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## Summertime and the Living is Easy

MISPS members who stay on Marco during the summer enjoy a quieter island! Our club stays connected during the summer even though many of our members head out of town. Here are some examples of summer fun!



Commander Tom Morr, P with new members Kathie and John Guthrie



Don Cates, Lt Sonya Benson and Lt/C Meg Smith, AP, at CJ's lunch on July 13



P/C Bill Hughes, JN, D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN, Lt Dorothy Harkness, S



Commander Tom Morr, P, Lt/C Bob Smith, AP, D/Lt/C Andy Battaglia, SN, Bryan Mordecai, AP

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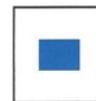


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# Coming Events 2019

## August

8/6	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 12
8/14	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
8/17	Cruise & Lunch, Naples Boat House	1139 p. 07
8/20	Silver Tridents	0830
8/20	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 12
8/28	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04

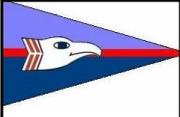
## September

9/3	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 12
9/11	Executive Meeting, Learning Center	0900
9/11	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
9/11-14	USPS Governing Board, Louisville, KY	
9/17	Silver Tridents	0830
9/17	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 12
9/25	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700 p. 04
9/28	Land Locked Lunch, Brewery Marco Island	1130
9/??	Overnight Cruise—Legacy Harbor, Ft. Myers	
9/??	DB2000 Training, Ft. Myers	

## October

10/1	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 12
10/2-4	D22 Cruise & Rendezvous, Fisherman's Village, Punta Gorda	
10/4-5	D22 Fall Conference, Punta Gorda	TBA p. 08-9
10/9	Executive Board, Learning Center	0900
10/9	October Membership Dinner/Meeting, Yacht Club	1700 p. 16
10/12	Cruise & Lunch, Little Bar	1200 p. 07
10/15	Cards at Condo, Learning Center	1300 p. 12
10/15	Silver Tridents	0830
10/23	Captain's Meeting, CJ's on the Bay	1700, p. 04
10/24	Cruise & Picnic, Keewaydin Island	1100 p. 07





**THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR**  
Lt Marcy Marinelli, P

Things are very slow on the island this summer. Many of our members have headed, or will head, up north for the dog days of summer. We've had an unusually hot and rainy summer here on Marco. So far we haven't had any hurricane threats so let's keep our fingers crossed that this year's hurricane season is a benevolent one!

If you have any boating pictures from "up north" that you'd like to share with the group, you can email them to me and I'll include them in our October newsletter. This month's Eagle's Eye will cover August and September activities for the club. We'll get back to our usual activities in October when more members are back on Marco Island!



**COMMANDER**  
Tom Morr, P

Have you ever seen, let alone used, a sextant? Would your grandchildren have any idea about how to operate a rotary phone? How many of your living relatives have served in the military? Our world is changing. Fast. The future will be different than any of us can imagine. It is happening now. That is the challenge the United States Power Squadrons (USPS), America's Boating Club, is grappling with today. YOU have a chance to help shape what our boating organization will look like in 3, 5, 10 or 20 years. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR IDEAS BE HEARD.** How and why people boat is evolving with the shrinking availability of time, competing options and the broadening choice of vessel types. Fishing, skiing, sailing, canoeing and cruising will always be fun water activities. But, they have been joined by kayaking, paddle boarding, tubing, wave running, etc. What boaters want and need to know varies by activity and vessel type and the introduction of new technology. Our 105 year old organization needs to evolve to thrive. And we all know that change is hard.



The America's Boating Club brand was step one. The USPS adopted the new brand to make the organization be more accessible, understandable and relatable to more people in today's more casual lifestyle.

Now the board has adopted a draft "Strategic Transition Plan" to envision and stimulate the USPS future. The outline of this plan can be found at <https://www.usps.org/index.php/committees/standing/10600>. ALL members have been asked to weigh in with their ideas. PLEASE READ THIS PLAN OUTLINE AND OFFER YOUR COMMENTS.

Like our world, this plan will be uncomfortable to many of our members. It is not meant to push members away, but to attract additional members in. At its core, it remains about social connection, education and civic service. Good. But, it contains a very different style of operation. Ranks, uniforms, grades – likely gone. Greater emphasis on water-borne fun, recreation, on-the-water skill development and organizational simplicity. A flatter organization with more education available in short bursts rather than through comprehensive courses. Greater reliance on communications technology.

WHY DID YOU JOIN the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron? What would you keep? What would you change? How would you recommend to grow and energize USPS members? Please go to form <https://forms.gle/a34ezhGQzeT13BTp8> and offer your insights. Do it today. **THE FUTURE OF THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION IS IN YOUR HANDS.**



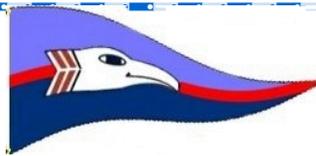
**SUNSHINE NEWS**



Please remember the family of former member Fred Shoen, who recently passed away.

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

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**Captain's Meeting**  
**"Meet & Greet"**  
**everyone welcome!**  
**CJ's Gazebo Bar**  
**at the Esplanade at 1700**  
**on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday**  
**of the Month**

**For August & September RSVP**  
**to**

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
Lt/C Bob Smith, AP

I recently had occasion to review our Bylaws, which enumerate the stated Objectives of our club: 1) To selectively associate congenial persons of good character having a common love and appreciation of yachting as a nationwide fraternity of boaters; 2) To encourage and promote yachting, power and sail, and to provide through local squadrons and otherwise a practical means to foster fraternal and social relationships among persons interested in yachting;



3) To encourage and promote a high amateur standard of skill in the handling and navigation of yachts, power and sail; to encourage and promote the study of the science and art of navigation, seamanship and small boat handling; to develop and promote instructional programs for the benefit of members; and to stimulate members to increase their knowledge of and skill in yachting through instruction, self education, and participation in marine sports activities and competitions; 4) To encourage its members to abide by recognized yachting traditions, customs and etiquette; and 5) To render and encourage its members to render, such altruistic, patriotic or other civic service as it may from time to time determine or elect.

These laudable objectives are obviously interrelated, serving to support each other in the three major goals that have motivated our organization throughout the past century: education, fraternity and civic service. I believe that the success of America's Boating Club - Marco Island depends directly on our collective abilities to realize and promote these three worthy ends.

Like many of you, I will be leaving Marco Island for the second half of the summer, to visit family and friends in the north. I look forward, upon my return, to working with all of you to promote safe boating education among ourselves and our community, and to enjoy many social and cultural activities that will serve to strengthen the social and civic fabric of our beautiful island, making it an even more enjoyable place to live in the coming years.



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
Lt/C Wanda Burson, S

We are smack dab in the middle of summer and on Marco you all know that means our weather is iffy most every day. That does keep life interesting here on Marco if not predictable. We have members spread out all over the Country for the season and those of us that stay here all year are taking vacations here and there. Sooo we are laying back, relaxing and going with the flow of surprise afternoon, sometimes even morning showers.



June 9<sup>th</sup> Commander Tom Morr spoke to the Marco Island Sunrise Rotary about our club and all the ways we work to make Marco waters a safer place for all boaters. Just a few of the points were our vessel safety checks, ATON inspections, classes and much more. It was well received with many questions in the follow up.

Our June 12<sup>th</sup> Captain's Meeting was very well attended as they usually are and on the 26<sup>th</sup> the weather moved us inside CJ's for our Captain's Meeting where we welcomed new members John and Kathy Guthrie. The Keewaydin cruise and picnic was canceled due to inclement weather on June 29. August 17<sup>th</sup> we have a cruise and lunch at Naples Boat House. Cruise Captain is Lt. Robert Gloodt, S call him at 402 850-8508. Call Sonya to sign up for this fun event.

Cards will be at the Learning Center August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Captain's Meetings will be August 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Silver Tridents meet on August 15<sup>th</sup>. September cards will be Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Captain's Meetings on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Silver Tridents meet on August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have USPS Governing Board meeting in Louisville, Ky September 11-14. Cruise and Land Locked lunch on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Brewery on Marco Island. Please check the calendar for all events. Thanks so much to our Cruise Captains and Sonya for handling all the sign ups and reservations and to Dorothy Harkness for handling all the card games. There are so many people that make all this work like a well oiled machine.



## EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Tippy Cavanagh, SN

Our weather this summer has been very wet and cloudy. I hope some of our year-round residents have been able to find time in their schedules for some boating activities.



Last season MISPS was one of 18 squadrons from 14 districts in USPS who participated in the pilot program for the new Boat Handling course (a new name for Seamanship). The new course has eliminated the overlap with ABC material and consists of six sessions. Each session may be taken separately, but in order to achieve the coveted "S" designation after your name, you must complete all six seminars. It is one of my top priorities as your new SEO to encourage anyone who has not taken this course to do so this year. Three different sessions are being offered beginning with the first on November 12. Please consider attending. Even if you are a seasoned boater, there is always something new to learn!

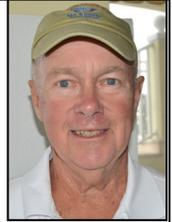
Please take time to look at the Education Schedule on our website and think about taking a course or seminar. Besides the ABC and Boat Handling courses, Marine Navigation (P), Advanced Celestial Navigation (N), Weather and Engine Maintenance are being offered. We also have the seminars Charting/GPS, Partner in Command, Hurricane Preparation and VHF/DSC Radio on the calendar. The quiet summer months would be a great time to check out the new videos on America's Boating Channel. The topics of their newest series of videos include cold water survival, boating under the influence (BUI), life jacket wear, stand-up paddleboard safety, electronic navigation and situational awareness. To access these videos, all you have to do is google "America's Boating Channel." United States Coast Guard grants have funded this channel. Stay safe on the water and happy boating!



## SAFETY OFFICER

Lt Ed Bauer, S

Have you ever wondered *WHY BOATS SINK AT THE DOCK?* The BoatUS Foundation examined 100 claims for sinking and found that for every boat that sinks in open water, four sink at the dock. When a boat sinks at the dock, the skipper is most likely asked, "What happened to the bilge pump?"



However, that's the wrong question to ask. Bilge pumps can actually hide the real problem because they periodically empty the bilge until they either clog or the battery dies, the bilge fills with water, and the boat sinks.

The skipper cannot expect the boat to take care of itself. Periodically examine all fittings and hoses for water tightness at through-hulls. Leaks at underwater fittings occur in 50 percent of sinkings, with the majority happening at stuffing boxes.

Heavy weather events such as rain or snow account for another 32 percent of sinkings. By lowering the waterline, the precipitation makes a boat more likely to flood during any minor mishap on board.

Poor docking arrangements can allow the boat to get caught under a dock or bang against a piling, damaging the hull to the extent that the boat can take on water and sink. Arrange bow, stern and spring lines to keep the boat in the center of the slip.

Examine outdrive boots for deterioration periodically and replace any rubber that looks dried out and cracked. Store the outdrive down to prolong the life of the rubber. Examine the seacocks and gate valves for corrosion, which looks pinkish or bronze.

Inspect transducer and raw water intake strainer through-hulls as well. Hoses connected to the fittings must be double clamped with stainless steel clamps. Through-hull connected hoses should be the black reinforced kind, not PVC hoses, which can rupture and crack.

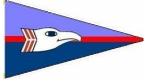
Turn the water off at the dock whenever you are away from the boat for more than a few hours.

If you need a reason to visit your boat more often, consider that repairing a boat that has been underwater usually costs about 40 percent of the boat's value. If you cannot visit regularly, consider implementing a buddy system with other boat owners. Many marinas offer inspections at an extra cost.

Some content: *Long Bay Power Squadron*



## Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron 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: sbensonwi@gmail.com**

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

17 August	Cruise & Lunch, Naples Boat House	1130	Bob Gloodt	402-850-8508
12 October	Cruise & Lunch, Little Bar	1200	Kathleen Reynolds	781-820-7003
24 October	Cruise & Picnic, Keewaydin	1100	Bob Smith	609-752-2459
23 November	Cruise & Picnic, Panther Key	1130	TBA	
13 December	Cruise & Lunch, Speakeasy	1200	TBA	

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!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR FALL/WINTER AC- TIVITIES!

#### MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETINGS:

2nd Wednesday of the month—October 9, No-  
vember 13, January 8, February 12, March 11,  
April 8

**TREE LIGHTING** - Saturday, Decem-  
ber 7

**CHRISTMAS STREET PARADE** -  
Saturday, December 14

**HOLIDAY PARTY**— Sunday, December  
15

**WINE & HORS D'OEUVRES PARTY**  
Friday, January 31, 2020



# The D 22 Fall Conference to be held

## 4 – 5 October has a new look!

We listened to your comments and are boldly going where this conference has not gone before. First, the annual Cruise and Rendezvous is dovetailed with the Conference. Beginning 2 October, boaters will gather at Fisherman's Village Marina for C & R activities. The Marina is a short hop to the Conference Center and free transportation has been arranged. D/C Ted Reiss will host a hospitality event at the Marina Thursday 3 October.

### FRIDAY:

The important Commanders/Officers Meeting where ideas flow regarding Squadrons and how the District Bridge can help meet the needs of our district will be held Friday morning.

The Council Meeting (similar to Squadron EXCOM Meeting) will be held Friday afternoon to approve the budget and items for submission to the Conference.

The popular *Chinese Auction* will run Friday through the Conference Meeting on Saturday. Be sure to obtain your chances on the many donations from squadrons and members. The auction winners will be announced immediately following the Conference.

Fountain of Youth theme of the C & R will continue at the Friday evening dinner for everyone's enjoyment.

### SATURDAY:

Multiple roundtables/seminars will be offered including Member Benefits, Instructor Recertification, How to Choose a Surveyor, free AIS Seminar, Skipper Saver, How To Navigate the National Website for your Benefit and a Town Hall with C/C Rep V/C Harry Hebb, SN, National Secretary.

Awards Luncheon is now the Keynote Luncheon. No awards will be given. Zane Xanders, the SW Regional Clean Boating Coordinator will be the speaker. Clean water is near and dear to all of us. We encourage your attendance to hear this important topic.

We have attempted to streamline the Conference Meeting in order to focus on what is important to all. Many certificates are being eliminated and pictures will be taken *after* the Conference.

For your enjoyment, the District will provide coffee and pastries Saturday morning and appetizers and a beverage immediately following the Conference.





# 2019 Fall Conference Information

## Hotel Information

**Four Points Sheraton** – 941-637-6770 Per night - \$109.00 + \$9.95 resort fee (15 September 2019 cutoff)

**Springhill Suites Marriott** – 941-347-4224

Per night - \$114.00 (12 September 2019 cutoff)

\* Must mention United States Power Squadrons and book for 2 nights for these rates \*

**Friday, 4 October:**

**Squadron Officers/Council Meetings**

**“Discover Your Fountain of Youth” Dinner and Activities**



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**Saturday, 5 October: Roundtables / Seminars**

**Keynote Luncheon /Conference Meeting**

## CAPTAIN'S MEETINGS

Captain's Meetings at CJ's continue twice a month during the summer season. We have a solid turn-out each time we meet as members look forward to connecting with one another over the slower summer months.



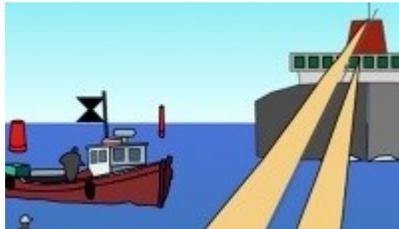


## AMERICA'S BOATING CHANNEL

Do you know about America's Boating Channel? One of the things that attracted most of us to the Power Squadron was its focus on education. America's Boating Channel allows us to continue our boating education in the comfort of our own home by watching videos that have been developed on various safe boating topics. Produced through a grant from the Sport Fish

Restoration and Boating Fund and administered through the Coast Guard, these videos cover a range of topics that provide new knowledge or are very helpful refreshers. Many of the videos feature members of our own America's Boating Club-Marco Island! You can access America's Boating Channel by going to <https://americasboatingchannel.com>.

Here are some examples of topics that are covered in videos about Navigation Rules:



**What Are the Navigation Rules?**

**What Is the US Aids to Navigation System (ATONS)?**

**What Vessels Are Required to Comply with the Nav Rules?**

**Is There an Overriding Nav Rule that Takes Precedence over Others?**

**Who Has the Right-of-Way on the Water?**

**Where Do Kayaks, Canoes, and Paddleboards Fit into the Nav Rules?**

**What Is the Safe Speed or Passing Distance for Vessels?**

**When Do I Need a Look-Out?**

**What Are the Regulations Concerning Wake Effects, Wake Damage, and Responsibility? What Are the Requirements of Lights for Recreational Vessels Underway between Sunset and Sunrise?**

**Can I Use Decorative Lights, Strobes, or Other High Intensity or Specialty Lights to be More Visible at Night?**

**Am I Required to Carry a Copy of the Nav Rules?**

**Where Can I Get a Copy of the Nav Rules?**

There are also numerous videos about boating safety. These include videos about basic skills such as planning your cruise, leaving the dock, being underway, and returning to the dock. If you haven't checked out this valuable resource, give it a try!

## “Hand & Foot” Card Game

Call: Lt Dorothy Harkness, S at 642-3575  
Email: dorotheaharkness@embarqmail.com



Easy to learn this fun game ... nice to play while on cruises. Socialize with members of the squadron, give Dorothy a call ... 642-3575

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have several positions in America’s Boating Club -Marco Island that need to be filled. We are looking for someone who will be able to set up speakers for our dinner meetings during the months of October-April. If you are interested and can help us, contact Lt/C Wanda Burson to let her know of your interest. We are still looking for someone who can maintain our club scrapbook. If this is something you might be interested in contact Lt/C Meg Smith. Thanks for considering these requests!



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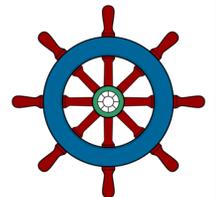
Other locations in  
Naples, North Naples,  
and Estero



## “CAPTAIN TED’S CORNER” D/Lt/C Edward Reiss, SN-CN



1. INLAND ONLY Which term is NOT defined in the Inland Navigation Rules?
  - a. Seaplane
  - b. Restricted visibility
  - c. Underway
  - d. Vessel constrained by her draft
2. BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND Which vessel is NOT classified as "restricted in her ability to maneuver"?
  - a. A vessel picking up a navigation mark
  - b. A vessel transferring cargo while underway
  - c. A vessel whose anchor is fouled
  - d. A vessel in a towing operation that restricts the ability of the vessel and her tow to change their course
3. Buoys which mark isolated dangers are painted with alternating \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. red and black bands
  - b. green and black bands
  - c. red and white stripes
  - d. green and white bands
4. Most minor spills of oil products are caused by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. equipment failure
  - b. human error
  - c. major casualties
  - d. unforeseeable circumstances



Answers: 1-d; 2-c; 3-a; 4-b

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## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following MISPS members who are celebrating in August and September!

### August

Bryan Mordecai 8/1  
 Kathleen Reynolds 8/1  
 Ellen Filipiak 8/4  
 Karen Kuettner 8/6  
 Mary Kreppein 8/8  
 Trevor Haworth 8/9  
 Louis Riche 8/11  
 Richard Rogers 8/14  
 Lonnie Hoschar 8/15  
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### September

Rick Kelso 9/1  
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 Gary Riss 9/25  
 Jennifer Jewett 9/28  
 Michael Fabregas 9/29



## Welcome New Members

Kathy and John Guthrie recently became members of America's Boating Club- Marco Island. They are year-round residents of Marco and own a 27' Boston Whaler named "Why Not". Welcome to the club Kathy and John!

### America's Boating Club-Marco Island Facebook Page

In order to take advantage of the power of social media, we will be focusing more attention on using our Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron Facebook page to share information with members and the community at large. Member Joey Puell, a member of our club and student at Marco Island Charter Academy, will be working closely with newsletter editor Marcy Marinelli and commander Tom Morr to manage our Facebook page and make sure that we have timely information available. If you are a Facebook user and you haven't "liked" our MISPS page, you can do that by going to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and searching for Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron.



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