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CCSAPS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

DINNER: 6:00 -7:00 P.M.

MEETING: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

SQUADRON BUILDING

**SPEAKER: TOM HAYDEN, CAPE CORAL
COUNCILMAN**

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SOFT DRINKS AND BEER PROVIDED.



Join us on September 21 - see page 12 for details.

Vessel Safety Marina Visit

by Tessa Buechler

In July, a new initiative for the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) group started with a marina visit to promote rental boat safety in our local community. A big "thank you" goes out to John D'Esposito for setting up a visit to Freedom Boat Rentals located at Salty Sam's Marina at Fort Myers Beach.

Will Foster, John D'Esposito, and Denny Pearson attended and performed a combined total of eighteen VSC examinations on the rental company boats. Further marina visits are being considered for the Fall.

If you are interested in becoming a vessel safety examiner and serving and participating in the community and boat safety please contact Craig Buechler at buechlercraig@yahoo.com.



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COMMANDER'S REPORT



With all due respect to anyone whose name begins with the letter "I", I'm starting to see a bad trend: "Irma", "Ian", and now we have "Idalia". Can we just skip from "H" to "J" next year? Fortunately, it looks like we won't take the brunt of this one. That said, let's make sure we are prepared and don't get complacent. If you haven't figured it out, I'm writing this before the storm.

The squadron rebuild is 99.5% complete. Eleven months, countless volunteer and contractor hours, hundreds of emails to our insurance company and over \$400K in expenses. I've tried to keep everyone updated so hopefully none of this is a surprise. We've also recovered 100% of our personal property insurance, about 85% of our business loss insurance and over 70% of our building insurance. We've done better than a lot of folks in getting reimbursed. I know a lot of you are still battling with your personal insurance carriers. It's a shame and we are still hearing stories from many who have suffered. We are also in a situation where even though we've had reimbursements, we've been dropped by our carrier and are now looking for new coverage.

I'm hoping everyone gets a chance to tour the squadron and see all the improvements. We've really cleaned it up and it looks better than pre-Ian. The second floor looks great and we removed all the carpet and replaced it with simulated wood flooring. It will be much easier to maintain. We added some color to the walls, replaced the main windows on the south side and brightened things up.

Our next general meeting is Thursday, September 14th. We have Big 8 doing the normal catering and Tom Hayden, Cape Coral City Councilman, will be our guest speaker. It should be an informative meeting. Please sign up on the Ticket Leap site for the catering. It's a good price for some outstanding BBQ. We are back in business with our rentals! Our first rental was August 19th and we are starting to get a lot of inquiries and reservations. We've also had some interest from the clubs that previously rented from us. This is a major milestone as rental income is one of our main revenue sources.

Education is also ramping back up. The September ABC class starts September 11th and it will be our first class back in the classroom. You'll see other classes and seminars listed in Neil's section of the Buoy. You'll also find a listing of upcoming social events. We've had a couple in July and August and have a great group of people organizing these upcoming events. We also have Oktoberfest and the Ft. Myers Boat show coming up in October and November. These are always great volunteering opportunities and great fun. Start thinking about positions and groups you'd like to pursue in 2023-2024. I know it's a ways off but we need to start putting together a list of candidates who will lead us into the future. If interested in any position or group, please let Carl or me know.

As I've said before, I'll now say again: We wouldn't be where we are today without all the members who have volunteered time, sweat and expertise to get things back to normal. It's been quite the journey.

Have a great Labor Day Holiday.

Thanks, Scott

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S – Seaman (aka Boat Handling)
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.

The Buoy will publish the Executive Committee minutes going forward in an effort to be inclusive and as communicative as possible.

Executive Committee* Meeting Minutes

(July 6 and Aug 3 2023)

Financials

- Have spent \$400k in repairs since last year
- Additional \$15k approved by insurance for personal property; two checks received
- Only 1-2 bills left to pay, including soffits and stair surfaces
- Chubb Insurance has officially notified us of cancellation but has extended to mid-August

Education

- ABC classes remaining for 2023 – early Sept & Oct
- Additional 2023 classes include Boat Handling, Marine Navigation and Marine Communication
- CPR class also planned for July 13

Communication

- Marketing plan being discussed with a kick-off meeting in October

Vessel Safety Check (VSC)

- 101 VSCs complete YTD
- Only 15 examiners with nine active
- 18 checks completed by team at Salty Sam's Marina

Co-Op Charting

- 2 runs left for 2023 – Run E (Pine Island Sound to Redfish Pass) and Run F (Captiva to Cayo Costa)
- Held general meeting on 6/20; next meeting 7 pm 8/15 at Squadron
- Potential Oct meeting for Nov seasonal kick-off

Administration

- Currently 473 members
- Upcoming events: Dueling Pianos / Wine Down Wed /General Mtg / 60s party
- Squadron has been asked to help with Oktoberfest parking Oct. 21 & 28
- Fort Myers Boat Show – one of the squadrons that normally covers this event (Sanibel/Captiva) is not operating currently; discussed skipping Thur and only supporting Fri/Sat/Sun

*The Executive Committee is composed of broad representation from across the organization.



Navigation Center

Coast Guard Announcement RE: Email Delivery Local Notice to Mariners (LNM)

The Coast Guard's Navigation Center (NAVCEN) is expanding availability of near-real-time Maritime Safety Information (MSI) to all U.S. waterways. Coast Guard districts and sectors will be added steadily over the next year with the intention of expanding to all types of MSI, such as Captain of the Port messages, Urgent Marine Information Broadcasts (UMIB), and other bridge and waterway data once the initial implementation is complete.

Through the free online subscription service, Gov Delivery, mariners can subscribe to selected topics and receive via email, Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM) in their chosen geographical area. The online subscription service is in addition to the standard VHF BNM broadcasts which, traditionally, were the only way to receive this vital navigational information.

Mariners can now use the subscription service to plan for underway periods and receive updates to navigational hazards in near-real-time without having to wait on scheduled VHF broadcasts. To receive BNMs via email for your waterway of choice, go to our RSS feed page and select the district or individual sector link..



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Did you hear about this?

By Barret Bonden

People stop me all the time and ask did I hear about this or that issue with our waterways. The second question is usually, can I ask the leadership of CCSAPS to make a statement or take a stand on the issue. The answer is “no, I will not”, and “they cannot”. The United States Power Squadron (USPS) National organization has very clear guidelines detailing who can speak for the organization and for which issues the organization will lobby. You can read those in the 2023 Operations Manual here is the link; <https://www.usps.org/images/secretary/opman/opsman.pdf>

The bottom line is, members are free to sign petitions, lobby, protest, etc. as an individual but not as a member representing the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron (CCSAPS) or the USPS.

All of that said, there is a lot happening in Cape Coral and throughout Florida of which our members should be aware. So here is a rundown on some of those "top-of-mind" items. Each is presented for awareness only. No one is asking you to advocate for or against any of them. You are free to make up your own mind on which side you stand. Don't assume by any of the links I am advocating a position as in some cases finding neutral information can be difficult.

Cape Coral

Cape Coral has several proposed projects that are attracting a lot of attention. The information from the city tends to be sparse with little in real status updates. Typically, you find any updates from the city not on the pages with the basic descriptions, but in the minutes of the department and city council meetings. The first five have been in the news on and off for a few years.

1. Seven Islands commercial development

https://www.capecoral.gov/department/community_development/northwest_cape_seven_islands/index.php

https://www.capecoral.gov/department/community_velopment/northwest_cape_seven_isla_ds/design_concepts.php

2. Bimini Basin commercial development

https://www.capecoral.gov/special_projects/bimini_basin_project.php

<https://cms4files.revize.com/capecoralfl/docs/CM/Bimini%20Basin%20Summary%20Sheet.pdf>

3. The Yacht Club

https://www.capecoral.gov/department/parks_and_recreationhome/yacht_club_community_center/index.php

4. Jaycee Park redevelopment

https://www.capecoral.gov/department/jaycee_park_improvements.php

5. Chiquita Lock The Calusa Waterkeepers has a lot of information on the issue going back to original settlement agreement that made with the city back in the 1970's to install the lock.

<https://calusawaterkeeper.org/issues/cape-coral-spreader-canals/>

If you want some insight into how the city personnel discuss issues like the lock and now the Yacht Club by using the “deferred maintenance” excuse to reach their goals, read “City of Cape Coral Chiquita Lock Transcript of Executive Session”. The Greater Pine Island Civic Association also has some background on the current lawsuit <https://gpica.org/2023/04/chiquita-lock/>

The next three items are newer ones of which you may not be aware.

6. Slipaway Food Truck Park The city recently approved a new waterfront bar, with dock spaces and a place for food trucks.

<https://swfl.life/2023/07/07/slipaway-food-truck-park/>

7. Redfish Pointe/Zemel Trust Project The city is looking at a proposal for a new development of 350 acres in a wetland, on the river, south of Rotary Park. It will bring a new hotel, residential towers, lots of commercial space, and a 300-slip marina.

If you want the view point from a seller's perspective view the short video shot at the March 2023 “Catch the Vision” event for realtors. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pixnm66cWlc>

For details on the development and it potential impact here is a link to a group that opposes the project.

<https://protectourwetlandsincapecoral.org>

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8. Two new vessel access channels for boaters in the Northwest Cape The Northwest Cape Coral Association is quite an active group pushing the city on a variety of items. Two are related to new access channels to Matlacha Pass and Charlotte Harbor. Their website has details; <https://nwcape.com>.

The group posts videos of their meetings and the May 9th General Meeting was interesting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuX9kpXA3wg>.

The City Manager gives an update on a couple of items, one has to do with work on a path through the mangroves out to Matlacha Pass for smaller powered vessels.

The other is on a new channel for all power vessels leading out to Charlotte Harbor. See his remarks starting around the 1:10 mark on the video.

Statewide Items/Constitutional Amendment

There is a proposed Florida constitutional amendment about protecting "Clean and Healthy Waters". For details visit

<https://www.floridarighttocleanwater.org>

Where you can learn more on waterway issues?

Two of the local organizations that lobby for our waterways are, "Captains for Clean Water" and "Calusa Waterkeepers". Both are good sources of current information. They can be found at; <https://captainsforcleanwater.org>, <https://calusawaterkeeper.org>

The City of Cape Coral posts upcoming meeting agendas, https://www.capecoral.gov/department/clerk/agendas_and_videos.php.

If you can't make a meeting many are streamed online. If you can't make a meeting but want you opinion known you can send in citizen comments. You can do so via the "E-comments on Agendas" link found on the same page.

The city has a newsletter that can help keep you current. Signup online to receive it.

https://www.capecoral.gov/government/city_government/city_manager/office_of_communications/community_newsletter.php

This quarterly report from the city's Economic & Business Development Office updates the city council members. It has basic information on a variety of city projects.

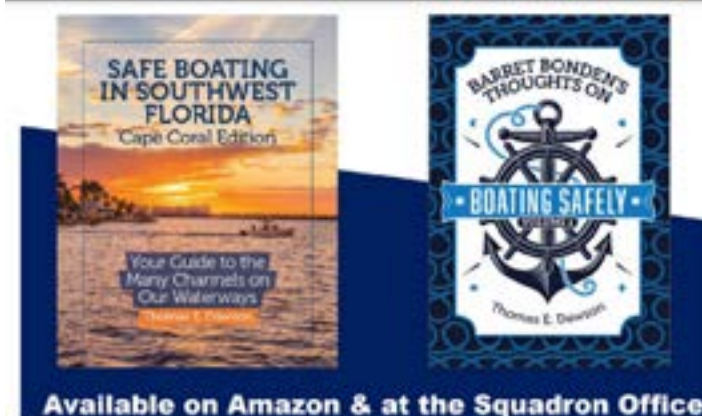
<https://cms4files.revize.com/capecoral/fl/edo/EBD%20Quarterly%20Update%20-%202019.23.pdf>

The city also has new online interactive Economic Development Opportunities tool. It only has items starting when a project is formally submitted for staff review. Proposed projects and/or ideas aren't listed.

<https://capeims.capecoral.gov/ccportal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=30bc3f3aab9e474db4ec8c80414e3e19>

Summary As stated at the beginning, I am not advocating a position one way or another on any of these issues and neither is the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron, or the United States Power Squadron. Make up your own mind, get involved only if you so desire and if you want to discuss them with others please do so in a civil manner.

If you have something of interest that you would like to see shared with the members for awareness purposes send a note to; Barret Bonden care of buoys@ccsaps.org. The item must be related to safe boating, or our waterways.



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 United States Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, 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.

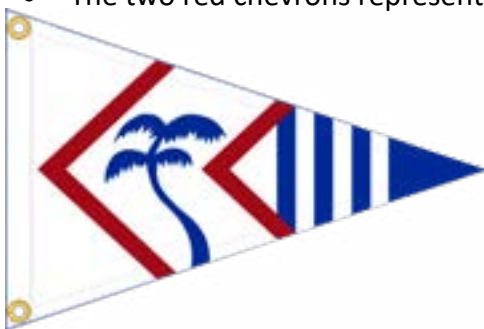
Contact us by phone @ (239) 549-9754

Squadron Burgee

Ahoy There! Have you noticed that we have new burgee flying atop our flag pole outside the squadron building? So starts a new chapter for us "post Hurricane Ian". This replacement burgee coincides with the tremendous amount of work done by members to repair our building which is now fully open again.

Do you know what our burgee heraldry markings stand for?

- The palm tree signifies the deep south or tropical location
- The two red chevrons represent the letters "CC" for Cape Coral



The burgee that survived Ian

The word "burgee" possibly originates from French dialect meaning "ship owner". It is usually a triangular or swallow-tailed flag flown from the mast of a merchant ship for ownership identification or from the mast of a yacht to indicate the owners' membership in a particular yacht club. Powerboats fly the burgee from the bow while most sail boats fly them from the starboard spreader.

If you would like to fly a Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron burgee, they are available from the

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER (SEO)



SEO's Notebook

Welcome to Fall at CCSAPS! I'm writing this after spending most of my day getting ready for Idalia. Even though we are not in the forecast cone, there is still a >10% chance that we may see some severe weather. Hopefully all of you were well prepared!

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The Fall education calendar is posted, with classes scheduled through the end of the year. Winter and spring classes will be open for registration soon. More info on these will be forthcoming next month. ABC has three classes scheduled: Sept 11, Oct 9, and Oct 30. There is still plenty of room so spread the word!

Three advanced/elective courses are also being offered: Marine Navigation (with emphasis on electronic charting), Boat Handling, and Marine Communication Systems. All are open for registration online. Check out ccpaps.org for the schedule and to register. The Marine Navigation course has gotten a much needed upgrade.

The emphasis is now on electronic charting/navigation as opposed to traditional methods using paper charts. The OpenCPN app is the centerpiece of this course. This app (which is free!) allows one to plan a cruise in the comfort of your own home, then download it onto your vessel's navigation equipment for use on the water. I use this app to plan all of my local cruises. And, as a special incentive, I will give my local routes (already validated and qualified) to all who take the class and pass. These include routes to Boca Grande, Naples Boat Club, Key West, South Seas (Captiva) and Pink Shell (FM Beach), among others. So, sign up today! The techniques you will learn are invaluable for navigating in our local waters.

Boat Handling is a good refresher for those where it's been a while since taking ABC. You'll review Rules of the Road, Docking, Marlinspike, Anchoring, Emergencies, and more. This is a six week course with an optional two hour closed book exam at the end for those who want the academic credit. Our experienced instructors will make it interesting and fun.

Marine Communication Systems covers everything about the second most important piece of safety gear on your vessel: the radio. Did you know that if your vessel is equipped with a radio, you are required to monitor Channel 16 (it the law!)? This is a five week course, followed by an optional two hour closed book exam for those wanting academic credit. There's even a section on long range communications for those wanting to voyage beyond the coastal waters out into the open ocean.

In addition, several seminars are being offered: VHF and VHF/DSC on Oct 3, Wine and Knots on Oct 20, and Intro to Charting/Navigation on Oct 26. The VHF seminar is an introduction to the material covered in the Marine Communications Course (although it is not a substitute for the full course). Wine and Knots is fun night where Marlinspike is turned into a drinking game. You will learn four basic knots, with a different wine will be paired with each one! Finally, the Intro to Navigation/Charting is meant for new ABC graduates or those wanting to dive into the world of inshore/coastal marine navigation. The OpenCPN charting app is featured and demonstrated, as well as other navigation associated techniques.

All seminars are available for registration online at ccsaps.org, or call the office for more details. If you'd like further information, please contact me at education@ccsaps.org.

Until next time...
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The numbers are in!

By Barret Bonden

Each year the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Coast Guard release their annual accident report for the previous year around late May early June. In 2021 Florida exceeded 1 million in total registered vessels. In 2022 the state stayed above 1 million in total registered of which 999,828 were recreational vessels.

Here in Southwest Florida Lee, Collier, and Charlotte counties had a combined 100,702 total registered vessels. Lee 51,433 (3# in the state), Collier 24,908 (#15 in the state) and Charlotte 24,372 (#16 in the state). No wonder are waterways are crowded!

This year in Florida accident, deaths, and injuries were down slightly, while reported property damage dropped dramatically. Still, more accidents, injuries and deaths could be preventable if all boaters were required to take a boating safety course.

During the 2023 legislative session the State of Florida tried to change the required age for taking a course and earning Boater Education I.D Card. Initially the proposal would change it from anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 to anyone born on or after January 1, 1968. It seems the tourism industry didn't agree with that, so the legislation did not pass.



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's annual boating accident report continues to point out that, "Safe boating is a choice." They go on to say, "The statistics show us that the boat operator most likely to be involved in a boating accident is a middle-age or older male who has boating experience yet never learned the most important safety considerations by having taken a boating safety course."

The Coast Guard reports in its Executive Summary on accidents, "Where instruction was known, 74% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Only 14% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally-approved boating safety education certificate."

The Coast Guard goes on to state in their report, "Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating

accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 16% of deaths." They go on to report, "Where cause of death was known, 75% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 85% were not wearing a life jacket."

One of the safe boating choices a boat operator needs to make is to drive sober. You might have noticed that over the 4th of July weekend the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, and the Coast Guard joined together in an intensified effort to educate boaters about boating under the influence and safe boating practices. This effort is part of the ongoing Operation Dry Water campaign which is a year-round boating under the influence awareness campaign.

As a safe boating advocate, I support Operation Dry Water and encourages all operators to always drive sober. As the operator you are responsible for the safety of your vessel and your passengers. Staying alert to conditions around you and making sure you get safely from your dock and back again is your number one job.

Please consider taking the Sea Tow "Sober Skipper Pledge". Visit their website, boatingsafety.com/page/sober-skipper-program and take the pledge today.

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.

Commander Shows Off Dancing Skills At Cape Cabaret



We all enjoyed an entertaining and fun night at Cape Cabaret for the Dueling Pianos Event on July 27. It was lots of fun singing along to the oldies.. but goodies. Classics such as: American Pie, Piano man, and Elton John, had everyone clapping along.

The pianist called on many members of the audience to be a part of the show. It was fun watching our Commander, Scott Steele dance!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Gary A. Bardon | John L. Nagle |
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| Juan Muniz | Debbie Zeritis |



LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

This program is a valuable public service. Please pass the word among your boating friends that life jackets are available to borrow at the Squadron, at no cost, for visiting children or grandchildren. We also have life jackets for adults and four legged friends.

(239) 549-9754

Contact the Squadron for more details.

On August 8, a crew of about a dozen members gathered at the squadron building to assist with clean-up on the second floor. They emptied out the ABC classroom to continue getting ready for our September class. The kitchen was thoroughly cleaned, as were most of the other rooms. We've still got a ways to go getting everything back to normal, but made great progress. They also hauled out a lot of trash that was found buried in old boxes, etc.





Looking Ahead

September 2023

Day	Date	Name	Time	Place
Tues	5	Entertainment Comm	4:30 pm	Rusty's
Thurs	7	Executive Committee	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Mon	11	ABC Class begins	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Thurs	14	General Membership Meeting	6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Meeting	Squadron Building
Sat	16	Weekenders outing	TBD	TBD
Thurs	21	Singo Bingo	6:30 pm	Cape Cabaret
Tues	26	Weekdayer outing	TBD	Green Flash

October 2023

Tues	3	Entertainment Comm	4:30 pm	Rusty's
Tues	3	Using VHF & VHF/DSC	2:00 pm	Squadron Building (rm 203)
Thurs	5	Executive Committee	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Mon	9	ABC Class begins	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Fri	20	Wine and Knots	7:00 pm	Squadron Building (rm 203)
Thurs	26	Intro to Charting	7:00 pm	Squadron Building (rm 202)

November 2023

Thurs	2	Executive Committee	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Fri	3	Groovy 60's Party		
Tues	7	Entertainment Comm	4:30 pm	Rusty's



CPR/AED Training



On July 13, Jason Orellana, a community risk prevention specialist from the Cape Coral Fire Department, conducted a CPR/AED training at the Squadron building. He is shown here demonstrating CPR and the anti-choking maneuver.



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

IF YOU WISH TO RENT A ROOM AT THE SQUADRON BUILDING, PLEASE CONTACT THE RENTAL MANAGER, KATHRYN FERRELL AT RENTAL_MANAGER@CCSAPS.ORG.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL OR PHONE #? IF SO, SEND YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION TO: CCSAPS Secretary: E-MAIL: secretary@ccsaps.org



Hello. My name is Tessa Buechler, and I am the 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:
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Phone: 904-583-3298

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HELP WANTED

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

- Attend meetings as directed by secretary in his/her absence
- Record minutes
- Deliver minutes to relevant persons as directed
- Contact: Leslie Corte-Real secretary@ccsaps.org

CERTIFIED VESSEL EXAMINERS

- Complete short training course and exam
- Examine vessels for safety and place VSC sticker
- Contact: Craig Buechler buechlercraig@yahoo.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: Jill Berger: adminofficer@ccsaps.org

LIFEJACKET LOAN COORDINATOR

- Organize, manage and maintain the life jacket closet.
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CCSAPS Boating Groups

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WEEKENDERS & WEEKDAYERS

Weekenders boat-a-long to waterside restaurants and meet periodically to plan future trips. For more information, or to get on their email list, please contact Scott Fergen at weekenderboating@gmail.com.

On June 24, the Weekenders boated to Boca Grande to Miller's Dockside Restaurant with 5 boats and 18 people.



The Weekenders traveled to 3 Fishermen in July (no pictures) and Boathouse 31 on August 12 with 5 boats and 18 people.



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 Tuesday, September 26, weather permitting. For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact dwbrenton@gmail.com.

The June Weekdayer outing was a small one to 3 Fisherman Restaurant in Ft. Myers with one boat and six people. In July we went to the Snug Harbor on Ft. Myers Beach when rain threatened our route to Mangos.



On August 22, the Weekdayers were finally able to travel to Mangos on North Captiva, after being rained twice before, with seven boats and 17 people. We had clear skies for the whole trip!



KAYAK GROUP

The kayak group normally paddles area waterways on the third Tuesday of the month. If you would like to participate in these monthly kayak trips send your contact information to Jeff Maddy at jeff.maddy@sbcglobal.net.

CO-OP CHARTING

Even though it's our quiet time here in Cape Coral, Co-op Charting has continued in July and August. We have now completed the Co-op Charting primary run cycle finishing with Runs E and F, July 8th, and July 15th respectively. Many thanks to Captains Phil Botana and John Swift, new Captains for the group, who took these runs, and to the crew that assisted, including two new members, Ken & Jan Olson. This completed a total of 6 runs going out April through July with a total of 568 aids reviewed over approximately 100 nautical miles covered.

Runs G, H & I were unofficially visited by Captain Jim Humphrey and Denny Pearson. The big take away from these last two runs is just how much work has been completed by the Coast Guard, the County, and the City with marker repairs post Hurricane Ian. Yet the waters still



have hazards and fluctuating water levels, so stay vigilant, be cautious.

There was no meeting in July. However, we had an evening meeting on August 15th with a guest speaker, Bill Harris. Bill is attached to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and gave a very interesting presentation introducing the formation and role of the auxiliary. He also discussed aids to navigation, types of, locations and needs in various areas including the abundance of aids in Southwest Florida, and Cape Coral.

The group reviewed and discussed completed Runs E and F, water and ATON conditions including ongoing repair plans by our local authorities. Much needed dredging in the Cape Coral waters is going to be delayed due to lack of equipment permitting issues.

Plans for next Co-op season, November 2023 – February 2024 were outlined. There are a proposed total of eight runs and possibly some supplemental runs which are still under consideration. It was mentioned that the group is smaller than it used to be and to encourage participation the “mentor program” introduced last season will continue. This allows members to try new crew positions knowing they will have help and coaching available.

Our first Run A, upriver will be scheduled prior to November 15th to avoid the manatee slow speeds. A run notice will be sent out by mid-October.

Our next meeting will be Thursday Oct 17th, 7pm at the Squadron building.



Run E: Phil Botana, Tessa Buechler, Jan & Ken Olson



Run F: Pete Hohmann, Lee Corte-Real, Scott Steele & John Swift



Fishing Group Team Enters Invasive Species Fishing Tournament

For a second year in a row, a group from the CCSAPS Fishing Group entered the Invasive Species Fishing Tournament. Florida is ground zero for invasive organisms of all kinds, plants, animals and fish. In particular, South Florida is full of invasive freshwater fish, such as aquarium fish that escaped, farm raised fish like tilapia that got out of their ponds, introduced fish, you name it. In many of the canals in Collier County, natives are far outnumbered by species that shouldn't be there. So, let's fish them out!!

Our team was made up of Cesar Silva, Mallory Wright, Milton Rosa and John D'Esposito. We had the Most Improved Team; after striking out last year in the Northwest Cape, we went to Alligator Alley, and caught about 70 fish. Most of our fish were Mayan Cichlids and Jaguar Guapotes, both of which are descendants of escaped aquarium fish.

This year, there were 37 teams, and a total of 5,639 invasive fish were caught. Last year's winners, the Barron Collier Fish Killers, a team of four high school boys, repeated with a total of 606 pounds of fish which they caught in Naples. There were a total of 2,648 pounds of fish caught by the 37 teams. The fish ranged in size from a six and 3/4 pound blue tilapia to tiny African jewelfish. The Mayan Manglers team took first in the category of most species, having caught nine different kinds of unwelcome visitors.

The weigh-in was held at the Bass Pro Shop, and there were many educational exhibits there. The fish were used as food (the tilapia and Mayans are notably good eating) or composted. In the past, some were used for food at animal rescue operations. Your CCSAPS team spent some time after the tournament doing reconnaissance, as well as gathering information from the more successful teams, so we are looking forward to doing better next year. **We would also welcome a second team from the Fishing Group!** Additionally, Cesar caught a nice peacock bass, which is a good eating introduced species.

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TIME: 7:00 pm

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