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Two new members, Liz and Brian Hart, were sworn in at Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron at the February meeting.

Lt/C Debbie Rago, the squadron's Administrative Officer, led the meeting on behalf of Cdr Chris Frost who attended remotely.

Lt Geoff Fahringer gave a presentation on Situational Awareness, and helped us all keep alert to our surroundings.

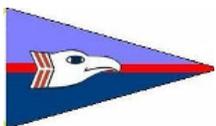


Shout Out

- To all the volunteers who helped make the W&H event a success: The volunteers solicited donations and items for the raffles, silent auction and live auction, organized, decorated, set up and cleaned up the event, prepared hors d'oeuvres and desserts, served, sold tickets, and managed the raffles and auctions.

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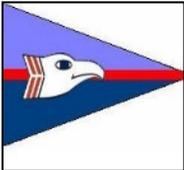
UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

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<u>Mar 2026</u>					
3/3/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	
3/11/2026	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	Wednesday	1700	
3/14/2026	Beach Clean-up	South Beach	Saturday	0800	21
3/17/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	
3/18/2026	Boat Around Marco- Lunch TBD	Off Rose Marina	Wednesday	1030	22
3/24/2026	Executive Board	Learning Center	Tuesday	0900	
3/24/2026	Membership Dinner/Meeting	Lutheran Church	Tuesday	1700	20
3/24/2026	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tuesday	0830	
3/25/2026	Seminar - Hurricane Preparedness	Learning Center	Wednesday	0600	
<u>Apr 2026</u>					
4/2/2026	Breakfast	LaTavola	Thursday	0900	
4/7/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	
4/8/2026	Executive Board	Learning Center	Wednesday	0900	
4/8/2026	Membership Dinner/Meeting	the Burrow	Wednesday	1700	
4/16/2026	Picnic Cruise - BYOE	Panther Key	Thursday	1130	
4/21/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	
4/22/2026	Captain's Meeting	Speak Easy	Wednesday	1700	
4/28/2026	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tuesday	0830	
4/30/2026	Cruise/Drive	Naples Boat House	Thursday	1130	
<u>May 2026</u>					
5/1/2026	D-22 Spring Conference (5/1 & 5/2)	Bradenton	Friday	1300 0900	May 1 May 2
5/5/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	
5/7/2026	Cruise - BYOE	White Horse Key	Thursday	1130	
5/11/2026	Proclamation	Town Hall	Monday	1700	
5/13/2026	Executive Board Meeting	Learning Center	Wednesday	0900	
5/13/2025	Captain's Meeting	Pelican Bend	Tuesday	1700	
5/15/2026	Luncheon	Smith House	Friday	1130	
5/19/2026	Sunset Cruise	Marco River	Tuesday	1830	
5/19/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	
5/19/2026	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tuesday	0830	
5/27/2026	Captain's Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	Wednesday	1700	

NOTE: March membership meeting and Captain's meetings are swapped for this month due to scheduling conflict at the Lutheran Church. Also Membership meeting will be TUESDAY

NOTE: April membership meeting will be held at The Burrow

NOTE: May Silver Tridents breakfast scheduled 1 week early due to Memorial Day



THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Jane Orsulak

I am looking forward to becoming a full time Florida resident. I hope to be able to attend more of the off-season events in person, I appreciate all the photos that you all have shared with me so far, and hope that you will continue to send them my way for inclusion in the newsletters.

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



SUNSHINE NEWS
Lt Kathleen Reynolds

We wish Wanda Burson continuing improvement toward good health.

I add a personal note this edition of the Eagle Eye: my first great grandchild was born on February 25. Martin Joseph, at 8 lbs and 8 ounces. Mom, Dad and baby doing well.

When these milestones occur for you, please forward the information on so that they can be shared with MISPS members. Simply send an email to KReynol@aol.com. Thanks.

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March Birthdays

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

- 3/1 William J. Hughes
- 3/3 Brian Thomas
- 3/5 Deborah A. Rago
- 3/19 Diane M. Thario
- 3/19 Steven J. Moore
- 3/20 John J. Jamison



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



As we sail into March, it's clear that the Squadron is riding strong winds of momentum and good cheer. The season has been full of camaraderie, community, and course-correcting fun—and we're not done yet!

The Wine and Hors d'Oeuvres Party was a standout success this year. Attendance was significantly higher than last year, and it was heartening to see so many members involved in every aspect—from setup and donation solicitation to decorations and food preparation. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors, the event not only raised crucial funds but also raised the bar on fun. Laughter echoed through the building, and a festive spirit filled every glass and plate.

In February, we continued refining our 2026 Annual Activities Calendar, locking in key events and evaluating new ideas from our membership. Thank you to all who provided input and helped us chart a balanced and exciting course for the year ahead.

Our February Dinner Meeting featured Geoff Fahringer, who spoke on Situational Awareness—a timely and informative topic that had everyone thinking about preparedness both on land and at sea. The overwhelming support to continue mixing traditional presentations with entertainment like trivia nights and live performances has been noted—and yes, the Boot Scoot is still getting talked about!

Recent excursions included a cruise to the Crabby Lady, offering good food and great company, and a lively Friday night fish fry at Residents Beach. Both events drew strong turnouts and smiling faces. These outings continue to prove that sometimes the best way to build a stronger squadron is simply to break bread together.

Looking Ahead to March, we've got a busy month on the horizon, so update your charts accordingly:

- Beach Cleanup – March 14: One of our favorite service traditions. Help us keep our shores

shipshape.

- Boat Around Marco – March 18: A member favorite and a fantastic way to see our island from the water. New members as well as those with new boats will appreciate the local knowledge learned on this trip. Don't forget your sunscreen and sense of adventure.
- Membership Dinner Meeting – Rescheduled to March 24 due to a scheduling conflict at the church. Please update your calendars!
- Captain's Meeting at CJ's – Rescheduled to March 11 due to change in dinner meeting: Join us dockside to wind down the month with drinks, laughs, and one of the best sunset views on the island.

As always, your participation is the wind in our sails. Thanks for your energy, ideas, and spirit. Here's to making the most of every nautical mile this season!

- Chris Frost:** Commander – Squadron-3125
- Jim Addison:** Ex/O – Squadron
- Debbie Rago:** A/O – Squadron

Education OFFICER
Lt/C Jeff Williams, JN



March's calendar is jam packed with courses and seminars. Here's what we're offering at the Learning Center this month.

America's Boating Course™

This course begins on March 2nd. We are offering this course for free. Ted Reiss will be your instructor. America's Boating Course™ provides you with basic boating information that will help you operate your boat safely and more confidently. You will learn 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.

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- 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

To register online for *America's Boating Course*TM, look for the flyer at the end of this Newsletter or go to our website:

<https://marcoboatingclub.org/boating-courses>

Marine Electrical Systems

This course begins March 10th. Jim Addison will be your instructor. Learn how boat electrical systems work, how to diagnose problems, and how to do simple repairs and upgrades.

Boat electrical systems are increasingly under load with power demands for electronic navigation, radar, powered windlasses and winches, air conditioning, refrigeration, interior and exterior lighting, personal electronic devices, and more. Most boats have both DC and AC power. Learn about voltage drops, current demands, wiring, and so on. This course covers the topics you need and want to know.

This course will cover:

- Boat electrical wiring practices
- Direct current (DC) power
- Alternating current (AC) power
- Galvanic and stray current corrosion
- Lightning protection
- How to use a multi-meter
- How to solder and crimp
- How to read electrical wiring diagrams

To register online for *Marine Electrical Systems*, look for the flyer at the end of this Newsletter or go to our website.

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All About Marine Radio

This seminar will be taught at the Learning Center Tuesday, Mar 10th at 6 PM. Marine radios provide you the best and most reliable communication on the water. Marine radios have many advantages over cell phones, especially in an emergency. Learn about the digital selective calling (DSC) rescue feature as well

as everyday uses such as to secure a marina slip, call for bridge openings and much more. You'll also get tips on purchasing and installing VHF to get the most out of your investment.

What's included?

- How VHF radios work and their controls
- Using the correct channels
- Using correct procedures and terminology
- Advanced methods of communication
- How digital selective calling (DSC) equipped radios work and their controls

To register online for *All About Marine Radio* seminar, look for the flyer at the end of this Newsletter or go to our website.

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How to Use a Chart

This seminar will be taught at the Learning Center Tuesday, Mar 18th at 6 PM. Learn the basics of reading and using a nautical chart for safe boating whether you're cruising, going fishing, or just out for the day. Charts include must-have information, including bottom contours, hazards, and aids to navigation, to help you travel safely.

What's included?

- What charts show navigators above the water
- Chart features
- Chart scales
- What charts show navigators below the water
- Aids to navigation
- Latitude and longitude
- Planning your course
- What's in your way

To register online for the *How to Use a Chart seminar*, go to our website.

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How to Use a GPS

This seminar will be taught at the Learning Center Wednesday, Mar 19th at 6 PM. Know where you are and where you are going using GPS. Learn how to use GPS, select and use GPS devices, and apply GPS to your navigational needs. Boaters need the most reliable location and position information available,

which makes getting the most out of your Global Positioning System pretty important. Learn how to use waypoints, build and execute routes, and monitor progress. Learn to interpret location information and tracking data, and get an overview of how GPS integrates with your boat's electronic systems. Explore what features you need and how to arrange your display. Also get tips on connecting your GPS to your VHF marine radio, which opens up a new world of digital hailing and distress signaling.

To register online for the *How to Use a GPS seminar*, go to our website.

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Hurricane Preparedness

This seminar will be taught at the Learning Center Tuesday, Mar 25th at 6 PM. Are you confident that your boat will be secured and ready for hurricanes and severe storms? Learn to develop a plan and take action to protect your boat from a damaging storm. Hurricanes and severe storms bring extreme weather conditions that can damage or destroy your boat. Learn how you can protect your boat from the ravages of wind, waves, torrential rain, tidal surges and high water.

What's included?

- Check vessels and gear
- Check your trailer
- Prepare a storm plan
- Lessons learned from storms
- Hurricane anchoring
- Be storm ready
- Your responsibilities
- Post-hurricane efforts of US Coast Guard and law enforcement
- Insurance

To register for the *Hurricane Preparedness seminar*, contact me at jeffwilliams125@gmail.com or (504)-220-6524

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me at jeffwilliams125@gmail.com or (504)-220-6524

SAFETY OFFICER Lt Geoff Fahringer, AP



In light of the recent events in Tucson Arizona with Savannah Guthrie's mother Nancy, I wanted to re-address a topic I have touched on in the past, in greater detail. I am talking about securing your home

and property from unwanted entries and criminal activities.

Think of the security of your home as layers or rings of protection. This starts, of course, outside your home in your surrounding property and continues to the inside of your home.

Those of you with extensive landscaping might want to consider opening up some visual lanes from the street and surrounding properties so neighbors can see movement around your home. Movement attracts attention. I am not talking about clear cutting your property, just small openings that someone walking around your house would have to cross and be visible.

Now how about some outside lighting. Hard wired motion detector spotlights are great, but consider battery operated spotlights for those outlying areas. Criminals, like any other predators, do not want to be seen. Opening areas around your property and putting up some battery-operated spotlights away from your home on the perimeter can go a long way in stopping a crime before the criminal commits to his plan.

Outside cameras are a great tool along with a smart doorbell. The outside cameras I use are battery operated using rechargeable or CR1 3-volt batteries. They are WIFI connected with motion detecting and spotlight features. And they alert my phone like my smart doorbell in real time. Hard wiring cameras to your home electrical system is great, but I find my battery-operated cameras can go quite a long time between charges or battery replacement.

And I can't say enough about what a great system a smart doorbell is. Just today I was on a bike ride, when someone came to my door to ask if I wanted my palm trees trimmed. I was able to have a complete conversation using my smart doorbell. And that gentlemen never knew I wasn't even home!

If you cannot afford several real cameras, consider

putting up just one or two real cameras in critical areas and supplement your security with fake outdoor cameras. These cameras look real, they are solar operated with a red flashing “recording” light, and you can buy a set of four for under \$50.

Before we go inside your home, one question that needs to be answered is how secure your windows and doors are. Windows need to have working and secure locks. At this time of year, if you want your windows open in the evening, get a blocking device so that windows cannot open any farther than you want it to. Your doors need strong deadbolt locks that can withstand a solid kick or two. Everything we are discussing here can be purchased at your local hardware store or on the internet. And if you are not a “do it yourself” person, that local hardware store can recommend someone to install a robust lock on your exterior doors.

Now that we have those windows and doors squared away, how about some security stickers. The same internet shopping site that you use to buy those cameras (real and fake) plus that smart doorbell, can also be used to buy security stickers and yard signs. Again, just one more thing to consider for that layer of outside protection.

Inside your home, you need to find ways to make the idea of a break in appear to be not the best idea to the criminal element. One of the coolest things I can recommend is a motion detector operating audio system of vicious barking, snarling dogs. These devices that are easy to locate on the internet allow you to place motion detectors just outside your doors or inside by windows. Any movement that sets off the audio player creates the impression the dogs from Hades are waiting inside. Trust me on this, I have two lap dog boxers who wouldn’t harm a fly. But knock on the door, and their deep barking and growling sounds are impressive. Even when you’re not home this device can give a burglar second thoughts.

If you do decide to invest in a home alarm system, door and window alarms are a must. I don’t like the idea of interior cameras that are connected to WIFI, having seen firsthand in my law enforcement past what hackers can hack into when it comes to in-home cameras. If you have a home security system, the use of panic alarms, (one in your evening sitting TV area and one in your bedroom) are a great idea. If you don’t have a security system, panic buttons with audio and phone notification alarms can also be

purchased online. You can also purchase timers for lights and radios that can turn on and off so when you are not home, it looks like you are.

One last thing regarding securing your home is the community environment. Have a conversation with your neighbors. Criminals hate an audience. Speak with your neighbors, and develop a plan where if strangers are in your neighborhood, you can notify each other. The simplest thing to do is just know your neighbors. Go around and introduce yourself, and talk about making your neighborhood safer. Get a list of phone numbers together for all your neighbors and discuss having an early warning system if something does not look right. Discuss who has security cameras and what they show.

Make calling 911 NOW part of your safety plan. If something occurs that is not part of your normal routine, listen to that feeling when the hair on the back of your neck goes up. Slow down and THINK. Ramp up your awareness and if you are at all concerned, call the police. Honestly, with 50 years of law enforcement experience I am 100% sure cops want to catch bad guys! Make the call, no one is going to chastise you for doing so.

Another thing about calling 911. Security experts will tell you just in case an encounter becomes a much more serious event, it is important to be the first person to call 911. The person who first calls 911 is very often considered the “victim” and that sets the narrative for responding law enforcement.

The answer to safety is simple. HAVE A PLAN AND FOLLOW THE PLAN. So, make a plan, secure your home and sit back and relax, but still stay a little aware. If this subject interests you along with personal safety, I will be conducting a situational awareness power point presentation on March 28th at 9am at our Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron training center, 1100 N Collier Blvd, in the Speakeasy Plaza.



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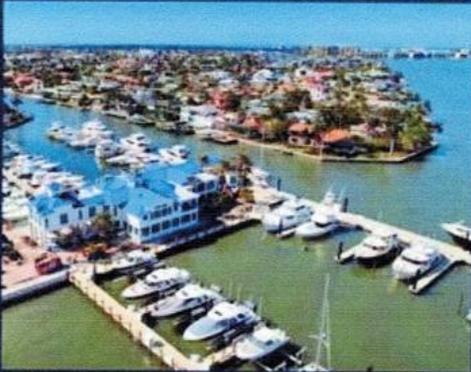




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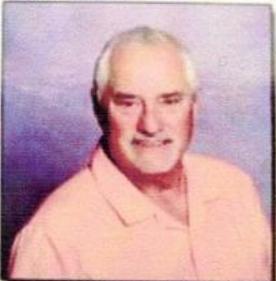
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Geoff

Annual Fundraiser, Jan 30

MISPS members were out in force, supporting the annual fundraiser. They served drinks, set up the facility, decorated, prepared food, served food, sold raffle and 50/50 tickets, solicited donations of funds as well as auction items, organized the live and silent auctions, and managed the payments for the auctioned off items. And cleaned up too!

Our own Shelly Derrough won the 50/50 raffle.





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 - a) sailboat underway
 - b) vessel underway, towing
 - c) power-driven vessel underway, making way
 - d) vessel being towed
- 2) You observe a V-shaped ripple with the point of the V pointing upstream in a river. What may this indicate?
 - a) A submerged rock, not dangerous to navigation
 - b) A towed-under buoy



- c) A sunken wreck, not dangerous to navigation
 - d) All of the above
- 3) How can the spread of fire be prevented?
 - a) Shutting off the oxygen supply
 - b) Cooling surfaces adjacent to the fire
 - c) Removing combustibles from the endangered area
 - d) All of the above
 - 4) 4. What does the gross tonnage of a vessel indicate?
 - a) Volume in cubic feet
 - b) Displacement in metric tons
 - c) Total weight including cargo
 - d) Draft in feet

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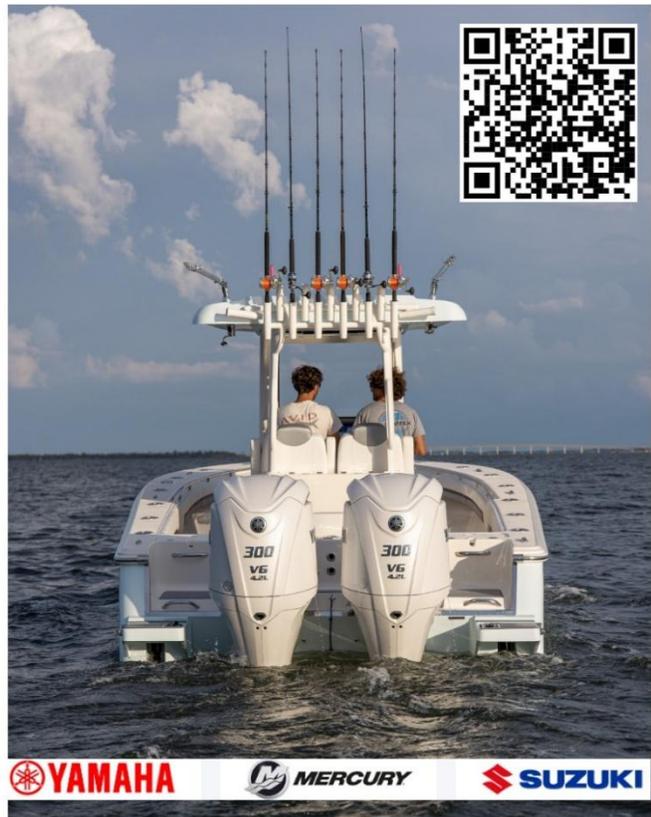


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ABC	Ted Reiss	March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16	FREE**	5	6:00 PM
Marine Electrical Systems	Jim Addison	Mar 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 Apr 2	80/120*	8	9:00 AM

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Seminar	Instructor	Date	Cost, \$	Classes	Time
All About Marine Radio	Jeff Williams	10-Mar	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
How to Use a Chart	Ted Reiss	18-Mar	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
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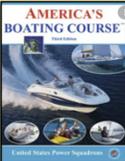
SAFE BOATING COURSE

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Successful completion qualifies the student for the Florida Boating Safety Education Identification Card. Reduced insurance rates may apply with this card.



March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16 (Free)

COURSE CONSISTS OF (5) 2.5 HR SESSIONS

SESSIONS COVER: Boats/Uses, Navigation Rules, Boat Handling, Knots, Federal & State Law, Safety Equipment, Boating In Adverse Conditions, Navigational Aids, PWC, Docking, VHF Radio Operation, Anchoring and More.

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Marine Electrical Systems

March 10, 12, 17, 19, 26, 31, April 2 \$80/\$120 non mem

COURSE CONSISTS OF (7) 2 HR SESSIONS

SESSIONS COVER: Boats AC & DC Wiring, Galvanic & Stray Current, Multimeter Use, Solder & Crimping, Troubleshooting, Reading wiring Diagrams. A Guide For Maintaining A Boats Electrical Systems.

SEMINARS

- ♦ PARTNERS IN COMMAND February 24th \$40/\$60 Couple
- ♦ HOW TO USE A VHF RADIO March 10th \$40/\$60 Non
- ♦ HOW TO USE A CHART March 18th \$40/\$60 Non
- ♦ HOW TO USE A GPS March 19th \$40/\$60 Non
- ♦ HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS March 25th \$40/\$60 Non

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Free Course Registration

Call: Jeff Williams
 504-220-6524
 Email: sailont@aol.com

Class Location:
 1114 N. Collier Blvd.
 (2nd Floor) Marco Island

For Information Visit Us:
marcoboatingclub.org

BOATING CLASS

Nationally Certified Instructors

Marine Electrical Systems

COURSE CONSISTS OF (8) 2 hr Sessions

DATES: Mar 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, Apr 2 – **TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

COST: \$80 Member/\$120 Non-Member

Your instructor will be Jim Addison. This course begins January 13th and provides an explanation of what electricity is, followed by discussions on boat electrical wiring, DC and AC electrical systems, galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection, and ends with troubleshooting of boat electrical problems.

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

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- Properties of Electricity
- Boat Electrical Wiring Practices
- Direct Current Power
- Alternating Current Power
- Galvanic and Stray Current Corrosion
- Lightning Protection
- Troubleshooting

SCAN TO REGISTER



CLASS LOCATION:

Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron
1114 North Collier Blvd., (Second Floor)
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Boating Activities Calendar

Date	Event	Day	Time
18-Mar	Boat Around Marco - Lunch TBD	Wednesday	1030
16-Apr	Picnic Cruise - BYOE - Panther Key	Thursday	1130
30-Apr	Cruise/Drive to Naples Boat House	Thursday	1130
7-May	Cruise - BYOE - White Horse Key	Thursday	1130
19-May	Sunset Cruise - Marco River	Tuesday	1830

For questions, contact Boating Chair 1/Lt Liz Scandone, S (781) 504-3304

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

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March Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
 Marco Island Lutheran Church
 525 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island



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

Bingo - With Prizes!



Dinner Buffet
 Carving station: **Corned Beef with Horseradish Sauce**
Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes Carrots & Baby Onions, rolls & butter
Bailey's Irish Cream Cake for Dessert,
You may bring your own wine or beer



\$50/Person

Please Respond by Friday, March 20, 2026 With This Form

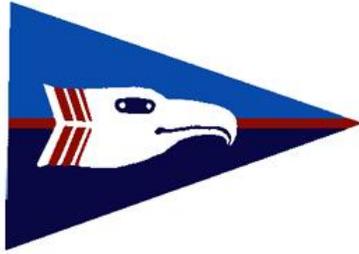
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You just need to say how many people are coming. You do not have to select an entree

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**Saturday
March 14, 2026
8:00 am-10:00 am**

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A group Photo and T Shirts will be handed out at 8:00 am

All Are Welcome

We only pick up non-organic (abiotic) material. Plastic, paper, straws, food wrappers, cigarette butts, and general TRASH!

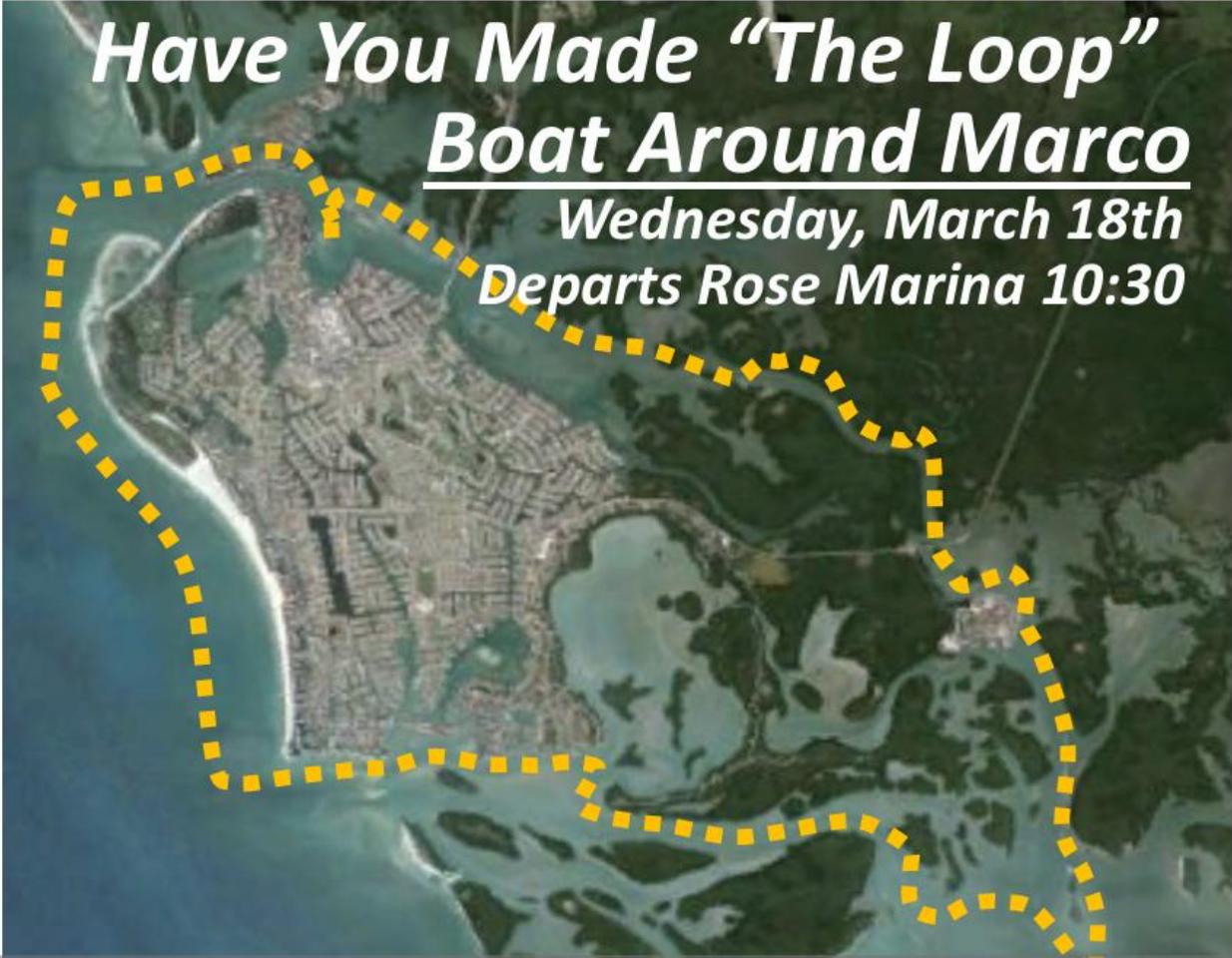
We do not remove sea life or naturally occurring debris.



For more information contact
Liz Scandone: (781) 504-3304

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*All Of US***





Have You Made “The Loop” Boat Around Marco

***Wednesday, March 18th
Departs Rose Marina 10:30***

Captain Ted Reiss will lead the way!

This is a perfect opportunity for new members and less experienced boaters to Marco waters to follow a lead boat and record a track on their GPS around Marco Island. This is 1.45 hr trip leaving from Rose Marina, up the Marco River to Goodland, out to Coon Key light and through the “Picket Fence”. You have heard everyone talk about it and this is your chance to do it!!! Ted will point out hazards, significant channel markers, speed zones and cool points of interest.

If you would like to make “The Loop” and do not have a boat contact Liz or Ted. We have plenty of space available!

To participate in this highly educational event contact:
Liz Scandone at ecscandone@gmail.com or Txt at (781) 504-3304 or
Ted Reiss (Cruise Captain) capttedr@yahoo.com, 239-213-8722

WE WILL HAIL ON CHANNEL 16 AND TALK ON CHANNEL 78.



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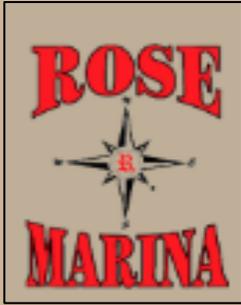
The Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron, Americas Boating Club, has a Club Business Sponsorship program for the businesses in the area to support the Club's mission through contributions to the Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party fundraiser. The question was raised as to possibly of having a club member sponsorship program.

The Club Member Sponsorship program was created this year. The guidelines for this recognition are that the members be in good standing in the club and have donated an amount greater than \$200 to the fundraiser.

These members will be recognized in each issue of the Eagle's Eye all year.

Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron wants to recognize the following members as the Club Member Sponsors for 2026.

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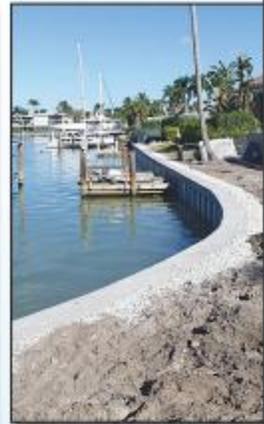
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