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## Little Bar Lunch Oct 29, 2024



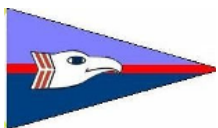
Twenty-two people attended the Lunch/Cruise to Little Bar on October 29. The weather was perfect as we sat in the screened porch with breezes blowing. It was great to get together with members we haven't seen in a while—Nick & Debbie Rago, Ed & Cloe Gerri, Henry Stanley, Jim & Sheila Bahin, Sheila & Carl Thieme, Andy Battaglia & daughter Nancy, Tippy & John Cavanagh, Nanette Rivera, Deb & Chris Ricci, Linda Spell, Ted & Peggy Reiss. Ted & Peggy ventured out on their boat and docked there. The ride was good with few boats around and dockage was plentiful.

A highlight of the day was to introduce our newest members Brian & Melinda Thomas and William their grandson aged 10 months. XO Chris Ricci administered the Pledge as all stood and welcomed them to the Club.

Photos courtesy of Andrea Battaglia

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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

Date	Event	Location	Day	Time	Page
<b>Dec 2024</b>					
3-Dec	<del>Cards</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>	Learning Center	Tue	1300	4
3-Dec	Put up, decorate Christmas Tree	Veteran's Park	Tue	0900	19
7-Dec	Tree Lighting	Veteran's Park	Sat	1700	19
10-Dec	Executive Board	Learning Center	Tue	0900	
10-Dec	Christmas Party	Lutheran Church	Tue	1700 *	21
14-Dec	Decorate Parade Boat	Walker's Showroom	Sat	0900	20
14-Dec	Street Parade	San Marco Road	Sat	1750	20
17-Dec	Cards	Learning Center	Tue	1300	4
17-Dec	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tue	0830	
19-Dec	Dinner	Naples Botanical Gardens	Thu	TBA **	
21-Dec	In-water Boat Parade	Marco River	Sat	1800	
<b>Jan 2025</b>					
7-Jan	Cards	Learning Center	Tue	1300	4
8-Jan	Executive Board	Learning Center	Wed	0900	
8-Jan	Change of Watch	Lutheran Church	Wed	1700	
21-Jan	Cards	Learning Center	Tue	1300	4
21-Jan	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tue	0830	
24-Jan	Cruise	Kice Island	Fri	TBA	
TBD	Captains Meeting	CJ's on the Bay		1700	17
31-Jan	Wine and hors d'Oeuvres Fundraiser	San Marco Catholic Church Hall	Fri	1700	22

\* *Please note that the Christmas Party is on a TUESDAY this year!*

\*\* *Pending interest – Stay tuned for info via email if you previously expressed interest*

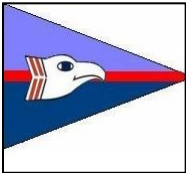


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**Lt Jane Orsulak**

Please continue to send any pictures of club events for me to include in upcoming newsletters.

I welcome any comments and suggestions to the newsletter. Please email to [jmo.abcd@gmail.com](mailto:jmo.abcd@gmail.com)



**SUNSHINE NEWS**  
**Lt Kathleen Reynolds**

Please note that we like to acknowledge good events in our members' lives as well as to extend a note of support when sadder events occur. The only way this can happen is when members let me know of something that should be acknowledged. If you hear of something that warrants a note from friends as MISPS, please do let me know, either at KReynol@aol.com or at 239 394 0459.

Kathleen Reynolds



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## December Birthdays

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

- 12/01 Daniel Wilson
- 12/02 William F. Pomietlasz
- 12/04 Joseph M. Kistner
- 12/08 Edward J. Gerri
- 12/08 Mary A. Richards
- 12/08 Henry T. Stanley
- 12/09 Jane Orsulak
- 12/11 Lori Williams
- 12/15 Kristin L. Koos
- 12/17 Carla Del Zotto
- 12/20 Larry R. Green
- 12/24 Kathie Fahringer
- 12/24 Jerry Williams
- 12/29 Richard Siegel
- 12/31 Nancy A. McKay



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Email: [dorothyharkness@embarqmail.com](mailto:dorothyharkness@embarqmail.com)

Easy to learn this fun game ... nice to play while on cruises. Socialize with members of the squadron, give Dorothy a call ... 239-642-3575.



## TOYS FOR KIDS

Please continue a tradition MISPS has supported for many years. Bring an unwrapped Christmas gift (approx \$20) for a child kindergarten to 5th grade age to be given to the Kiwanis "Toys for Kids" toy drive to benefit the children at Manatee Elementary School. In lieu of a gift, you can send a check donation made payable to the Kiwanis Club of Marco Island, P.O. Box 2041, Marco Island, FL 34146.



**BOSUN'S Whistle Bridge Report**  
**Cdr Nanette Rivera, S**  
**Lt/C Chris Ricci, P**  
**Lt/C Christopher Frost, JN**



One of the pillars of our organization is social activity and these programs are included in our calendar of events published yearly in the Roster. Whether we're attending regular dinner meetings, driving or cruising to dinner/ lunch venues or boating to some of our beautiful beaches for a day of fun in the sun, your bridge and committees put considerable effort into selecting the "where," "when" and "how" for these activities to ensure they are something everyone will look forward to.

December is the time when we meet to plan the next year's schedule of events. Your input is more than welcome, and while the scheduling process has to be limited to a manageable number of participants, we welcome and are eager to hear your suggestions. Please share your ideas on new restaurants you think the squadron would enjoy (especially ones where boating could be involved), new cruising destinations to plan for the next year or any other activities. We would welcome any suggestions for interesting dinner speakers, activities or topics of discussion. This year, we added line dancing and a happy hour gathering, and we are planning a trivia night and rescheduling the miniature golf outing postponed due to the hurricane. Since we are an organization of boaters, we know many would like to see more boating-related events as well as presentations on boating subjects. Are these things of interest to you?

If you have any suggestions, please email them to Chris Frost (frostchris@verizon.net) or Jim Addison (James.H.Addison@aol.com) by December 6th. You can also text us at 848-466-0230 or 804-690-1166 respectively. We will be sure to include your ideas in the decision-making process.

At last month's dinner meeting, a questionnaire was circulated concerning our monthly meeting venues, catering options, desired locations, alcoholic

beverage sources, meal and drink costs as well as what amount attendees would be willing to pay for special events such as the Christmas Party or Change of Watch. As you all know, venue options for gatherings such as ours are limited on Marco Island, and the costs for restaurants and clubs are rising. Your bridge team is exploring new locations and catering options for both our monthly meetings as well as special occasions.

Here are the results of the questionnaire from 40 participants at the last dinner meeting:

- Hold meetings with lunch rather than dinner?

Yes	16	No	24
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- Continue with dinner meetings ?

Yes	32	No	8
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- Preferred meal style:

Buffet	11	Plated dinner	16	Heavy Hors d'oeuvres	9
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- Willing to spend for lunch:

Low	\$20	Avg	\$28	High	\$100
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- Willing to spend for dinner:

Low	\$40	Avg	\$54	High	\$150
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- Cash Bar:

Yes	27	No	3
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- BYOB

Yes	24	No	1
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- Would you spend more for special dinners such as COW, Christmas Party, cruises?

Yes	31	No	1
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- How much for special dinners?

Low	\$50	Avg	\$85	High	\$150
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- Possible dinner meeting locations:

- MIYC: 10,
- Others: 6,
- Restaurant: 9,
- Country Club: 2,
- Lutheran Church: 5,
- CJ's: 2,
- No preference 15.

- Other places:


- Nice place,
- Condo,
- Nice Venue (2)
- Private Club

- Preferred caterer:
  - Kretch's: 7,
  - Laura: 3,
  - No preference 26,
  - Other 3,
  - Food truck: 1,
  - Potluck: 2,
  - Professional Caterer: 2

Based on this, there is a clear consensus on exploring other venues for dinner meetings, special dinners as well as lunch options. Prices will more than likely rise if we move our venue to a club or restaurant, and even MIYC has raised their prices significantly. BYOB seems to be the most popular choice, or cash bar at venues that offer liquor. We are currently contacting other special venues, such as the Island Princess, for Change of Watch or the Christmas Party but their per-person charges may fall on the high side.

We continue to search for a new venue that balances the membership's desire for a great atmosphere as well as a cost that is reasonable for the food or service we receive. Above all, we want our squadron experience to be enjoyable and fun for all!

**Nanette Rivera:** Commander – Squadron-3125  
**Chris Ricci:** Ex/O– Squadron  
**Chris Frost:** A/O – Squadron



**EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**  
**P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN**



Another year of learning thanks to our great, enthusiastic certified instructors: Peggy Reiss, Nick Rago, Carl Thieme, Gene Burson, Jeff Williams, Tippy Cavanagh, and Jim Addison.

Who wants to learn more about the total organization starting from the national United States Power Squadrons, through District 22 down to ourselves Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron | America's Boating Club – Marco Island? In December we will have a seminar giving you many of the history, details, descriptions, purposes and responsibilities of the total package. Stay tuned for the exact date. My invitation to this seminar is to our entire membership not just the newly elected

officers. You all will benefit by learning how you personally fit into the organization.

In January we start our full education set of courses and seminars. The schedule is on pages 16 and 17 elsewhere in this edition and on our web site. Please register for any or all opportunities. What you learn may increase your confidence while boating.

So far, no one has expressed an interest in sharing their skills and knowledge. We need more instructors to enhance our education program.

So, go boating, be safe and keep learning.

**SAFETY OFFICER**  
**Goeff Fahringer**



**GET INSPECTED**

One of the nice things about driving a car is when something goes wrong, flat tire, out of fuel, or engine quits, you can just pull over to the side of the road and safely get help. That

scenario is not so easy to do when boating. Something as simple as running out of fuel or a simple medical emergency can turn life threatening, or at the least ruin what should have been a great day on the water.

Many boaters don't know that the coast guard has a list of requirements that boaters must have on their boats, and it's much more than a life jacket and flares. But what is required for different size boats? And is there any way a boater can find out that he or she is really in compliance if law enforcement should ever stop them to conduct an inspection? Or worse case someone is injured on your boat and the



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equipment you should have had to help was missing. Luckily, in our area we have several Coast Guard approved vessel examiners – individuals who are available to come to your boat’s location and conduct a complete vessel safety check. A smart boater will always want to be a safer, more knowledgeable boater and have the safest vessel he or she can.

Let’s look over the minimum requirements for recreational boats. This is the current up-to-date list of the U.S Coast Guard’s minimum safety requirements for recreational boats with sizes of up to 65 ft (19.8m) in size. These requirements detail what boating safety equipment must be present on board, and other necessary features that must be installed to comply with federal laws.

## **U.S. COAST GUARD MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL BOATS**

### **Personal Flotation Devices**

**For boats smaller than 16 ft (4.9m):** One approved Type I, II, III or V (must be worn) PFD for each person on board or being towed on water skis, tubes, etc.

**For boats sized between than 16 ft and 65.6 ft (20m):** One approved Type I, II or III PFD for each person on board or being towed on water skis, etc.; and one throwable Type IV device. ( A type V PFD may be used in lieu of any wearable PFD if approved for the activity in which the boat is being used. A TYPE V HYBRID MUST be worn to be legal.)

Note: Check state laws for PFD wearing requirements for children and for certain watercraft and sports. Federal Regulations mandate that states without child life jacket laws require that youths under 13 wear an approved PFD whenever a recreational boat is underway, unless below decks or in a closed cabin. States with existing regulations are not required to alter their status. Florida DOES have a state child life jacket law. Children under 6 years of age must wear a USCG-approved PFD at all times while on any vessel less than 26 feet in length that is underway upon Florida waters.

### **Bells and Whistles**

**For all boats smaller than 65.6 ft (20m):** Every vessel less than 65.6 ft. (20 meters) in length must carry an efficient sound producing device.

**For boats larger than 65.6 ft:** On Federally

controlled waters, every vessel 65.6 ft. (20 meters) or larger in length must carry a whistle and a bell. They must be audible for 1 nautical mile.

### **Visual Distress Signals**

These visual distress signal requirements only apply for coastal waters, the Great Lakes and U.S. owned boats on the high seas.

For boats smaller than 16 ft (4.9m): They are required to carry approved visual distress signals for night-time use.

For boats above 16 ft but no greater than 65.6 ft: They must carry approved visual distress signals for both daytime and night-time use.

### **Fire Extinguishers**

For boats up to 26 ft (7.9m): One B-I type approved hand portable fire extinguisher. (Not required on outboard motorboats less than 26 ft in length if the construction of the motorboat is such that it does not permit the entrapment of explosive or flammable gases or vapors, and if fuel tanks are not permanently installed.)

For boats between 26 ft and 40 ft (12.2m): Two B-I type OR one B-II type approved portable fire extinguishers.

For boats between 40 ft and 65.6 ft: Three B-I type OR one B-I type PLUS one B-II type approved portable fire extinguishers are required.

Note: When a fixed fire extinguishing system is installed in machinery spaces it will replace one B-I portable fire extinguisher.

### **Ventilation**

Coast Guard requirements on ventilation differ depending on the date your boat was manufactured. The requirements don’t change depending on the size of your vessel, just the date it was built.

Boats built on or after 8/1/1980: At least two ventilation ducts capable of efficiently ventilating every closed compartment that contains a gasoline engine and/or tank, except those having permanently installed tanks that vent outside of the boat and which contain no unprotected electrical devices.

Engine compartments containing a gasoline engine with a cranking motor are additionally required to contain power operated exhaust blowers that can be controlled from the instrument panel.

Boats built before 8/1/1980: At least two ventilation

ducts fitted with cowls (or their equivalent) for the purpose of efficiently and properly ventilating the bilges of every closed engine and fuel tank compartment using gasoline as fuel or other fuels having a flashpoint of 110 degrees or less. This applies to boats constructed or decked over after April 25, 1940.

### Back Fire Flame Arrestor

One approved device on each carburetor of all gasoline engines installed after April 25, 1940, except for outboard motors. This regulation applies to all recreational boats.

### Navigation Rulebooks

All boats over 40 ft in length must carry an up to date copy of the ISDOT ISCG International – Inland Navigational Rules book on board.

### Other Things To Consider

It's worth noting that some states have requirements in addition to the federal requirements. Make sure that you check your state's boating laws for additional requirements. While these aren't always mandatory, we've put together a short list of things that are essential to keep aboard, no matter what size your boat is.

#### First Aid Kit

A first aid kit should be kept on board. Make sure it has a selection of band aids and bandages, as well as range of medication.

#### Tools

Keeping tools on your boat can help you out in a bind. Don't rely on pocket knives and multi-tools; having the right tool for the job will make minor repairs much easier.

#### VHF Radio

No boat should leave the marina without some kind of practical communication device. While some boaters are confident enough to leave with just a cell phone, a portable VHF radio will be of far more use in an emergency.

So, now knowing this, we as safe boaters, should be conducting our own safety checks, making sure of our boats' compliance and we need to have this done as Power Squadron members. As power squadron members we have our own vessel examiners.

Contact Jin Addison and he will schedule you with one of them for an official inspection.

Jim Addison with Marco Island Power Squadron VSC@MarcoBoatingClub.org

As a power squadron member, a safety inspection is not mandatory. But I can tell you as a career law enforcement officer and prior Sheriff's Office marine patrol auxiliary captain, when your boat is stopped by law enforcement, a safety inspection sticker already sets the mood that you are a trained, educated and safe boater. And more good news, these inspections are FREE. And if your boat doesn't pass the inspection, the inspector will give you all the information you need so if you decide to call the inspector back for a second FREE inspection; this time your boat will pass with flying colors!

One final thing, consider taking a CPR/AED First Aid class, we are doing these classes every month through May. Next month we will talk about the need for a VHF radio on your boat and the importance of monitoring Channel 16. Remember safe boating is NO ACCIDENT.



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# VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)

To be completed by a U.S. Coast Guard approved Vessel examiner.  
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A Federal Requirements pamphlet is also available.

Date of VSC: \_\_\_\_\_

Decal Awarded:  
Yes  No

Owner/Operator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Operator has attended Safe Boating Class: Yes  No

Location of VSC – County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Replaced decal was: Last Year  Outdated  First Time

### VESSEL INFORMATION:

Registration or Documentation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

HIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: <16  16-25  26-39  40-65

Powered by: Gas  Diesel  Sail  Other

Area of Operations: Inland  Coastal

Type: PWC  Open  Cabin  Other

### VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS

Item	Yes	No	N/A
1. Display of Numbers			
2. Registration/Documentation			
3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)			
4. Visual Distress Signals (VDS)			
5. Fire Extinguishers			
6. Ventilation			
7. Backfire Flame Control			
8. Sound Producing Devices			
9. Navigation Lights			
10. Pollution Placard			
11. MARPOL Trash Placard			
12. Marine Sanitation Devices			
13. Navigation Rules			
14. State and/or Local Requirements			
15. Engine Cutoff Switch (ECOS)			

### RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

(While encouraged, items below are not VSC requirements)

Item	Yes	No
I. Marine Radio (MMSI/EPIRB/PLB)		
II. Dewatering Device & Backup		
III. Mounted Fire Extinguishers		
IV. Anchor & Line for Area		
V. First Aid and PIW Kits (** over)		
VI. Inland Visual Distress Signals		
VII. Capacity/Certificate of Compliance		
VIII. Overall Vessel Condition; as applies		
a. Deck free of hazards/Clean Bilge		
b. Electrical Systems.		
c. Fuel Systems/Fuel Management		
d. Galley/Heating Systems		
IX. Discussion items, as applies		
a. Accident Reporting-Owner Responsibility		
b. Offshore Operations		
c. Carbon Monoxide-Dangers and Prevention		
d. Nautical Charts/Navigation Aids		
e. Fuel/Fuel Management		
f. Float Plan/Weather & Sea Conditions		
g. Boating Check List		
h. Survival Tips & First Aid		
i. Safe Boating Classes		
j. Marine Domain Awareness		
k. Insurance Considerations		

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that I have personally examined this vessel and find it meets the above requirements at the time of the Vessel Safety Check. I am a qualified Vessel Examiner of the: CGAUX , USPS , State of \_\_\_\_\_ , or \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of the Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner Number \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone/Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments:** *This is not an official boarding for law enforcement purposes. It is recommended that you correct any deficiencies noted. This checklist is furnished for your information. There is no assumption of liability of any kind for advice given or opinions expressed in connection to this examination. By accepting the Vessel Safety Check decal, you are pledging to maintain your boat and equipment to the standard of safety exhibited during this examination. Please remove the Vessel Safety Check decal if the boat is sold or no longer meets the requirements.*

I am consenting to this Vessel Safety Check of my watercraft with full knowledge that it is provided to me as a public service on a volunteer basis without cost, and I understand and agree that my receipt of a Vessel Safety Check shall not constitute or be construed as a warranty or guarantee as to either the qualification, knowledge, or skills of the operator; the seaworthiness of the vessel; or the serviceability or adequacy of any equipment on board.

Owner/Operator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Brief Explanation of VSC Required Items:**

- 1. NUMBERING:** The boat’s registration number must be permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the boat. Characters must be plain, vertical, block style, not less than three (3) inches high, and in a color contrasting with the background. A space or hyphen must separate the letters from the numbers. Place State validation sticker according to State policy. (e.g. **FL 1234 AH** or **FL-4234-AB**)
- 2. REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTATION:** Registration or Documentation papers must be on board and available. Documentation numbers must be permanently marked on a visible part of the interior structure. The documented boat’s name and Hailing Port must be displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height.
- 3. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs):** Acceptable PFDs (as known as Life Jackets) must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and in good, serviceable condition. A wearable PFD of suitable size is required for each person on the boat. Children must have properly fitted PFDs designed for children. Wearable PFDs shall be “readily accessible” Boats/rowboats 16 feet or longer, (except canoes and kayaks) must have one Type IV (throwable) device, which shall be “immediately available”. PFDs shall NOT be stored in unopened plastic packaging. For Personal Watercraft riders, the PFD must be worn. An impact rating is recommended, but not required.
- 4. VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:** Recreational boats 16 feet and over used on coast waters or Great Lakes are required to carry a minimum of either 1) three day and three night pyrotechnic devices., 2) one day non-pyrotechnic device (flag) and one night non-pyrotechnic device (auto SOS light) or 3) a combination of 1) and 2). Recreational boats less than 16 feet on coastal waters or the Great Lakes need only carry night visual distress signals when operating from sunset to sunrise. It is recommended, but not required, that boats operating on inland waters should have some means of signaling a suitable day and night distress signal. The number and type of signals is best judged by considering conditions under which the boat will be operating.
- 5. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Fire extinguishers are required if one of the following conditions exist: 1) Inboard engine(s); 2) Double bottom hulls not completely sealed or not completely filled with flotation materials; 3) Closed living space; 4) Closed stowage compartments that contain flammable materials; or 5) Permanently installed fuel tanks. Recreational boats less than 26 feet, and propelled by outboard motors are NOT required to have fire extinguishers unless one or more of the conditions (2-5) listed above applies. *NOTE: Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible and verified as serviceable.*

Fire Extinguisher Type	Vessel Model Year	
	Prior to 2018	2018 and later
5-B:C or larger *	Acceptable	Acceptable
B-I / B-II *	Acceptable	Not Acceptable

Notes:  
 \* If greater than 12 years from date stamped on bottle, must be replaced in order to count as acceptable. No date stamp or expired = Not acceptable but may be kept on board for emergencies

Boat model year of 2018 and newer. NOTE - may carry only 5-B or 20-B rated fire extinguishers with date stamp		
Length (feet)	Minimum number of 5-B rated portable fire extinguishers required <sup>1</sup>	
	If no fixed fire extinguishing system in machinery space	If fixed fire extinguishing system in machinery space
Under 16	1	0
16 but less than 26	1	0
26 but less than 40	2	1
40 up to 65	3	2

<sup>1</sup> One 20-B rated portable fire extinguisher may be substituted for two 5-B portable fire extinguishers

Note Vessels model year between 1953 and 2017 may carry either 5-B, 20-B rated extinguishers with date stamp or B-I/II rated fire extinguishers

**ANSC 7012 (05-24) Previous editions may be used**

- 6. VENTILATION:** Boats with gasoline engines in closed compartments, built after 1 August 1980 must have a powered ventilation system. Those built prior to that date must have natural or powered ventilation. Boats with closed fuel tank compartments built after 1 August 1978 must meet requirements by displaying a “certificate of compliance.” Boats built before that date must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartment.
- 7. BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTER:** All gasoline powered inboard/outboard or inboard motor boats must be equipped with an approved backfire flame control device.
- 8. SOUND PRODUCING DEVICES:** To comply with Navigation Rules and for distress signaling purposes all boats must carry a sound producing device (whistle, horn, siren, etc.) capable of a 4-second blast audible for ½ mile.
- 9. NAVIGATION LIGHTS:** All boats must be able to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility. Boats 16 feet or more in length must have properly installed, working navigation lights and an all-around anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white “running lights.”
- 10. POLLUTION PLACARD:** Boats 26 feet and over with a machinery compartment must display an oily waste “pollution” placard.
- 11. MARPOL TRASH PLACARD:** Boats 26 feet and over in length, operating in U.S. navigable waters, must display a “MARPOL” trash placard. Oceangoing boats 40 feet and over must also have a written trash disposal plan available.
- 12. MARINE SANITATION DEVICE:** Any installed toilet must be a Coast Guard approved device. Overboard discharge outlets must be capable of being sealed.
- 13. NAVIGATION RULES:** Boats 39.4 feet and over, operating on “inland” water rules, must have on board a current copy of Navigation Rules. An electronic version of the Navigation Rules is acceptable.
- 14. STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS:** These requirements must be met before the “Vessel Safety Check” decal can be awarded. A boat must meet the requirements of the state in which it is being examined.
- 15. Engine Cut Off Switch (ECOS):** Required on all vessels <26 feet manufactured after 12/2019; must produce lanyard during VSC. All PWCs require self-circling or kill switch mechanisms. If installed a self-circling or kill switch mechanism must be in proper working order.

**RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS: (Not required for the award of the “Vessel Safety Check” decal.)** For the very best boaters, we recommend those additional items. Meeting these requirements reflects your concern for Boating Safety.

**I. Marine Radio (MMSI/EPIRB/PLB)** - Operators should get an MMSI number or update it with contact or vessel information changes. (FCC, BoatUS, US Power Squadrons, Sea Tow, or Shine Micro Inc.) EPIRB or PLB registration is updated with NOAA.

**VIII. Over all Vessel Conditions as applies**

- a. Deck free of hazards and clean bilge** - The boat should be free from fire hazards, in good overall condition, with bilges reasonably clean and visible hull structure generally sound. The use of automobile parts on boat engines is not acceptable. The engine horsepower should not exceed that shown on the capacity plate.
- b. Electrical Systems** – The electrical system should be protected by fuses or manual circuit breakers. Switches and fuse panels should be protected from rain or water spray. Wiring should be in good condition, properly installed and with no exposed areas or deteriorated insulation. Batteries should be secured and the positive terminal (some states require both) covered to prevent accidental arching. Boats with outboard engine(s) are only exempt from this requirement if the battery is part of the outboard engine.
- c. Fuel Systems** – Portable fuel tanks (normally 7 gallons capacity or less) should be constructed of non-breakable material and free of corrosion and leaks. All vents should be capable of being closed. The tank should be secured and have a vapor-tight, leak-proof cap. Each permanent fuel tank should be properly vented. Discuss fuel management.
- d. Galley and Heating Systems** – System and fuel tanks should be properly secured with no flammable materials nearby.

**\*\*Person in the water \*PIW) kit consists of one extra wearable PFD and a throwable type IV PFD with line.**

**MEMBERSHIP CORNER**  
**P/Cdr Peggy Reiss**

Please welcome new members Brian and Melinda Thomas. They are from Pickerington, Ohio a suburb of Columbus. Brian is retired from JPMorgan Chase where he did corporate tax work and Melinda is retired from the Pickerington Local School District where she taught first grade. Even though they lived in Ohio for many years they are no strangers to Southwest Florida. After going to Sanibel Island 42 years ago on their honeymoon they fell in love with the area and returned regularly over the years since. On one of those trips, they hired a captain with a center console boat to go shelling and have lunch at Cabbage Key. That was all it took to be hooked on boating in Southwest Florida. Their boat is a 23-foot Robalo center console named Melinda Faith. Brian and Melinda are looking forward to lunch cruises and other boating events with MISPS.

**Meals for Hope**

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- Chris & Deb Ricci
- Bill & Marcia Pomietlasz
- Ted & Peggy
- Nancy & Sonny McKay
- Andy Battaglia
- Randy & Carol Egan
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- John Apolzan
- Allyson Richard



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# November 13, 2024 Annual Membership Meeting



It was a very busy and fun evening at our annual membership meeting in November. We elected a very capable slate of officers to lead our organization in 2025, heard an interesting talk on how our unique island wildlife is integrated into our urban environment, by Brad Cornel, Policy Director for the Audubon West Everglades organization, and




**“CAPTAIN TED’S CORNER”**  
P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN













- 1) An embarked Pilot \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) is a specialist hired for his local navigational knowledge  
 b) is solely responsible for the safe navigation of the vessel  
 c) relieves the Master of his duties  
 d) relieves the officer of the watch
- 2) **BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND**  
 Which statement is TRUE concerning a vessel equipped with operational radar?  
 a) She must use this equipment to obtain early warning of risk of collision.  
 b) The radar equipment is only required to be used in restricted visibility.  
 c) The use of a radar excuses a vessel from the need of a look-out.  
 d) The safe speed of such a vessel will likely be greater than that of vessels without radar.
- 3) **BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND A**  
 sailing vessel with the wind abaft the beam is navigating in fog. She should sound \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) three short blasts  
 b) one prolonged blast  
 c) one prolonged and two short blasts  
 d) two prolonged blasts
- 4) A wildcat is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) deeply-grooved drum on the windlass with sprockets which engage the links of the anchor chain  
 b) winch that is running out of control due to a failure of the overspeed trips  
 c) line that has jumped off the gypsy head while under strain  
 d) nylon line that parts under strain and whips back in a hazardous manner

Answers: 1 a, 2 a, 3 c, 4 a

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## America's Boating Club - Marco Island, Winter 2025 Education Schedule

### COURSES

<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost, \$</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>America's Boating Course</b>					
ABC	Ted Reiss++	Jan 6, 9, 13, 16, 20	50	5	6:00 PM
ABC	Ted Reiss++	Feb 20, 24, 27, Mar 3, 6	50	5	6:00 PM
ABC	Ted Reiss++	March 10, 13, 17, 20, 24	50	5	6:00 PM
<b>Boat Handling</b>	Nick Rago	Jan 27, 30, Feb 3, 6, 10, 13, 17	70/100**	7	6:00 PM
<b>Marine Navigation</b>	Gene Burson	Jan 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 6	90/135**	9	9:00 AM
<b>Instructor Development</b>	Ted Reiss	TBD	FREE*	5	1:00 PM



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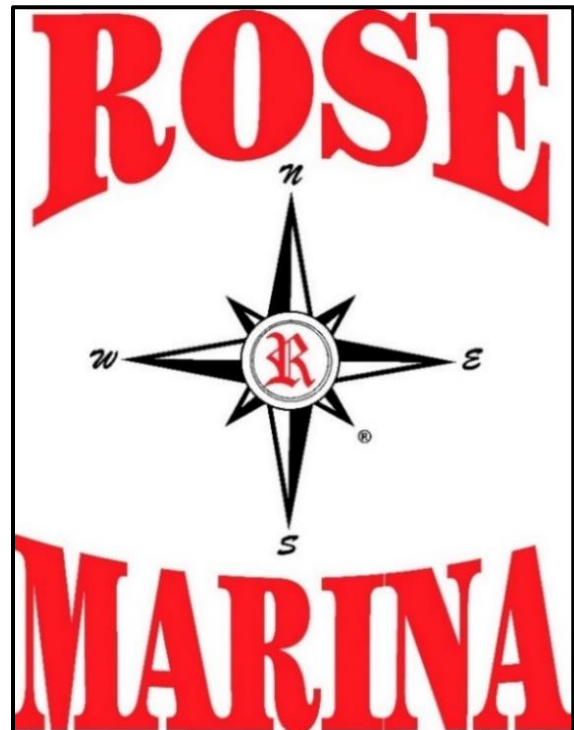
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## SEMINARS

<u>Seminar</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost, \$</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Time</u>
Partner in Command	Peggy & Ted Reiss	Feb 25	40/60** per couple	1	6:00 PM
Charting/GPS	Thieme/Reiss	March 25, 26	50/70	2	6:00 PM
Anchoring	Nick Rago	Feb 6	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
Hurricane Preparedness	Ted Reiss	March 27	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
Emergencies on Board	Jeff Williams	Feb 10	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
Jump Start	Ted Reiss	As Requested	Free*	1, 2	

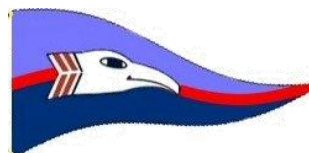
Register at least 10 days before start of class

Contact Ted Reiss [capttedr@yahoo.com](mailto:capttedr@yahoo.com)

\* Members Only \*\* Member/Non-Member Cost

Location: 1114 N Collier Blvd, Marco Island

11-27-24



*Captain's Meeting*

*"Meet & Greet"*

*everyone welcome!*

*CJ's Gazebo Bar at the Esplanade  
at 1700 on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** of  
the Month*

*For the time being, those who wish to  
attend should just show up at CJ's and  
be ready to enjoy a meet and greet!*



# Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities.

Date	Event	Day	Time
14-Dec	Decorate Parade Boat – Walker’s Showroom	Sat	0900
14-Dec	Street Parade – San Marco Road	Sat	1750
21-Dec	In-water Boat Parade – Marco River	Sat	1800
24-Jan	Cruise – Kice’s Island	Fri	TBA

Note: the 2024 Schedule is being finalized this month. February and March activities will be listed in the January edition of the Eagle’s Eye.

For questions, contact Boating Chair, Lt/C Christopher Frost, JN (848) 466-0230

For boating/lunch reservations, contact Lt Terri Olshansky 201-207-1957 [terriolshanski@gmail.com](mailto:terriolshanski@gmail.com)



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## Save The Dates

**Tree Decorating**  
**Tuesday,**  
**Dec. 3rd**  
**Veterans Park**  
**9:00-11:00 AM**

To sign up contact:  
Gene Burson  
239-945-1775  
GeneCBurson@gmail.com

**Tree Lighting**  
**Saturday,**  
**Dec. 7th**  
**Veterans Park**  
**5:00-8:00 PM**

For more information:  
Chris Frost  
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FrostChris@verizon.net

Bring an appetizer to  
share at our team table

## Christmas Island Style



# *It's A Christmas Parade*

Oh Come All Ye Faithful MISPS Members  
Help Decorate Our Street Parade Float

**Saturday, December 14th @ 0900**

Walker Marine Showroom Off Of Bald Eagle



***We Need Volunteers !!!***  
***Be part of this great team event***



## **Walk In the Parade**

We need **TWELVE** parade walkers to hand out candy and wave to the crowd. We will meet at the Publix off of Barfield at 4:30 PM.

Drivers will take you to the staging area.

Dogs on leashes are welcome!

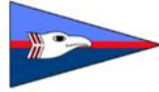


**We Will Party After The Parade!** (TBD)

To sign up contact: Dave Randall

**ibdar1@proton.me**

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



Marco Island



Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron Inc.



## December Christmas Dinner Meeting

**NOTE: Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

Marco Island Lutheran Church



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



### Buffet Style Dining

Ceasar Salad, Shrimp Scampi, or Roast Ham Carving Station, Parsley Buttered Red Skin Potatoes, Asparagus, Rolls and Butter, Eclairs and Cream Puffs, & Coffee, Ice Tea, Soda

1700 (5:00 PM)- Socializing  
1745 (5:45 PM) Christmas Dinner

### Live Entertainment!



**\$50/Person**

Please Respond by Friday, December 6, 2024 With This Form

**\$50/Person**

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*If Paying by ZELLE You Must Mail This Form  
With Your Dinner Choice(s) TO: Dorothy Harkness*

**Note: You may bring your own Wine or Beer.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel# \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice: Shrimp Scampi \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Ham \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attending @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ ZELLE \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: You may bring your own wine or beer and glasses.  
Please transport alcohol into the church in an appropriate bag or travel tote.  
**Please Consume Alcohol Responsibly***

# Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party

Friday, January 31, 2025  
5:00-7:30 p.m.

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