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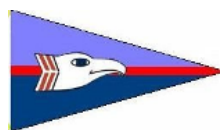


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## Shout Out

- Jerry Cole for both surviving, as well as then picking up the finances
- Kathleen Reynolds for organizing another successful toy drive for the kids



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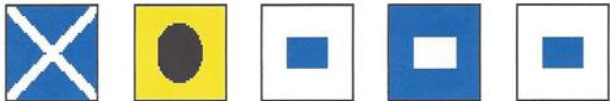


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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

Date	Event	Location	Day	Time	Page
<b>Jan 2026</b>					
1/6/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	4
1/14/2026	Executive Board	Learning Center	Wednesday	0900	
1/14/2026	Change of Watch	Lutheran Church	Wednesday	1700	12
1/16/2026	Cruise / Drive Joint Meeting with Naples Power Squadron	Naples Yacht Club	Friday	1130	13
1/20/2026	Cards	Learning Center	Tuesday	1300	4
1/20/2026	Silver Tridents Breakfast	Hoots	Tuesday	0830	
1/23/2026	Cruise	Kice Island / Cape Romano	Friday	1000	14
1/28/2026	Captains Meeting	CJ's on the Bay	Wednesday	1700	
1/30/2026	Wine and hors d'Oeuvres	San Marco Catholic Church Hall	Friday	1700	15

- **NEW** -- Joint meeting with Naples Yacht club that had been rescheduled from last month.
- 2026 Activites are currently being finalized and will be published once they are firmed up.



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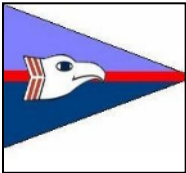
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**THE EAGLE'S EYE EDITOR**  
**Lt Jane Orsulak**

Happy new year to all my fellow boaters! I'm still up in the cold north, but looking very much to getting back to the warm, sunny beaches of Marco Island in a few weeks.

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**

On behalf of the squadron best wishes for recovery were extended to both Gerry Cole and Glenna Jones following their recent hospital stays.

We are saddened to share the passing of Anne Moore, wife of our fellow member, Steve Moore. Steve announced Anne's passing at our most recent membership meeting, where we paused for a moment of silence in remembrance of Anne and the other MISPS members and loved ones who have passed this year. Please keep Steve and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Also, our former Commander, P/C Nanette Rivera, recently underwent a hospital stay for a surgical procedure. We have sent along get-well wishes on behalf of the squadron.

Please keep me informed of anything that might benefit from a little ray of sunshine from the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron. If you are aware of someone who could use our good thoughts, please let me know at [KReynol@aol.com](mailto:KReynol@aol.com) or 239 394-0459.

Kathleen Reynolds

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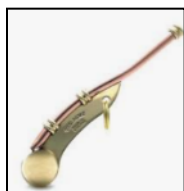
## January Birthdays

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

- 1/1 Lee H. Harkness
- 1/3 Gene C. Burson
- 1/10 Dennis Trego
- 1/20 Andrea K. H. Battaglia
- 1/21 Carol S. McCann
- 1/21 Gerald J. Cole
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**BOSUN'S Whistle Bridge Report**  
**Cdr Chris Ricci, P**  
**Lt/C Christopher Frost, JN**  
**Lt/C James Addison, P**



As we sail into the new year, your Bridge hopes you enjoyed a wonderful 2025 holiday season and extends our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. December was a busy and festive month. We enjoyed a terrific Christmas party and many members participated in the lighting of the Christmas tree at Veteran's Park. We sincerely thank everyone who helped to decorate and light our pontoon boat float for the Island Style Christmas parade, as well as those who rode on or walked alongside the float handing out candy. We are certain the Marco Island community truly appreciated the effort.

January promises to be another busy month, and we need an "all-hands-on-deck" effort to make our Wine & Hors d'Oeuvre Party on January 30th a big success. Volunteers are needed to help solicit donations to support our raffles and silent auctions. If you are willing to help in this area or know of any sources for items, gift certificates, or especially higher-value prizes for our live auction event, please contact Lt/C Chris Frost at 848-466-0230 or [frostchris123@gmail.com](mailto:frostchris123@gmail.com). While several members are already reaching out to local vendors and businesses, additional help is always welcome.

Lt/C Jim Addison is overseeing operations of the Wine & Hors d'Oeuvre Party, including food and beverage service, room setup, decorations, raffle and 50/50 ticket sales and volunteer coordination. Jim can be reached at 804-690-1166 or [James.H.Addison@aol.com](mailto:James.H.Addison@aol.com). Please contact him if you are able to assist during the event.

Members needing additional tickets for the event – or who know members of the general public interested in purchasing tickets – should contact Deb Ricci, 303-261-5096 or [debh.ricci@gmail.com](mailto:debh.ricci@gmail.com). Tickets can also be obtained through Chris Frost. Flyers and media announcements, including QR

codes and links to TicketLeap have been and will continue to be distributed to help facilitate purchases.

All members have received (either at the Christmas party or by mail) 4 tickets to purchase or sell in support of this important fundraiser. If paying by check and mailing; please send to MISPS, 1114 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island, FL 34145, ATTN. Chris Frost. Payments can also be made via Zelle using the business payment email address [paymisp@yahoo.com](mailto:paymisp@yahoo.com) as the sending address, which directs funds to the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron. Please be sure to note in the review section that your payment is for W&H tickets. We ask that you return your contribution as soon as possible, as ticket sales are an important part of our fund-raising effort.

Additionally, the same letter included a request for food contributions - or a cash donation in lieu of food - which would be greatly appreciated. One of the big highlights of this event every year is the outstanding food, particularly home-made hors d'oeuvres. If you are able to contribute a food item of at least 30 servings, please contact Susan Cole, 569 Nassau Rd., Marco Island 34145, by phone at 410-303-7730 or email at [boycecole@yahoo.com](mailto:boycecole@yahoo.com). If you would rather make a cash donation, please send your check directly to Susan.



Another important event taking place on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lutheran Church is our annual Change of Watch. This special dinner and ceremony marks the passing of command from this year's officers to the next in command of the squadron. We honor the service of the outgoing Bridge, swear in the new officers, and acknowledge elected committee members for 2026. To reflect on the continuity of leadership, all past commanders in attendance participate in a commander's flag passing ceremony, culminating with its presentation to the new commander. The District 22 Commander will be in attendance along with other squadron officers from

the district and representatives from other boating organizations.

Other events scheduled for January are a cruise/drive to Naples Yacht Club for lunch and a joint meeting with the Naples Sail and Power Squadron on January 16th and a cruise to Kice Island/Cape Romano on January 23rd. Your 2026 bridge is already planning many additional exciting cruises, lunch and dinner gatherings and meeting events throughout the year. We are looking forward to another exciting season together.

**Chris Ricci:** Commander – Squadron-3125

**Chris Frost:** Ex/O– Squadron

**Jim Addison:** A/O – Squadron

#### **Education OFFICER** **Lt/C Jeff Williams, JN**



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

what's being offered in January and February.

#### **Marine Navigation**

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

You will learn about:

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

- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning

#### **Anchoring with Assurance**

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

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

#### **America's Boating Course**

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

You will learn about:

- Types of boats and their uses
- Boating laws, both federal and state
- Safety equipment,
- Finding your way using Aids to Navigation (ATON's),



- Docking, undocking and securing your boat,
- Communications while on the water, and
- Trailering your boat

### **Boat Handling Course**

Nick Rago will be your instructor. The course begins February 5th. In the Boat Handling Course, you will learn how to handle your boat and gain greater confidence in docking, handling your boat underway, anchoring, and other seamanship skills. No matter how much boating experience you have, you will improve your boating skills by taking this course.

Boat Handling covers these topics:

- Rules of the Road: A practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence: Handling your Boat Under Way
- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

### **Tides and Currents**

February 10th is the date for our 2nd "Tuesday Night Seminar". Jeff Williams will be your instructor for this 2-hour. seminar. Learn how to cruise confidently in our coastal waters, secure in your knowledge of tidal conditions. Discover what causes the tides to rise and fall and what causes the currents to flow. Learn where to find sources of information about tides and tidal currents, simple ways to predict height of tide and speed of current flow and how to use both print and electronic tide tables.

With this seminar you'll learn:

- Causes and effects of tides and currents
- Predict the time of highest tide before it begins to fall
- Predict the vertical movement of the water
- Safely navigate low tide
- Determine the speed of the current and when it reaches maximum flood
- Deal with mean high and low water
- Use NOAA charts and tables

- Factor in tides and currents when anchoring

There's more to come with

- "*Partners in Command*" February 24th ,
- "*Americas Boating Course*:" beginning March 2nd,
- "*Marine Electrical Systems*" beginning March 10th,
- "*How to Use a Chart*" Mar 18th,
- "*How to Use a GPS*" March 19th, and
- "*Hurricane Preparedness*" March 25th.

Look in the upcoming February issue of the Eagles Eye or our webpage for more information on how to register for these courses and seminars.

### **Operation Training Seminar P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN**

This free, one session seminar is an opportunity to learn about the total America's Boating Club, United States Power Squadron from National, through District to the Marco Island Squadron. Its purpose is to make you a better, informed member. It is aimed at the newly elected officers, new members, new member mentors and department chairs, but open to all members. This seminar addresses the organization's purpose, structure, roles of members and unique features/activities related to Marco Island. The seminar will take place on 4 February at 6 PM in our Learning Center.

Please contact Ted Reiss to register or ask questions. Capttedr@yahoo.com 239-213-8722.

### **Marco Island Tree Decorating Cdr Chris Ricci**

Lt Deb Ricci, P/D/C Gene Burson, P/C Wanda Burson, Lt/C Jim Addison and myself spread holiday cheer by assisting with the decorating of the Marco Island Christmas Tree.

Photo courtesy of Deb Ricci



## Marco Island PARADE Cdr Chris Ricci

We had three great teams coming together for a fantastic parade. A well-earned thank you for all who helped.

**Decorating Team:** Lt Susan Cole, Howie & Anne Vreeland, P/D/C Ted & P/C Peggy Reiss, Lt Nick and Lt Deb Rago, Darren and Liz Scandone, P/D/C Gene Burson, Richard Batdorf, and Deb Ricci

**Parade team:** Geoff & Kathy Fahringer, Ted and Peggy Reiss, Howie and Ann Vreeland, Andy Battaglia and Lt Deb Ricci

**Breakdown Team:** Ted & Peggy Reiss, Howie & Anne Vreeland, Lt Susan & P/LtC Jerry Cole, P/C Bill Hughes and Deb Ricci



Photo courtesy of John Cavenagh



Photo courtesy of Cdr Chris Ricci



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## Christmas Toys for Kids Lt Kathleen Reynolds

Members attending our November Thanksgiving Dinner, the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron supported the Kiwanis Club's Toys for Kids campaign this year. These gifts were distributed at Manatee Elementary School—a school serving many families with low or very low incomes. For some of these children, this may be the only gift they received this season.



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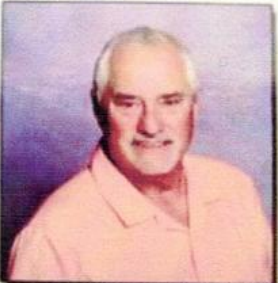
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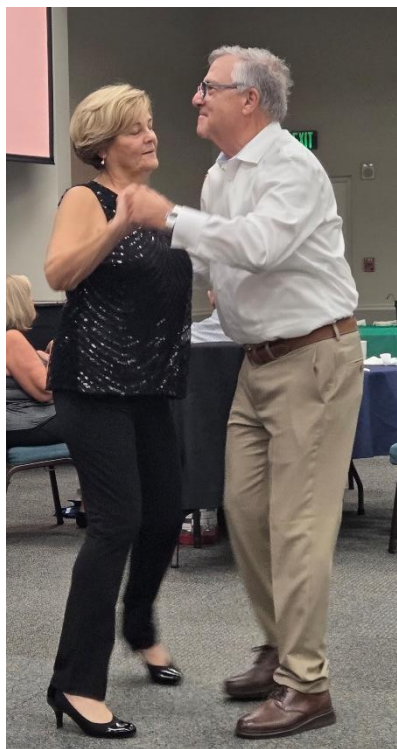
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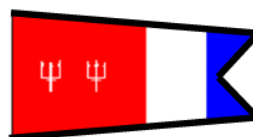
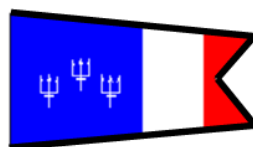
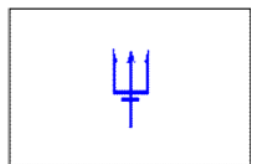


## Monthly Meeting December 10

MISPS Members enjoyed a holiday feast, followed by music and dancing at our December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Everyone looked so festive in their holiday colors for sure!







AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB  
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## Change of Watch

January 14, 2026

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend  
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1800-1900 Buffet Dinner

1900 Change of Watch Ceremony

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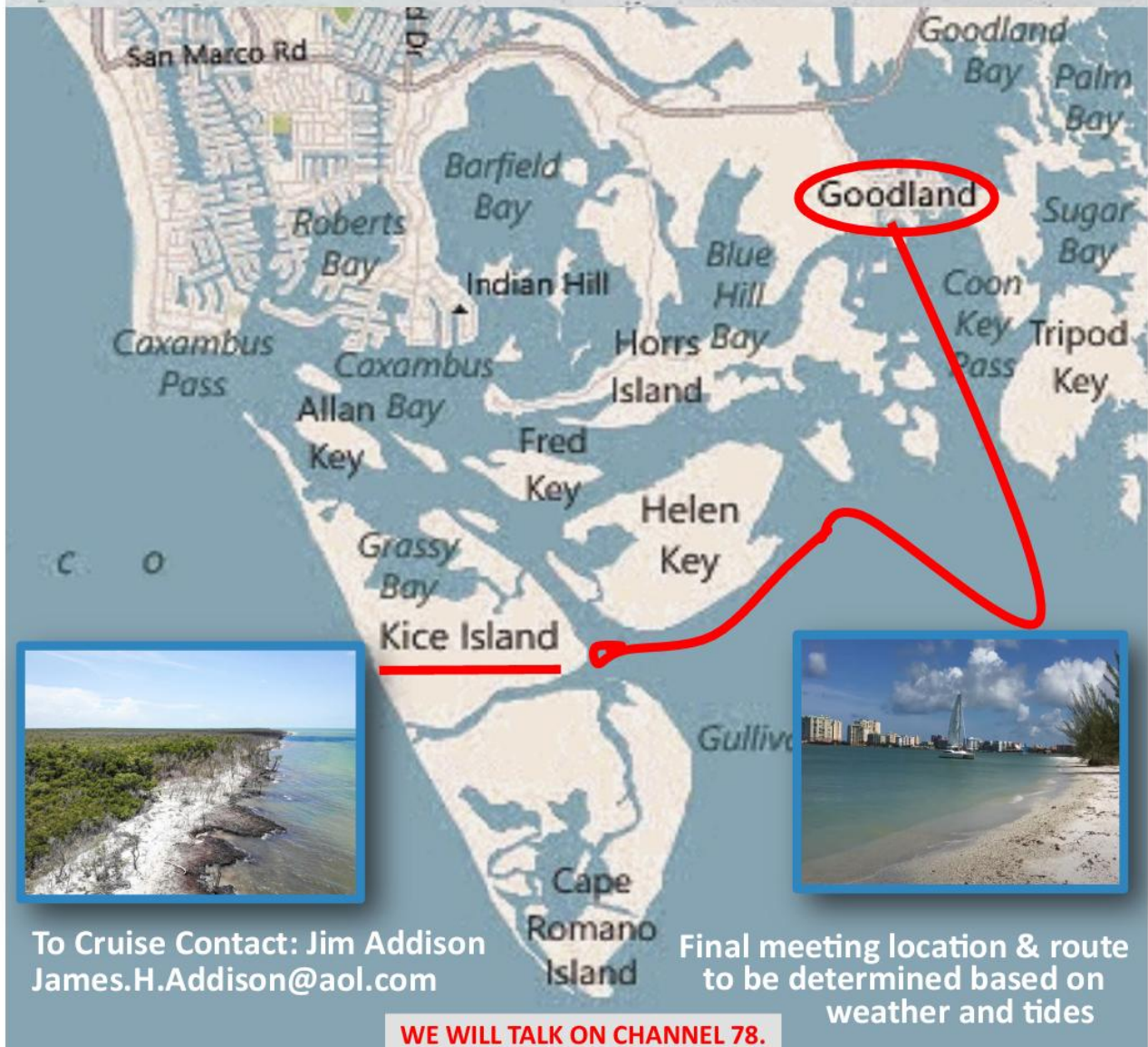


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James.H.Addison@aol.com

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# Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party

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  - a) 3,000 lbs.
  - b) 5,000 lbs.
  - c) 15,000 lbs.
  - d) 65,000 lbs.
- 2) How do you know how many passengers you may carry? (small passenger vessel regulations)
  - a) As many as possible
  - b) Use your own judgment
  - c) The amount on the Certificate of Inspection
  - d) No more than 40 passengers



- 3) **BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND** Which is TRUE when a vessel uses any sound or light signals to attract the attention of another vessel?
  - a) Special flashing yellow lights may be used to attract the attention of another vessel
  - b) The signal may be the continuous sounding of a foghorn
  - c) The signal cannot be mistaken for a signal authorized by the Rules
  - d) White lights are not used to attract the attention of another vessel
- 4) What does a white buoy with a blue band signify?
  - a) A mooring buoy
  - b) A hydrographic data collection buoy
  - c) Marking a restricted area
  - d) An isolated danger mark

**Answers: 1 A, 2 C, 3 C, 4 A**

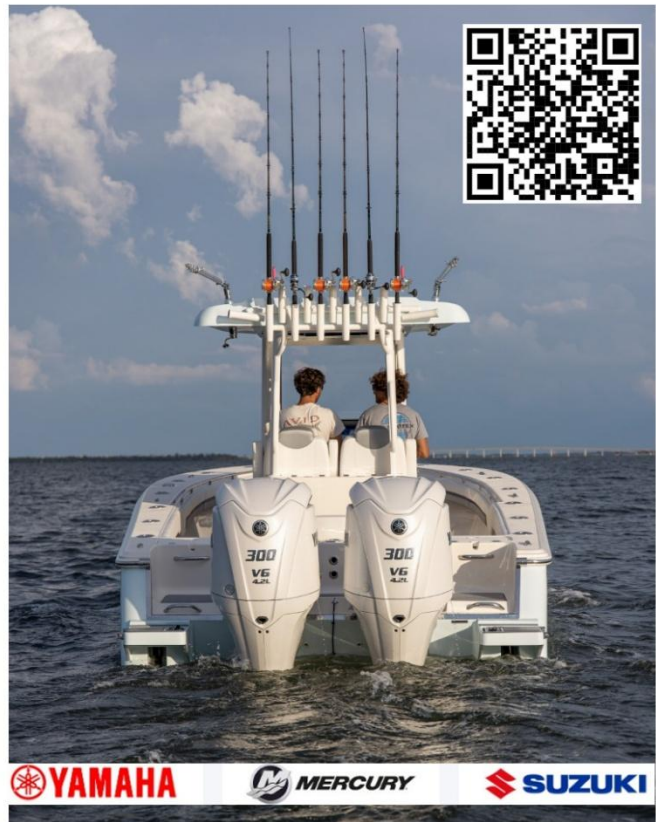


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<u>Course</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost, \$</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>America's Boating Course (ABC)</b>					
ABC	Ted Reiss	Jan 19, 22, 26, 29 Feb 2	50	5	6:00 PM
ABC	Ted Reiss	March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16	50	5	6:00 PM
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Boat Handling	Nick Rago	Feb 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26	70/100**	7	6:00 PM
Marine Navigation	Gene Burson	Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 5	90/135**	9	9:00 AM
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Marine Electrical Systems	Jim Addison	Mar 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 Apr 2	80/120*	8	9:00 AM
Instructor Development	Ted Reiss	TBD	FREE*	5	1:00 PM

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

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**TIME:** 6:00PM - 8:30PM

**COST:** \$50

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**T**his Seminar will teach you how to anchor in a variety of situations, weather, or seabed and how to be prepared to adjust for changing conditions. Learn the skills and knowledge of securing your vessel to the bottom through the use of a line, chain, and one or more anchors. Whether it's for fishing, swimming, a lunch break, or an overnight stop, one of the real pleasures in boating is "hanging on the hook" in some quiet spot. Emergencies such as loss of power, equipment breakdown or failure, or weather hazard may also require that your boat be anchored for a time. Good seamanship demands that all boaters know how to anchor safely. Anchoring topics

begin with how to select an anchorage and how to anchor depending on conditions. After learning how anchors should be used, you will know if yours is satisfactory or what kind(s) to buy. The seminar covers useful anchoring tips and tricks and concludes by discussing how to moor and raft safely.

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## **BOATING CLASS**

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### **Marine Navigation**

**COURSE CONSISTS OF (9) 2 hr Sessions**

**DATES:** Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26. Mar. 5 – **TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**COST:** \$90 Member/\$130 Non-Member

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

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

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**COURSE CONSISTS OF (7) 2 HR SESSIONS**

**DATES:** Feb. 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**COST:** Members \$70 (*Members use code MISPS for discount at checkout*)  
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- Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know

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### **PARTNER IN COMMAND**

**COURSE CONSISTS OF (1) 2.5 HR SESSION**

**DATE: Feb. 24 – TIME: 6:00PM – COST: \$40/\$60 Couple**

*Are you a crew member or passenger who has no idea what's going on during a boat trip? Learn the essential skills you need to help the skipper. Be a Partner!!!*

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### **ALL ABOUT MARINE RADIO**

**COURSE CONSISTS OF (1) 2 HR SESSION**

**DATE: Mar. 10 - TIME: 6:00PM - COST: \$40/\$60**

*Covers: How VHF Radios Work & Controls, Using Correct Channels, Procedures & Terminology, Advanced Communications, How To Use Digital Selective Calling (DCS) and Practice Calling*

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**February 10th  
(1) 2 Hr Session  
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## Boating Activities Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming club boating activities.

Date	Event	Day	Time
1/23/2026	Cruise – Kice Island/ Cape Romano	Fri	1000

The remaining 2026 activities are currently being planned, and will be available in the 2026 Squadron Directory being published soon.

For questions, contact Boating Chair, Lt/C Jim Addison (804) 690-1166

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