

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB[®]

Marco Island 

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MARCO ISLAND, FL – America's Boating Club – *Marco Island* installed its 2020 officers at a Change of Watch Ceremony held at the Marco Island Yacht Club on January 8, 2020. "I am delighted to work with our new leadership team to promote boating education and safety in and around Marco Island," said Robert N. Smith, who was installed as the Club's Commander for the coming year.

Bridge Officers installed at the event include Robert N. Smith, Commander; Wanda Burson, Executive Officer; Patricia Cavanagh, Education Officer; John Maciolek, Assistant Education Officer; Steven Riley, Administrative Officer; William Kreppein, Assistant Administrative Officer; Margaret Smith, Secretary; Mary Kreppein, Assistant Secretary; Lindsay McFadden, Treasurer; Robert Gloodt, Assistant Treasurer; and Executive Committee Members Thomas G. Morr, John Salotto, Donald Cates and Dennis Enstrom.

"Boating safety continues to be our number one priority" said Smith. "I encourage all Marco Island boaters to take advantage of our educational courses to improve their boating skills and to call us for a free vessel safety check to help protect family and friends."

America's Boating Club District 22 Commander Ted Reiss swore in the newly selected leaders. He said "You have accepted the role to lead your fellow members in education, civic and social endeavors thus continuing to make Marco Island stand out as a premier boating safety organization. Congratulations."

Outgoing Commander Thomas G. Morr thanked all members for their volunteer contributions in 2019. "America's Boating Club – *Marco Island* is successful because of its volunteers. It takes a team of more than forty people to lead this all volunteer organization. These volunteer leaders and all of the Club's members who support them deserve the thanks of all Marco Island residents for the great work they do to make boating both safer and more enjoyable here" said Morr.

"Tom Morr's leadership qualities and organizational skills have solidified our Club's infrastructure during the past year," Smith said. "Our planning and marketing functions have made great advances during your tenure. Thanks, Tom, for all you continue to do!"

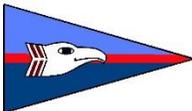
America's Boating Club – Marco Island offers a wide variety of benefits to its members, including on-the-water training opportunities, cruises, and many other social and recreational events each month. "Come and join us to safely experience the beauty of our wonderful natural environment here in the ten thousand islands," Smith concluded.

America's Boating Club – Marco Island is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, that is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, a 104 year old, 346 chapter national Boating organization that teaches boating skills and navigation, conducts vessel safety checks, assists Governments in identifying defective aids to navigation and promotes fun and camaraderie among Boaters of all kinds.

For information about Membership please contact Peggy Reiss at 239-213-8686. For a free Vessel Safety Check contact John Salotto at 703-864-5528. For information about skill development courses and registration contact Tippy Cavanagh at 239-393-9158 . Additional information is available at www.marcoboatingclub.org.



Front row: 1/Lt Mary Kreppin, Asst. Secretary, Lt/C Meg Smith, Secretary, P/C Tippy Cavanagh, Educational Officer, Lt/C Lindsay McFadden;
Second row: Lt/C Wanda Burson, Executive Officer, Commander Bob Smith;
Third row: 1/Lt Bill Kreppin, Assistant Administrative Officer, 1/Lt John Maciolek, Assistant Education Officer.
Not pictured: Lt/C Steve Riley, Administrative Officer and 1/Lt Bob Gloodt, Assistant Treasurer



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