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**MISPS
Volunteers
Clean Up the
Beach!**

MISPS membership had a strong showing at the annual beach cleanup day at Marco Island South Beach. Beach cleanup involves walking along the beach from the water line to the vegetation line, and collecting any non-organic material for proper disposal. Finds include food packaging, plastics, and even toys!

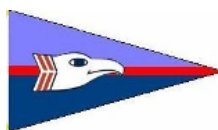
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Shout Out

- Laurie Stoppiello-Marswillo for doing an excellent job at all of the flyers month in and month out, being creative and timely, and dealing with short deadlines.

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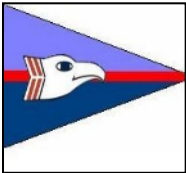
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4/10/2025	Executive Board	Learning Center	Thursday	0900	
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5/1/2025	Cruise - BYOE	White Horse Key	Thursday	1130	20
5/2/2025	D-22 Spring Conference (5/2 & 5/3)	Bradenton	Friday	0900	21, 22, 23
5/5/2025	Proclamation	Town Hall	Monday	1700	
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5/14/2025	Captain's Meeting	Pelican Bend	Wednesday	1700	
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5/20/2025	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	
5/22/2025	Cruise/Drive	Everglades Museum/ R&G Club	Thursday	1130	26
5/28/2025	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	Wednesday	1700	

- *Note: different DAY for April monthly meeting*
- *Note: April is the last month for monthly meetings for the season. They will resume in October*
- *Note: Captains' meetings are now scheduled at various local restaurants. Be sure to check out the location for each!*
- *Note: Captains' meetings are now twice a month (2nd and 4th Wednesday) though the end of September*



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THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Jane Orsulak

Please continue to send any pictures of club events for me to include in upcoming newsletters.

New this month is a boating-related crossword puzzle. Can you complete it without peeking?

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



SUNSHINE NEWS
Lt Kathleen Reynolds

No cards were sent this past month.

Please note that we like to acknowledge good events in our members' lives as well as to extend a note of support when sadder events occur. The only way this can happen is when members let me know of something that should be acknowledged. If you hear of something that warrants a note from friends at MISPS, please do let me know, either at KReynol@aol.com or at 239 394 0459.

Kathleen Reynolds

Hand, Knee & Foot" Card Game

Call: Lt Dorothy Harkness, S at 239-642-3575

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 ... 239-642-3575.



April Birthdays

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

04/01 Robert Gerald Taylor
04/04 Rudolf Landwaard
04/05 Loretta Metzler
04/07 Kelly J. Gulling
04/12 Roy M. Sander
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BOSUN'S Whistle Bridge Report
Cdr Chris Ricci, P
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Lt/C James Addison, P



Bosun's Whistle: Full Speed Ahead at Marco Island Power Squadron!

Ahoy, mates! This past month at the Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron (MISPS) has been a true voyage of adventure and camaraderie. Our members charted a course filled with fellowship, fun, and community spirit.

First, the decks were bustling with activities like spirited rounds of Cards, which always promise friendly competition and hearty laughter. The Executive Board convened to navigate important Squadron matters, keeping our ship steady on course.

At our lively Membership Dinner and Meeting, members enjoyed not only delicious fare but also a fascinating and entertaining presentation by our guest fishing speaker. He had everyone hooked with tales of angling excitement and introduced us to the intriguing concept of "land charters." Who knew you could catch fish without ever approaching a dock? It certainly cast a fresh perspective and plenty of smiles around the room.

Showing our deep commitment to protecting our treasured shoreline, our crew banded together for a successful Beach Clean-up, leaving Marco Island more beautiful than ever. Kudos to all who participated!

Our esteemed Silver Tridents gathered for their traditional breakfast, swapping stories of adventures on the high seas and beyond, while another round of Cards kept spirits buoyant mid-month.

The waters called, and members enthusiastically answered during our delightful Boat Around Marco event, expertly helmed by our very own Ted Reiss. Thanks to Ted's experienced navigation, we cruised smoothly, reveling in the sights and enjoying good company afloat.

Shaking things up and adding excitement to our

routine gatherings, we steered on a new tack and moved our Captain's Meeting to The Speak Easy. We plan on alternating venues for this meeting in the future.

Finally, members gathered for a delicious breakfast at Ori's Restaurant, savoring the camaraderie and great conversation as we rounded out another memorable month.

As we drop anchor on another wonderful month at MISPS, it's clear our Squadron thrives because of our enthusiastic members. So, keep your eyes on the horizon and your ears tuned to the Bosun's Whistle for upcoming adventures. Fair winds and following seas!.

Chris Ricci: Commander – Squadron-3125

Chris Frost: Ex/O– Squadron

Jim Addison: A/O – Squadron

March Meeting
March 11, 2025

John Rosenfeld was the speaker at the March meeting. He is a banker and fishing enthusiast who loves fishing around Marco. He shared many tips on equipment for various types of fishing, both inland and off shore. John shared lots of information regarding the various types of rods and reels needed for both fresh and salt water. He also reminded us to wash off the salt from the rods and reels after returning home.



Photos courtesy of Chris Frost





Avoid lightning strikes on the water

Lightning strikes kill more people in the United States in a year than tornadoes, and boaters are particularly vulnerable. You can

stay safe on and off the water by learning more about lightning safety.

Many people wait far too long to seek shelter when thunderstorms threaten. Unfortunately, this delayed response leads to many lightning deaths and injuries in the U.S.

Lightning dangers for boaters

A boat is often the tallest object in a large open space and can be a dangerous place during a thunderstorm.

On the water, a direct lightning strike can damage or destroy vessels, overload navigational and other electronic systems, and electrocute crew and passengers.

Always check weather forecasts before going out on your boat and be aware of any changes in forecast while on the water.

Let's consider a few scenarios:

Lightning strikes your boat's ungrounded radio antenna. The metal antenna carries the electrical charge to the radio, which doesn't have a good conductive path into the water. Your hand is on the radio or on metal connected to the radio, and your feet are on a wet surface, which is in contact with metal that extends through the hull of the boat to the water. As a result, your body may then become the best conductor for the electrical charge.

Lightning strikes your sailboat's mast. The electrical current follows the mast or wire rope to your hands, through your body to the wet surface, and through the hull to the water.

Lightning strikes you while you're operating a motorboat. The lightning passes through your body to the motor, then to the water.

Lightning strikes the graphite fishing rod (a good conductor) that you're holding. You're sitting in an aluminum or fiberglass rowboat. The electrical charge passes through the rod, your body, and the

boat to the water.

In all four examples, you could be seriously injured or killed.

You don't even need to touch the components struck by lightning. You could get hit by a side flash, which occurs when the electrical charge jumps from one component to another seeking a better path to ground.

Lightning strikes have such a high voltage that even non-conductive materials can become conductors. If these massive voltages start to travel through a boat's structures—say, through its mast—and meet with high resistance (i.e., the hull skin), the current discharge could blow a hole in the non-conductive barrier to reach ground.

Even though your boat may never be hit by lightning, don't play the odds. If lightning strikes your boat, it could be devastating. Don't take a chance; protect yourself. If you are in a small boat and close to shore when a thunderstorm approaches, get to shore and off the water immediately. Better yet, don't go out if thunderstorms are predicted.

Lightning safety on the water

What do you do if a storm pops up while you are miles offshore?

- Keep away from metal objects. You could be electrocuted by touching them during a direct hit.
- Always wear a life jacket. If lightning strikes you, you could lose consciousness and fall overboard.
- Stay low and in the center of the boat.
- Do not touch water as water is an excellent conductor of electricity.
- Turn off electronics on any unnecessary electronic devices to prevent damage from a power surge
- Stay tuned to NOAA weather radio for the latest warnings and watches.

When it comes to lightning safety, try to follow this simple credo: When thunder roars, go indoors. —*Al Ponzio*.

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COURTESY AND GUIDELINES

It seems our life from childhood to our senior years is full of rules. You might not know that there are 199 Florida statutes involving driving, 40 Florida statutes involving boating, and 20 Florida statutes involving bicycles. I would bet the best Florida Super Trooper can't recite all of them. I have found there are some rules that seem to come up more commonly as an issue in our lives. Let's look at some of those rules, or in this case guidelines, and the idea of showing some basic courtesy when interacting with others. Some guidelines to live by involving three modes of transportation I am very familiar with. What I am talking about here is driving, boating, and biking, the pedal kind of biking.

In our area of America, we are blessed with well-maintained roads, normally clear weather, and, for the most part, well identified and marked roadways. We are also an area with traffic congestion that varies greatly by the season of the year. Add to that, out of the area drivers constantly distracted by things that you just must look at, "Hey, a pelican" and "Look at that view!" Or just trying to find that location on a phone or car map leads to doing three (or more) things at once. You remember when you first showed up down here and realized what a fantastic place this is, a little patience for our visitors might be warranted as they are experiencing the same "WOW, we all did. And to our visitors, please realize most of us are working during the day, so again, staying in the right lane when you are looking around is very much appreciated.

DRIVING. Let's discuss some of the basics of driving and courtesy: stopping at stop signs, turning correctly at 4 lane intersections, (think Collier and Elkhart and Collier and Barfield), and my favorite, as I just mentioned, getting out of the left lane. In the Situational Awareness PowerPoint, I talk about road rage. One good rule in driving is to remember it's not a race: you're not going to win anything by being first. And staying out of the left lane goes a long way in not making you a trigger for road rage. Being a

courteous driver also goes a long way in keeping both your blood pressure down as well as the drivers' around you.

As I mentioned, at STOP signs, yeah really stop and look around. Parking lots are a big problem. Again – slow down and take a second look. Many accidents occur when a car is backing up. The key is to slow down and take a second look. Also, keeping your head on a swivel and looking past the car just ahead of you in traffic is also a great idea. In evasive/defensive driver training, you are always told to look for brake lights several cars ahead of you and to realize the cars just ahead of you will be reacting to those brake lights, so SLOW DOWN now. Make it a habit to really slow down and look around at yield intersections and roundabouts. Not long ago, I was on Yellowbird heading to Collier, and there were no other cars in that roundabout. At the last second, I caught a road bike rider with no lights on the bike (more on that later) coming north on 6th Avenue, running at least 15 MPH. He crossed right in front of me and continued north on 6th Ave – that was a close one.

When turning left from an inside lane, you should always complete the turn while staying in the inside lane. Unless you're driving an 18-wheeler there is no reason to swing right into the outside (right) lane. When turning right in the outside lane, stay in that right outside lane; resist the urge to drift into the other turn lanes.

One last thing, golf carts. Golf carts are what I drive on the fairway at a golf course. On our roads, they are street-legal licensed motor vehicles. These vehicles are a plus for our island, less noisy and environmentally friendly, and frankly, they look like fun. Our roadways are marked 25 MPH, 30 MPH, and 35MPH. Is it going to kill us to do 30MPH for the 6 blocks before we turn off traveling behind a golf cart? Relax. And to those golf cart drivers, look, we get it, it's nice to have the open-air freedom and view, but look in the mirror. If there is a line of cars behind you, maybe a short pullover to the curb to let the line go by might be a nice thing to do.

Bottom line, seriously, slow down, and don't get distracted. Here's an idea: set a daily goal to improve an aspect of your driving behavior. It's fun, and I actually do this! See how many drivers you let back out of a parking place, go ahead of you, and wave to let them turn left and let into traffic on any given day.

It might be fun to just be friendly.



BICYCLES, from a driver's point of view, are another sometimes annoying thing to deal with. But many of us ride for our health or for an alternate means of local transportation. Our island is a very bicycle-friendly island, but there is a right way and a wrong way to bike on our island. Bike riders are subject to the same rules as drivers. One big point is to ride with traffic, never against the traffic direction. If there is a bike lane, please use it and single file is just smart. Vehicle drivers need to know that if there is no bike lane, then the roadway is now a multi-use lane. And realize bike riders are constantly dodging debris from broken glass to dropped landscaping, so a move into the driving lane and back is just trying not to lose a tire or your upright position. Drivers, our island has wonderful multi-use sidewalks, but any bicyclist riding at speed must be in a bike lane or traffic lane or risk a collision with cars in driveways, intersections, and other people using the sidewalks.

Bikers BE VISIBLE! I ride a lot on the island. I have a flashing white light facing the front, a red flashing light under my seat facing the rear, and another flashing light on the back of my helmet. Plus, I wear orange or yellow, fluorescent shirts; MORE IS BETTER. And wear a helmet. I have dumped my own bike several times over the years, a "brain-bucket" saved me for sure.

I wanted to get an expert's opinion, so I reached out to Matt Walthour, the owner of the Island Bike Shop at 1095 Bald Eagle Drive and asked Matt his views on riding on Marco.

MATT: I believe something that is overlooked by a

lot of bicyclists is riding in the direction of traffic, either while you are on the road or one of the many multi-use pathways. Bike with the flow of traffic!! I advise all my renters and even folks that purchase new bikes on the same point: to ride with the flow of traffic. I realize it is not always the most convenient thing to do, but it sure is the safest, and it's the law (on the road, anyway). I tell people that are "serious" road riders, that you have to get up early in the morning if you want to ride in the street not battle traffic. I advise most people to stay on the sidewalks or multi-use pathways as best they can. The bike light aspect is very important. I always keep my lights on my bike even during the day. There are a lot of lights we sell that are daytime visible, which is very important with all the distractions on the road these days, from texting and people from out of state or country not knowing where they are. So, any visibility is better, just like you said. I tell people that I am lit up like Studio 54 -- unfortunately, not many people get the reference.

Personally, when I am riding and I must be in the street, I always use hand signals to let drivers know my intentions. Even if I am with other riders, I let them know what direction we may be turning, or I signal if there is debris or a pothole on the ground, or when I am slowing. etc. I also believe bells or horns are important on a bike, and I have them on all my rentals. Now, granted, people with headphones on are oblivious, but it is just a courtesy thing to let people know you are approaching. A lot of the time when you say, "on your left" or "on your right," they go in that direction, so hitting that bell or horn early gives them enough time to react properly. You personally must be the one in charge of your biking. At our shop, we have a great bike lane map and we do offer a lot of great riding suggestions, whether it's for a family, a solo rider, or people who just want to "check" the island out.

At the end of the day, it's all about courtesy. None of us are Lance Armstrong riding in the Tour de France, so there is no reason to cut in and out of traffic, ignore red lights and stop signs, or unnecessarily block traffic. Give the drivers a break. Drivers think about this, a person on a bike is one less

vehicle you need to deal with. Give them some space and be glad someone's out there having fun. You should join us!



BOATERS, I have spent many years going out of the Marco River and around our area by boat, and I am constantly amazed by the things I see on the water. It's an interesting fact that you cannot legally drive a car without going through training and qualifying for a driver's license. But anyone born before Jan 1, 1988 can just run that boat without any training at all. All others require the Boating Safety Education ID card, but there are no on-the-water training requirements. There are many rules of the road that boaters really need to know. First let's look at going in the right direction and that direction's location. For you untrained boaters, those red and green panel-like things on the top of poles in the water are not left-over Christmas decorations. They are there to tell you where you should be in the waterway you are in, depending on the direction you are going. You really should understand aids to navigation. Also, people have the misconception that they only must be concerned with their wake in a no wake zone. In fact, you could be criminally or civilly responsible for your wake and any damage that you cause. Florida statute 327.33 Reckless or Careless Operation of a Vessel is an interesting read. Again, courtesy comes into play. Consider the impact your wake has on the other boats nearby, and adjust your speed/course accordingly.

Also knowing the water and weather is a wise thing to do. Our offshore waters are shallow, so storms and the resulting waves can come up quickly. When there is a tide combined with a wind coming from the opposite direction, the Marco River entrance can also have waves build to a dangerous height.

Lucky for us, our organization offers classes to make you a better boater. Americas Boating Club, the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron, has a training center located in the Speakeasy Plaza, 1114 N. Collier Blvd. marcoboatingclub.org. Contact the educational officer, Jeff Williams, at jeffwilliams125@gmail.com, to discuss the courses offered. The Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron is a fantastic club; consider joining it for both the camaraderie and to become a better boater.

So, the message is that life is short, slow down and relax. Driving, biking, boating, and our other outdoor pursuits should be fun, or at least not stressful; we get enough stress from other areas. And show a little courtesy, say HI to people. The reactions and facial expressions from the people you are nice to are rewarding, and frankly, the occasional looks of amazement are funny when you do something nice.

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Boat Around Marco 3/19/2025

The Boat around Marco route started out off Rose Marina, then motored up the Marco River to Goodland and then out around Coon Key and across to Hor's Island and the "picket fence" and out to the mouth of Caxambas Pass. The seas in the gulf were calm enough for all to cruise north to the entrance to the Marco River and back to our home ports or into Smokehouse Bay for lunch.

There were 6 boats: Peg and Ted Reiss led in "Just Us" providing commentary over the vhf radio on "no wake zones", markers to look out for, headings and other points of interest, followed by Randy and Carol Eagan, then Stephanie Ward and two guests, followed by Eric and Rebecca Martin, then Chris and Linda Scherzinger friends of Chris and Deb Ricci(prospective members, and then bringing up the rear position were Chris and Deb Ricci in "Feel'n Nauti" with Linette Chaney and Chis Frost on board. It was a delightful day, smooth seas and an enjoyable lunch for some back at Mangos.



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“CAPTAIN TED’S CORNER”
P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN

- 1) **INLAND ONLY** Which indicates the presence of a partly submerged object being towed?
 - a) A diamond shape on the towed object
 - b) An all-round light at each end of the towed object
 - c) A searchlight beamed from the towing vessel in the direction of the tow
 - d) All of the above
- 2) **BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND** All of the following are distress signals EXCEPT _____.
 - a) the continuous sounding of any fog signal apparatus
 - b) giving five or more short and rapid blasts of the whistle
 - c) firing a gun at intervals of about a minute
 - d) a barrel with burning oil in it, on deck
- 3) Which knot would serve best as a safety sling for a person working over the side?
 - a) Bowline on a bight
 - b) French bowline
 - c) Jug sling
 - d) Lifting hitch
- 4) By paying out more anchor cable, you _____.
 - a) decrease the holding power of your anchor
 - b) decrease the swing of your vessel while at anchor
 - c) increase the holding power of your anchor
 - d) increase the possibility that your vessel will drag anchor



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

Membership Corner
P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN

Please welcome new members Howie and Ann Vreeland. They are from Bryan Ohio.

Howie runs his family business and Ann is a potter, with studios in Bryan and on Marco. They have 2 children, Keith and Vanessa and 4 grandchildren, Alexandra, Ruby, Danny, and Brianna.

Their boating experience has been limited to fresh water lakes in Indiana and Michigan.

They have been on Marco for 14 years; 9 years in a condo, and 5 in their house. They are still getting used to salt water boating and are looking forward to taking as many boating and navigation courses as possible. They have a Key West 239 center console with a 300HP engine.

They are snowbirds and will return to Ohio in mid April but are looking forward to next season and spending more time on the water



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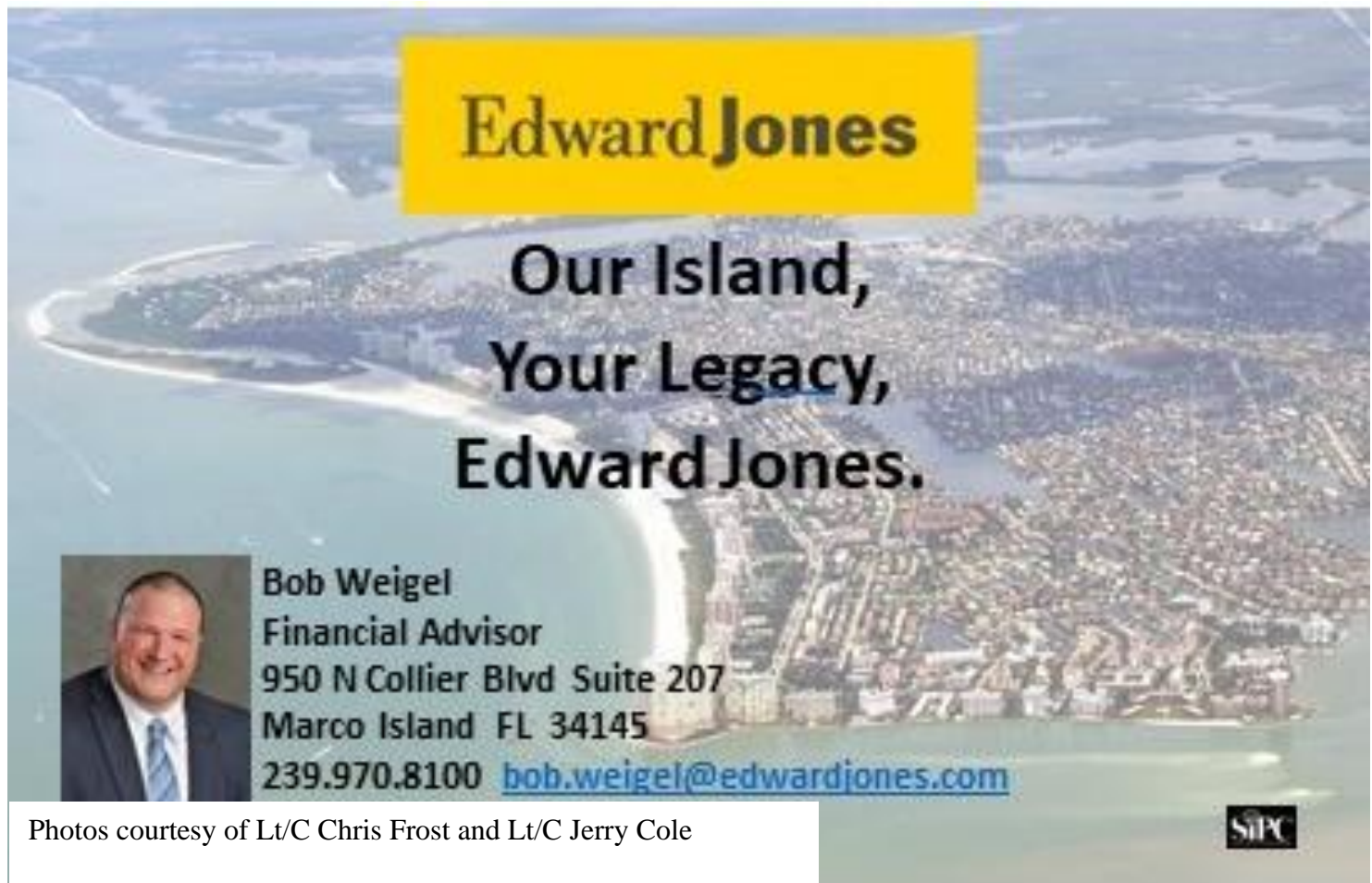
Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities.

Date	Event	Day	Time
4/17/2025	Picnic Cruise – BYOE – Panther Key	Thu	1100
4/28/2025	Cruise/Drive to Naples Boat House	Mon	1130
5/1/2025	Cruise – BYOE – White Horse Key	Thu	1130
5/20/2025	Sunset Cruise – Marco River	Tue	1830
5/22/2025	Cruise/Drive – Everglades Museum / R&G Club	Thu	1130
6/05/2024	Cruise/Drive – Crabby Lady	Thu	0900
06/19/2024	Cruise – BYOE – Goodland Raft up near Crabby Lady	Thu	1100


For questions, contact Boating Chair, Lt/C Jim Addison (804) 690-1166

For boating/lunch reservations, contact Deb Ricci, S (303) 261-5096 debh.ricci@gmail.com




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April Dinner Meeting
NOTE: Thursday, April 10, 2025
Marco Island Lutheran Church

Marco Island Lutheran Church 525 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island



Dining Choices

Seafood Strudel or Roasted Ham

**Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans Almandine,
 Bread Pudding W/Rum Sauce for Dessert, & Coffee, Ice Tea, Soda**



1700 (5:00 PM)- Socializing
1745 (5:45 PM) Monthly Meeting

**Trivia Night with Mark from
 Question Maahk Trivia**



\$50/Person

Please Respond by Friday, April 4, 2025 With This Form

\$50/Person

Mail Checks, Payable To MISPS, TO:

Dorothy Harkness
 1651 Barbados Ct.
 Marco Island, FL 34145
 239-642-3575 or 239-404-6367

Zelle Pay By **ZELLE** To: paymisps@yahoo.com

*If Paying by ZELLE You Must Mail This Form
 With Your Dinner Choice(s) TO: Dorothy Harkness*

Note: You may bring your own Wine or Beer.

Name _____ Tel# _____

Menu Choice: Seafood Strudel _____ Roasted Ham _____

No. Attending @ \$50 _____ Amount Enclosed _____ ZELLE _____



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Picnic Cruise

To Beautiful Panther Key

Thursday April 17th 2025
Rendezvous: 11:30AM at Panther Key

Come join us for a fun day in the sun on the gentle sloping beaches of Panther Key swimming, sunning, fishing and exploring this interesting island. This is a “bring everything” cruise – food, water/drinks, spare clothes, swimwear, umbrellas, etc. There are no amenities on the island and we will anchor off the beach after unloading.

If you would like to cruise and do not have a boat contact Jim.

Contacts:

Deb Ricci (Event Chair) debh.ricci@gmail.com, 303-261-5096
Jim Addison (Boating Chair) James.H.Addison@aol.com,
804-690-1166

PLEASE LET JIM KNOW IF YOU INTEND TO RENDEZVOUS AND PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT NUMBER AND BOAT NAME.
WE WILL HAIL ON CHANNEL 16 AND TALK ON CHANNEL 78.

BOATHOUSE



Drive or Cruise
Monday, April 28th 11:30 am



The Boathouse on Naples Bay, an award-winning restaurant in Naples, Florida, sitting over the glistening waters of Naples Bay. For over 20 years, the family owned and operated Boathouse on Naples Bay has been serving delicious food and beautiful views to generations of local families. It's casual waterfront dining that will exceed your expectations!



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Reservations Contact:
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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron

By Boat Contact:
Jim Addison
James.H.Addison@aol.com
804-690-1166

WHITE HORSE KEY IS THE PLACE TO BE!



Come join your friends this Thursday, May 1 for a daytime getaway to the white sands of White Horse Key!

(White Horse Key Coordinates are: 25° 52.02'N and 081° 34.36' W)

- Meet at White Horse Key at 11:30, or,
- Share a boat ride with your friends, or,
- Meet Captain Ted Reiss at Coon Key Light at 10:30 to follow him to White Horse Key (Let Ted know if you plan to meet him).



A BYOE Event—Bring Your Own Everything (Food, Drinks, Umbrella, Chair, Lotion, Shelling Bucket, etc.)

Contact Deb Ricci at debh.ricci@gmail.com or 303-261-5096 if you plan to join and Jim Addison (Boating Chair) for further boating instructions at James.H.Addison@aol.com or 804-690-1166

White Horse Key is accessible only by boat.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron 



2 – 3 May 2025 - Courtyard by Marriott Bradenton

100 Riverfront Drive, Bradenton, FL 34205

Friday 2 May – ALL Member Workshop

1300 -1500 – Discussions on:

1300 – 1340 - Insurance – Ruth Witztum, National Law Officer

1340 – 1420 - iMIS Questions – Yvonne Hill

1420 – 1500 - Digital Marketing of Your Squadron

1600 - 1800 – District Commander's 'Tropical' Social

Wear your tropical attire and enjoy tropical offerings in the Commander's Suite
And several Joint Squadron Suites



Saturday 3 May

0800 - 0900 – Coffee & Pastry

0830 – 1200 - Registration Desk Open

0900 – 1015 - Roundtables and Seminars

Education Updates – D/Lt/C Myles Gee

Paint a Masterpiece — Kris Peterson & Meg Gee-Schmidt

20 max – **pre-register** - rfox627703@aol.com

Nautical COOP Charting Survey Procedure and Review –

P/Lt/C David Siesel & Jose Antonio Garnham

0900 – 1100 - Instructor Re-Certification – Stf/C Susan Agruso

Registration required – email Susan Agruso @ jsa818.sa@gmail.com by April 25 to reserve your spot

1045 – Town Hall Meeting – C/C Ralph Bernard & D/C Ron Jones

1200 -1330 - Lunch Welcome to District 22, created by Garry Stubbs

Presented by Myles Gee & Carol Segundo

1300 – 1350 – Registration Desk Open

1345 -1600 – District Conference and Election of Officers

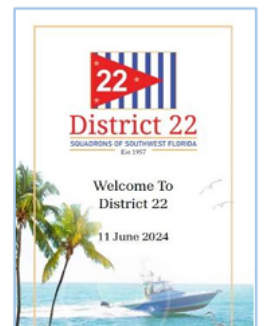
Change of Watch - Social 1745 – 1830 (cash bar) / Dinner served 1830

Change of Watch Ceremony 1930

Attire: Friday and Saturday: squadron shirts

Change of Watch: Bridge - Uniform G (short sleeve shirt, black pants or skirt)

Members and Guests: Uniform G or business casual/dressy casual attire





2025 Spring Conference Meals

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Luncheon – 1200 - River Palm Room

Speaker – D22 History by Lt Garry Stubbs, S

Lunch Buffet - \$25.00

Caesar Salad with Fresh Croutons, Grilled Chicken Breast, Chicken Salad
Served with Croissants and Butter, Dessert
Coffee and Iced Tea

Change of Watch – River Palm Room

Social – 1745, Dinner Served 1830, Change of Watch 1930

Dinner Buffet - \$46.00

Fresh Garden Greens Salad with Assorted Dressing, Pasta Primavera Salad, Caesar Salad
Baked Ziti with Bolognese Sauce, Chicken Breast Marsala
Chef's Vegetable, Herbed Garlic Bread
Chef's Choice Dessert
Fresh Brewed Coffee and Iced Tea

Register for the Conference and Purchase your meals at the District 22 Website.

— americasboatingclub-d22.org —

No login or password needed. Click “About Us”, then “Registration/Purchase” and follow the instructions. (Credit Card required). Or simply click one of these two links:

[Registration/Purchase Page](#)

<https://americasboatingclub-d22.org/registration-purchase/>

No Reservations or Cancellations after 1200 April 25, 2025!



D22 Spring 2025 Conference Planning

**The Spring Conference will be held in Bradenton at the Courtyard by
Mariott**

100 Riverfront Drive, Bradenton, FL

The hotel rate is only \$134.00 per night (plus tax)

The following is the information needed in order to make your reservation:

2 night minimum stay required

Call 888-731-9096 by April 1, 2025

Identify yourself as being with America's Boating Club

Lunch



Friday, May 9th 11:30 am

1300 Third Street South Naples, FL 239-262-5500

To Confirm Your Participation Contact

Deb Ricci: debh.ricci@gmail.com or 303-261-5096

Sunset Cruise

May 20th

Rendezvous: 6:30pm

Come join us for an evening of serenity and comradery as we celebrate another beautiful sunset on Marco Island. We will rendezvous at 6:30 pm off the docks of the Snook Inn and watch the sunset near Red Marker 14 in the north end of the Marco River .



To participate in this wonderful evening cruise contact:
Jim Addison : James.H.Addison@aol.com or 804-690-1166

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Cruise or Drive

Thursday, May 22nd at 11:30 am

Lunch: **The Rod & Gun Club** 11:30 am



Historical Everglades City dates back over 1,000 years.

The **Rod and Gun Club** is built on the original structure of the first permanent white settler who founded Everglades City in 1864. In 1922 Barron G. Collier, a banker and railroad man, bought almost all of Southwest Florida including the Rod and Gun Club which he operated as a private club. He hosted international dignitaries and several United States presidents here.

<https://rodandguneverglades.com>



Rod & Gun Club: 200 W Broadway, Everglades City, FL 34139

Museum Of The Everglades



Museum Of The Everglades

First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses **Museum of the Everglades** is one of several historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-bustling center of business and the region's first County seat. The museum exhibits provide visitors with an in-depth look at over 2,000 years of human history in the area and tell the stories of those adventurous enough to settle "Florida's Last Frontier".



Museum Of The Everglades: 105 West Broadway Avenue, Everglades City, FL 34139

The Museum opens at 9:00 for those that would like to tour before lunch.

We will meet at The Rod & Gun Club at 11:30 AM for lunch

followed by a short walk or drive to the Museum Of The Everglades.

IMPORTANT: The Rod & Gun Club is a CASH ONLY restaurant— No Credit Cards!

To reserve your spot contact: debh.ricci@gmail.com or 303-261-5096

If you intend to cruise or would like to ride on a boat contact:

Jim Addison (Boating Chair) James.H.Addison@aol.com or 804-690-1166

Ted Reiss (Cruise Captain) capttedr@yahoo.com pr 239-213-8722,

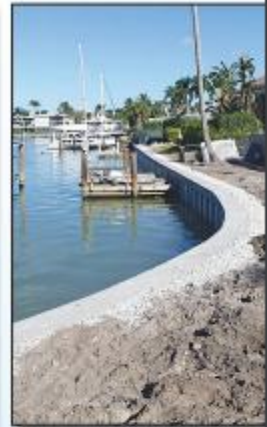
Captain Ted Reiss will depart Rose Marina at 9:15 AM. Rendezvous 10:00 AM at Coon Key Light.

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