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December 2022

Chaplain's Announcement



1st Lt Tessa Buechler, S
Squadron Chaplain

Seasons Greetings to all our members. My name is Tessa Buechler, and I recently was asked to take the post of Chaplain for our squadron. I am not officially trained as a minister, only a volunteer who is an active Christian within my community. My husband, Craig and I have been members of squadron for over three years now and currently serve in several other roles as well.

My role will be primarily be to offer prayers, blessings and

benedictions whenever meetings or gatherings require or request it.

However, I would like to expand my duties to reach out, on the Squadron's behalf, to any members and family faced with sickness or death, that might be in need of a message of support or prayers. To do this I am asking you (and will rely on you) to let me know if you are aware of anyone in such need. I will send a card and/or call to acknowledge the situation and offer condolences. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Please let me know if there is any other way I can serve our Squadron members in this role. Contact information: Email: tessabuechler@com-cast.net. Phone: 904-583-3298.

We are sad to announce that a much loved and long serving member of our Squadron has passed away.

Richard (Dick) Quodomine Jr, SN has died. He is survived by his wife Helen. Dick had been an active squadron member for over 50 years, starting in Rochester, NY and then transferring to the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron. He was involved at the District level as Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) Chairman as well actively supporting our Cape Coral VSC team's annual duties. He will be missed.

The funeral will be at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens on Saturday December 3rd, with a gathering between 10am-11am. The service will commence at 11am. Details can be found on line at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Dick's memory be made to either Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron or the Boy Scouts of America.

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Scott Steele | Commander
ABC/ Cape Coral Sail
& Power Squadron

We are now in the “hurry up and wait” mode. The temporary roof is holding up pretty well and we are staying dry. The new roof is ordered but we are still a couple months away from

getting the permanent fix. Hopefully we'll get a surprise and it will be sooner. Our insurance company is not setting any records for timeliness. We've had two different adjusters come through and they were impressed with our organization. They've submitted information relative to our losses but we've yet to get an advance for the roof and other repairs. We hope to see this pretty soon.

To put things into perspective, the remediation and removal process was in excess of \$100,000. The temporary roof was \$34,000 and the permanent roof will be around \$120,000. We've also made a list of chairs, tables, desks and other personal property destroyed and removed. This exceeds \$15,000 and has also been forwarded to the insurance company. We have a lot of drywall, ceiling panels, insulation and upstairs flooring to replace. We are comfortable that our insurance coverage will cover all of this. Our deductible is around \$30,000. That will be our expense. Now is probably a good time to own Home Depot or Lowes stock. ☐

With the ceiling opened up, it has given us the opportunity to clean up some wiring and fixtures. Larry, Carl and Kenny have been very busy sorting out what actually functions and what was left over from 1964. We actually found the old PA system wires that NAPA used to communicate from front to back. They've been

removed. The good news is that the disco ball remains and is functioning. We've also relocated some of the Wi-Fi and computer equipment. This will increase functionality and save some office space.

We had a lovely boating outing on November 15th when a few of us Weekdayers went to Cabbage Key. It was a beautiful day and we had a good time. As long as you pay attention it is safe to go out. We didn't see too much debris in the main channels. That said, there are still some surprises in the side canals. I've included a photo of what I found completely under my dock. John Swift and I were able to pull it out and secure it to the seawall. We've got a few other obstacles to avoid, but things are getting cleaned up. To those who enjoyed my lan lawn ornament, it is now gone. The neighbors finally decided they wanted their sailboat more than me. I know that many had heavy damages or lost their boats from Ian. I can't speak for everyone, but for those of us who were fortunate, we are always happy to have others join us when we take ours out. Don't be afraid to ask to ride along with someone on one of the Weekdayers or Weekend-ers journeys. Just get hold of Doug Brenton, Scott Fergen or any of the captains.

We also had a very nice happy hour and dinner at the Monkey Bar on November 15th. We had between 50 and 60 members attend this social gathering. It was a lot of fun and great to see everyone. To quote Jeff Maddy, “the building may be gone for a while, but we aren't.” We are continuing to see what events and activities we can line up. There is a possibility we could get the banquet room into useable shape during December / January. The biggest issue is the bathroom situation. We have one of 4 functioning and a second one is useable except for the big hole in the wall. A little drywall for some privacy is required.

The district did have a Zoom meeting to replace the normal Fall meeting. Suffice it to say that there was no major news or actions that came from the meeting. We do

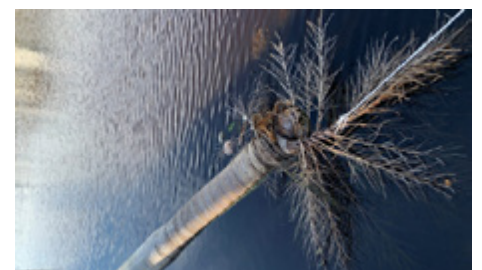


have a Commander's meeting scheduled for early January and we plan to ask some tough questions and get a better feel for direction of the national and district organizations. As far as new news, the Fort Myers Boat Show is now scheduled for January 5th – 8th. Our day to maintain the Quad Squad booth is Friday, January 6th. You'll be getting more information in the coming days. It's always a great time and free admission for our volunteers. Everything will be displayed on land. There will be no new boats in the water. There will probably still be some wrecked ones, but probably not something you'd be interested in.

We have started sending in our merit mark lists. It's a small token of our appreciation for all that you do. Many of you may have already received your certificates. We have the final batch of submissions that will be sent in mid-December. FYI – Ellen Schneider has become a life member by earning her 25th merit mark this year. Congratulations to Ellen!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and can enjoy this holiday season. Merry Christmas! Though Ian made a mess of things, we still have our health, our families and our friends.

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Entire dead palm tree in canal.



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Weekday Boaters

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Lt Gary Brooks

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Pantry Inventory Mgr

Lt Karen Dipalmo

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Lt John Farmer, P
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RANKS Cdr – Commander

Lt/C – Lieutenant Commander Lt – Lieutenant P/C – Past Commander
Found before the name of an officer or appointed assistant

GRADES S – Seaman (aka Boat Handling) P – Pilot AP – Advanced Pilot

P-Pilot JN – Junior Navigator N – Navigator SN – Senior Navigator
Indicates the highest level of education completed. Follows the name of the person.

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Staying Informed Means Staying Safe

By Barret Bonden

Many recreational boaters have never heard of the “Local Notice to Mariners”. This publication from the Coast Guard is issued weekly, with the goal of keeping mariners informed about what is happening on the waters they travel. Meant as a guide for professional mariners, it is an important tool that covers changes and issues mariners may encounter.

Recreational boaters can also find the tool handy especially if they live in an area with lots of commercial traffic and/or navigational aids. The report is divided into eight sections and for the recreational boater, the following is what they can expect to find in it.

Section I contains Special Notices, such as advance warning of events like rocket launches at Cape Canaveral, naval exercises, proposed rule changes and much more. Since Hurricane Ian struck, the local notice has had a warning for mariners to use “extreme caution” while out on the water. It says:

“Due to the passage of Hurricane Ian, aids to navigation may be damaged, destroyed or submerged. Lighted and unlighted buoys may have been moved from their assigned positions, be damaged, extinguished, sunken or otherwise inoperative. Coast Guard units are actively working to restore the aids to navigation in affected areas. Mariners should not rely entirely on the position or operation of an aid to navigation in these areas, but should also employ such other methods of determining their position as may be available. Wrecks, submerged obstructions and shoals may have moved from charted locations and pipelines may have become uncovered due to the force of storm surge. Mariners are urged to use extreme caution and report all aids to navigation discrepancies to the nearest Coast Guard Unit. Mariners are reminded that due to the scope of impact relating to Hurricane Ian, this Local Notice to Mariners may not reflect all potential discrepancies to the aids to navigation system.”

If you read between the lines it says, “stay off the water for now, but if you chose to venture out, know there are many unknown dangers yet to be reported”.

Section II goes on to list all of the navigational aids that have been reported damaged or destroyed. It helps to know the names of the aids in your area, not just their number. It also helps to know which aids are maintained by the Coast Guard and those that are Private Aids. This section lists the Federal Aids first and then the Private Aids.

In Lee County navigation aids marking the Caloosahatchee

River Channel, Pine Island Sound, Matanzas Pass and San Carlos Bay are Federal Aids, maintained by the Coast Guard. All of the side channels have Private Aids maintained by different parties. A recent report of the aids on the Caloosahatchee River Channel and Pine Island Sound Channel reveals that between North Fort Myers and the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, 32% of the Federal Aids were damaged or destroyed. In Pine Island Sound 29% of the Federal Aids were damaged or destroyed.

This represents a significant toll on these aids and the damage to the Private Aids has yet to be tallied. The Private Aids are typically checked by local volunteer groups who probably won’t be able to do so for a few months. This means extra caution is required if you rely on the navigation aids to stay in the channels and out of the shallows.

Section III lists Temporary Changes, and **Section IV** contains Chart Corrections. These two sections are meant for those mariners that still maintain their own paper charts.

The next three sections deal with projects that could impact your area. **Section V** contains Advance Notices and lists upcoming projects that have been approved. **Section VI** contains information on proposed projects. **Section VII General**, contains information about on-going projects and changes such as reports of shoaling that you could encounter.

Currently buried in the General section issued November 8th is an updated warning about shoaling in Big Marco Pass Channel at a couple of locations. There is also a reminder that “construction activities in the vicinity of Coast Guard Station Fort Myers Beach” are continuing and, therefore, “barges or construction equipment” that may be in the area.

It is likely in the next few weeks, as more reports come in from boaters, the Coast Guard, and NOAA that this section will contain more warnings about the impact Hurricane Ian had on our waters. Likely this reporting will take time as everyone is busy focusing on recovery, not the immediate needs of recreational boaters.

The “Local Notice to Mariners” can be accessed at <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov>. Look for and then select “LNMs” on the menu bar, and select District 7 on the map to see the notices for Florida. If you have information to report about missing or damaged aids or shoaling that could impact navigation, click on the “Contact Us/Report a Problem” button. On this page you will find instructions for how to submit this issue so that it is included on the next report.

Stay safe on the water, Barret Bonden

Barret Bonden, a recurring character in the Patrick O’Brian seafaring novels, is the nom de plume of one of our many safe boating instructors.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

SEO's Notebook

All Classes Are Canceled Until Further Notice



Neil Pignatano |
Squadron Education Officer
ABC/ Cape Coral Sail
& Power Squadron

This should have been a positive status report on the successful opening of the Fall 2022 term here at CCSAPS. Unfortunately, all of our lives were upended by the untimely arrival of Hurricane Ian. Hopefully, you are all on your way to recovery, even though it will be slow. As you may have heard, by now, all activities, including classes, at the Squadron HQ are cancelled until further notice. The building suffered heavy damage and will take several months to repair. Needless to say, the academic calendar requires complete rework. I'll know better what this will look like in the weeks ahead. Enrollments for ABC October and November will need rescheduling (including the September ABC graduation), as well as Boat Handling and Marine Navigation

For those of you who may be thinking about going out on the water, my advice to you is to wait awhile. The enormous storm surge has taken out many navigation aids, and silting has likely altered the channels. In addition, much debris was washed out into the estuary, and there is no idea what hazards (trees, cars, sunken vessels, etc.) lurk just below the water's surface. Even the Cape Coral canals may be, in some places, un-navigable.

We will get through this and be stronger as a result. By next issue, there should be better news.

Until next time...

Lt/C Neil Pignatano, SN
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THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BEGIN WHEN THE SQUADRON BUILDING REOPENS

ABC America's Boating Course. ABC in-person classes run for six sessions in the evening over a three week period. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday nights. The course gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets most states boating education requirements. Our in-person boating course includes a comprehensive introduction to boating, covering boat types, boat engines, boat selection and more.

BOAT HANDLING This seven-session course starts Sept 6 at 7 PM and meets once per week. The course expands upon all the material covered in the ABC class in greater detail. So, if you want to beef up your ABC knowledge or just need a refresher, this is the course for you. Members who complete the course by taking the closed book final exam can earn the grade of Seaman by passing the exam with a grade of 80% or higher.

MARINE NAVIGATION This eight-session course meets once per week. The course introduces the concepts of inshore and coastal navigation using both traditional and electronic navigation techniques. The tools, techniques, and tricks covered are indispensable for navigating our local waters. It is recommended that Boat Handling be completed prior to taking this course, but it is not required.

To sign up send an email: to Neil education@ccsaps.org



SOCIAL TIME AT THE MONKEY BAR

NOVEMBER 15, 2022



Looking Ahead

| Day | Date | Name | Time | Place |
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December

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| Thu | 1 | Exec Comm | 7 pm | Zoom |
| Thu | 15 | Weekdayer Outing | 9 am | Boating |

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cynthia M. Anderson
Henry T. Appleton
Bruce Bailey
Saul Benitez
Seaby L. Bess
Joseph Casella
Deborah Clements
Connie L. Farmer
Noah Henson
Gary L. Jackson
Linda L. Jenkins
Chuck L. Kreutz
Carri Kroehler
Phillip R. Kryger
Carla S. Lufkin
Lisa A. McCosh
Lori Medeiros

Robert J. Meier
Robert Moskin
Elizabeth E. Mueller
James Mullaney
Evangeline Nudi
Adrienne M. Patterson
Michael J. Roe
Herbert K. Schneider
Karen L. Shelton
Thomas J. Summerour
Tom E. Truelsen
Mike L. Vickers
Douglas K. Volpp
Arnie Wong
Kelly Wong
Laura B. Woodward



Updated photos of the interior of Squadron Harbor.



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND
ACTIVITIES HAVE RESUMED.
CHECK OUT THESE LISTINGS AND
GET INVOLVED!**

*ROOMS IN THE SQUADRON BUILDING WILL
NOT BE AVAILABLE TO RENT UNTIL WE ARE
CLEARED TO REOPEN.*

**HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL OR
PHONE #?** IF SO, SEND YOUR UPDATED IN-
FORMATION TO: CCSAPS Secretary: E-MAIL:

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER WANTED

We are looking for members who enjoy using social media, including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, to organize and orchestrate our social media presence. We started our Facebook page a few years ago, and use it to publicize events that are open to the public, such as ABC classes. We post and repost videos and articles of interest from USPS and other boating-related sites, with oversight by our administrative and media relations officer, Jeff Maddy. If you would be willing to volunteer for this social media group, contact Jeff Maddy, AP at adminofficer@ccsaps.org

The Ft Myers Boat Show is scheduled for January 5-8, 2023. As usual we will man the America's Boating Club booth on Friday the 6th. The booth will run from 10AM to 6PM. As in the past we will schedule 4, 2hour shifts, 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, and 4-6. We would like to have 4 people during each shift. Admission to the show is free for those that stand a shift, I will fill the spots on a first come first serve basis. For those who wish to volunteer, please let me know and include your phone number and a good email.

As a result of damage from Ian, there will be no "in water" show. It will all be land based.

Leo Lalley, S, Exec. Officer 651-925-7791

SQUADRON HELP WANTED

RENTAL CHAIRMAN

- Review rental files as they come in.
- Check to make sure payment was received, seating diagram received and door codes were issued.
- Go over checklist with renters.
- Give instructions to our cleaning staff
- Make up new rental files as needed.
- Conduct walk thru after rentals.
- Keep the schedule in Rental Book current.
- Check the cooling (AC) remotely with phone app

ASSISTANT RENTAL CHAIRMAN

- Arrange and verify set-up crews for rentals.
- Check to see that the diagram is received and posted.
- Check the building after rentals and report back to the rental manager and treasurer.

CERTIFIED VESSEL INSPECTORS

- Complete short training course
- Inspect vessels for safety and place CG sticker

Contact: Craig Buechler buechlercraig@yahoo.com

EVENT SETUP

- With other team members, set up and takedown chairs, tables (about once a month)

Contact: Marge Maciag margem5@gmail.com

Rick Clements retiredrick@yahoo.com

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

- Help in kitchen and hall, setting up for monthly dinner/social events. Have fun organizing our social events!

Contact: Jeff Maddy: adminofficer@ccsaps.org

LIFEJACKET LOAN COORDINATOR

- Organize, manage and maintain the lifejacket load closet.

Contact: Jeff Maddy: adminofficer@ccsaps.org

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Contact: Craig Buechler buechlercraig@ya-

CCSAPS BOATING GROUPS

Plan to add your name to the roster of one of our boating groups:

WEEKENDERS & WEEKDAYERS

Weekenders boat-a-long to waterside restaurants and meet periodically to plan future trips.

For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact weekenderboating@gmail.com.



On November 15, the Weekdayers traveled to Cabbage Key.

Doug Brenton leads the **Weekdayers**. This group goes out for lunch at a waterfront restaurant on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The next Weekdayers outing will be on December 15. For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact dwbrenton@gmail.com.

CO-OP CHARTING

The Co-op Charting Group normally meets the second Tuesday of the month at Squadron Harbor. If you are interested in joining Co-Op contact us directly. ccsapscoopch@gmail.com.

CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

Cruise and Rendezvous cruises to marinas and resorts for overnight stays and also sponsors two dinner events at the squadron during the year. Their events for the rest of 2022 have been canceled.

KAYAK GROUP

Our group normally paddles area waterways on the third Tuesday of the month. Do you want to participate in our monthly kayak trips? It's easy! Send your contact information to Jeff Maddy at adminofficer@ccsaps.org

FISHING GROUP

The fishing group normally meets at the Squadron building on the second of the month. These will resume when the building opens.

If you wish to receive notice of upcoming group meetings and other events, please send your name and current email address (phone number optional) as soon as possible to: fishingccsaps@yahoo.com





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