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CCSAPS 56TH ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH GOES VIRUTAL

Cape Coral Sail & Power Squadron held its 56th annual Change of Watch and Annual Meeting virtually on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The Change of Watch was conducted via Zoom, with District 22 Commander Sam Bonilla and District Education Officer Melissa Butler in attendance. Squadron members were previously contacted by email, and asked to approve the fiscal 2021-2022 budget and election of Bridge and Executive Officers for Watch Year 2021-2022.

Bridge Officers for 2021-2022 are Commander: Cdr Carl McGrath, S, Executive Officer: Lt/C Scott Steele, S, Education Officer: Lt/C Jamie Halstead, AP, Administrative Officer: Lt/C Jeff Maddy, AP, Secretary: Lt/C Joe Stewart, S, Treasurer: Lt/C Janine Whisler, S.

Executive Committee members for 2021-2022 are P/C Marge Maciag, SN, Scott Fergen, Pam Tichy, P, P P/D/C Warren Maciag, SN, Greg Kechik, S, John Zimmerman, S, Connie Farmer, S, Nancy Maddy, S, Leo Lalley, S, Ginny Lalley, S



Our 2021-22 Change of Watch was conducted via Zoom on February 23, 2021. This year, budget approval and election were conducted virtually,

Assistant Officers for 2021-2022 are Aide to the Commander: P/C Marge Maciag, SN, Assistant Executive Officer: 1st/LT Craig Buechler, S, Assistant Admin Officer: 1st/Lt Jill Berger, S, Assistant Education Officer: 1st/Lt Katti Lopez, Assistant Secretary: 1st/Lt Linda Seaton, Assistant Treasurer: 1st/Lt Talyana Croak

USPS VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING HELD



This year's National Annual Meeting was virtual and held over two weeks - February 15-26. The first week was comprised of business meetings, seminars and even an Award's "banquet." The governing board meeting, including voting, was held Saturday, February 20, 2021. The last week consisted of more business meetings and seminars, followed by a social gathering on Friday night, to end the meeting.

Members can download all the Virtual Annual Meeting reports at https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/SPLogin.php?type=notLogged&ret_link=images/2021VAMCHAIRFOLDER.pdf

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Assistant Admin Officer
1st/ Lt Jill Berger, S

Assistant SEO
1st/ Lt Katti Lopez

Assistant Secretary
1st/ Lt Linda Seaton

Assistant Treasurer
1st/Lt Talyana Croak

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Vacant

Flag Lt
1st/Lt Paul Moses, P

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Lt Rick Clements, SN

Assistant Building Manager
1st /Lt Kenneth Berger, S

Rental Chair
Vacant

Executive Department

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Lt Ginny Lalley, S

Events Coordinator:
Vacant

CERT and SERAT Coordinator:
Vacant

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Media Relations
Lt/C Jeff Maddy, AP

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Lt Gerry Whisler, S

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Vacant

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Lt Gerry Whisler, S

Webmaster/Arbiter
Lt Nancy Maddy, S

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Lt Barry Burris

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On the Water Training
P/C Randy Headrick, AP-IN/ C

Administrative Department

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1st /Lt Paul Moses, P

Entertainment Committee
Vacant

Member Involvement
1st/Lt Jill Berger, S

Weekend Boaters
Lt Doug Brenton
Lt/C Scott Steele

Weekday Boaters
Lt Vern Seaton

Fishing Group
Lt John D'Esposito

Kayaking Group:
Vacant

Scuba Diving
Lt Jon Berning, P

Sailing Group
Vacant

Membership Chair
1st/Lt Linda Seaton

Pantry Inventory Mgr
Lt Karen Dipalmo

Port Captain
Lt John Farmer, P
Lt Ken Partsch

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Carl McGrath | Commander
ABC/ Cape Coral Sail
& Power Squadron

Welcome to watch year 2022. To end our Zoom-y 2021 year, we welcomed new members to the ExComm and new recruits to Assistant positions. I want to thank Gerry Whisler for his 3 years of ExComm service, on top of his ongoing IT Team leadership and Ham Group leadership. Also completing

service was Ralph Coburn. As many are aware, Ralph and Lyane have decided to relocate from Cape Coral and will be calling the Savannah area, as well as Winter Harbor, Maine, home in the future. Ralph's five plus years as our Building Rental Chairman was a significant contributor to our current solid financial position.

Our Fiscal Year does not end until Feb 28, so in April we will be able to reflect with a bit more precision on our financial well-being. Speaking more generally, we will for sure end FY2021 below budgeted revenue and expenses and negative for the year as a whole. Based on current assumptions, the FY2022 approved budget appears slightly negative as well. It is not surprising that utilities and insurance dominate our fixed costs.

The Executive Committee and Bridge will continue to under-spend to budget wherever practical, while making strategic decisions as necessary or opportunistic.

Our overall financial condition is very strong, the results of several years of strong fiscal management and successful fund raising by our membership. We are very optimistic about a rebound in education and membership, it is no secret to any of us that Cape Coral and all of SWFL is continuing to grow rapidly.

In an item below, we highlight two projects we have been able to complete. The Bergers led the floor replacement team, and I know you will approve when you get to visit again. I also want to thank David Mathews and Ron Tichy for their counsel and guidance as we worked on air distribution issues for both floors. Our reconstruction team included Ted and Tom Dawson, Larry Rich, John Zimmerman, Joe Stewart and Kenny Berger when he was not working on the tile. David still works in the HVAC industry locally, his access to warehouse pricing on materials saved us a bundle.

Our boating groups remain active. In March, we will have an open air meet and greet for our new members as highlighted. More and more folks I interact with have begun the vaccination protocol. It does appear brighter at the end of the tunnel, stay safe and enjoy these final days of spring.

Next month, we will announce our hurricane seminar plan. It is never too soon to begin building your personal strategy.

Cdr Carl McGrath
ccsapscommander@gmail.com



Time to get your annual **VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)**. Even if you pay careful attention to safety, dangerous mechanical problems can crop up on the best-maintained boat. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters (including personal watercraft users) take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program every year. VSCs are offered by experienced members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons, two of the nation's premiere volunteer boating safety organizations.

A VSC is your best way of learning about problems that might put you in violation of state or federal laws or worse, create danger for you or your passengers on the water.

Contact us by phone @ (239) 549-9754 Mon-Fri between 8:00 a.m. and noon; email ccsapsexofficer@gmail.com to schedule yours today, or contact the individual who performed your VSC last year to ensure your boat is safe and in compliance with local, state and federal requirements.

NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR 2021-22



Scott Steele | Executive Officer
ABC/ Cape Coral Sail

Hello, I am Scott Steele, your Squadron Executive Officer for the 2021-22. I grew up in Indiana, and moved to Bellbrook, Ohio when I was 16. I stayed on in Ohio, attending Wittenberg University majoring in chemistry. After graduation, I joined the Iams Company, a premium manufacturer of pet foods. Iams was purchased

by Proctor and Gamble in 1999. After taking an early retirement from P&G, I worked for Warner Chilcott pharmaceuticals, CJ Foods, and Cargill. I've been part of, or have led, many teams in manufacturing and operations. We built or expanded manufacturing plants and then operated them.

As we were a rapidly growing company, we kept busy and moved a lot. At last count we've lived in 13 different places over 37 years- various towns in Ohio, a couple places in Nebraska and Kansas; Geneva, Switzerland; Dorado, Puerto Rico and finally Cape Coral in 2017. We don't plan to move again. 😊

My wife, Sharon, and I have three children and grandchildren. Corrine and her family are in Nebraska, Ashley and her family are in Ohio, and Riley attends graduate school in Washington, DC. We are also parents of Bennie, our five year old German Shepherd.

Sharon and I really enjoy the area and the boating opportunities. Joining the Power Squadron has been one of the most rewarding things we've done since moving here. The educational and social aspects have been great. We are active in the weekenders and coop charting.

Lt/C Scott Steele
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SQUADRON BUILDING NEWS

Our (very) extended suspension of activities at Squadron Harbor has allowed us to address a few infrastructure issues without working around our usually busy Squadron and rental programs. But first, a brief background for the many members who have joined us over the past two decades.

Our building was built around 1962, in the early years of Cape Coral development. The building housed NAPA Auto Part) on the first floor, and two small business office suites on the second floor - each with a direct entrance and its own electrical system. Our early Squadron, chartered in 1964, acquired the building in 1969 by assuming the

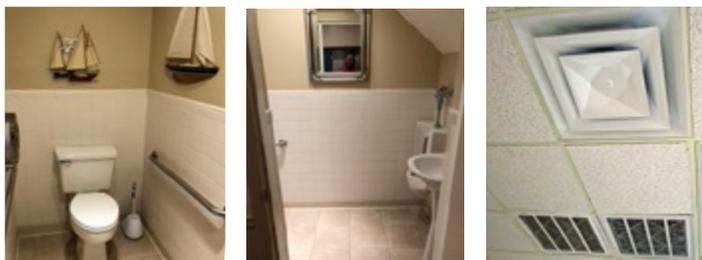


Sheryl and Mike Jaquin



Lari Barrale

Thanks to our new members, Mike Jaquin and Lari Barrale, who were willing to jump in and do the work to renovate our squadron bathrooms. Thanks to our volunteers, the entire project cost members only \$365.79 (along with their blood, sweat and tears).



The photos of our renovated first floor bathrooms and second floor ceiling work say it all. Great work Squadron volunteers!

mortgage of around \$60K. For a period, we leased the first floor to NAPA Auto Parts while the Squadron used space on the second floor.

We believe the original layout had two small bathrooms on the first floor but there are indications that the two second floor bathrooms were added later. Structurally, the building is a cement block rectangle, 110' x 80' ft with zero setback on the sides and about 20ft front and rear, that was Building Code at the time. The second floor is formed with a series of 8 foot wide, 110' long concrete trusses laid side by side,

supported by the east and west walls. The roof structure is the same. If it sounds like a road overpass, you have the right idea. All interior walls are non-load bearing and have been modified over the years. Our best guess is that the current layout was in place by 1994.

HVAC One of our ongoing rework projects since October 2020 has been to address lingering issues with air distribution and air flow quality on both floors, starting with the second floor classrooms. In Florida, hurricane events frequently provide us the need for repairs. In the past 20 years, Charley(2005) and Irma (2017) provided motivation for roof replacement and significant rework of our HVAC systems. Charlie also provided new windows and a significant rehab of the interior. Most of the basics of what we see today are the result of a massive CCPS effort in 2005-2006.

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SAFE BOATING TIPS FROM OUR ABC INSTRUCTORS

GPS, WEATHER FORECASTING AND 5G WIRELESS SERVICE

By Barret Bonden

Boat U.S. magazine's February, March 2021 cover story, "Big Bad 5G Side Effects?" caught my attention. If you have not heard about this controversy, you may want to investigate it. I am reminded that on occasion, the FCC seems to get itself in trouble with some of their decisions regarding the allocation and licensing neighboring radio frequencies.

Back in 2010, the FCC looked at letting a company use some radio spectrum for a high powered broadband network. Testing of the company's plan revealed that the signals would have overpowered existing GPS receivers, and due to this potential issue, the plan was finally abandoned. The same company, now with a new name, is back with a new plan to support 5G networks across the country.

The FCC has agreed to allow this company to operate right in the middle of the radio spectrum used

by the satellites that provide GPS signals. Opponents of this plan believe that

letting this company operate at this frequency will create interference to GPS signals. Today, GPS accuracy is approximately 16 feet. It is believed



Photo: Garmin

that the interference could revert accuracy to 330 feet (what it was 20 years ago), or block the signal entirely. NOAA is also concerned about this decision, as the FCC has decided to allow this company to operate in the 24 GHz band, which is right next to NOAA's Advanced Technology Microwave Sounder system. That operates on 23.8 GHz. This is a system that collects water vapor data and is used to in weather forecasting. To the lay person this may sound like no big deal but if you grew up listening

to AM radio you knew that a low watt radio station could get drowned out by an adjacent high watt station on your radio dial.

This is not a new story - the controversy over this decision is a year old. Do a web search on "5G GPS interference," and see the news stories from last year. During congressional hearings last May, the Pentagon and aviation officials opposed this plan because of the potential interference. The company proposing the service acknowledged the potential problem and countered that they would monitor their equipment 24/7 and install a "kill switch" to shut their system down if interference was detected.

Not being a specialist in radio frequency technology, it hard to advocate for one side of this debate or the other. However, knowing that the FCC "sells" radio spectrum to the highest bidder, and that the FCC members can be influenced by politicians, who are also influenced by constituents, aka "donors," it makes me wonder if their decisions are in the best interests of the public.

Stay safe on the water,
Barret Bonden

Barret Bonden, a recurring character in the Patrick O'Brian seafaring novels, is the nom de plume for one of our many safe boating instructors whose safe boating articles appear in the News-Press most Thursdays.

BUILDING (cont.from page 4)

In our second floor classrooms air conditioning was provided by six separate A/C systems, having evolved from use changes. Irma in 2017 brought all new HVAC hardware, at which time we reconfigured to 4 cooling units. We had plenty of modern cold air, but spotty and uneven flow and distribution. Over the last three months 2020, we removed all the ceiling tiles and insulation, exposing and extensive patchwork of air ducts that were nowhere near optimum for our current use. We removed about 80% of those ducts, including two long expired air handler units and re-ducted all three classrooms and the lobby area. We also replaced the ceiling diffusers with modern air flow units. The ceilings have now been replaced and early testing is very encouraging, no more 30MPH gusts of cold air at some of the "special" seats in the classrooms.

In January, we moved to Room 101, where we needed to address both air distribution and return air volume. New return units and filters have been added and all of the ceiling vents upgraded cosmetically and most important, performance wise. We are finalizing some control system tweaks and will be ready for the onslaught of warmer weather by late March

At the same time, a small but focused team addressed the most important need in our final two first floor bathrooms, surgically removing and replacing the floor tiles. The bathrooms are easier to clean and maintain. The photos say it all. As is typical, the plumbing segment of the project provided a bit of excitement when a legacy pipe sort of disintegrated. A just in time repair!

CRUISE AND RENDEZVOUS (C&R)

SAVE THE DATE 2021

MARCH 22 23 24
LEAVE 25TH
SOUTH SEAS RESORT

If interested, join the C&R mailing list by contacting Delores at 239-458-1481 or delphi1937@yahoo.com

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Some events are at capacity, but cancellations do happen.



Check out our Facebook page for latest updates regarding hours of operation and resumption of activities
<https://www.facebook.com/CCSAPS/>

[HTTPS://WWW.CCSAPS.ORG](https://www.ccsaps.org)

Our website features a live calendar, and now new members may now join and pay online! To access password to the member directory, please contact our office.

C & R OVERNIGHT Destination: _____ Dates: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: (cell) _____

Email: _____

Number attending: _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Boat name: _____ Draft: _____

Boat Length: _____ Beam: _____

Make & Model: _____

Power: 30 or 50 AMP: _____

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Cape Coral FL 33991
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WHAT IS ABC?

ABC IS AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE. 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.

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, THE NEXT ABC CLASS IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER, 2021 (MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS) 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. At this time, all educational activities are subject to change. Call Squadron office at (239) 549-9754 for more information. Please leave a message.

CCSAPS HAS A BOATING GROUP FOR YOU!

Although we are currently observing physical distancing, it won't last forever. Plan to add your name to the roster of one of our boating groups:

WEEKENDERS

Meetings normally held the second Monday of the month are cancelled until further notice, but we do go out as an unofficial group.

Four boats and 16 members went to Three Fisherman for lunch December 12. For more information please contact weekenderboating@gmail.com

WEEKDAYERS

Weekdayers will resume whenever the pandemic subsides and/or Vern and Linda return. Contact Vern Seaton for additional information

vern@seatonsunrooms.com

CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

Cruise and Rendezvous are not currently meeting, but do go out as an unofficial group

delphi1937yahoo.com



Our kayak group is planning an outing at Judd Park in North Fort Myers Tuesday, March 16.



Great paddle February 16 at Sirenia Vista Park in Cape Coral. The weather was ideal!

FISHING GROUP

Meetings are currently cancelled.

Check out their Facebook page for the latest information

[Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron Fishing Group](#)

CO-OP CHARTING GROUP

Meetings are currently cancelled.

ccsapscoopch@gmail.com

KAYAK GROUP

Our group typically paddles area waterways on the third Tuesday of the month. We are going to **JUDD PARK, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021.**

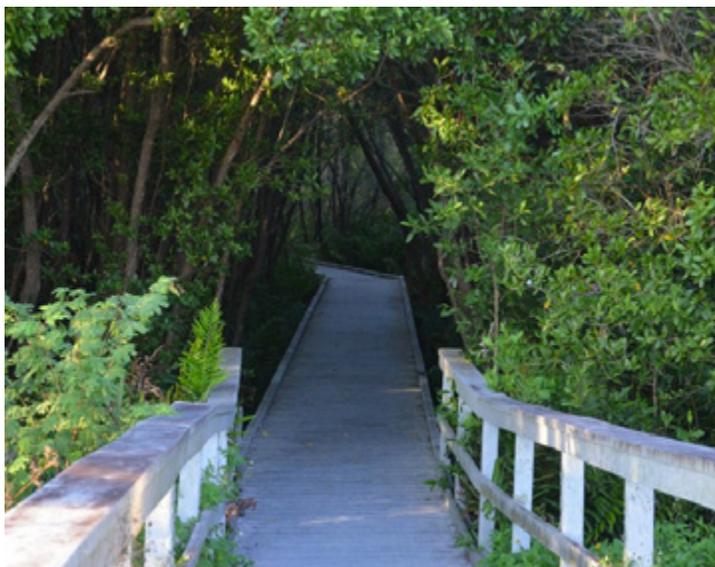
Judd Park is managed by Lee County Parks and Recreation, and is located 1297 Driftwood Dr. N. Fort Myers. This is a great area for bird watching! The launch ramp is on the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail and follows Yellow Fever Creek. It's a lovely neighborhood park with available restroom facilities. **WE WILL MEET BEHIND THE POWER SQUADRON AT 9:30 a.m., AND CONVOY TO THE PARK.**

For additional information, please contact Jeff Maddy

ccsapsao@gmail.com

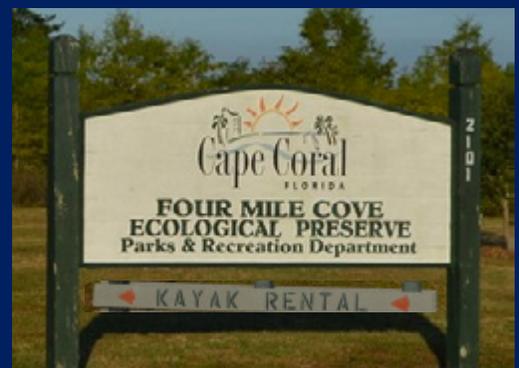


The Weekenders cruised to Barnacles in North Captiva Saturday, February 27. Lovely weather!



**New Member
Meet and Greet**
Monday, March 15
(Rain Date March 16)
3:00-4:30 p.m.
RSVP jillbergern@gmail.com

The leaders of America's Boating Club of Cape Coral regret that, due to the pandemic, we have not been able to properly meet and welcome those who joined in February 2020 or later. Please join us for an informal open-house style meet and greet at the picnic area near the kayak rentals at Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve. *Please wear a mask.* Books and charts will be available for purchase, *cash or check only.* While you're there, take time to walk the beautiful eco trail, fish off the pier, or visit the onsite Veterans memorial.



**Four Mile Cove Ecological
Preserve
East end of SE 23 Terrace
Picnic area at Kayak Rental**

ALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD. MEANWHILE, EXPLORE THESE LISTINGS TO SEE HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.

TO RESERVE A ROOM AT THE SQUADRON-

THE SQUADRON OFFICE AND FACILITY REMAINS CLOSED. Notice: Our Rental Chairman position is currently vacant. Please contact Marge Maciag to reserve various rooms at the Squadron. She will coordinate and determine if there are any conflicts. The Rental Book is currently maintained at the Squadron Office. Contact her at margem5@gmail.com

In an effort to keep our facility ready for parties and health inspectors, we would like to put a few teams together to work on our kitchen. 2-3 people per team would work well. Time involved would be 2-3 hours per cleaning.

We would like to schedule clean-ups twice a month, dates and times are flexible. The more volunteers we get, the fewer times a team will be on the rotation. Please send your name and contact information to me ASAP.

Feel free to form a team and let me know you would like to work together. It's also a good way to earn Merit Mark Credit.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

*Lt. Rick Clements, Building Manager
Email: retiredrick@yahoo.com or call 786-338-8159*

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL OR PHONE #?

IF SO, SEND YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION TO:
JOE STEWART, E-MAIL ccsapssecretary@gmail.com



LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

This program is a valuable public service. Please pass the word among your boating friends that lifejackets are available to borrow at the Squadron, at no cost, for visiting children or grandchildren.

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.
- Send reminder email to our room set-up crew.
- 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

CERTIFIED VESSEL INSPECTORS

Complete short training course
Inspect vessels for safety and place CG sticker
Contact: Bob Meier - rmeier5157@yahoo.com

FARMERS MARKET (SATURDAYS DURING SEASON)

Talk to the public about CCSAPS Promote ABC Class, sell charts. Contact: Craig Buechler ccsapsexofficer@gmail.com

LITE BITES

Prepare simple, light meals before General Meeting Contact: Jeff Maddy ccsapsao@gmail.com

EVENT SETUP

With other team members, set up and take down 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: ccsapsao@gmail.com

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Are you handy? Rick can use some help around the Squadron Building keeping things going.
Call if you can help out on some Projects.
Contact Rick Clements retiredrick@yahoo.com

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If your group needs help, send me the info, and I'll include it on this page
ccsapsbuoyeditor@gmail.com



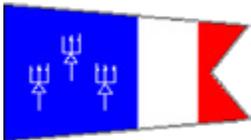
2021 Spring Conference

Friday, 9 April

am - Squadron Officer Meeting / pm - District Council Meeting

Saturday, 10 April:

Roundtables - Keynote Luncheon - District Conference Meeting



Change of Watch



Thank You D/C Sam and Welcome D/C Cliff

Hotel Info:

Four Points Sheraton – 941-637-6770

\$109.00 + \$9.95 resort fee + taxes (normal senior rate - \$235) - cutoff date 3/10

State you have the special "Power Squadron room block" or give the **code PO1367** to receive the discounted rate
– so need to make reservation directly

Springhill Suites by Marriott – 941-347-4224

\$99.00 + taxes (normal senior rate - \$206) - includes breakfast - cutoff date 3/19

Link to book your room online: [Book your group rate for America's Boating Club](#)

Rate is good for one day prior and a day after the conference dates

Must mention United States Power Squadrons and book for 2 nights for these rates

If you have any issues making reservations, please make sure to contact Myles Gee at 941-518-2475



DISTRICT 22

2021

SPRING CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events will follow Strict CDC Guidelines

Friday, April 9

0900 – 1200	Registration Desk Open	1200 – 1330	Lunch on your own
0900 - 1200	Squadron Bridge Officer Meeting	1330 – 1400	Registration Desk Open
	1400 – 1600	District Council Meeting	

Dinner – social - 1730 / dinner served 1900

Saturday, April 10

0800 - 0900	Coffee and Pastry	0900 – 1200	Registration Desk Open
0900 – 1145	Seminars/Roundtables	1130 – 1315	Social and Luncheon

Speaker -Chief Commander’s Representative

1300 – 1330	Registration Desk Open	1330 – 1600	District Conference
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Change of Watch - social 1730 / dinner served 1845

Saturday Seminars / Roundtables – each limited to 24 attendees

0900 – 1145 - Instructor Recertification – *Lt Sylvia Weeks-Wedge, AP*
Pre-registration recommended - Contact Melissa Butler @ butlerm@wabash.edu

0900 - 1015

The D22, Squadron & National Websites
Lt Garry Stubbs, S & D/Lt Casey Considine, JN

Membership & Retention
P/Stf/C Sandy Krupa, P

Updated Info Educators Need to Know
D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN

1030 - 1145

Co-op Charting 2021 – “Moving Forward”
Stf/C Jim Strothers, SN

Emergencies on the Water
D/Lt/C Cliff Schmidt, JN

New Merit Mark System – Do’s & Don’ts
Cdr Connie Beckman, SN

Dress: squadron shirt, khaki slacks, shorts or skirt / **Change of Watch:** Uniform A or semi formal

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Spring Conference Roundtable Information to help plan your day

Instructor Recertification - presented by Lt Sylvia Weeks-Wedge, AP – 0900 – 1145

This seminar hopes to renew enthusiasm and enhance instructional skills of USPS certified instructors. Many changes have occurred relevant to the courses we teach. We now encounter a younger adult generation with different interests and learning strategies. Here is a chance to update your instructor skills and share your experiences. This seminar is to renew the 4-year certification for certified instructors, not to by-pass the Instructor Development Course.

Pre-registration recommended. Contact Melissa Butler at butlerm@wabash.edu

maximum of 24 attendees at each Roundtable per CDC Guidelines

0900 – 1015 Roundtables:

Using District, Squadron and National Websites – presented by Lt Garry Stubbs, S and D/Lt Casey Considine, JN

A look at the new D22 and Manatee websites, with the latest improvements. We will also review parts of National's website, featuring areas that provide helpful information.

What Educators Need To Know – presented by DEO D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN

Get the latest updates/changes from the National Meeting. Bring your issues and questions regarding the Education Department. They will be addressed, solved or taken to 'higher authority'.

Membership & Retention – presented by P/Stf/C Sandy Krupa, P

Attracting new members, then making them active and long standing. Share your ideas, successes, and failures with District Members.

1030 - 1145 Roundtables:

Co-op Charting 2021 – Moving Forward – presented by Stf/C Jim Strothers, SN

The Cooperative Charting Program has undergone some major changes in 2020 from the previous program. Presently, there are three sub-programs under the Cooperative Charting Program heading: Nautical, Geodetic Recovery and the new Marina Surveying. There are also changes involving the items to report, how to file the reports and how credits are issued. All previous contributors to Co-op Charting as well as those wishing to get involved in the community service program should plan to attend this Roundtable.

Emergencies on the Water – presented by D/Lt/C Cliff Schmidt, JN

Different types of vessel and medical emergencies on the water will be discussed and how to deal with them. Along with a discussion of the types of communication devices to carry onboard along with a basic vessel emergency kit.

New Merit Marks System—the DOs and DON'Ts – presented by Cdr Connie Beckman, SN

Whether this is your first time doing merit marks or you've done them before, this roundtable will help you navigate the new online system. Also, some hints on what the area monitors are looking for when you write your merit marks.



2021 Spring Conference Reservation Form

Friday, April 9 – Appetizers and Dinner – Compliments of District 22

Choice of:

Chicken Parmigiana – bread crumb and parmesan crusted chicken topped with marinara sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheese, served with penne pasta.

Beef Brisket - slow roasted til tender, sliced, presented with gravy, with loaded potato casserole, peas and carrots.

Shrimp Scampi - jumbo shrimp baked with lemon garlic butter atop rice pilaf with scampi sauce and grilled asparagus.

Served with bottled water, garlic breadstick, garden salad with dressings. Coffee & bottled iced tea on request.

Saturday, April 10 – Chief Commander Representative Luncheon

Choice of:

\$24.00 - Chef's Salad - romaine and iceberg lettuce, ham, turkey, swiss & cheddar cheese, hard boiled eggs, cukes, red onion with choice of ranch or Italian dressing, garlic breadstick and fresh fruit cup.

\$26.00 - Peace River Club Sandwich - turkey, ham, bacon, swiss & cheddar cheese on multi grain bread with lettuce, tomato, dijon spread and chips.

\$26.00 - Veggie Lovers Wrap - red pepper, cukes, avocado, alfalfa sprouts & hummus in flour tortilla and chips

Served with bottled water and fresh baked cookies - Coffee & bottled iced tea on request.

Saturday, April 10 – Change of Watch Dinner

Choice of:

\$40.00 - Sirloin Steak - grilled, with Burgundy maitre'd, butter roasted redskin potatoes, green beans.

\$42.50 - Grouper Oscar – seared grouper, with lump crabmeat and hollandaise sauce, roasted red skin potatoes, green beans.

\$33.00 - Vegetarian - grilled and roasted asparagus, zucchini, squash, red onion, portabella mushrooms, beet, broccoli, sweet potato and carrots atop saffron and walnut cauliflower rice with a spicy pesto glaze.

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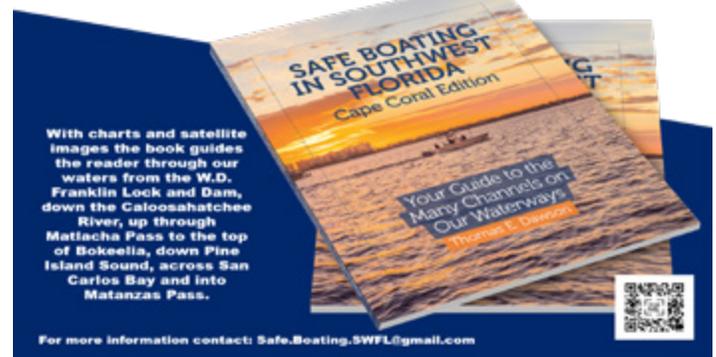
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Tom C. Frazee	2	Robert G. Begbie Jr.	16
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Bruce Abrahams	10	Heidi Healy	24
Denise Mcmanus	10	Ann Wright	24
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Richard Kirley	12	Penny A. Milne	29
Sherry Bame	13	Judyann Melind	30
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