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MEALS FOR HOPE

Nov 8, 2025

MISPS Members participated in the Meals for Hope community activity. Members worked the "assembly line" bagging breakfast meals. Over 200,000 meals were packaged by the various volunteer groups.

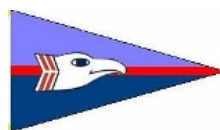
Volunteers included P/C Andy Battaglia, Susan Cole, Eric Martin, Lt/C James Addison, Jim Kornman Karen Gammons, Alex Rychalsky, P/D/C Ted Reiss, P/C Peggy Reiss, Glenna Jones, and Lt Jane Orsulak (not pictured)

Shout Out

- To Dave Randall for leading the Christmas Float decorating effort, along with those helping with the decorating effort.

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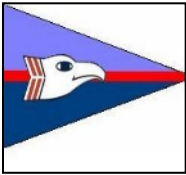
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<u>Dec 2025</u>					
12/2/2025	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	4
12/2/2025	Put up, decorate Christmas Tree	Veteran's Park	Tuesday	0900	15
12/6/2025	Tree Lighting	Veteran's Park	Saturday	1700	15
12/10/2025	Executive Board	Learning Center	Wednesday	0900	
12/10/2025	Christmas Party	Lutheran Church	Wednesday	1700	13
12/13/2025	Decorate Parade Boat	Walker's Showroom	Saturday	0900	16
12/13/2025	Street Parade	San Marco Road	Saturday	1750	
12/16/2025	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	4
12/16/2025	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tuesday	0830	
12/18/2025	Dinner	Naples Botanical Gardens - Christmas Lights	Thursday	1800	
12/20/2025	In-water Boat Parade	Marco River	Saturday	1800	
<u>Jan 2026</u>					
1/6/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	4
1/14/2026	Executive Board	Learning Center	Wednesday	0900	
1/14/2026	Change of Watch	Lutheran Church	Wednesday	1700	14
1/20/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	4
1/20/2026	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tuesday	0830	
1/23/2026	Cruise	Kice Island	Friday	1200	17
1/28/2026	Captains Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	Wednesday	1700	
1/30/2026	Wine and hors d'Oeuvres	San Marco Catholic Church Hall	Friday	1700	18

- 2026 Activities are currently being finalized and will be published once they are firmed up.



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THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Jane Orsulak

Happy Holidays to all members of the MISPS organization. I am thankful to have the opportunity to get to know you and enjoy your company at the various club events.

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



SUNSHINE NEWS
Lt Kathleen Reynolds

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Richard "Dick" Rogers, who served as Commander of the Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron during the 2003-2004 term.

Dick was a dedicated leader whose steady guidance and commitment strengthened our squadron. His years of service, warm presence, and willingness to support fellow members made a lasting impact on MISPS and on all who had the privilege of working with him.

Additionally, a get well card was sent to Jerry Cole. Please keep me informed of anything that might benefit from a little ray of sunshine from the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron. If you are aware of someone who could use our good thoughts, please let me know at KReynol@aol.com or 239 394-0459.

Kathleen Reynolds



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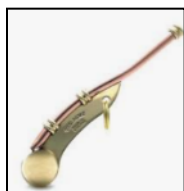
Happy birthday to the following MISPS members who are celebrating their birthdays this month. If we've missed your birthday, contact the Editor.

12/2 William F. A. Pomietlasz
12/4 Joseph M. Kistner
12/8 Henry T. Stanley
12/8 Edward J. Gerri
12/8 Mary A. Richards
12/9 Jane Orsulak
12/15 Kristin L. Koos
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BOSUN'S Whistle Bridge Report
Cdr Chris Ricci, P
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Lt/C James Addison, P



COMMANDER'S FAREWELL: SMOOTH SEAS AND BRIGHT HORIZONS AHEAD

As my watch as Commander comes to an end, I find myself looking astern with gratitude and pride for all that we've accomplished together. It's been a rewarding voyage filled with new adventures, strong winds of camaraderie, and plenty of laughter on deck. This year has truly reminded me what makes our squadron special — not just our seamanship, but the friendships, teamwork, and fun that carry us forward no matter the tide.

From the very start, our goal has been simple: make MISPS events more enjoyable, more inclusive, and more memorable for everyone. Judging by the smiles, the laughter, and the full tables at every gathering, I'd say we've reached that destination. From trivia nights and happy hours to beach days, holiday parties, and cruises to Keewaydin, we've shared countless moments that brought us closer as a crew. Whether arriving by boat, car, or golf cart, our members showed up with good humor, a helping hand, and that unmistakable Marco Island spirit.

One of our proudest accomplishments this year was completing the renovation of the Learning Center — now officially ready to set sail into a new era! The refreshed space includes a beautiful new kitchen with a gleaming quartz countertop and a refrigerator that (finally!) defrosts itself. It's more than a facelift; it's a gathering place that reflects who we are — vibrant, welcoming, and ready for what's next. I encourage everyone to stop in, take a look, and imagine the exciting activities, classes, and socials we'll host there in the seasons to come.

Our involvement extended well beyond our dock lines this year, too. MISPS proudly sponsored a table at the Meals of Hope community volunteer event, helping pack meals for families in need across

Collier County. The goal for 2025 was to pack an astounding 200,000 meals in just two hours, and thanks to an incredible team of volunteers, that goal was achieved! It was inspiring to see so many of our members rolling up their sleeves and giving back to the community we call home — proving once again that when we work together, we can accomplish remarkable things both on and off the water.

December will bring even more excitement as we decorate our boat for the Christmas Parade! We already have new plans underway and can't wait for everyone to come out, lend a hand with the decorating, and then march with us in celebration. It's one of the most joyful events of the year — seeing the smiles on children's faces and sharing the holiday spirit across the island reminds us how special our community truly is.

Throughout the year, we've also embraced opportunities to participate in smaller acts of service and stewardship. At the November Beach Cleanup, for example, members Nancy & Sonny McKay, and Deb Ricci joined in the effort to keep our shores beautiful. Even though this wasn't the annual cleanup officially sponsored by MISPS, it showed how our members continue to lead by example — protecting the environment we all treasure and setting a strong course for others to follow.

Looking ahead, I'm confident that the next bridge and leadership team will keep this spirit alive and thriving. The foundation we've built together is strong — and with new ideas, new energy, and the same commitment to fun and fellowship, I know the best days for MISPS are still ahead. To those who volunteer, teach, organize, decorate, or simply attend with enthusiasm — you are the wind in our sails.

As I hand over the helm, I want to thank each of you for your support, your friendship, and your belief in what we do. It's been an honor to serve as your Commander and to share in so many wonderful experiences along the way. I'll see you at the next meeting, the next cruise, and definitely at the next party — because even though my term is ending, my love for this crew and this community will never drift away.

Fair winds and following seas to you all.

Chris Ricci: Commander – Squadron-3125

Chris Frost: Ex/O– Squadron

Jim Addison: A/O – Squadron

Education OFFICER
Lt/C Jeff Williams, JN



January marks the start of our Spring slate of boating courses and seminars. Your education team is very excited to announce that you will have a chance to register for the following courses. Here's

what's being offered in January.

Marine Navigation

Gene Burson will be your instructor. This course begins on January 8th and focuses on navigation as it's done on recreational boats today. It embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so that you'll be able to find your way even if your GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing your skills through hands-on practice and learning.

You will learn about:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning

Anchoring with Assurance

January 13th marks the start of our Tuesday night "Seminar Series". Jeff Williams will be your instructor for this 2 hr seminar. We will be offering more seminars that you're interested in throughout the Spring. Let us know what you'd like, and we'll schedule those seminars for you on Tuesday nights throughout the spring.

This Seminar will teach you how to anchor in a variety of situations, weather, or seabed and how to

be prepared to adjust for changing conditions. Learn the skills and knowledge of securing your vessel to the bottom through the use of a line, chain, and one or more anchors. Whether it's for fishing, swimming, a lunch break, or an overnight stop, one of the real pleasures in boating is "hanging on the hook" in some quiet spot. Emergencies such as loss of power, equipment breakdown or failure, or weather hazard may also require that your boat be anchored for a time. Good seamanship demands that all boaters know how to anchor safely. Anchoring topics begin with how to select an anchorage and how to anchor depending on conditions. After learning how anchors should be used, you will know if yours is satisfactory or what kind(s) to buy. The seminar covers useful anchoring tips and tricks and concludes by discussing how to moor and raft safely.

America's Boating Course

Ted Reiss will be your instructor. This course begins on January 19th. America's Boating Course provides you with basic boating knowledge to decide what type and size boat you need, what to do when meeting another boat in a crowded waterway, and how to recognize and handle hazards. Become a more competent boater, learn from the best, and enroll in America's Boating Course today. Successful completion qualifies the student for the Florida Boating Safety Education Identification Card.

You will learn about:

- Types of boats and their uses
- Boating laws, both federal and state
- Safety equipment,
- Finding your way using Aids to Navigation (ATON's),
- Docking, undocking and securing your boat,
- Communications while on the water, and
- Trailering your boat

There's more to come in February with Nick Rago's "Boat Handling Course" beginning February 5th. Tuesday Seminars include "Tides and Currents" February 10th and "Partner in Command" February 24th. Look in the upcoming January issue of the *Eagle's Eye* or our webpage for more information on these courses and seminars.

If you're interested and would like to register for any of these courses or seminars, please look for flyers at

the end of the *Eagle's Eye* or on our webpage. You'll find 1) information on the course schedule and cost and 2) you'll find a link where you can pre-register on-line to take these courses and seminars.

SAFETY OFFICER Lt Goeff Fahringer, AP



YOU NEED TO ACT!.

Imagine a seemingly healthy adult collapsing suddenly in a grocery store or a young athlete losing consciousness in the middle of a game. In an instant, their lives — and their loved ones — change forever.

Each October, organizations across the country recognize [Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month](#) to highlight this leading cause of death and remind communities how vital immediate action is. Behind every sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) statistic is a family member, teammate, or neighbor whose life could be saved if someone nearby acts in those first few minutes.

How you react in the early minutes of SCA can save a life

Sudden cardiac arrest is a life-threatening condition in which the normal [electrical impulses in the heart](#) cause it to beat too quickly, inefficiently, or in an unsynchronized manner. These abnormal heart rhythms are known as pulseless ventricular tachycardia and ventricular fibrillation. During SCA, blood flow to the brain and vital organs abruptly stops, along with the oxygen it carries. In turn, brain cell death begins within minutes due to lack of oxygen.

While cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) alone won't restart the heart in cases of sudden cardiac arrest, it plays a crucial role in preserving brain and body function. When performed correctly, chest compressions keep oxygen-rich blood circulating to the heart muscle and brain until an electric shock from an automated external defibrillator (AED) can restore a normal rhythm.

Research shows that for every minute without defibrillation, a person's chances of survival decrease by 7% to 10%. Therefore, [immediate CPR and early AED use](#) are the most important factors in

keeping a person alive during sudden cardiac arrest, buying precious time and helping prevent catastrophic damage to the brain and other vital organs while waiting for emergency services.

Why simply waiting for EMS can reduce odds of survival

When someone collapses from sudden cardiac arrest, calling 911 is essential to get professional help in route as quickly as possible. But waiting passively for them to arrive isn't enough.

The [Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation](#) reports:

- There are approximately 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests (OHCA) each year in the United States.
- The majority of adult OHCA events occur at home or in a residence (71%), followed by public settings (12% to 15%).
- Approximately 41% of OHCA's receive [bystander CPR](#).
- Survival rates to hospital discharge for adults is only about 10%, which has remained virtually unchanged for the past three decades.

These statistics underscore a stark truth: Every minute counts.

Even when 911 is called right away, real-world challenges can delay care. Average emergency medical services response times often exceed the critical window for brain survival. Common barriers include:

- Rural areas. Long travel distances, remote locations, and difficult-to-access roads.
- Urban centers. Heavy traffic, limited street access, and high-rise buildings with multiple floors.
- Suburban neighborhoods. Locked community gates or confusing layouts can hinder quick access.
- Public events. Dense crowds and uncertainty over who should take charge during an emergency.
- Severe weather. Heavy rain, snow, or flooding can prolong or re-route EMS.

Even under ideal conditions, professional first responders may take several minutes to reach the

scene — and with sudden cardiac arrest, those minutes mean everything. By the time help arrives, the difference between life and death (or between full recovery and permanent brain injury) often depends on whether someone nearby recognized the signs of cardiac arrest and chose to act.

Your actions in those first few minutes can directly determine a person's likelihood of survival and quality of life afterward.

The chain of survival: Where bystanders fit in

The chain of survival lays out the best approach to cardiac arrest care. The adult chain of survival links are as follows:

1. Early recognition of cardiac arrest and prompt activation of EMS.
2. Immediate high-quality CPR beginning with chest compressions.
3. Early defibrillation with an AED (when indicated).
4. Effective advanced life support treatment.
5. Effective post-cardiac arrest care at a hospital.
6. Recovery.

The greatest chance of survival exists when all six interdependent links are strong. But the first three links depend almost entirely on the actions of bystanders. Recognizing signs of cardiac arrest, calling for help, and starting CPR are often the deciding factors in whether a person survives sudden cardiac arrest.



Unfortunately, these first links break down for a variety of reasons. [Some bystanders hesitate to act](#)

because they're worried they might do something wrong or hurt the person. Others aren't trained in CPR or don't know where to find the nearest AED, especially in large public places or workplaces where devices may be locked away or poorly labeled.

Every moment that passes without CPR or defibrillation lowers the person's chance of survival, which is why CPR training, awareness, and accessible AEDs are vital in every community and workplace.

Every second counts: Be the link that saves a life

Whether it happens during physical activity, at work, or in your own home, sudden cardiac arrest is a medical emergency where minutes matter. Every second without oxygen or blood flow increases the risk of permanent brain damage or death.

You don't need to be a healthcare provider to make a significant impact. You just need to be willing to act. If you witness someone collapse and they're not breathing normally:

1. Call 911. Put your phone on speaker and follow the dispatcher's instructions.
2. Start CPR. If you aren't CPR certified, start hands-only CPR by pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest.
3. Use an AED as soon as it's available. The device will guide you through each step, [including AED pad placement](#) and advising if a shock is needed.

Make time this month to refresh your lifesaving skills and encourage your friends, family, and coworkers to do the same. Every trained bystander strengthens your community, potentially giving someone their best chance at life, recovery, and a future with their loved ones.

Remember your safety officer Geoff Fahringer conducts CPR/AED First Aid classes every month at our Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron training center 1100 block of N Collier Blvd. Next dates are:

- **December 13**
- **January 17**
- **February 21**

Beach Cleanup Cdr Chris Ricci

Nancy McKay and Deb Ricci at the November Beach Cleanup. Even though it wasn't the annual cleanup sponsored by MISPS, it's a great reminder that we can all pitch in and help keep our waters beautiful year-round.



Photo courtesy of Cdr Chris Ricci

Christmas Toys for Kids Lt Kathleen Reynolds

As shared at our November Thanksgiving Dinner, the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron will once again support the Kiwanis Club's Toys for Kids campaign this year. Instead of an adult gift exchange, members are invited to purchase a toy for a child between the ages of four and nine (pre-K through Grade 5). These gifts will be distributed at Manatee Elementary School—a school serving many families with low or very low incomes. For some of these children, this may be the only gift they receive this season.

If you would like to participate, simply bring an unwrapped toy to the December meeting. Donations are also gratefully accepted in lieu of a gift. Checks may be made payable to Marco Island Kiwanis Club, with "Toys for Kids" noted in the memo line and given to Kathleen Reynolds at the December meeting. They may also be mailed to:

Kiwanis Club of Marco Island
PO Box 2041
Marco Island, FL 34146

On behalf of the bright faces and big smiles this effort brings to local children, thank you for your generosity and support.

Merit Mark Honorees P/D/C Gene Burson

The following members have been accepted to receive a Merit Mark. Each member has significantly contributed their time and talents to running our organization, managing and teaching the educational offerings, and contributing to the community efforts sponsored by MISPS.

- James H. Addison
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- Nancy A. McKay
- Maurice J. McKay
- Jane Orsulak
- William F. Pomietlasz
- Nicholas Rago
- Peggy E. Reiss
- Edward (Ted) H. Reiss Jr.
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Monthly Meeting November 12, 2025

MISPS Members welcomed new members as they took their oath. After a delicious Turkey Buffet dinner, members enjoyed playing a few rounds of Bingo as Cdr Chris Ricci called out the numbers.



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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December Christmas Dinner Meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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



Buffet Style Dining

Ceasar Salad, Ham Carving Station, mashed Potatoes, Candied carrots
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1745 (5:45 PM) Christmas Dinner

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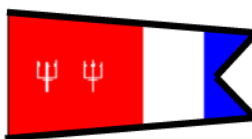
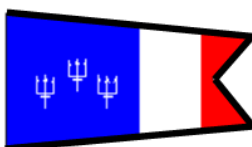
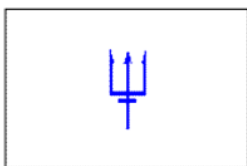
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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron

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January 14, 2026

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1800-1900 Buffet Dinner

1900 Change of Watch Ceremony

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Remarks by Distinguished Guests &
Commander Chris Ricci, P

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Passing of The Flag
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Remarks By
Commander Chris Frost, JN New Squadron Commander

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\$50 per Person

Spinach Salad
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*Tree Decorating
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*Tree Lighting
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Friday May 1

1300 -1700 – ALL Member Workshop/Meetings

1700 - 1900 – Squadron Hospitality Room Visits

1900 – Dinner on your own



Saturday May 2

Meet & Greet with Coffee & Pastries

Roundtables and Seminars

Lunch with speaker

District Conference and Election of Officers

Change of Watch - Dinner and Change of Watch Ceremony

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- 1) When is the best time to work a boat into a slip?
 - a) At slack water
 - b) When the current is setting against you
 - c) When there is a cross current
 - d) When the wind is against you
- 2) You are 15 feet off a pier and docking a vessel using only a bow breast line and stern breast line. Once the slack is out of both lines you begin to haul in on the bow breast line. What is the effect on the vessel?
 - a) The bow will come in and the stern will remain the same distance off the pier.
 - b) The stern will come in and the bow will remain the same distance off the pier.



- c) The bow and stern come in equally closer toward the pier.
 - d) The bow will come in and the stern will go out.
- 3) Which term defines when a boat turns broadside to heavy seas and winds, thus exposing the boat to the danger of capsizing?
 - a) Yawed
 - b) Trimmed
 - c) Pitchpoled
 - d) Broached
- 4) Who is responsible for any wake damage caused by a passing vessel?
 - a) No one is responsible for wake damage
 - b) The person deemed competent to steer the vessel
 - c) The owner of the damaged vessel
 - d) The person in charge of the passing vessel

Answers: 1 A, 2 A, 3 D, 4 D



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<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost, \$</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Time</u>
America's Boating Course (ABC)					
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	Feb 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26	70/100**	7	6:00 PM
Marine Navigation	Gene Burson	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 5	90/135**	9	9:00 AM
Marine Electrical Systems	Jim Addison	Mar 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 Apr 2	80/120*	8	9:00 AM
Instructor Development	Ted Reiss	TBD	FREE*	5	1:00 PM

To register, contact Jeff Williams sailont@aol.com

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<u>Seminar</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost, \$</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Time</u>
Anchoring with Assurance	Jeff Williams	13-Jan	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
Tides and Currents	Jeff Williams	10-Feb	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
Partner in Command	Ted & Peggy Reiss	24-Feb	40/60** per couple	1	6:00 PM
All About Marine Radio	TBD	10-Mar	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
How to Use a Chart	Ted Reiss	18-Mar	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
How to Use a GPS	Ted Reiss	19-Mar	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
Hurricane Preparedness	Ted Reiss	25-Mar	40/60**	1	6:00 PM

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<u>First Aid Seminar</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>\$Cost</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Time</u>
CPR/AED	Capt Geoff Fahringer	Dec. 13	Free	1	9:00 AM
CPR/AED	Capt Geoff Fahringer	Jan. 17	Free	1	9:00 AM
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Date	Event	Day	Time
12/20/2025	In-water Boat Parade – Marco River	Sat	1800
1/23/2026	Cruise – Kice's Island/ Cape Romano	Fri	1000

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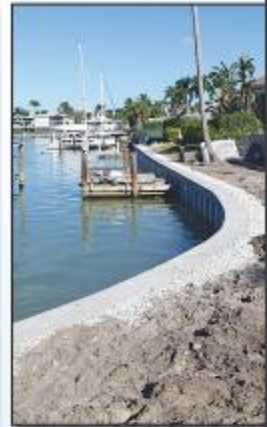
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