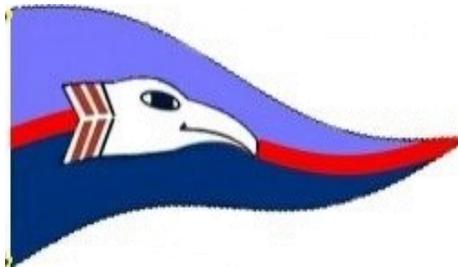


VOLUNTEERISM



Squadron members (from left) Lt. Marcy Marinelli, S, Susan Bauer, Lt Ed Bauer, Don Cates, Lt Wanda Burson, S, Sonya Benson and Alan Epstein, S volunteered as the Squadron co-sponsored the Marco Beach Clean Up on Saturday, March 10th at South Beach. Not included in the picture was P/C Carl Thieme, SN, who also volunteered. This is one of the many opportunities for MISPS members to volunteer for the squadron and community.



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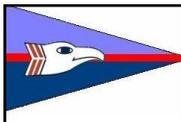


Coming Events 2018



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| 9 June | Cruise and Lunch, Snook Inn | 1100 | |
| 12 June | Executive Board, Condo | 0900 | |
| 12 June | Captain's Meeting, CJ's | 1700 | |
| 13 June | Silver Tridents, TBD | 0830 | |
| 19 June | Ladies Lunch, Red Rooster | 1130 | |
| 19 June | Cards at the Condo | 1300 | |
| 26 June | Captain's Meeting, CJ's | 1700 | |
| 29 June | Cruise and Picnic, Coconut Island | 1100 | |





THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR
Lt Marcy Marinelli, S

At our recent communications meeting we decided to have each issue of The Eagle's Eye focus on a topic of interest to the membership. This month's edition of The Eagle's Eye will focus on volunteerism in the Squadron. Each Bridge Officer will give his take on how you might volunteer your time to make our squadron the best in our district. Whether it's as a cruise captain, a vessel safety inspector, or a volunteer at the Wine and Hors d'oeuvres party, there is a place for you in our squadron activities.



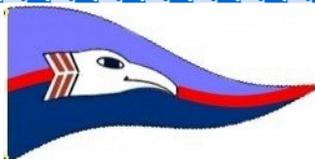
SUNSHINE NEWS



Please keep John Salotto's mother in your prayers. Also remember Joyce Wining's sister who has been sick.

Please let me know of anyone who is sick, injured or deceased. I will send them a card in the name of the squadron.

AnnMarie Ryan
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Captain's Meeting
"Meet & Greet"
everyone welcome!
CJ's Gazebo Bar
at the Esplanade at 1700
on the 4th Tuesday
of the Month

For March RSVP to

Sonya Benson at
414-617-5718 Or Email:
sbensonwi@gmail.com



COMMANDER
Gene Burson, AP

Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron, Americas Boating Club®, is a non-profit, all volunteer organization. The organization depends on volunteers for everything we do. Most volunteers do not need special skills to help in many areas.



There are some areas of the organization where some computer knowledge will be very helpful. The Squadron will be offering computer seminars for our members in order to provide you with skills that you might use in volunteering. If you want more computer knowledge of Email, Word, or Excel, then "Topic-Sessions" are for you. Look for Topic-Sessions to begin in April.

Email will cover topics like how to attach a document to an email, how to create contacts, and how to save emails so they can be found easily.

Word will cover the use of the Home tab, Layout tab, Help tab, and saving documents to folders for quick retrieval.

Excel will cover only the simplest uses for entry of text, numbers and arithmetic operations.

Many of you may have heard of Merit Marks, but are not sure what they are and why they are important. Merit Marks are a measure of a members volunteering in the club. You can volunteer to be an instructor, serve on the Co-Op Charting team, work at the Wine & Hors d'oeuvres party, or be a member on the Bridge. It doesn't matter where you volunteer, but that you did volunteer. Last year we had approximately 60 members receive a Merit Mark for volunteering 12 hours or more of their time to club involvement. Our club's strategic goal is to increase the number of members receiving a Merit Mark by 5%. To help you find a place to volunteer, there will be a new section in the Eagle's Eye listing volunteer opportunities. Please volunteer on your own or accept a position when asked.

Currently we are looking for an Assistant Historian and a Scrapbook Chair for the club. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions, let me know.

National looks at the number of members receiving Merit Marks as a sign of a healthy organization. I see the number of members receiving a Merit Mark as a sign of an organization working together for the betterment of all.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Tom Morr, P

The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) is a ‘bottom up’ ‘volunteer’ organization. What does that mean? Essentially, USPS is a member-led entity. Put another way, the members are the owners. Members control the governance, provide most of the resources and do much of the work of the organization.



The Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron (MISPS) is the Marco Island chapter of USPS. MISPS’s structure is like that of national – driven by volunteers. As a member, you control with your fellow members, who to elect as officers, what the budget will be and what we do. Through your participation, you help make the classes, vessel inspections, co-op charting, events, meetings and social activities we do possible. In all cases, our members are the instructors, inspectors and doers. There is no staff. We are it. When everyone does something, no matter how small, it makes MISPS stronger and more effective.

This month’s *Eagles Eye* is all about ways that you can make MISPS better and to make boating in and around Marco Island safer by volunteering your time to help. We are a social club with a cause. Working together builds a better boating community, but it also makes lasting friendships.

There are many ways to help. First, take advantage of our events, activities, courses and safety programs to enjoy and benefit from MISPS. Second, throughout this *Eagles Eye* you will read about ways that you can contribute your skills to what we do by volunteering. MISPS needs vessel examiners, teachers, writers, event organizers, committee members and others to pitch in. We are especially looking for people with computer skills, social media experience, financial management experience, communications experience to “apprentice” with people who have those skills. We want to have multiple people - think backup - able to manage the Squadron’s resources, operate our website, support our newsletter, take photos, communicate with Marco boaters and be prepared to assist in a pinch and in some cases to assume leadership roles, as needed. The work we do is fun. The people are great to be with. To continue our success as a vibrant Squadron, MISPS needs to be open to new ideas and to include and engage members to exercise responsibility and leadership. This is an invitation to you to give MISPS the benefit of your talents, you will be glad you did.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Bob Smith, P

The lifeblood of our organization is its membership, and the heart that propels our membership forward to realize all of our educational, civic and social objectives is volunteerism. To promote boating knowledge and safety, to support the greater Marco Island community and to provide our members with enjoyable social activities, we must rely on our many volunteers to organize and direct our cooperative efforts.



A significant part of our monthly calendar is our Boating Activities, listed on page 7, below. Thanks to our volunteer Cruise Captains, we are able to enjoy boating to a variety of restaurants and picnic areas from Naples to Port of the Islands and beyond. All of our boat captains who participate in our cruises are willing to share a seat on their boats with members who don’t have a boat or with those whose boat, for one reason or another, is not able to go. For members who don’t have boats, we encourage you to sign up for Cruises and Lunches / Picnics as often as you like. This is a great way to learn about being on the water. If you are thinking of buying a boat you can see different models in action and you can consider different kinds of equipment and accessories to meet your recreational needs. Seasoned captains will be happy to share their boating experiences with you.

In addition to our cruises, lunches and regular activities in April and May, we are looking forward to a Rookery Bay Kayak event on April 16 and to our second annual Mini Golf Tournament in May. Can you volunteer some fresh ideas for new activities through the summer and into the fall? If so, please share them with me and I will try to work them into our upcoming schedule.

To conclude, I want to make a specific appeal for volunteers for two key positions, Historian and Scrapbook Coordinator. The Historian chronicles all MISPS events and activities throughout the year and sends a year end summary report to District 22 in January. The Scrapbook Coordinator assembles news articles and visual memories of Squadron activities throughout the year into a scrapbook that all of us can access in years to come. Documenting our history in these ways will allow us to compare our efforts across a span of years to enhance our effectiveness over time. Please contact Meg Smith at 609-752-2575 to explore details regarding either of these important Squadron roles.



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
Lt/C Thomas Ryan, AP

Our Education program is drawing to a close for the season. And what a season! We had over 25 students complete advanced courses and seminars and we had a record 53 students complete the ABC class.



Our Education program has always been successful. Of course, the teachers / instructors are at the core of the program dedicating many hours to class preparation and classroom instruction. Just as essential is the support organization which includes everything from setting up the computer and equipment, installing software, advertising the classes, designing the ads, contacting news media and posting on social media. Thank you to the entire team for your outstanding work.

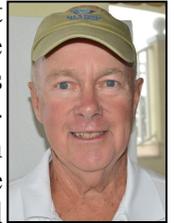
We are always looking for new instructors. The new people seed the organization and bring new ideas, technologies and skills that are essential for our long term viability. We invite all Squadron members to consider becoming part of our team. Next season we will be recruiting a new position: assistant instructors. This will be something new and different for us. We would like to have members “help out” with the introductory courses – ABC and Seamanship. The Assistants would attend the classes and help the instructors. In addition to meeting interesting people they would “firm up” their boating knowledge and get a taste for being part of the Education Organization. We hope this would be a win – win for everybody; the volunteers, the students and the Squadron.

Education is one of the hallmarks of the Squadron. Many of us had our first introduction to the Squadron through the ABC class, and it was this experience which encouraged us to join. I would encourage all of our members to consider being part of that initiative. If you have an interest in joining our team, or have questions about what we do - please contact me at 908-432-8767 or by e-mail at tomryan@att.net.



SAFETY OFFICER
Lt Ed Bauer

A squadron friend related an incident with his wave runner that provides some food for thought. It seems that he was exploring the backwaters near Cape Romano, looking for shells within Morgan Bay. Travelling along at a good clip he ran seriously aground on a mud flat and was unable to extricate his jet ski; unfortunately, the tide was receding, and he knew he was in for a long wait. Fortunately, he had brought along a chair and insect repellent. He repeatedly tried to get assistance with his cell phone which was only working sporadically and when he could communicate, he was not sure exactly where he was. When TowBoat US finally found him it was several dark hours later before they could help him off the mud and lead him without lights back to Goodland. So, what would you have done?



Do you have any *expired flares* that need proper disposal? On Marco, the Recycle center (off East Elkham Circle) will take them free of charge; the fire department will not.

Have you considered an SOS Distress Electronic Flare Light? Check them out at West Marine or Amazon Prime.

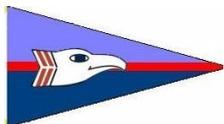
Have you had a PS member perform a *Vessel Safety Check* on your boat? Do you have boating friends or other boating neighbors who would appreciate this safety enhancement service? Let’s set an example for all boaters!

Next month is *Safe Boating Week* (May 19-26). Please pass on to any officer or myself any ideas you may have for the Squadron to highlight this to our community.

As captain of your vessel, do you provide opportunities for your “*first mate*” to handle the boat under all conditions – docking, anchoring, beaching, fueling and navigating with GPS and sonar? Communication is key, so learn hand signals, stop yelling, be able to stand a watch, so the captain can rest and manage dock lines with grace. Take an afternoon trip with your partner but ask that person not to do anything unless necessary to see how the journey goes when you are in charge and completely “alone”. The *Partners in Command Seminar* is highly recommended -” practice makes perfect”.

Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron Boating Activities

Boating Activities



Boating Chair: Lt Nick Rago, AP at (860) 798-4141
Boating Assist. Chair: Dan Marinelli (240) 606-1119



**** Call the Lunch Chair for reservations at the restaurants
 Sonya Benson at 414-617-5718 Or Email: sbensoawi@gmail.com**

Before cruising, make sure you have your vessel safety check!

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Cruise Captain</u> | <u>Phone (239)</u> |
|--------------|---|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 07 Apr | Tripod Key Cruise and Picnic | 1100 | Ted Reiss | 213-8722 |
| 16 Apr | Rookery Bay Kayaking Shell Island Road Boat Launch Limit 10 people—cost \$63 (see page 8 for more info) | 0900 | Bob Smith | 609-752-2459 |
| 20 Apr | **Cruise & Breakfast, Mango's | 0900 | Nick Rago | 860-798-4141 |
| 12 May | Cruise & Picnic, Panther Key | 1200 | Bryan Mordecai | 860-1006 |
| 25-26 May | **Cruise & Lunch, Port of the Islands & optional Overnight | 1100 | Jim O'Connell | 784-0970 |
| 09 Jun | **Cruise & Lunch, Snook Inn | 1200 | Kathleen Reynolds | 781-820-7003 |
| 29 Jun | Cruise & Picnic, Coconut Island | 1100 | Ronda Gloodt | 450-7089 |
| 13 July | **Cruise & Lunch, Island Gypsy | 1200 | Ted Reiss | 213-8722 |
| 27 July | Cruise and Picnic, Keewaydin Island | 1100 | Rhonda Gloodt | 450-7089 |

If you'd like to go on one of these trips, but don't have a boat, contact the cruise captain who can connect you with someone willing to give you a ride!



KAYAK TOUR AT ROOKERY BAY

MISPS will be sponsoring a kayak tour at Rookery Bay on Monday, April 16, 2018. Meet at the Shell Island Road boat launch (off Collier Blvd.) at 9:00 for the 9:30 a.m. tour. The cost will be \$63.00. This trip is limited to 10 people—first come, first served. See information below for trip specifics. To sign up, mail your check, payable to MISPS to Bob Smith, 100 Stevens Landing Drive, Unit 101, Marco Island, FL 34145. For questions, call Bob at 609-752-2459.

Kayak Tours at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve



Tours depart from the kayak launch **AT THE END of Shell Island Road NOT the Environmental Learning Center**. Please arrive at launch site 30 minutes prior to tour. Tour departs rain or shine! In case of foul weather, conditions will be evaluated by the guide before departure.

- The best way to protect yourself from the sun and insects is lightweight, quick drying long pants and shirts. Commonly available "fishing clothing" works great. Wear closed-toe shoes that can get wet!
- We are not responsible for damaged items. Please leave anything you do not want to get wet locked in your car (wallets, cameras, etc.).
- Be prepared for the weather! Bring hat, sunglasses, water bottle, bug spray, and an extra jacket or windbreaker if it's chilly. Half-finger cycling or fitness gloves are helpful if your hands are sensitive.
- Be ready to paddle! Our kayaks are single, sit-on-top kayaks. All participants must have the ability and upper body strength to paddle their own kayak for two hours, sometimes upwind! Weight limit on kayaks is 250 lbs.
- Paddlers must be 12 years of age, and accompanied by an adult if under 18.
- We provide the following items: kayak, life jacket, paddle and basic instructions.
- There is one portable toilet at this location.
- Trip includes complimentary admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center on the day of your trip (open 9 am to 4 pm), located at 300 Tower Road, Naples.
- Sorry, no refunds for cancellations.

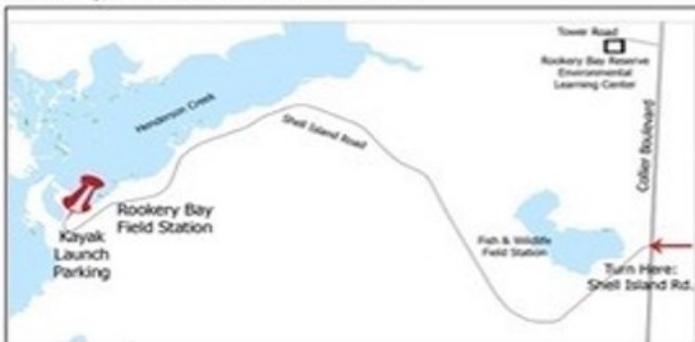


Driving Directions

to Shell Island Road Launch
Travel southbound on Collier Blvd (CR 951) from US 41 three miles toward Marco Island. Turn right on Shell Island Road (marked by a brown "Rookery Bay Field Station" Sign). Heading north, turn left just past Fiddler's Creek.

Drive on Shell Island Road for approximately three miles and park in the lot **AT THE END OF THE ROAD on the left**. Note: you will drive past the Florida Fish & Wildlife Field Station and past the Rookery Bay Field Station. Your guide will meet you at the launch to the right of the parking area.

Shell Island Road speed limit is 25 mph. Watch out for wildlife!



LAST MONTHLY DINNER MEETING
OF THE SEASON
MARCO ISLAND SAIL &
POWER SQUADRON

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

MARCO ISLAND YACHT CLUB

1400 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island

1700 (5:00 PM) – SOCIALIZING

17:45 (5:45 PM) – SQUADRON MONTHLY MEETING

18:15 (6:15 PM) DINNER FOLLOWED BY SPEAKER

SPEAKER: Capt. DiMartino, Tow Boat US

MENU:

\$34 per person

Choose One Dinner per Person:

House Salad

Grilled Cobia with Herbed Rice

Or

Chicken Picatta, Sautéed Scaloppini with Lemon, Capers, and
Chardonnay Served with Apricot Rice

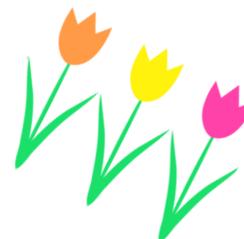
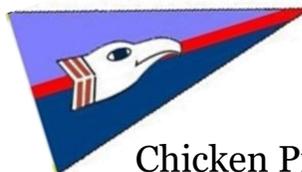
Or

Chef's Vegetarian Selection

Warm Blueberry Buckle with Vanilla Bean Sauce

Adult Beverages Available for Purchase

(No cash or Discover card – Only Master Charge, Visa or American Express)



PLEASE RESPOND BY THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

Because the Yacht Club is closed on Mondays, reservations must be received by the Thursday before the meeting so that the proper amount of food may be ordered.

MAIL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MISPS TO:

DOROTHY HARKNESS

1651 BARBADOS CT.

MARCO ISLAND, FL 34145

642-3575

Name _____

Tel# _____

Menu choice: Fish _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

No. attending @ \$34 _____ Amount Enclosed _____

March General Meeting

Over 63 members attended the March 13th general meeting at the Marco Island Yacht Club. Commander Gene Burson, AP, introduced the membership to the new marketing campaign for the Power Squadron. We will be moving towards using the slogan and logo of “America’s Boating Club” as a way to clarify what we do. MISPS is planning to roll out this new marketing plan in conjunction with our 40th anniversary celebration later in the year. You’ll notice that we are starting to use this new logo and slogan in our newsletter and publications. Commander Burson also welcomed and swore in seven new members to the club. Be sure to welcome them to the club!

After our meal, we were treated to a talk on Red Tide (*Karenia brevis*) by Rhonda Watkins of Collier County’s Environmental Services division. Ms. Watkins shared valuable information on Red Tide, where it originates, how it travels, and how it impacts humans, sea animals, fish and birds. For information on Red Tide you can contact the Red Tide hotline at 239-252-2591 or go on-line to www.visitbeaches.org. A special thanks to Kathleen Reynolds for inviting Ms. Watkins to speak to the club.



Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP, Rhonda Watkins, speaker, and Commander Gene Burson, AP at the March meeting



Commander Burson swearing in new members Michael, Nicolas and Mercedes Fabregas, Susan and Dick Flaherty, and Lou and Patty Riche.

March General Meeting



New members Nicolas, Michael and Mercedes Fabregas



Lt Dan Marinelli, S., Dick Flaherty, S, P/C Carl Thieme, SN, P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN and Susan Flaherty, S



P/C Lee Harkness, AP and Jim Ferry, P



Joe and Starr Whiting



Susan Bauer and P/L/C Lori Williams, S



Lt Sheila Thieme, Alan Epstein, S., and Joyce Epstein

TRIPOD KEY RAFT UP

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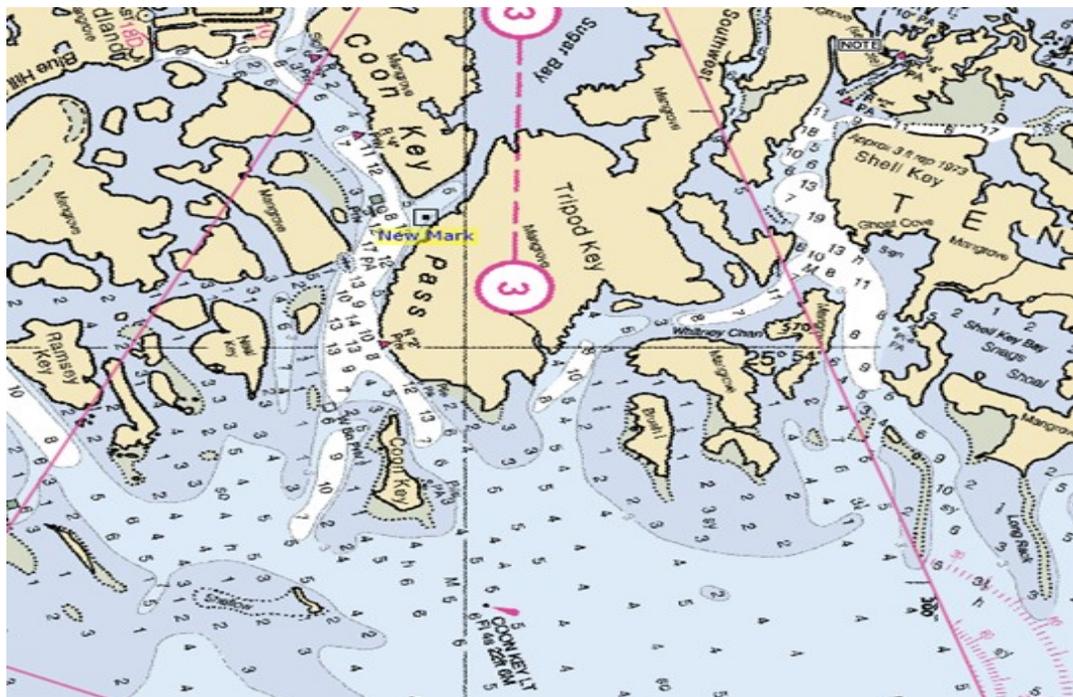


April 7, 2018 at 1100

Come prepared to **RAFT UP** with four fenders and four lines. No beach! *Just Us* will anchor first. Other boats will raft up along side next depending on size. Bring food and drinks for lunch.

Contact Cruise Captain Ted Reiss, 239-213-8722, if you plan to join us and let me know the size of your boat or if you need a ride.

Use Channel 16 on VHF to contact *Just Us*



Cape Romano Cruise and Picnic

After a cool and blustery week, March 24 dawned calm, warm and sunny for the squadron cruise and picnic at Cape Romano. Close to 30 squadron members and guests (and one dog!) came in 8 boats to enjoy sharing an afternoon at Cape Romano. Attending were Ted and Peggy Reiss, Susan and Ed Bauer, Rick Kelso, Sonya Benson and Don Cates, Jann Kenyon, Rhonda Gloodt, Bryan Mordecai and Andy Battaglia, Nicolas, Mercedes and Michael Fabregast, Rebecca and Joey Puell, Marcy and Dan Marinelli, Bill Hughes and Jennifer Jewett, Tom and Karen Morr, Mark and Lindsay McFadden, and Julie and Steve Riley. A great time was had by all!



P/C Rhonda Gloodt, JN and Joey Puell bring the food



Nick and Mercedes Fabregas, Joey Puell, Michael Fabregas and Jann Kenyon enjoying lunch



Squadron boats anchored on the beach



D/Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN and Lt Rick Kelso , AP practice using a sextant

Cape Romano Picnic



Julie Riley and Lt Steve Riley



Don Cates, and puppy



P/C Bill Hughes, JN and Jennifer Jewett



The Dome Houses



Susan Bauer, and daughter-in-law Sarah



**P/C Peggy Reiss, JN-IN, D/Lt/CTed Reiss, SN-CN,
Gene Bauer and Lt Rick Kelso, AP**

Welcome New Members

Kathy and Dennis Enstrom come to Marco from the Chicago land area making Marco Island their permanent home in 2017. They are long time boaters having about 40 years of experience. Both are retired and claim (as so many of us do) that they have found the best place on earth to live during retirement. Kathy was in real estate and Dennis owned a truck brokerage company.

They love to play golf and travel and Dennis proudly says that Kathy has all the skills – anything social!

They are avid boaters owning both a 30 foot WorldCat and an 18 foot Mako.



New members Ellen Filipiak, Tom and Terri Mann at Captain's meeting at CJ's.



Ellen Filipiak and Francisco Garcia relocated to Marco Island in the summer of 2017 just in time to experience Hurricane Irma!

They had sold homes in Denver and for two years travelled and lived full time in their motor coach. During their travels they discovered and, like so many of us, fell in love with Marco Island. Their love of warm weather and the water made their attraction to our island that much easier.

Francisco grew up in San Antonio, Texas, served in the US Air Force and upon his discharge formed his own defense contracting firm. He sold that business in 2004 and has served on many public and private boards in the years since.

Ellen grew up in Michigan and has lived in many places throughout the US including 20 years in the Ft Lauderdale area while working in the cable, broadband and satellite industries. She retired from DIRECTV in 2014.

Traveling, boating, cooking and exercising now occupy a great deal of their time. Francisco loves to fish. Prior boating experience was mostly on rivers and lakes including an ownership interest in a houseboat on Lake Powell. They are now happy new owners of a 23 foot WorldCat and are exploring the waters around Marco Island. They believe the classes offered by the Power Squadron have been a great way to get to know the area and to meet other like minded people. A recent addition to their family is an Australian Labradoodle puppy named Harley who also enjoys boating. Please extend a warm welcome to Ellen, Francisco, and Harley.

New Member Welcome Dinner

On Friday, March 23 the squadron welcomed new members at the new member dinner and introduced them to the squadron Bridge members and the many activities that are part of our organization. Hosted by Andy Battaglia and organized by Peggy Reiss, the new member welcome dinner is a great way for new members to learn more about the squadron, who does what, and how members can become involved in the many activities. Executive Officer Tom Morr welcomed the new members. Each of the Bridge officers, as well as our Vessel Safety Co-Chair John Salotto, spoke about their areas in the club. After this presentation, the group enjoyed a dinner of pizza, salad, and dessert. New members in attendance were Dick and Sue Flaherty, Carlos Garcia and Ellen Filipiak, Maureen and Trevor Haworth, Terri and Tom Mann, and Lou and Patty Riche.



New members Francisco Garcia, Maureen and Trevor Haworth



New member Dick Flaherty, S, 1/Lt Debbie Rago and Lt Nick Rago, AP



New and old members mingle before dinner



New member Ellen Filipiak and our host, D/1Lt/C Andy Battaglia, SN

New Member Dinner



Lt John Salotto, VSC Co-Chair and Lt/C Tom Ryan, AP, Educational Officer



Executive Officer, Lt/C Tom Morr, P, welcomes the new members.

Thank You!

The club received the following thank you note from Pam and Roy Sander and we thought we would share it with everyone:

Dear Squadron Friends:

What a surprise we received yesterday when your flowers arrived—tulips are one of my favorites. They already have a tiny bloom started, and we can almost watch the bulbs growing.

Thank you so much for sending us a little taste of spring—it's still cold and dreary here.

We hope to return to Marco at some point if only for a short visit. We miss all of you! Once again, thank you for your kindness.

Pam and Roy Sander

Vessel Safety Checks

It's not too late to get your boat checked by one of our Vessel Safety Inspectors. These free safety checks will insure you that you are operating a safe vessel and may prevent the marine police from citing you for a safety violation. Contact VSI Co-Chairs, John Salotto or Dan Marinelli to set up a inspection. John can be reached at 703-864-5528 and Dan can be reached at 239-900-0299.

Vessel Safety Inspector Ed Bauer checking Andy Battaglia's boat at Cape Romano.



Twins/Phillies Baseball Game

MISPS members took to the land on Sunday March 18th and made a trip to Ft. Myers to see the Minnesota Twins play a preseason game against the Philadelphia Phillies.



The MISPS crew at the game.



Mark McFadden, S, Lindsay McFadden, and Lt/C Bob Smith



More of the MISPS crew



Lt/C Bob Smith, P, Lt/C Meg Smith, P and friends



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Cards dates will be at MISPS Condo on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1300.



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Mary Carleen Ferry
Bruce Heinrich
Diane Lademann
Rudolph Landwaard
Jo Martin
Linnette Noffsinger
John Noffze
Nick Rago
John Salotto
Roy Sander
Carl Thieme
Petra Williams
Cliff Winings

Happy Birthday!



If I've missed your name, let me know!

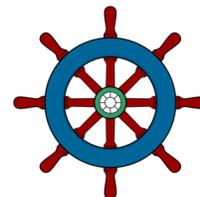


"CAPTAIN TED'S CORNER"
D/Lt/C Edward Reiss, SN-CN

BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND



- Which factor is listed in the Rules as one which must be taken into account when determining safe speed?
 - The construction of the vessel
 - The maneuverability of the vessel
 - The experience of vessel personnel
 - All of the above must be taken into account.
- The effect of wind on exposed areas of the vessel is most noticeable when _____.
 - backing
 - going slow ahead
 - going full ahead
 - turning
- How many fixed objects are needed to plot a running fix?
 - None
 - One
 - Two
 - Three
- When providing first aid to a victim of gas poisoning, the MOST important symptom to check for is _____.
 - suspension of breathing
 - unconsciousness
 - slow and weak pulse
 - cold and moist skin

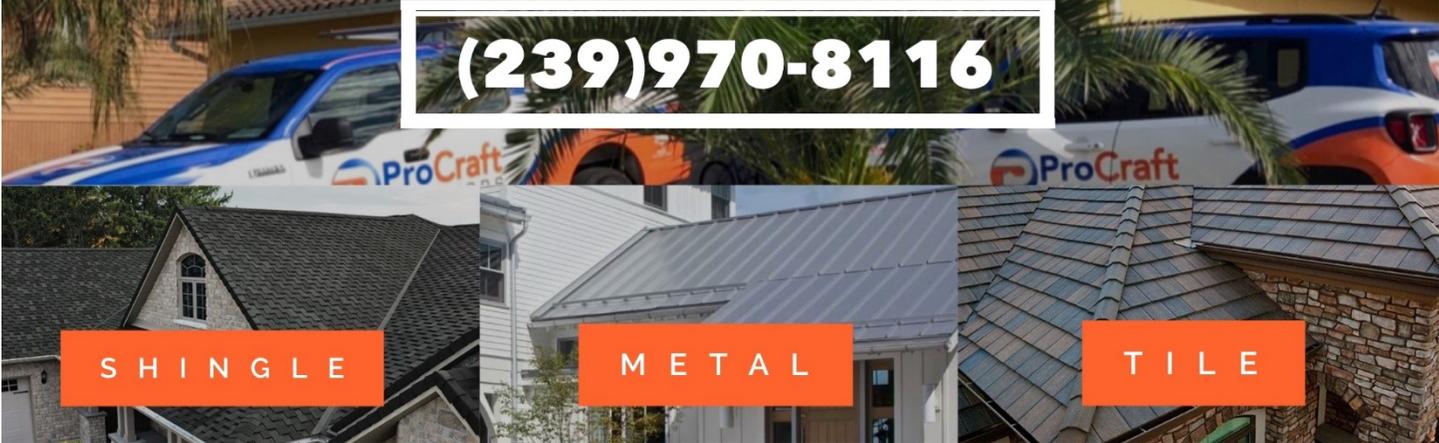


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Captain's Meeting at CJ's



Nick Rago, AP, 1/Lt Debbie Rago, D/1Lt/C Andy Battaglia, SN,
1/Lt Kathleen Reynolds, AP and Cdr Gene Burson, AP



Lt/C Tom Morr, P, 1/Lt Mick Haldeman, S, Lt Dorothy Harkness, S and Barbara Haldeman



Mike Rectin, Lt/C Tom Morr, P and Lt Ed Bauer



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527 Bald Eagle Drive



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at 1130
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Ladies Lunch at Hoots
563 E. Elkhart Circle



3rd Tuesday, 15 May
at 1130
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Thursday 11/1 & Friday 11/2

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