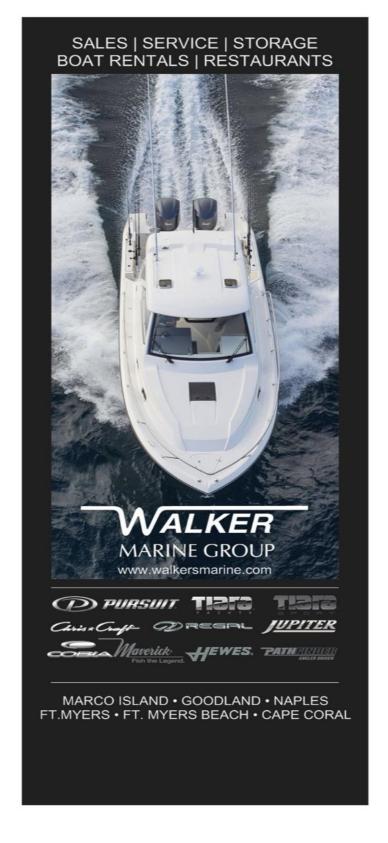


- a) vessel drifting
- b) vessel at anchor
- c) small motorboat underway
- d) sailboat underway

# 2) **BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND** In a crossing situation, a vessel fishing must keep out of the way of a vessel which is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) under sail
- b) towing
- c) restricted in her ability to maneuver
- d) engaged in pilotage duty
- 3) In all but the most severe cases, bleeding from a wound should be controlled by \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) applying direct pressure to the wound
  - b) submerging the wound in lukewarm water
  - c) cooling the wound with ice
  - d) applying a tourniquet
- 4) The upward pressure of displaced water is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) buoyancy
  - b) deadweight
  - c) draft
  - d) freeboard

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



### **Boating Activities Calendar**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities.

Date	Event	Time
10-Aug	Cruise & Picnic – Cape Romano	1130
17-Aug	Cruise & Lunch – Deep Lagoon	1130
26-Aug	Cruise & Lunch - Island Gypsy	1130
7-Sep	Cruise & Lunch – Naples Boat House	1130
21-Sep	Cruise & Picnic – Panther Key	1130
21-Oct	Cruise & Lunch – Little Bar	1130

For questions, contact Boating Chair, 1/Lt Christopher Frost, AP (848) 466-0230 For reservations, contact Nanette Rivera 609-658-2947 <a href="mailto:nanette.rivera@gmail.com">nanette.rivera@gmail.com</a>



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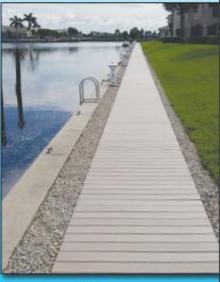












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Please note: We are still finalizing the details for the dinners but we wanted to let you know of our progress so far. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our October dinner meeting.