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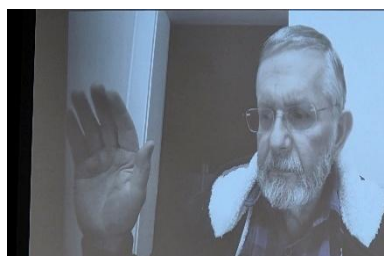
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Meet our 2026 Marco Island  
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**Cdr Christopher Frost, JN (lower)**

1/Lt Liz Scandone, S  
Lt/C Gerald Cole, S  
Lt/C Deborah Rago  
Lt/C Jeff Williams, JN  
Lt/C Deborah Ricci, S  
1/Lt Patricia Cavanagh, SN  
1/Lt Brian Thomas, P

Present via zoom, but not pictured  
was Lt/C Jim Addison, P

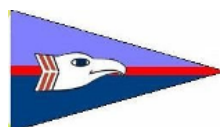


## Shout Out

- To Dave Chaney for making a major push to help execute the W&H event.
- To Peggy Reiss as master of ceremony for the Change of Watch ceremony, supported by Lt Susan Cole and Lt/C Deb Ricci

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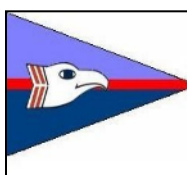
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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

Date	Event	Location	Day	Time	Page
<b>Feb 2026</b>					
<b>2/9/2026</b>	<b>February monthly meeting</b>	<b>Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>10</b>

- Note: February meeting will be held on MONDAY this month.
- 2026 events are still being finalized, and will be published as soon as they are firmed up



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Lt Jane Orsulak

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**SUNSHINE NEWS**  
Lt Kathleen Reynolds

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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### February Birthdays

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

2/1 Timothy Benincasa  
2/5 Darren R. Scandone  
2/19 Kathyne R. Derrough  
2/20 Richard Batdorf  
2/21 David L. Metzler



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



Following a vibrant December, January set sail with even greater energy and enthusiasm. We opened the month with a multimedia Change of Watch ceremony—honoring the outgoing bridge with gratitude and welcoming the incoming team with full confidence to steer the Squadron into smooth waters in 2026.

A special salute was extended to Past Commander Chris Ricci for his vision and dedication in transforming the Learning Center into a true flagship facility. Appreciation was also shared for Jerry Cole, who filled many gaps with creativity and cheer, and to Jim Addison for his devoted service as Administrative Officer. With gratitude for all new appointees and chairs, the Squadron is eager to collaborate and make 2026 a standout year.

The Change of Watch proved a memorable evening, with twelve Past Commanders and five current and past District Commanders in attendance. Special thanks go to Peggy Reiss, Susan Cole, and Deb Ricci for charting the course and organizing a seamless event.

As the Squadron sailed into late January, the Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres Party appeared on the horizon—and has been safely left in our wake. Facing many changes and headwinds, a hearty thank-you goes to Dave Chaney, who stepped forward to lead, educate, and execute the event with success. Bravo to our top fundraisers: Deb Ricci and Gene Burson; Linette and Dave Chaney; Susan and Jerry Cole; and Shelly Derrough. Their high-volume, high-impact contributions made a major difference. Full details on the event's success will arrive in the March issue. Even amid the flurry of events, our core mission remained front and center—providing courses to enhance safety and skill for boaters in our local waters. We also enjoyed a joint meeting and lunch

with the Naples Sail and Power Squadron at the Naples Yacht Club, where I'm happy to report the ice cream remains top-notch! A lively Captain's Meeting at CJ's followed, the calm before the final push for the Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres event.

We're currently charting the 2026 Annual Activities Schedule. One confirmed waypoint is our early Dinner Meeting—Monday, February 9, 2026, at the Lutheran Church. Our featured speaker, Geoff Fahringer, will present on the topic of Situational Awareness.

Throughout February, we'll share weekly updates as we finalize the full-year schedule. If you have ideas for new boating destinations or fresh activities, please pass them along to Jerry Cole, Debbie Rago, or Jim Addison.

As the Squadron sails into the heart of the season, staying the course with strong member engagement—and making sure we're all having FUN—remains our top priority. Fair winds and following seas to all. We look forward to seeing everyone out on the water as we make the most of this exciting season!

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

**Jim Addison:** Ex/O – Squadron

**Debbie Rago:** A/O – Squadron

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



Two courses are currently being taught at the Learning Center. Marine Navigation began January 8th and America's Boating Course began January 19th. Here's what to look forward to in February and March..

**Boat Handling Course**

The course begins February 5th. Nick Rago will be your instructor. 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

To register on-line for the Boat Handling Course, look for the flyer at the end of this Newsletter or go to our website.

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

## 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

To register on-line for the Tides and Currents seminar, look for the flyer at the end of this Newsletter or go to our website.  
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## Partners in Command

February 24th is the date for our 3rd "Tuesday Night Seminar". Ted and Peggy Reiss will be your instructors for this 2-hour. seminar. Learn the

essential boating skills you need to operate a boat safely and become a confident and valued crew member. Partners in Command introduces you to an understanding of anchoring, docking, navigation and much more. You'll discover how to prepare for bad weather, provide first aid, handle on-board emergencies, and be a self-assured first mate onboard. It is designed to provide you with essential information on how to assist the skipper in the safe operation of a boat.

With this seminar you will learn:

- Communications, including VHF marine radio
- Calling for help
- Signaling equipment
- First aid
- Starting and running the engine
- Tool kits

To register on-line for the Partners in Command seminar, look for the flyer at the end of this Newsletter or go to our website.  
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## Marine Electrical Systems

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

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

This course will cover:

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

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

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There's more to come with:

- "Americas Boating Course:" beginning March 2nd,
- "How to Use a Chart" Mar 18th,
- "How to Use a GPS" March 19th, and
- "Hurricane Preparedness" March 25th.

Look in the upcoming March issue of the Eagles Eye or on our webpage for more information on how to register for these courses and seminars. <https://marcoboatingclub.org/boating-courses>.

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

### **SAFETY OFFICER** **Lt Geoff Fahringer, AP**



Sadly, over the years I have seen incidents in our area where someone on a boat goes overboard and is injured or worse. The reasons are many: weather, boat wakes, running aground, and by far the most common reason according to the United States Coast Guard, is operator inexperience. I have a friend who has a Condo on the Marco River. I have spent many afternoons sitting on his balcony watching boats go up and down the river. I have observed some stupid behavior like adults (or even worse children) up on the boat bow with their feet hanging over the edge while the boat is under way. I have also seen boats where the operator and passengers seem to be really squared away.

But that begs the question, just how squared away is that helmsperson and the crew/passengers? If you are reading this and belong to our Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron, our power squadron stresses the need to wear a PFD personal floatation device when on the water.

My wife Kathie and I are sail boaters. There are many occasions where I find myself climbing around on the deck, fixing a sail or a line. It stands to reason not wearing my inflatable PFD would be just irresponsible.

Looking at the 2024 US Coast Guard reports you will see there were 3887 verified incidents that involved 556 deaths and 2170 injuries that year. More

alarming is that when the cause of death was known, 76% of fatal boating incidents were from drowning. 87% of those people who drowned were not wearing a personal flotation device. A few more points to consider, 4 out of 5 people who drowned were on boats less than 21 feet. 69% of the deaths occurred on boats where the operator of the boat did not receive any boating safety instruction and only 19% of the deaths occurred on boats where the operators had received nationally approved boating safety instruction. Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, machinery and violating the navigation rules were the top 5 contributing factors in boating accidents.

So, let's go back to the beginning, how do we STAY IN THE BOAT? When I look at those boats going by, 9 times out of 10 the "person in charge" is the operator and the passengers are just enjoying the ride. It always makes me wonder, just who else on that boat really knows how to run that boat. Share the fun and incorporate some training into your outings.

When we get on our boats at the dock or at the ramp, as we first head out, the person who is in charge of the boat should do a safety briefing every time! Discuss how the boat operates, where the PFDs are stowed, where the VHF radio is and how it works, first aid kit, flares, fire extinguisher and horn and where the anchor is located and how it is deployed. Then discuss what to do if someone falls overboard.

Now for the fun stuff. Everyone on your boat should know how the boat runs, yep, the kids too. How do you start the engines, how do you put the boat in gear



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and of course how do you steer the boat while underway? Then find a quite stretch of water and let everyone have a go helming the boat. Why? Simple. What if you are the one who falls overboard or just becomes incapacitated.

When I was teaching advanced SCUBA diving and rescue diving training for both the public and fire and police divers, we discussed a term “normalization of deviation”. This was a term a friend of mine who was with the FAA used when he discussed pilot error crashes. Basically, it means cutting corners, skipping important safety points until the deviation from what you should be doing becomes a normal thing. Before long that corner cutting will bite you in the butt when something bad occurs. The person operating the boat not only needs to be aware of what’s happening around them, but what is happening on the boat too.

Is someone hanging their feet over the gunnel? Nope. Tell them to sit inside the boat. Does that antenna really need to be lowered now? Or other things like cleaning up fishing poles while underway? If you are in charge of the helm, then take charge of the boat and keep your people safe. But safety is everyone’s responsibility. At a gun range or in training anyone can yell STOP if they see something dangerous. You need to tell your passengers that it is everyone’s job to be a lookout and yell STOP or maybe HEY! If something doesn’t look right. Kids are great at this and it is never too soon to get you grandkids involved in responsible boat handling.

Everyone on the boat should be aware of the danger of shallow water, boat wake waves, other boats in the area, and how things work. Maybe teach the kids that those red and green markers are not left over Christmas decorations, and what they actually mean, it’s never too early to teach navigation skills. This does not mean everyone on the boat needs to be in a condition RED of awareness. Just let everyone know that their observations and questions are welcome and our safety is everyone’s job.

There is always that possibility that someone ends up not in the boat. Take some time to practice some man overboard drills. Make it a game and let everyone have a turn on the helm. Toss a floating seat cushion overboard and if possible do it while on plane. Now having discussed with your “crew” the need to watch where the overboard cushion is relative to the boat, you need observers pointing at the cushion. And then the helmsperson needs to safely come around and go

back to retrieve the cushion.

Want to add to the fun? Upon your signal, have someone toss the cushion without any prior warning, then yell “man overboard”. And again, let everyone have a turn at the helm.

You might ask why going overboard is such a big deal. Heck we are after all riding around in South Florida water, not the great lakes. Well as I write this the Gulf’s temperature is 67 degrees. Check the coast guard’s hypothermia charts and you will see that severe hypothermia can occur in as little as two hours. BUT the effects of hypothermia, loss of fine motor and muscle skills, clouded vision and the inability to follow directions can occur much sooner.

Again, the Power Squadron advises everyone to wear a PDF when underway on the water. If you personally don’t feel the need to follow this sound advice, at least when you go offshore everyone needs to have an inflatable PDF on, not lying on the seat next to them. If you’re by yourself or perhaps just you and one other person I’d consider wearing that inflatable PDF, all the time on the off chance both of you go overboard and cannot get back to your boat. Inflatable PDFs are actually not that uncomfortable to wear. Stop by the local West Marine and try one on! And one last thing, look over our training schedule, take some classes and always keep your training and your “crews” training on your mind!

### **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.

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*Geoff*

## Change of Watch Meeting January

The 2025 bridge handed over responsibility of the club to our new leadership at the January Change of Watch meeting. Technology allowed Commander Chris Frost Lt/C James Addison to join us remotely. Guests attending the COW included:

- District Commander Ron Jones, AP (conducted the swearing in of Chris Frost),
- District Executive Officer D/LT/C Roxanne Fox, S,
- Past District Commander Sam Bonilla, AP (Cdr Fort Myers Power Squadron) and
- Lt/C Millie Bonilla, AP (wife of Sam)

The evening's master of ceremony, P/C Peggy Reiss, led us through introductions, remarks by the guests and P/C Chris Ricci, installation of Cdr Chris Frost, JN, and remarks by Cdr Chris Frost.





**February Dinner Meeting**  
**Monday, February 9, 2026**  
Marco Island Lutheran Church  
525 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island



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



- 1) You are proceeding in a channel, your vessel is requiring a significant amount of right rudder and your bow is still falling off to port. What can you conclude from this information?
  - a) Your vessel's turn rate indicator requires calibration
  - b) Your vessel is in the deepest section of the channel
  - c) Your vessel is at the outer limits of the channel
  - d) Your vessel has lost a blade on the screw
- 2) When is a lookout permitted to leave his station?
  - a) 15 minutes before the end of the watch
  - b) Only when properly relieved
  - c) At the end of the watch
  - d) At any time

- 3) **BOTH INTERNATIONAL & INLAND** A vessel engaged in fishing while at anchor shall sound which fog signal?
  - a) One prolonged and two short blasts at two-minute intervals
  - b) One prolonged and three short blasts at two-minute intervals
  - c) A sounding of the bell and gong at one-minute intervals
  - d) A rapid ringing of the bell for five seconds at one-minute intervals
- 4) Which is TRUE concerning compass error?
  - a) Compass error is variation plus compass course
  - b) Compass error is the sum of variation and deviation
  - c) Compass error is the difference between true and magnetic heading
  - d) Compass error is equal to deviation minus variation

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



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

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Location: 1114 N Collier Blvd, Marco Island

<u>Seminar</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost, \$</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Time</u>
Operations Training	Ted Reiss	4-Feb	FREE*		6:00 PM
Situational Awareness	Geoff Fahringer	9-Feb	FREE*		5:00 PM
Tides and Currents	Jeff Williams	10-Feb	40/60**	1	6:00 PM
CPR/AED First Aid	Geoff Fahringer	21-Feb	FREE*		9:00 AM
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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*Your instructor will be Jim Addison. This course begins January 13th and provides an explanation of what electricity is, followed by discussions on boat electrical wiring, DC and AC electrical systems, galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection, and ends with troubleshooting of boat electrical problems.*

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

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The remaining 2026 activities are currently being planned, and will be published soon.


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

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

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

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

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