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Congratulations to P/C Tippy Cavenagh, SN (pictured), Lt Dorothy Harkness, S, and Lt/C Jeff Williams, JN upon receiving their America's Boating Club Life Membership, presented by USPS Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, SN. Pictured are D/Lt/C Myles Gee SN-CN (new Life Member), Lt Jim Struthers SN (new life member), D/C Ron Jones, AP, Tippy and Ralph.

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Shout Out

- Jane Orsulak, for earning the 2025 District 22 Publication & Graphics Trophy for the Marco Island Squadron's Eagle's **Eye Publication**
- Cliff Winings for his work leading the ATON surveys and support to the Eagle's Eye publication and website
- Dorothy Harkness, Tippy Cavanaugh, and Jeff Williams, for earning their Life Time Membership award

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6/11/2025	Captain's Meeting	Dolphin Tiki Bar	Wednesday	1700		
6/11/2025	Executive Board Meeting	Learning Center	Wednesday	0900		
6/17/2025	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tuesday	0830		
6/17/2025	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300		
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		Crabby Lady / Paradise				
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6/25/2025	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	Wednesday	1700		
<u>July 2025</u>						
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7/9/2025	Captain's Meeting	Patty Murphy's Pub	Wednesday	1700		
7/15/2025	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tuesday	0830		
7/15/2025	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300		
7/17/2025	Cruise/drive	Dolphin Tiki Bar	Thursday	1130	20	
7/23/2025	Captains' Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	Wednesday	1700		
Aug 2025						
8/5/2025	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300		
8/13/2025	Captain's Meeting	844	Wednesday	1700		
8/14/2025	Boat Event	Snook Inn	Thursday	1600		
8/19/2025	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tuesday	0830		
8/19/2025	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300		
8/27/2025	Captains' Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	Wednesday	1700		
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THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR Lt Jane Orsulak

Our newsletter slows down for the quiet summer season. This issue covers June and July, and our next issue will cover August and September. 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 Kathleen Reynolds

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



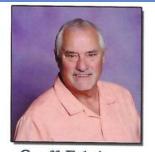


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April Birthdays

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

06/07 Susan B. Cole

06/22 Susan E. Flaherty

06/04 Paul G. Gulling

06/28 Sonny McKay

06/05 Jean M. Taylor

06/15 Ann Vreeland

07/22 Donald L. Cates

07/05 Carol Egan

07/27 Richard C. Flaherty

07/04 Eric Martin

07/13 Roger M. Thario

07/28 Mary Alice Wilson

07/04 Galina Yurkin







BOSUN'S Whistle Bridge Report Cdr Chris Ricci, P Lt/C Christopher Frost, JN Lt/C James Addison, P







Sailing Into the Offseason: A Look Astern and Ahead

As we cast off from another bustling "High Season," many of our shipmates have set their course North, while a hearty crew remains anchored in our sunny Southwest Florida port. For those staying aboard, we'll be navigating the familiar waters of summer—hot, humid conditions with the ever-present squall line of afternoon thunderstorms. And, as any seasoned mariner knows, we'll all keep a weather eye on the tropics, charting a course that avoids any unwanted visits from hurricanes.

Hopefully, you've already attended the annual Hurricane Preparedness Seminar and have plotted a firm hurricane contingency plan for both vessel and homeport. A sound plan is as vital as a steady helm when the winds begin to howl.

Summer Watch Roster

For our stalwart summer crew, club activities will drift into a more relaxed rhythm, befitting the lazy days of July and August. We'll drop anchor on most formal meetings, but boat outings will continue to dot our calendar, giving us all the chance to hoist the sails and enjoy the Gulf breeze.

In keeping with the easy-going current of summer, we're doubling up on our "Captain's Meetings"—or, as the crew likes to call them, "Happy Hour Gatherings." These social soundings will now occur twice monthly, offering more chances to share sea stories and enjoy camaraderie at the dock.

Mark your nautical charts for October 8, 2025—that's when we launch our first Membership Dinner Meeting of the 2025–2026 season. The winds will shift toward high activity as we embark on a new season of boating adventures, social ports of call, holiday flotillas, and, of course, preparations for our annual flagship fundraiser: the Wine and Hors

d'Oeuvres Party, scheduled to set sail on January 30, 2026.

Entertainments in Our Wake

This past season, we added some new bearings to our entertainment map:

- Super Bowl Party at the Learning Center on our impressive 98" screen
- **B** Peter Michael, master of illusion and nautical sleight of hand
- **John Rosenfeld**, the fisherman with tales taller than a mizzenmast
- Trivia Night, admirably steered by Gerry Cole when Mark of Question Maahk Trivia was sidelined

If you've got thoughts on these performances—fair winds or stormy seas—we'd love to hear them. Send your messages in a bottle (or email) to James.H.Addison@aol.com. Your input helps us keep our entertainment voyage on course.

Honoring a Lifetime of Service

We proudly recognize Dorothy Harkness, Tippy Cavanagh, and Jeff Williams for reaching the distinguished milestone of Lifetime Membership. Their steadfast dedication, countless hours of service, and unwavering support have been guiding lights within our club. Like seasoned mariners who have long steered the course with skill and care, they have helped shape our voyage and inspire our future sailors. Please join us in saluting these fine members for their outstanding commitment to our maritime community.

Nautical and Geodetic Mark and Discrepancy Reporting Program Honor Roll - Individual 14 Cliff Winnings Marco Island 50 Gerald Cole Marco Island 19 Carl Thieme Marco Island 53 Jose Garnham Sarasota 27 Andrea Battaglia Marco Island 69 Joseph Marswillo Marco Island 31 Chris Frost Marco Island 73 Walter Rodak Sarasota 32 Jerry Williams Marco Island 77 Daniel Sullivan Sarasota

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Recognitions from the Spring District Convocation

We are proud to report that several of our members were honored at the Spring District Meeting for their

steadfast participation in the Nautical and Geodetic Mark and Discrepancy Reporting Program. These dedicated navigators were recognized for helping chart safer waters by identifying and reporting navigational hazards and discrepancies in local charts. Their vigilance keeps the channels safe for all mariners and exemplifies our club's commitment to service on and off the water. Well done, mates!

Charting Excellence: District 22 Publication & Graphics Trophy

We're thrilled to announce that our club has been awarded the District 22 Publication & Graphics Trophy, recognizing the best overall publication and graphic design among all participating squadrons. This prestigious award celebrates the creativity and clarity of our club's communications, as exemplified in our official newsletter, the Eagle's Eye.

The trophy is now proudly on display at the Learning Center, standing as a symbol of our excellence in storytelling, visual presentation, and community spirit. A special thank you goes out to Jane Orsulak, whose talent, hard work, and design leadership helped the Eagle's Eye soar above the rest. Her dedication has kept our publication sharp, spirited, and shipshape—earning this top honor across the district. Bravo, Jane!

Until We Next Set Sail...

As we tack into the slower winds of summer, may your anchor be tight, your cork be loose, your rum be spiced, and your compass true. From the helm, we wish you fair winds and following seas.

Chris Ricci: Commander – Squadron-3125

Chris Frost: Ex/O– Squadron **Jim Addison:** A/O – Squadron

Education OFFICER Lt/C Jeff Williams, JN



Safeguarding Your Boat During Hurricane Season

June 1st marks the beginning of hurricane season. Have you thought about what you will do to protect your boat should a

hurricane visit us this year? The best time to plan for the safety of your boat, where it will best survive a storm and what protective steps you should take when a hurricane threatens is right now. Develop your plan, choose the most storm-worthy location possible to secure your boat and make sure you have the equipment and materials to execute the plan long before a hurricane warning is posted.

What to Expect

Preparing your boat for a hurricane means defending against wind, waves, rain and high water.

The damaging influence of high water, or storm surge, is often underestimated in preparing a boat for a storm. Storm surge raises the water level far above normal high tide, lifting boats above their docks and pilings. Surge accounts for major damage to boats because it puts docks and dock line arrangements underwater as the boat tries to float above.

Wind force, and the damage it causes, increases exponentially. A doubling wind speed increases the force on your boat four times. To put it in practical terms, when the wind speed increases, the damage it causes increases at a much greater rate. This illustrates the importance of reducing the boat's windage, which is the amount of area your boat presents to the wind, by removing as much rigging, canvas, and deck gear as possible, and facing the bow toward the greatest exposure.

Torrential rain can sink boats if the rainwater is allowed to collect inside the boat. Cockpit decks are seldom 100% watertight, and the ability of a bilge pump and battery to handle rain accumulation is often overestimated. Deck drains and pump discharges located near the waterline can backflow when waves and the weight of rainwater put drains underwater.

These are all risks you should take into consideration when making your plan. Consider scenarios specific to where your boat will be located during a storm and plan for measures you can take to reduce and manage those risks.

Here are essential measures and best practices to keep your boat safe during hurricane season:

1. Develop a Hurricane Plan

- a. Know Your Options: Decide in advance whether you'll haul your boat out of the water or secure it in place. Review marina or storage facility policies regarding hurricanes.
- b. Assign Responsibilities: If you're unable to prepare your boat yourself, designate someone reliable to execute your hurricane

- plan.
- c. Develop a Hurricane Preparation Worksheet: United States Power Squadron (USPS) and Boat US have a worksheet template you can download that will help you organize your plan,
- d. Check your Marina Contract: Review the contract to find out what requirements and responsibilities you have in the event of a hurricane

2. Secure Your Boat Properly

- a. On a fixed dock: Double up dock lines, using chafe protectors where lines pass through chocks. Use longer lines secured to distant pilings to allow for storm surge and tie your boat away from docks if possible. Storm dock lines should be at least as long as the boat. Check for break points such as cleats, pilings, chafe points and fix them ahead of time.
- b. On a floating dock: Because they rise with the surge, floating docks allow boats to be secured more readily than boats at a fixed dock, there is no need to run long lines to distant pilings because the boats and docks rise in tandem. However, the floating docks only offer protection from surge if the pilings are tall enough to accommodate the predicted surge
- c. On a Mooring: Inspect the mooring's condition and upgrade to heavier lines and stronger hardware if needed.
- d. On a lift: Tie the boat securely to its lifting machinery to prevent the boat from swinging or drifting away. Plug the engine's exhaust outlet and strip the boat. Make sure cockpit drains are free of debris. Remove the drain plug so the weight of accumulated rain water won't collapse the lift.
- e. In a hurricane hole: Whenever protected canals, rivers, or waterways are available, they can serve as shelters, (hurricane holes), and may offer an alternative to crowded harbors and marinas. Your mooring arrangement will depend on the nature of the hurricane hole.
- f. On Land: Store your boat on high ground, away from trees and power lines. Secure it with tie-downs and remove the drain plug to prevent flooding.

3. Remove or Secure Loose Items

- a. Clear the Deck: Reduce windage by removing sails, canvas, biminis, electronics, cushions, and any loose gear that could become airborne or cause damage.
- b. Secure Hatches and Ports: Make sure all openings are watertight to prevent water intrusion.

4. Protect Your Boat's Hull and Engine

- a. Fenders: Place extra fenders along the hull to reduce impact damage.
- b. Seal Openings: Use duct tape or specialty covers to seal vents, hatches, and companionways.
- c. Engine Prep: Shut off fuel lines, close seacocks, and disconnect batteries to prevent electrical fires and flooding. (but keeping bilge pump connected if boat is still in the water)

5. Document Your Preparation

- a. Photograph Everything: Take pictures of your boat before and after storm preparations for insurance purposes.
- b. Keep Records: Maintain an inventory of equipment and valuables onboard.

6. Review Your Insurance Policy

a. Understand Your Coverage: Make sure your policy covers hurricane damage and know the steps for filing a claim if needed.

7. Stay Informed and Act Early

- a. Monitor Weather Updates: Monitor National Hurricane Center's Analyses & Forecasts for hurricane tracks, expected arrival times and anticipated wind, storm surge and rain levels in your area. Stay tuned to Weather apps, NOAA Weather Radio, and local TV advisories for information on approaching hurricanes.
- b. Act Quickly: Don't wait until the last minute—early action ensures you have the time and resources to secure your boat properly.

Conclusion

Preparation is your best defense against hurricanes. By following these best practices, you can protect your investment and ensure your boat weathers the storm as safely as possible. Stay safe, stay informed, and make hurricane readiness a priority this season!

For more information, enroll in our "Hurricane Preparation for Boaters" seminar that's available as an online course or as a classroom seminar.

CO-OP Charting P/C Andrea Battaglia

This was the last of the cooperative charting activities this year. This trip assessed all the ATONS (Aids to Navigation) in the Everglades City area from the entrance in the Gulf on up the river and another side channel. Jerry Williams took the helm of his boat, while Carl Thieme photographed the ATONs, Ted Reiss read the Lat/Longs to Andy Battaglia to record along with recording the ATON It took us about and hour and 40 condition, etc. minutes to run on the outside (Port of the Islands canal and Gulf of America) to the entrance of Everglades City. It was a gorgeous day and fun to do the run back on plane through the mangrove islands to the Port, which only took about 45 minutes. Cliff Winings records all our photos and remarks and submits the information.



P/D/C Ted Reiss and Carl Thieme Photo courtesy of P/C Andrea Battaglia





Boat Owner's Hurricane Worksheet

Use this worksheet, after reading the material in this guide, to adapt it to your own circumstances. Then be sure to distribute copies to your alternates as well as your marina owner/manager.

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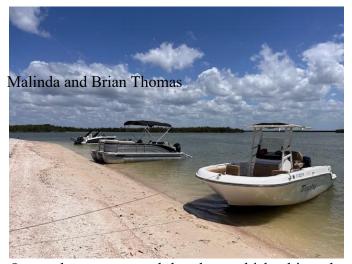
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Cinco de Mayo on White Horse Key: Fiesta on the High Seas

Cdr Chris Ricci

Ahoy, party pirates and sandy-toed sailors! This year's Cinco de Mayo celebration set sail for a destination unlike any other—a remote slice of paradise known as White Horse Key. With the sun high, the breeze just right, and our anchors dropped near this uninhabited gem, the stage was set for a fiesta to remember.



Once ashore, we turned that deserted island into the liveliest spot in the Gulf. Tim Benincasa and Jane Orsulak set the tone for the celebration, arriving armed with homemade salsa, crisp tortilla chips, and a cooler full of ice-cold margaritas. Their contributions didn't just quench thirst and fuel the fun—they sparked the spirit of the day. Zesty, tangy, and refreshing, those margaritas may have stolen the



show... but the camaraderie was the real star.

The rest of us? We brought exactly what was needed—big appetites and even bigger smiles. Stories were shared, laughter echoed across the beach, and the salty air buzzed with the unmistakable



sound of people enjoying the moment. No cell service, no distractions—just good food, good drinks, and even better company.

As someone wise once said, you don't need alcohol to have fun—but it sure does help.

Join the Adventure —If you missed this floating fiesta, don't worry—there are more nautical adventures on the horizon! Whether you're a seasoned skipper or new to the boating scene, our outings are the perfect mix of relaxation, exploration, and fun. Come along, bring your favorite dish (or drink!), and discover the magic of our community both on deck and off-shore.

Next time, the party won't be complete without you. Set sail with us—you'll be glad you did.



Photos courtesy of Deb Ricci

Rod and Gun Club 5/1/2025

Cdr Chris Ricci, P and P/C Bob Richardson, AP (oldest living Cdr at 95) (photo taken at the Boat House)



Malinda and Brian Thomas



P/C Peggy Reiss JN-IN and P/D/C Ted Reiss SN-CN pull in smoothly

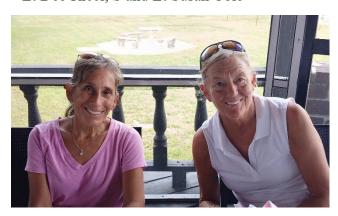


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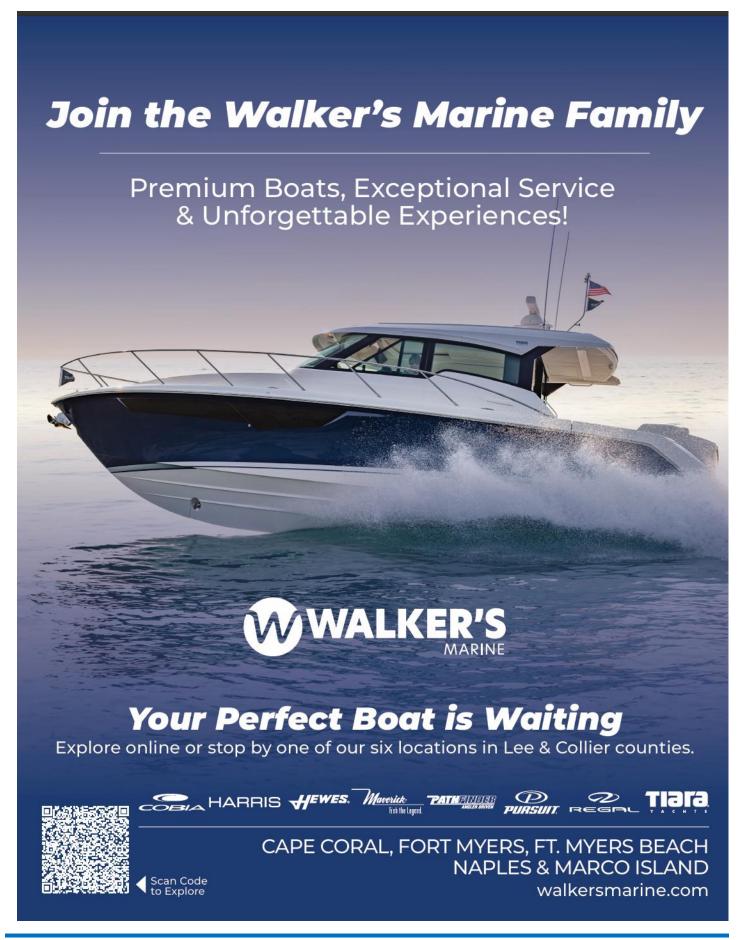
P/C Bill Hughes, JN, P/D/C Stephanie Ward, SN, and Paul Ward

Lt Deb Ricci, S and Lt Susan Cole





P/D/C Gene Burson, JN and P/C Andrea Battaglia, SN



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

1) **BOTH INTERNATIONAL** & **INLAND** A power-driven vessel underway in fog making NO way must sound what signal?



- a) One long blast
- b) Two prolonged blasts
- c) One prolonged blast
- d) One prolonged and two short blasts
- 2) BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND

Which statement is TRUE concerning a vessel equipped with operational radar?

- a) She must use this equipment to obtain early warning of risk of collision
- b) The radar equipment is only required to be used in restricted visibility.

- c) The use of a radar excuses a vessel from the need of a look-out.
- d) The safe speed of such a vessel will likely be greater than that of vessels without radar.
- 3) The upward pressure of displaced water is called .
 - a) buoyancy
 - b) deadweight
 - c) draft
 - d) freeboard
- 4) Wind direction may be determined by observing all of the following EXCEPT .
 - a) low clouds
 - b) waves
 - c) whitecaps
 - d) swells

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



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Boating Course					
(ABC)				_	
ABC	Ted Reiss	Oct 27, 30 Nov 3, 6, 10	50	5	6:00 PM
ABC	Ted Reiss	Jan 19, 22, 26, 29 Feb 2	50	5	6:00 PM
ABC	Ted Reiss	March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16	50	5	6:00 PM
Boat Handling	Nick Rago	Nov 13, 17, 20	70/100**	7	6:00 PM
		Dec 1, 4, 8, 11			
Boat Handling	Nick Rago	Feb 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26	70/100**	7	6:00 PM
		Jan 8, 15, 22, 29			
Marine Navigation	Gene Burson	Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 5	90/135**	9	9:00 AM
Advanced		Jan 8, 15, 22, 29			
Marine	Jeff Williams	Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	90/135**	9	1:00 PM
Navigation		Mar 5			
Marine		Jan 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30,			
Electrical	Jim Addison	Feb 3 & 6	80/120*	8	1:00 PM
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America's Boating Club - Marco Island, 2025 2026 Seminar Schedule						
<u>Seminar</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Date</u>	Cost, \$	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Time</u>	
Tuesday Night Seminars		Beginning in Jan	10/25**	1	6:00 PM	
Anchoring with As	ssurance	Jan 13	10/25**		6:00 PM	
Tides and Curents		Feb 10	10/25**		6:00 PM	
All About Marine Radio		Mar 10	10/25**		6:00 PM	
More to be announced						
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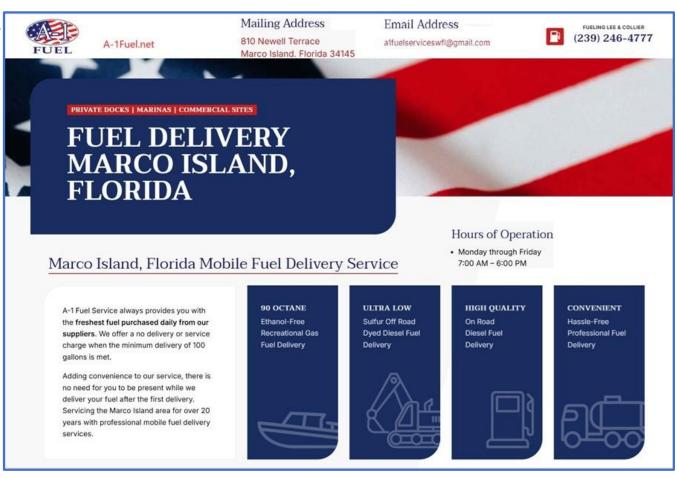
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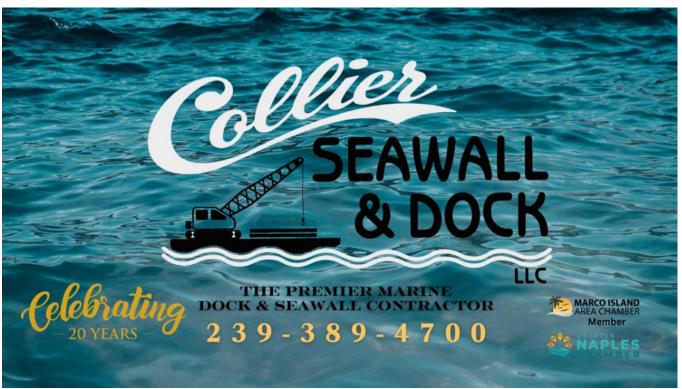
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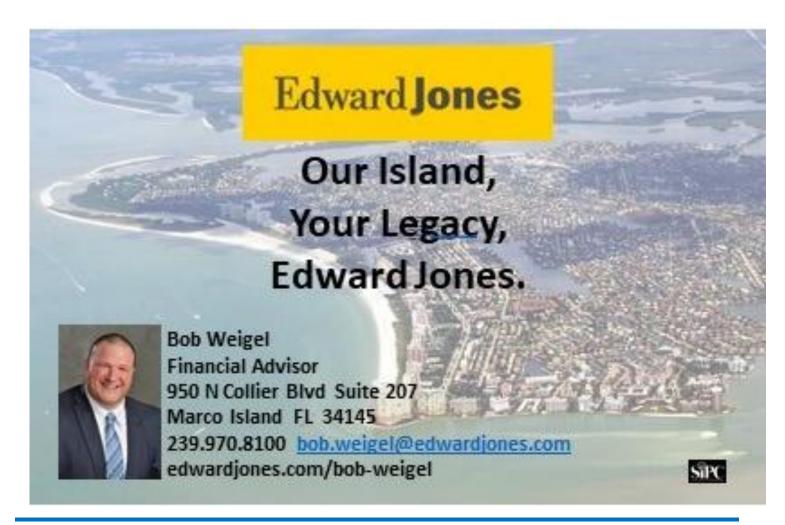


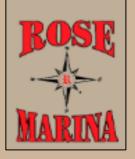
Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities.

Date	Event	Day	Time
6/05/2025	Cruise/Drive – Crabby Lady	Thu	0900
06/19/2025	Cruise – BYOE – Goodland Raft up near Crabby Lady	Thu	1100
07/17/2025	Cruise/Drive – Dolphin Tiki Bar	Thu	1130
8/14/2025	Cruise/Drive - Snook Inn	Thu	1600
8/28/2025	Dinner/Cruise – Mango's	Thu	1700

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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Come from afar
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Don't miss the food

To reserve your spot contact: <u>Deb Ricci: debh.ricci@qmail.com</u>or 303-261-5096

If you would like to boat to this event and need a ride

Contact:

Jim Addison:

James.H.Addison@aol.com or 804-690-1166

This is a rain or shine event

Crabby Lady 123 Bayshore Way Goodland, FL 34140













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Marco Island

Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron Inc.

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1021 Anglers Cv. Marco Island, FL 34145

July 17, 2025 at 11:30 AM



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