

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB THE BUOYS



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Brief your crew

From the Sept. 2023

by Tom Dawson



Before heading out for a day on the water, be sure to brief your crew. Talk to your passengers about your boat and make sure you have someone on board who knows how to operate it should you become incapacitated. A crew briefing can make running your boat easier and your guests feel safer.

Here are some things you should consider covering:

- Where to find life jackets, a first-aid kit, visual distress signals and fire extinguishers. Be sure to offer life jackets to your guests and encourage everyone to wear them. Additionally, point out the best places to sit on board and remind them to spread out and not all sit or stand on one side of the boat.
- How to operate the VHF marine radio in case of an emergency. Most people know that radios are “push to talk,” but in an emergency, they forget to “release to listen.”
- How you will handle docking procedures and what help you expect when you get to your destination. You don’t want to be unprepared for docking. Although everyone wants to help, they may not know the best way to do so. Covering this ahead of time helps avoid last-minute confusion and mishaps.
- While you’re at it, discuss the route so they understand what they will see along the way. Visitors may not be familiar with local waters. Helping them appreciate what they are about to experience sets the stage for a fun day.

Finally, always have someone on board who can be your partner in command. This person should be able to operate your boat and get everyone home safely (or to a designated access point where help is available) if you become incapacitated. Taking time to brief your crew will help everyone stay safe and have more fun on the water.



Image courtesy of America's Boating Channel

CHILI COOKOFF
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 6:00 PM

See page 6 for details.



See page 13 for details.

Let's Get Groovy

**Friday, November 3, 2023
7:00-10:00 P.M. Squadron**

Comfort food, games and prizes!

<https://ccsaps.ticketleap.com/groovy-sixties-party/>

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



We just passed the one year anniversary of Ian. It's been quite the journey, but we can now focus on getting back to normal. For starters, we've got a couple of fun events planned for October and November including the chili cook-off and Groovy 60's party. Be sure and sign up via the Ticket Leap site. Both of these will be held at the squadron.

I'd like to thank Jim and Joette Humphrey for stepping up and getting the Farmer's Market back in action. They set up on September 23rd and had a great response. Having this visibility is very important for our classes and membership. They've got some fresh ideas to make improvements to our booth. They've already made some and the results are already evident. Anyone interested in helping should get ahold of Jim or Joette. They can definitely use the help. We are also grateful to have Tony Zsupan step up and get Food Manager certified. Because we have a kitchen and are listed as a fraternal organization by the State of Florida, we are required to have this certification. We are also subject to periodic inspections from the health department. Tony has years of experience in the hotel and food business. He'll be a great asset.

Speaking of help, we are also in need of someone who can take care of our outside grounds. This isn't too time consuming as we don't have a lot to maintain, but we do need someone to periodically spray some weeds, monitor the plants and keep things looking tidy. If interested, please let Larry Rich or Terry Rosenstrauch know.

We'll be sending out some information and looking for volunteers to work the parking detail for Oktoberfest and the booth at the Fort Myers boat show. Both of these are really fun events and the perks are pretty good for those that help. The parking duty also raises money for the squadron as the German American Club usually gives us a nice stipend for our service.

Snowbird season is fast approaching. Aside from the negative traffic consequences, this is usually when we see a pickup in our educational opportunities. ABC started a little slow in September but we are seeing much improvement for the October class. Let your neighbors and friends know we are back in business. See Neil's article for additional details and upcoming opportunities.

I'll be doing a member orientation on Monday, October 2nd for anyone who wants to know more about the structure and offerings of the squadron. I try to do these at least 5 times a year for new members. Anyone who's interested can attend. Also, though we have general meetings 4 times a year, we do have Ex Com meetings once a month and members are welcome to attend. These are on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Can you tell we're now in the fall season? If not, welcome to Florida. One thing I learned living in Puerto Rico is that after a while you really can detect a 2 degree temperature change.

Have a great October.

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GRADES

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.

Executive Committee* Meeting Minutes

(Sept 7 2023)

- **Treasurer:** The damage from Ian cost the Squadron \$33.5k in cash.
- **Education:** Registration for all courses is the slowest seen in 4 years. Supplies needed for coursework will be purchased and stored in a closet dedicated to education supplies.
- **Ex Officer:** Co-Op charting has planned a meeting for 10/17/23 and wants to complete the first run prior to 11/5/23. We will be participating in the parking control for Oktoberfest. Volunteers will be needed for 10/21/23 and 10/28/23 from 11a-2p, 2p-5p, and 5p-8p.
- **Administration:** The entertainment committee is looking for volunteers to help plan events. Singo Bingo is 9/21 and the 60's party is planned for 11/31.
- **Commander:** Only the Fort Myers Squadron and CCSAPS will be participating in the Fort Myers Boat Show this year. The District 22 Meeting is to be held on 10/22/23. The office will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday starting next week.

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



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Did you hear about this?

By Barret Bonden

Pocket Parks

Back in September of 2022 I wrote about the City of Cape Coral's plan to open and launch ramps in what they called at the time "Pocket Parks". On September 6, 2023 the city announced the opening of five new freshwater canal access points to give residents more access to the waterways they live on.

These are all new freshwater canal access points at the following locations:

- 802 SW 7th Terrace
- 1208 Academy Boulevard
- 1815 Surfside Boulevard
- 845 Gleason Parkway
- 720 SW 31st Terrace

Driving by them they are easy to spot as the city has planted rows of small shrubs to mark the boundaries. For a map of the where these and the proposed launch ramps are, visit, <https://capeims.capecoral.gov/ccportal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8102d-3c3bb1549bf829d5e968c51c41f>.

SB 30: Boating Safety

Florida State Senator Ileana Garcia has introduced a bill that would require all boaters to obtain a Boating Safety Education ID Card. In addition, the Senator proposes that it would be an endorsement added to your driver's license. Here is the text of the bill.

"Boating Safety; Requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue new or replacement identification cards with a lifetime boating safety identification card symbol to applicants if certain conditions are met; requiring that applications for original, renewal, or replacement drivers licenses or identification cards indicate whether the applicant has obtained a boating safety identification card and, if so, that a copy of such card be submitted with the application; requiring the department to issue new or replacement driver licenses with a lifetime boating safety identification card symbol to applicants if certain conditions are met; requiring a person convicted of certain violations relating to boating under the influence to maintain an insurance policy that meets certain requirements, etc." <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2024/30>

An effort in the 2023 session to change the age requirement from individuals born on or after January 1, 1988 to on or after January 1, 1968 failed to pass.

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.

Mind Your Bobbins!

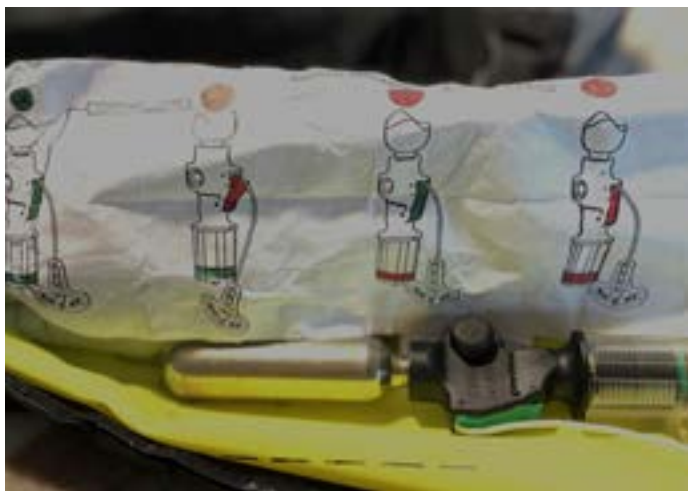
by Marian Brenton and Ginny Lalley

The other day Ginny Lalley showed me an automatic personal flotation device (PFD) that had inflated on it's own in the hold of their boat. She had to rearm it and learned a great deal in the process. Because auto PFDs are very popular in our overheated part of the world, we thought we would share with you.

Automatic PFDs need to be maintained by replacing the yellow bobbin every three years. Bobbins are the part of the life jacket that senses moisture and causes the canister to explode and inflate the jacket. Bobbins should be dated within three years of the current date. When looking at my PFDs, I found one with a date of 2005!. We threw it in the pool to see what would happen and it only inflated half-way. Not ideal.

Here are the steps to take should you need to rearm some of your PFDs.

- 1. Open the velcro so you can see the canister and cylinder connected to it.



- 2. Carefully unscrew the canister to avoid any accidental explosion. Unscrew the cylinder so that you can see the yellow bobbin and read the date. As previously mentioned, it should be within three years of the current date to be considered not expired.



Please note that I did all of my shopping for bobbins and rearming kits at West Marine in Cape Coral. Other marine supply stores will have similar stock but not identical.

- 3. If you have determined that you need to rearm your PFD you do not necessarily have to buy a rearming kit with a new canister. You can just replace the bobbin. However, I was not able to find a package of bobbins with unexpired dates at the store where I was shopping.

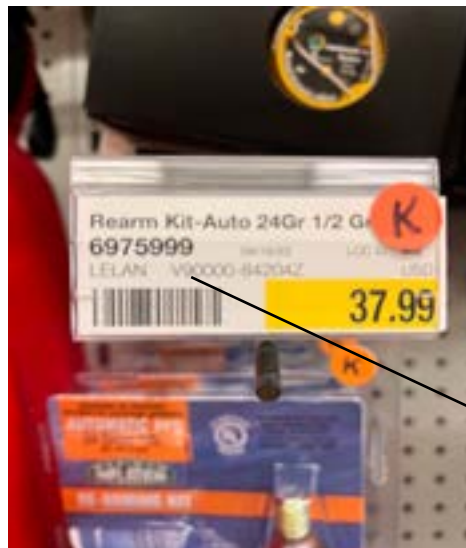


- 4. Therefore, I bought a rearming kit. In order to ensure that I was buying the correct one for my life jacket I looked for the six digit number inside the jacket on the papers. It is rather hidden. See below.



V9000000
Hidden in far right lower corner

- 5. Then just match up your number (in this case, V900000) to the number on the rearm kit displays with the PFDs.



V9000001

Hopefully you found this helpful. Marian and Ginny

Time to get out your favorite chili recipes. Come and share!

CHILI COOKOFF

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 6:00 PM

America's Boating Club Cape Coral / Cape Coral Sail & Power Squadron

Menu: Chili, hot dogs, nachos AND desserts

Soda and water will be provided. Bring Your Own Beer/Wine

Cost: \$10/person. Cash paid at the door

RSVP/Register: Sign up before Oct 20th

<https://ccsaps.ticketleap.com/chili-cookoff/>

Cooks: Please call Tessa at 904-583-3298 if you plan to cook chili for the event.



Volunteering your time to teach a course or seminar can be a rewarding experience

By Barret Bonden

As an active member of the CCSAPS Education Department, I am asking you to consider volunteering your time and talents as a volunteer instructor. I teach America's Boating Course (ABC) because I enjoy it, and find the interaction with the students rewarding.

You know what it is like on our waters and we only reach a small portion of the 50,000 boat owners in Lee County. There are too many recreational boaters underserved by a lack of educational opportunities.

The USPS Education Department has over 40 different courses and seminars that CCSAPS could be offering the squadron members and the general public at large. Seminars like Paddle Smart, Tides and Currents, Trailering Your Boat, Introduction to Navigation, Charts/Introduction to Advanced Marine Navigation, and Boat Decision Making are just a few that could help new boaters start on a path to our advanced courses.

You might be surprised by the number of ABC students ready to continue their education with some additional introductory seminars. In addition, many of these seminars and courses is another way to attract potential new members.

You don't have to be a "Certified Instructor" to teach the seminars and most of the courses. The only course requiring certification, or a District waiver, is ABC. This requirement is in place because it is a part of the requirements that need to be met by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators.

If you have the necessary skills and the subject matter knowledge, or know someone who does, reach out to our Squadron Education Officer, Neil Pignatano at, education@ccsaps.org.

Stay safe on the water and if teaching is not your thing, please consider donating your time and talents to the squadron in any way you can.

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.

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 Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday 9:00 a.m. - noon, or email buechlercraig@yahoo.com to schedule yours today.

Our New Logo

by Tessa Buechler

Have you noticed our new logo? The United States Power Squadron (USPS), a nationwide, non-profit organization launched the below re-branding logo in 2021, moving to a new name of America's Boating Club. The new logo was designed to represent the wide range of boaters the club embraces. Look closely at the logo! To the left, there is a kayaker, the center part reflects a Power Boat, with the logo ending on the right with a sail, all resting on a blue wave.

The club was originally started in 1914 by Robert Upton in Boston MA. Today the club is nationally recognized with over 300 groups around the country. Nationally there are about 30,000 members. Our squadron in Cape Coral is the largest in Southwest Florida, if not nationwide with approximately 450+ members.

If you would like to have our logo added to items please see pg 15 for details of our local contact and merchant.



SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER (SEO)



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SEO's Notebook

Classes have resumed at the Squadron HQ! The academic year was kicked-off by the September offering of the ABC class, although attendance was a little lighter than expected. Future offerings seem to have a much wider interest. Classes for October 9 and October 30 are still open for registration and there is plenty of room.

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, Marlinespike, 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's 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 Marlinespike 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...



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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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.



Looking Ahead

October 2023

Day	Date	Name	Time	Place
Tues	3	Entertainment Comm	4:30 pm	Rusty's
Tues	3	Using VHF & VHF/DSC	2:00 pm	Squadron Building (Rm 203)
Tues	5	Executive Committee	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Mon	9	ABC Class begins	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Fri	13	Weekdayer Outing	TBD	Green Flash
Tues	17	CO-OP Charting Meeting	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Fri	20	Wine and Knots	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Tues	24	Chili Cook-off	6:00 pm	Squadron Building
Thurs	26	Intro to Charting	7:00 pm	Squadron Building (Rm202)

November 2023

Thurs	2	Executive Committee	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Fri	3	Groovy 60's Party	7-10:00 pm	Squadron Building
Tues	7	Entertainment Comm	4:30 pm	Rusty's



Out spiffy new Farmers Market display hosted every Saturday by Jim and Joette Humphrey.



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

Volunteers Needed for Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest at the German American Social Club is scheduled for the last two weekends in October. As in the past, we've been asked to direct traffic on Saturday, **October 21st and Saturday, October 28th.**

We will run **three shifts at 3 hours each.** These shifts are 11am -2pm, 2pm-5pm and 5pm-8pm. We staff each shift with 6 people.

Volunteers usually receive **free entry** into the show, a **meal** and an **unlimited supply of free beer / beverages.** We've not received all the details as of yet, but that has been past practice.

I'm asking that if you'd like to volunteer to please **reply to me (execofficer@ccsaps.org)** with the date or dates you'd like to cover, preferred shifts and your shirt size. We usually get t-shirts from the main sponsors. Also, let me know if you've done this duty previously. We need to mix and match experienced people with first timers.

John Swift, Executive Officer, execofficer@ccsaps.org

**SQUADRON
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

- Join the committee, attend monthly meetings, assist with planning events.
- Help in kitchen and hall, setting up for monthly dinner/social events. Have fun organizing our social events!

Contact: Karen Collins: missmaui614@gmail.com

LIFEJACKET LOAN COORDINATOR

- Organize, manage and maintain the life jacket closet.

Contact: Jill Berger: adminofficer@ccsaps.org

SHORT TERM INSTRUCTORS FOR MARINE TOPICS (see Barret Bonden article on pg 9)

- Teach seminars on topics such as: Trailing Your Boat, Paddle Smart, Tides and Currents

Contact Neil Pignatano: education@ccsaps.org

CCSAPS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

LET'S GET

Let's party like
it's 1969!

Friday, November 3, 2023
7:00-10:00 p.m. Squadron Harbor

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://ccsaps.ticketleap.com/groovy-sixties-party/>

**COME ENJOY COMFORT FOOD
JUST LIKE MOM COOKED**

Fried chicken, pulled
pork, creamed corn,
peas, mashed potatoes,
cornbread muffins,
rolls)

We will have an amazing
dessert table with 1960
favorites

Beer, wine and mixers

Nostalgic games
and prizes
60s/70s music
Channel your inner hippy
flower child
Wear your tie dye
shirts, peace signs,
bell bottoms, head
bands, go-go boots, blue
eyeshadow, fringe vests,
afros, bright colors,
or just come as an
aged hippie!



GROOVY

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 email list, please contact Scott Fergen at weekenderboating@gmail.com.

On September 16, the Weekenders cruised to Junkanoo on Ft. Meyers Beach with 2 boats and 11 people. Junkanoo used to be called the Bay Front Bistro.



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 Friday, October 13 weather permitting. For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact dwbrenton@gmail.com.

The Weekdayers were planning a trip to the Green Flash (finally open after Hurricane Ian) but had to cancel due to thunderstorms along the coast. We will try again on next month.

CO-OP CHARTING

Ahoy there...

We have completed the Co-op Charting Post Hurricane season, Runs A-F. This was a total of six runs from April through July with a total of 568 aids reviewed over approximately 100 nautical miles. A big "take away" from these runs with time spent on the water is just how much repair and replacement work has been completed by the US Coast Guard, Lee County and the City of Cape

Coral. Yet, not everything is restored so if you do see any damaged ATONS feel free to report to us at Co-op Charting or call in to these groups directly. Many thanks to all who participated and assisted to help to make the season so successful.

The next Co-op season, November 2023 – February 2024 is being planned, Runs A-F. A proposed total of six runs and possibly some supplemental runs which are being reviewed. The "mentor Program" introduced last season will continue. We encourage all our members to try new positions for experience to help man the crews, knowing help and coaching is 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 Squadron.

FISHING GROUP

The fishing group meets at the Squadron building on the second of the month. If you wish to receive notice of upcoming group meetings, please send your name and email address (phone number optional) to: fishingccsaps@yahoo.com

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.

ONLY 5 NAMES LEFT!

2023 ATLANTIC STORM NAMES		
SEASON SO FAR	STORMS: 17	HURRICANES: 8 MAJOR HURRICANES: 3
UNNAMED STORM	IDALIA	RINA
ARLENE	JOSE	SEAN
BRET	KATIA	TAMMY
CINDY	LEE	VINCE
DON	MARGOT	WHITNEY
EMILY	NIGEL	
FRANKLIN	OPHELIA	
GERT	PHILIPPE	
HAROLD		



WINE & KNOTS PARTY/SEMINAR

WHEN: Friday, October 20, 2023

WHERE: Cape Coral Power Squadron,
Room 203

TIME: 7:00 pm

COST: \$25 + 2.25 handling charge

DESCRIPTION: Learn four basic knots, beginning with the bowline. Each knot will be paired with wine and an appetizer. Join us for a fun evening with Captains Betti and Seaby!
Seating limited to 30



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Friday, 13 October:



0830 – 1200 Registration Desk Open
 0900 - 1030 Squadron Bridge Officer Meeting (**Myakka A & B**)
 1045 – 1130 **Council Meeting** (**Myakka A & B**)
 1130 – 1330 Lunch on your own
 1330 – 1415 **NOAA Updates** (**Myakka A & B**) 1430 – 1615 **An Effective Meeting!**
 Nic Alvarado, Phd P/R/C Connie Beckman, SN
 NOAA Nav Regional Manager

1700 - 1800 Free Member Social
1800 - Western Dinner
Put on your western gear and join us!



Saturday, 14 October:

0830 - 1200 Registration Desk Open	0800 - 0900 Coffee and Danish
0900 - 1030 Roundtables	1045 - 1200 Roundtables
<u>Co-Op Charting Updates</u> R/C Jim Strothers, SN-IN	<u>Maintaining Your Vessel</u> Bob & Annies Boatyard
<u>Education Updates</u> V/F/Lt Myles Gee, SN-IN & Stf/C Dave Haddox, S	<u>Preparing for the Next Storm</u> Cdr Ed Maxwell, AP
<u>Build & Maintain Membership</u> Cdr Barry Rush, SN	<u>Governing Board Updates</u> D/C Matt Braatz, JN & P/C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN
<u>VSC Training Review</u> D/Lt Sandy Darna, SN & D/Lt Galen Price, SN	<u>VSC Exam</u>



1215 – 1330 Lunch – ***Speaker, John Ziegler, US rowing competitor***
Held in Hibiscus Hall C
 1345 – 1600 - **District Conference Meeting**

Thank you for your participation – safe travel home!

See you at the Spring Conference April 12 and 13, 2024

District 22 - 2023 Fall Conference Roundtables

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