

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB THE BUOYS

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PORT CAPTAINS...

Have you taken your boat down to Ft. Myers Beach lately? There are a couple of things happening of note to boaters back in Matanzas Pass. Due to shoaling at the entrance Matanzas Pass Daybeacon #4 has been removed. In its place is a buoy places a bit farther off shore.

To deal with the shoaling around Bowditch Point, maintenance dredging commenced August 10th and will continue through December. This is no small operation. The dredge and tug are nice size vessels, and they are running a floating pipeline around and across the point to an area approximately 300 feet seaward of the shoreline.

When we went down there to grab



Bowditch Point dredge some lunch, they also had a vessel from the Army Corps of Engineers patrolling the area to warn boaters of the danger. If you are planning on going down to visit any of the many fine establishments, at Ft. Myer Beach, please use caution when entering Matanzas Pass.

## COAST GUARD SEEKS INPUT ON SHALLOW DRAFT WATERWAYS

If you operate in navigable waters less than 12 feet deep along the East Coast, the U.S. Coast Guard would like you to take this 5-minute online survey to assess the East Coast Shallow Draft Waterway Systems. Your input will help the Coast Guard determine the Aids to Navigation (ATON) requirements in the shallow draft waterway systems.

Take the survey using the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShallowWaterWAMS>



The survey will be open until Nov. 1, 2020. Please share the survey with fellow members and other boaters. If you have questions or comments, email [CGNAV@uscg.mil](mailto:CGNAV@uscg.mil) using the subject line "Shallow Draft WAMS."

## COVID-19 CLAIMS MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Roar Offshore**, the Offshore Powerboat national championship race scheduled for October 10-12 at Ft. Myers Beach, has been cancelled. Organizers hope to return in 2021

The 35th annual **Cape Coral Oktoberfest** has been put on hold until early 2021. This popular event, sponsored by German American Social Club, was originally scheduled for October 16-25.

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# COMMANDER'S REPORT



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

Greetings to all members far and wide, I know many of you are still enjoying the final days of life “up north” while those of us here near Squadron Harbor are enjoying the balmy days of late August, including daily heat indexes in the 105+ range and frequent instances of “our daily inch.”

As I write this, currently Cat 3 soon to be Cat 4 Laura has her eyes on Texas, to the great relief of all of us because we were in that direct path only a week ago. Just a reminder that hurricane season is not over until we start humming holiday songs in late November.

In retrospect, coming up with a newsletter was much easier back in late May - it was “no, we are not going to do that, and we will start thinking about it again in three months.” June was a difficult month to be a Floridian, for those who were local, checking twice behind each corner you might turn in the grocery, and for those of us up north trying to explain that SWFL was not the real problem, knowing full well that Lee had its challenges too. We collectively think we know a good bit more about dealing with COVID-19, although to say there is consensus would be a stretch. Most of us know how to deal with masks in addition to distancing, which is good news as there is now more focus now on airborne transmission. A challenge is that while we have good tools and techniques for dealing with surfaces and disinfecting in some of our environment, we have increasing questions on the effectiveness of our ventilation performance.

Our current status: Since June, Bridge members have checked on the building and handled phone messages. The

building interior has been maintained by our contracted cleaning service. We have not maintained any open office hours, but have supported a few one on one interactions in support of members with specific needs (books, charts). We have kept our accounts up to date, our building insurance policy was renewed in a timely fashion, and an annual roof inspection was performed recently. Joe Stewart, Janine Whisler and Craig Buechler handled the bulk of these efforts. Our thanks to them.

In mid June, Joe volunteered to coordinate a group of members interested in better defining our re-opening strategy. When the second case load peak began to subside in mid July, the group focused on a re-open strategy for ABC classes. A social distancing plan for Room 202 was developed yielding a maximum student capacity of 32, and a scheduling strategy for room maintenance was developed. Using an accumulated list of potential students, we found adequate interest in the class.

Our full Executive Committee reviewed this plan on August 24. While we feel confident of our plans in many aspects, we ultimately decided that September was just too soon to take this major step. Therefore our classrooms will remain closed until at least October.

A current bright spot in education is a restart of a paused Junior Navigation class, led by Neil Pignatano using the Zoom web based tool. Look elsewhere in this issue for a brief autobiographic sketch. Neil brings to us a rich experience in online training. If you ever wanted to know what “rocket science” really meant, now you know who to ask.

Going forward in September, the HQ office will remain closed, with access to materials available on request. We will seek out additional virtual education opportunities as we can identify courses and instructors well matched

to the medium. We will work with the Co-Op charting group to develop a workable operation plan.

Vessel Safety Check has been officially turned back on by the U.S. Coast Guard, but is subject to a long list of conditions. VSE's should check in with Bob Meier to get an up-to-the-minute read on the situation.

Even more problematic is our large group meetings, including C&R feature meals and Entertainment Committee events. As we all know, our usual format of buffet style serving lines has fallen into disfavor. At the most distant corner of our activity slate, our weekend rental business, featuring very large groups and renter managed logistics are likely delayed even further...

We have a long road to full recovery. Our priorities remain member safety, facility safety and security, and the opportunistic re-start of traditional activities modified to fit the rules of the day. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

And as a final reminder, hurricane season ends on December 1. Check out the June 2020 Buoys for our comprehensive list of resources. Have a question – Ask!

Stay safe. Those of us with grandkids in the area will enjoy the great unknown of school reopening, 2020 version.

And finally, keep local needs in mind. The Cape Coral Caring Center as well as numerous other regional groups are stretched to the limit helping with food and basic necessities. Help where you can.

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**NEW DISTRICT 22 WEBSITE**  
[americasboatingclub-d22.org/](http://americasboatingclub-d22.org/)



## COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE

### SQUADRON HOURS OF OPERATION

The Power Squadron office remains closed. Phone messages continue to be checked daily. (239) 549-9754

### EMAIL

Email questions and concerns to [ccsapswebinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ccsapswebinfo@gmail.com)

### WEBSITES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/resources.html>

Florida Department of Health

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov>

Cape Coral coronavirus information

<https://www.capecoral.net/COVID-19/>

United States Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club

[www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)

CCSAPS Website

[ccsaps.org](http://ccsaps.org)

CCSAPS Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CCSAPS/>

All regularly scheduled monthly group meetings and entertainment activities will NOT occur for the foreseeable future. ExCom meetings will take place online. Education activities will be gradually added. Please contact our office for additional information.



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## WANT TO BUILD A FISH HABITAT?

Have you seen those strange contraptions floating under residential docks? They are fish habitats. You now have the opportunity to build and install your very own fish habitat. Ocean Habitats manufactures and installs two different size fish habitats kits.

The **Mini Reef** can support hundreds of fish, crabs and shrimp each year and will start to develop a complete ecosystem starting as soon as it enters the water. Dozens of different fish have been found utilizing these underwater reefs.

A Mini Reef will filter on average 30,000 gallons of water per day once fully developed. Actual filtration rates vary with location. Water quality will also improve as the animals on the [usps.org](http://usps.org)

Mini Reefs begin to remove the over abundance of plankton in the water. Twice the size and more than 2x the results. The **Mini Reef Plus** will deliver over 1,000 fish and crabs as well as over 70,000 gallons of water filtered per day on average. The Mini Reef Plus has larger flotation, 316 Stainless steel attachment hardware and can handle more extreme nautical environments. If your dock or pier is more exposed to wave and/or wake action the Mini Reef Plus is the unit for you.



I am looking for up to 20 folks who would like to join a socially distanced group project to build your very own fish condo. If we can get 20, we can

get a 10% discount for the kits. The cost of the small "mini reef" is \$297.00 dollars and the "mini reef plus" is \$687.00 dollars.

We don't have any date or time slotted for this event, but if you are truly interested, please send me an email: [ccsapsao@gmail.com](mailto:ccsapsao@gmail.com) or leave me a text or phone

message at 417-894-1018.

If I get close to 20, and a blessing from our Bridge, I will start the next step.

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# SAFE BOATING CLASSES DURING THE PANDEMIC

by Barret Bonden

If you have read any of these columns, you know they all end with a call to action to take a safe boating class. In our area, both the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadron/America's Boating Club offer in person classes. This author normally is one of the instructors who teach this class nine times a year at the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron.

Due to the pandemic, all in person classes were cancelled in late March, and those of us who teach these classes are anxious to get back into the classroom - not because we get paid to do this, we don't. We teach because we are aware of the need and current pent up demand for this service to the boating community.

Most states require that all boat operators must have a Boating Safety Education ID Card. These cards are issued by the state where the student took the class, and certify that the student has successfully completed a course certified by National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and recognized by the United States Coast Guard.

Florida is no exception; boaters born on or after January 1, 1988 must have this card and a photo ID on their person when they operate a boat. So, if you're a boater and need this card, how do you get one?

There are several online classes available to boaters covering the required information that can help them earn a Boating Safety Education I.D. Card. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

website lists nine different places boaters can take an online class. Not having reviewed all these classes, this author can only speak to the one.

America's Boating Club offers an online version of the course covering the same material as the classroom version. Students who register for the online class receive a PDF version of the textbook that is

PowerPoint presentation.

Taking this online class gets you the basics of safe boating information, and passing the final exam earns you a certificate that will help you get the Boating Safety Education I.D. Card for the state.

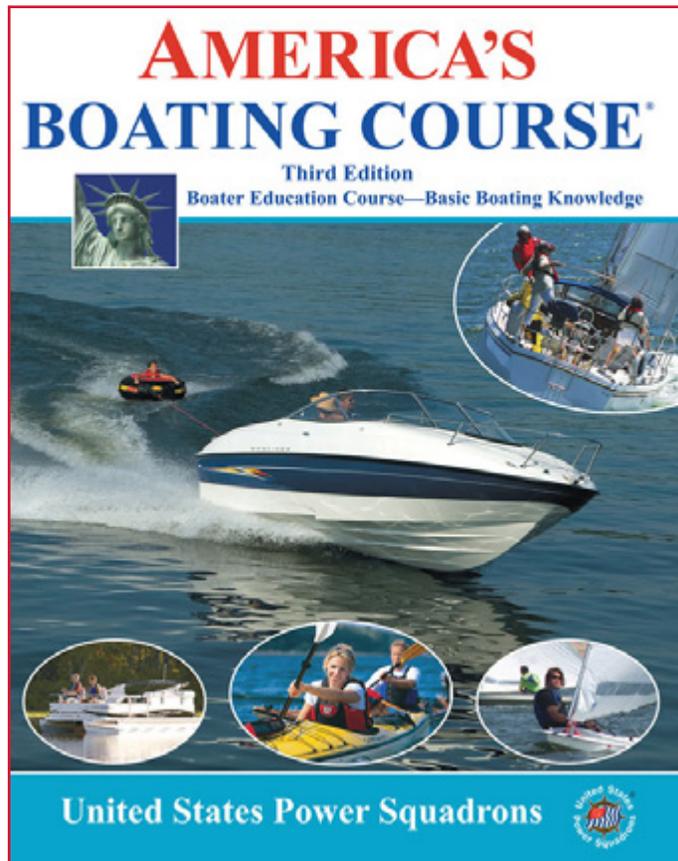
The online class is a one-way experience; the student reads and listens to presentations. The classroom version is interactive with the instructors and other student. The instructors provide practical examples that apply to local waters, helping you utilize what you've learned once you get out on the water.

Since its founding in the early 1900s, America's Boating Club has focused on three core pillars: education, social interaction, and community service. Membership in America's Boating Club starts with our education programs. Our members believe in continuing boating education, community service, and they all like to have fun on and off the water. In the classroom, besides learning about safe boating and local boating conditions, you get to meet fellow boaters.

If, during this time of uncertainty, you are not comfortable attending an in-person class, consider taking on online class. Visit our website [americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/americas-boating-course](https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/americas-boating-course) to learn more about our online course. Once you are ready to come out into public again, consider signing up for our classroom version. Yes, it will be a repeat of the basics, but you will get a chance to go beyond the basics you picked up reading the book and listening to the on-line instructor.

Stay safe on the water.  
Barrett 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 New-Press most Thursdays.*



## TWO WAYS TO LEARN Become a better boater!

**ONLINE** <https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/americas-boating-course>

**IN PERSON** <https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=33904&range=20>

used in the classroom.

The online course is divided into six modules, making it easy for the student to read the applicable sections of the book, go through the module online and then take a quick ten question review quiz.

The online class also covers regulations that are unique to the state of Florida. The state material is presented in a pop-up

## MEET OUR INSTRUCTORS

*Neil Pignatano  
Instructor, Piloting, Advanced  
Piloting, Junior Navigation*

*Meet Neil Pignatano, one of our highly qualified boating instructors.*

I am CCSAPS Instructor Neil Pignatano, and am a physicist by education/training and a space systems engineer (retired) by profession. After 35 years at NASA and Raytheon, my wife and I retired to our custom home here in Cape Coral.

During my college days in the mid-70s, I was First Mate on my friend's

30 ft Boston Whaler, where we plied the waters of Long Island Sound and Great South Bay every weekend working as commercial clam and oyster harvesters to help defray our college expenses. After graduating, I moved to Pasadena, CA, and began my career with NASA.



Neil Pignatano

There was no time for any boating as the space biz had funny hours and long work weeks. I was determined to return to boating in retirement, so we saved for years to be able to afford a brand new Regal 42 Sport Coupe, which is now docked behind our house. We ordered her in March, 2017, for delivery the following November. While we were waiting, my wife, a total neophyte, was interested in learning more about boating, not wanting to rely on my rather old experience. I knew about U.S. Power Squadrons and that it offered classes, so we signed up for ABC that May. We both found the course highly informative, and continued our training by signing up for Boat Handling (Seamanship, back in those days), completing the navigation sequence: Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation.

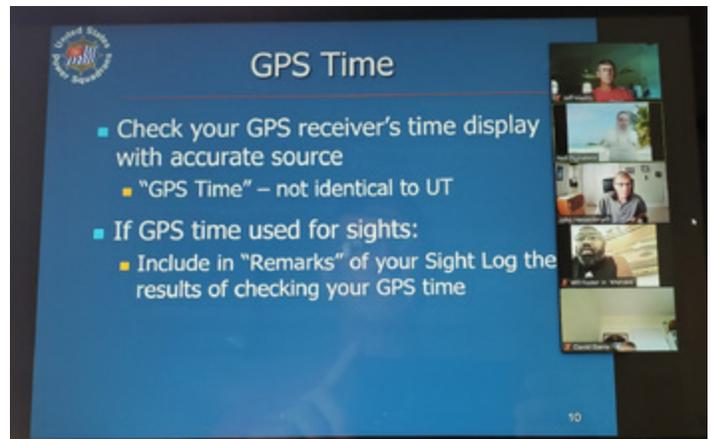
usps.org

We both currently hold the grade of Navigator.

I also signed up for the Instructor Certification class, as I have a lot of experience as an educator, spending many years as Adjunct Professor of Engineering for Johns Hopkins University and teaching graduate level classes in a Master of System Engineering program. I was also a certified instructor in several styles of Chinese martial arts, having studied with two Chinese Grand Masters for 12 years.

Since I found the navigation courses very interesting, I wanted to try my hand at teaching those. So far I have taught two Piloting and one Advanced Piloting classes, and am in the process of teaching Junior Navigation. Just a few weeks prior to course completion, our class was interrupted by the pandemic, impacting all other CCSAPS education activities.

In late July, there was renewed interest on the part of the Bridge and SEO for resuming some kind of education program as safely and effectively as possible. I recommended using video teleconferencing, as I had used this technique to great advantage while I was teaching graduate school. The Commander and SEO gave me permission to restart the JN class. So far we have had several sessions, and things are working well. It's definitely not the same as in-person instruction, but it does work. The main drawback is that when I'm presenting the slides, the students no longer see me, and it's difficult for me to see them, as



Neil's Junior Navigation class via Zoom

their images are just thumbnails. But that's a minor annoyance. And of course, you're at the mercy of technology: laptops/tablets, internet connections, microphones, cameras, and software. A failure in any one of these can disrupt the session. However, the benefits far outweigh any disadvantages, the main one being that we can meet safely without fear of infection while the pandemic is still raging, and the course content is exactly the same. One beneficial effect is that I can seamlessly record the entire session, and make the transcript available. The students seem receptive as well, as I haven't had any complaints yet.

For those of us who boat in the local waters, safety is of paramount importance as the water can be shallow and full of hazards. Knowing how much water your boat requires and where to find the "deep" water are vitally important, especially around here. Education is the key, especially the ability to read charts and understanding navigation aids. Knowing where the channel is by identifying the markers can make the difference between an enjoyable day on the water and running aground, potentially damaging the boat or causing injury (or worse). Additionally, proper use of the VHF radio and adherence to the "Rules of the Road" significantly enhance the safety of the boating experience. None of these are innate skills - they must be learned. And the best way to learn them is to take courses. And the best courses are at CCSAPS!



# CRUISE AND RENDEZVOUS (C&R)

## SAVE THE DATE 2020

SEPT NOTHING PLANNED  
MAYBE (1 2 3 T,W,TH OR 8  
9 10 T,W,TH ) (PALM HAR-  
BOR )

OCT 13 C&R MEETING  
10:30AM  
OCT NOTHING PLANNED  
TRY SNOOK BITE OR PINK  
SHELL 5 6 7 N,T,W ) NEED  
10 SLIPS

NOV 2 C&R MEETING  
10:30AM  
NOV 9 10 11 12 LEAVE  
SOUTH SEAS  
NOV 20 SHRIMP DINNER  
(5:30PM)

DEC 3 C&R MEETING  
10:30AM  
DEC 7 8 9 'TWEEN WA-  
TERS (OK 3/3/20)) HARRY  
472 5161 X440  
WATCH NEW YEAR CALL  
BOCA GRANDE FOR JAN  
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*Check out our Facebook page for latest updates regarding hours of operation and resumption of activities*

<https://www.facebook.com/CCSAPS/>

# ONLINE BOATING SEMINARS

## While You Stay at Home, Learn at Home.



**LEARN NOW**

To help mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on our communities, America's Boating Club has canceled many of its in-person classes, but you can still be productive while practicing social distancing. We offer a variety of online seminars you can take from the comfort of your home until it's safe to be on the water again.

Check out our catalog now! Remember: Members get a 25% discount. <http://americasboatingclub.org/lea.../online-boating-education>

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Reservations to:**

**Delores Buhner**

**1333 Santa Barbara Blvd Apt 670**

**Cape Coral FL 33991**

Email or Questions

**DELPHI1937@YAHOO.COM**



# SUPPORT CAPE CORAL CARING CENTER

Our Squadron supports **CAPE CORAL CARING CENTER** throughout the year. Please consider supporting the Caring Center by donating these items:

## ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED:

- Peanut butter
- Tuna
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta and Pasta sauce
- Rice
- Soup
- Canned pasta
- Dry beans
- Canned fruit
- Any non-perishable item
- Hygiene products

We want this to be an ongoing effort, so please donate to the designated box at Squadron Harbor, or directly to the Cape Coral Caring Center at 4645 SE 15th Ave. (Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m.- noon).

*There are many in our community who are struggling financially during our shutdown. I'm hoping that as a group we can ease the burden of our neighbors in need. One way for us to stay safe and still be able to help out is to make a donation to the Cape Coral Caring Center. They have a stronger buying power than we do and are able to stretch our dollars to purchase more items.*

Simply 'click' on the link below (or type it) to make a donation with PayPal or Credit Card.

<http://capecoralcaringcenter.org/how-you-can-help/>

Then 'click' Donate Today; choose PayPal or Credit Card and complete the form. Remember to 'click' on Write a note and enter Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron Member

If you prefer to mail a check or money order; Cape Coral Caring Center  
4645 SE 15th Avenue  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Remember to make a note: CCSAPS Member

Have you checked out our website?

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

The 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)*

## 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 at 7:00 p.m.

[weekenderboating@gmail.com](mailto:weekenderboating@gmail.com)

### Weekdayers

Weekdayers will resume during the winter season. Contact Vern Seaton for additional information

[vern@seatonsunrooms.com](mailto:vern@seatonsunrooms.com)

### Cruise & Rendezvous

Cruise and Rendezvous normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

[delphi1937yahoo.com](mailto:delphi1937yahoo.com)



### Fishing Group

Meetings normally held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Check out their Facebook page for the latest information

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

### Co-op Charting Group

Meetings normally held the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

[ccsapscoopch@gmail.com](mailto:ccsapscoopch@gmail.com)

### Kayak Group

We paddle area waterways on the third Tuesday of the month. Contact Gary Brooks for additional information.

[guppy1942@embarqmail.com](mailto:guppy1942@embarqmail.com)

**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**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**If your group needs help, send me the info, and I'll include it on this page - [ccsapsbuoyeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ccsapsbuoyeditor@gmail.com)**

# **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](mailto: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](mailto:ccsapsexofficer@gmail.com)

### **LITE BITES**

Prepare simple, light meals before General Meeting Contact: Jeff Maddy [ccsapsao@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:margem5@gmail.com) Rick Clements [retiredrick@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:retiredrick@yahoo.com)



# SAFE BOATING TIPS FROM OUR ABC INSTRUCTORS

## MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE

By Barret Bonden

In her July 7, 2020 "letter from the Chief," USPS Chief Commander Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN, states in big bold letters at the top of the page, "MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE," to which I say, "Well yeah!"

So what does that statement have to do with boating safety and/or America's Boating Class? A lot actually. After joining the USPS, I downloaded and read the Operations Manual. If you haven't done so, I recommend the USPS History section as an interesting section to read. In the fourth paragraph, Roger Upton, a founder of USPS detailed explained the three reasons he thought the formation of the club was a good idea.

*"To my mind the organization can be of use to yachtsmen for three major reasons: first, improvement in navigating ability of power-boat owners; second, promotion of acquaintance and social interaction by the powerboat owners; third, the fitting of power-boat owners to be of possible use to the Navy in time of war so that they might be received as volunteers should they so desire."*

There you have it - education, social

interaction, and community service. To achieve those goals, we need member volunteers. Here in Cape Coral, we are fortunate to have so many members to help support all three missions. Unfortunately, the pandemic has reduced our visibility in the community. Our education program, officially sponsored social activities, and community service activities are all on hold. Boredom and inertia are setting in, along with anxiety to get back in action.

ABC instructors, like everyone else, are looking forward to returning the classroom. As soon as we get the all clear we are ready to meet and greet a new crop of student aka potential members. As usual, we need your continued support to help fill the classroom. Jeff Maddy has made sure that safe boating articles promoting the Cape Coral Sail & Power Squadron appear all most weekly in the local paper. Over 40 unique articles focused on boating safety have appeared mostly in the News-Press either on Thursdays or Sundays. However, the reach of that publication is limited.

In order to fill our classrooms when we reopen, you remain our best resource. Be sure to tell your new neighbors, friends, and others about our safe boating class. Word of mouth has always been one of our best ways of getting new students and eventually

new members.

Think back to your time in the ABC class. It was a chance for you to meet fellow boaters, new residents, and get to know what our organization does. The instructors try their best to prime the students for the graduation ceremony, where the leaders of our various groups can attempt to close the sale. Members who coordinate and participate in the graduation ceremony are to be commended for their work each month. They all understand that "MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE," and act accordingly.

Personally I can say I am proud of all the recent graduates, now members, who have answered the call to action, and now populate key volunteer spots. They heeded our advice in the classroom when we tell them that "you get out of the organization what you put into it."

Here's to a successful reopening of our facility and the resumption of all of our safe boating classes and seminars. Yeah, and all that other good stuff we do around here.

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 New-Press most Thursdays.*

## USPS DISTRICT 22 HAS A NEW WEBSITE

<http://www.americasboatingclub-d22.org/>

Enhancements include:

- To protect member privacy, some of the pages are password protected. If you desire access, send an email to [ccsapswebinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ccsapswebinfo@gmail.com)
- Ability to pay on-line for events
- Dynamic styling following USPS national marketing guidelines
- Access to District 22 Directory
- Access to district documents, newsletters, & office reports



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# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Wil C. Foster Jr.	1	Charles R. Jones	13
Terrence D. O'Toole	1	Vicki S. Doty	14
Marybeth Williams	2	Thomas E. Endres	14
Jim S. Carlson	3	Heidi Friedrick	14
Mina L. Peters-Ritchie	3	Bruce A. Decock	16
Sherry A. Sierra	3	Michael J. Dewar	16
Dillon B. McPhatter	5	Janis F. Menges	16
Bill Bryers	6	Juan Muniz	16
William Bryers	6	Kevin M. Pascucci	17
Joan E. Ouellett	6	Therese M. Tutag	18
Reno F. Runck IV	6	Edward Wallach	18
Karen F. Volpp	6	Ronald F. Kelly	19
Daniel Cordeiro	7	Gary A. Bardon	21
Donald E. Domina	7	Linda A. Cram	21
Marilyn Hudson	7	Hellen Boswell	23
Andrew J. Saenz	7	James L. Boswell	23
Colleen M. Saenz	7	Wendy Colleen Willms	23
William G. Kouloheras	8	David C. Heiden	24
Cassie Turner	8	Diane McCarter	24
Cindy Turner	8	Mary K. Smith	24
Basil L. Pitzen	10	Genevieve M. Floro	25
Gregory D. Arnold	11	John R. Pitsch	26
Craig Blewett	11	Beth Zanardi	26
Judy Cadorath	11	Debra K. Biernbaum	27
Michael G. Connery	11	Beverly H. Lynch	27
Pamela J. Sikes	11	Janet E. Dudding	28
Craig S. Barnes	12	John L. Nagle	28
Margie E. Barnes	12	Dawn Cordeiro	29
Jack A. Giralico	12	L David Mathews	29
Lee Torkelson	12	Diana K. Simpson	29
Robert J. Furlong	13		

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN LEE COUNTY REMINDS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO AVOID CONTACT WITH ALGAE.

The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH) recently issued a health advisory for the City of Cape Coral – Makai Canal based on observations of algae in the canal. When algae is visible, DOH recommends individuals boating in the canal avoid contact with the water. DEP will continue to post updates for the Makai Canal on their website <https://floridadep.gov/algalbloom>. This Canal is south of Trafalgar Parkway and west of Skyline Boulevard.

Blue-green algae can cause gastrointestinal effects if swallowed. Children and pets are especially vulnerable, so keeping them away from the water during a bloom is especially important.

DEP, the five water management districts, DOH, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services all work together to respond to algal blooms. DEP has been closely monitoring and testing algal blooms and will continue to respond to any new reports.

Additional information on blue-green algae is available (<http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/aquatic-toxins/harmful-algae-blooms/index.html>).

# SAVE WITH MEMBER DISCOUNTS



As a USPS|America's Boating Club® member, enjoy **SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS** from many marine insurance companies that provide discounts to members, as well as numerous merchant discounts on other products and services. Examples include BoatUS, SeaTow, various hotels, Avis and Budget car rental, Office Depot and Office Max, and various boat insurance companies. <https://www.usps.org/departments/14000/145001>



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**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.

**The next ABC class is scheduled for October 5-21 (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 Mon. - Sat. 9:00 a.m.- noon for more information. Please leave a message.

You can also register online <https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=33904&range=20>

## ABC CLASSES IN 2020-21



### ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

October 5 - 21

November 4 - 18

January 4 - 20 (MLK Day is the 18th)

February 1 - 17 (Presidents Day is the 15th)

March 1 - 17 (St. Patrick's Day is the 17th)

April 5 - 21

May 3 - 19

June 7 - 23