

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB THE BUOYS

Cape Coral Sail & Power Squadron • A Unit of United States Power Squadrons® • District 22

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THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD IN  
THE CCSAPS BUILDING. QUORUM NEEDED.

February 2023

## CCSAPS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

**DINNER: 6:00 -7:00 P.M.**  
**MEETING: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.**  
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FEBRUARY 4TH 2023, 10am to 5pm  
LOCATION: 3145 Royalston Ave. Fort Myers FL 33916

- FREE ENTRY & raffle drawings
- Live town hall meeting with a panel of experts
- 15 minute breakout sessions
- Special Speakers: FWC, Lee County Local Government, Local Insurance Adjusters and Attorneys
- Local Bands
- Local Vendors on site and booths

*In February there is  
everything to hope for  
and nothing to re-  
gret.*

*- Patience Strong*

The Fort Myers Power Squadron is partnering with RDX Roof Doctors X-perts to host our first annual Sea Scout and Boy Scout Fundraiser at our Squadron building on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Attendees can put away their wallets and enjoy this free, family themed event designed to help area residents navigate through the aftermath of Hurricane Ian's devastation to our homes, businesses and property. Speakers include insurance experts with underwriting, adjusting, and policy writing experience, including an insurance attorney, roofing specialists general contractors, and Florida Fish and Wildlife.

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# COMMANDER'S REPORT



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

I hope that everyone has thawed out from the past week's weather. I know that I had to dig out the long pants for a couple days. Hopeful-

ly they can now go back into storage. It's been a pretty busy January and we've got quite a few things coming up in February.

As in year's past, we had a great crew who worked the Fort Myers Boat Show. For obvious reasons it was moved to January from November. We cover one day of the four and the other Quad Squads; Fort Myers, Sanibel-Captiva and San Carlos cover the other three. I believe there were over 500 boats on display. And yes, the prices were higher. We made some contacts and confirmed that there are still a lot of folks who are interested and in need of boating education.

The Monkey Bar Happy Hour was another success. We had a good turnout and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Our entertainment group continues to put together some fun events. One thing you'll note in this month's Buoy is a change in how we are registering for events. I also sent an email on the subject. We've found that we need a more streamlined and less manual approach to how we register and track events. We've implemented the Ticket Leap system. This gives us real time data on who has signed up, dinner preferences, etc. It also allows for credit card purchases. We are not totally aban-

doning the old system but want to give this a trial and see how it goes.

Another big undertaking in January was the filming of Season 7 videos for America's Boating Channel. We had 10 boats and crews who had starring roles in many of the upcoming videos. Marty and Sari Lafferty were in Cape Coral the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup> and we had a very successful week. The Lafferty's are professionals in film productions. They are very familiar with Cape Coral as we participated in previous season's videos. Thursday was a little chilly but we survived. We also had to overcome the lowest tides I've seen in 5 years. We actually had to move a few sessions because we couldn't get boats off the lifts. Other than a few minor adjustments the week went very smoothly and we are looking forward to seeing the finished products. A big thank you goes out to Craig and Tessa Buechler for hosting the Laffertys during the week and the party on Sunday night.

We continue to make progress on the building. Hopefully everyone has seen some of the updates. The office is back in action 100%, as is the conference room. Our construction crew continues to impress with their talents and commitment. We've got the permit to start the roof and it should be coming pretty soon. The temporary roof is holding up well, though we did have a few small leaks during the recent rain. Insurance is still a pain. We've been told twice that a check was in the mail. I'm not sure where they sent it but it hasn't showed up yet. Hopefully we'll see something this week. Our big room 101 is in "functional" condition. Though we still need to texture finish the dry wall, the room can be used. We've got ceiling tile and insulation arriving at the end of January. We will have our general meet-

ing at the squadron on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our general meeting will start at 7 pm, but the room will be open as of 6 pm for folks to have dinner and refreshments. Big 8 BBQ has been taking orders for those who want to purchase a sandwich and side. We'll supply refreshments. You are always welcome to bring your own dinner and snacks. We'll be voting on next year's officers and budget so it's important that we have a quorum. We are still looking for additional volunteers to staff some of the assistant's roles. This is a great opportunity for those who want to get involved but would rather walk before they run. Please let Carl McGrath or myself know if there's something you'd like to do.

Our official Change of Watch is Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. We are doing this offsite at KJ's Steakhouse in Fort Myers. Our kitchen and banquet room aren't quite ready for a major event. Reservations and payments can be made using the Ticket Leap system. For the newer members who may wonder what Change of Watch is, it's the semiformal process where we relieve the old officers and swear in the new officers. We keep it pretty casual. Gene Burson from District 22 will conduct the official transfer.

Read through the Buoy and you'll see a lot of good information, upcoming events and interesting articles. You'll also see a fund raiser for the Fort Myers Squadron. Anyone is welcome to attend this and it's for a good cause.

As always, thanks to all of you for your support, involvement and commitment to our squadron.

Cdr Scott Steele, S  
[commander@ccsaps.org](mailto:commander@ccsaps.org)



## 2022-23 BRIDGE OFFICERS

### Commander

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### Executive Officer

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### Squadron Education Officer (SEO)

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education@ccsaps.org

### Administrative Officer

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adminofficer@ccsaps.org

### Secretary

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secretary@ccsaps.org

### Treasurer

Lt/C Carl McGrath, P  
treasurer@ccsaps.org

### Assistant Bridge Officers

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1st/ LT Ginny Lalley, S

Assistant Admin Officer  
1st/ Lt Jill Berger, S  
1st/Lt Debi Swift

Assistant SEO  
1st/LT Betti Garcia, AP

Assistant Secretary  
1st/ Lt Jan St. Pierre

Assistant Treasurer  
1st /Lt Janine Whisler, S

### Chaplain

1st/ Lt Tessa Buechler, S  
Flag Lt  
1st/Lt Paul Moses, P

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Lt Michael E. Pruitt  
Assistant Building Manager  
1st /Lt Kenneth Berger, S

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Lt Barb Riordan

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Lt Tricia Kechik

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Lt Delores Buhner

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1st /Lt Paul Moses, P

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Lt Karen Collins  
Lt Dani Fergen

#### Member Involvement

1st/Lt Jill Berger, S

#### Weekend Boaters

Lt Scott Fergen

#### Weekday Boaters

Lt Doug Brenton

#### Fishing Group

Lt John D'Esposito

#### Kayaking Group:

Lt Gary Brooks

#### Membership Chair

1st/Lt Carolyn Token

#### Pantry Inventory Mgr

Lt Karen Dipalmo

#### Port Captain

Lt John Farmer, P  
Lt Ken Partsch

#### RANKS Cdr – Commander

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

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

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

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# Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023 • 5:30 p.m.**

**KJ's Steakhouse**

**10950 S. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33907**

*(Squadron building currently under repair)*

**Cocktails 5:30 p.m. • Dinner 6:00 p.m. • Program 7:00 p.m.**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FEBRUARY 22, 2023  
SEATING IS LIMITED TO 60 - RESERVE EARLY!**

**TO RESERVE AND PAY ONLINE, GO TO**

**[HTTPS://CCSAPS.TICKETLEAP.COM/POWER-SQUADRON-CHANGE-OF-WATCH/](https://ccsaps.ticketleap.com/power-squadron-change-of-watch/)**

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### APPETIZERS

*A Sampling of All Served Family Style*

- Ahi Tuna - Fresh sashimi grade, seared rare in a sesame peppercorn rub served with wasabi and pickled ginger
  - Gator Bites - Lightly fried, a Florida favorite.
  - Truffle Fries - Seasoned fresh cut fries tossed with white truffle oil, fresh herbs and parmesan cheese

### SALAD

House salad w/balsamic dressing

### ENTRÉES

- The Wrangler Sirloin - Our 6oz top sirloin seasoned and seared on a 900 degree grill • Served with baked potato with butter and sour cream
- Maple Bourbon Salmon - fresh grilled salmon in our house-made maple bourbon glaze Served with jasmine rice
- Balsamic Herb Infused Chicken breasts with fresh herbs & lemon, grilled, finished with fire-roasted tomatoes and a house-made aged balsamic glaze. Served with fresh seasonal mixed vegetables

**Includes non-alcoholic beverages • beer, wine & cocktails available for purchase**

**Attire: Squadron or dressy casual • Reservation deadline: February 22, 2023**

## Kissimmee River Restoration Project

By Barret Bonden

In an earlier edition of the Buoy, I wrote about the historical changes to the Caloosahatchee River. This article discussed how the river was widened and straightened to support the growing commercial activities near Fort Myers. In the late 1880's small compact flat-bottomed stern drive paddlewheel steam boats were able to navigate this route up to Kissimmee. It wasn't an easy trip, but it was possible.

The work on the Caloosahatchee and Kissimmee River was done to facilitate the movement of commercial goods from Fort Myers to Orlando and beyond. As boats became bigger, the Kissimmee was widened to accommodate them and by 1898 the canal known as C-38 was completed and much of the Kissimmee River became a long straight ditch.

In the early 1960's Florida officials convinced the Army Corp of Engineers to build levees to help control seasonal flood waters. This resulted in the Kissimmee becoming a drainage ditch for runoff from the farms and "big sugar" plantations that lined the river. Eliminating the wetlands allowed the runoff to flow directly into Lake Okeechobee and down the Caloosahatchee. Levees and canals around Lake Okeechobee also prevented letting these excess nutrients to filter through traditional wetlands and down into the Everglades.

Each year we experience the seasonal "blue-green" algae blooms created by those projects. However, things are slowly changing, bringing hope for a better future. Work is being done to mitigate some of the damage caused by the canalization of our rivers and draining of the Everglades. The Kissimmee River Restoration Project should be viewed as one small victory in the plan to mitigate the mistakes of the past.

In the 1990's when there was no commercial need for the C-38 canal a restoration project was undertaken to return the Kissimmee to much of its original course while filling in large portions of the canal. The goal was to restore more than 40 square miles of the river-floodplain ecosystem and over 12,000 acres of wetlands and 44 miles of historic river channel.

In the summer of 2021, the Kissimmee River Restoration Project was completed. With wetlands restored along the shores of the Kissimmee much of the pol-



lution can be filtered during the rainy season, instead of it being flushed directly down the old canal.

Wildlife is returning to the Kissimmee River area; long-legged wading bird populations have increased and a variety of ducks that are long gone from the wetlands are once again found in the area. Anglers can now enjoy fishing for largemouth bass and sunfish, a population that now thrives in the river.

There are many other projects proposed under the umbrella of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. Included in the master plan is The Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project.

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**Kissimmee River Restoration Project continued.**

The Okeechobee Watershed project's goal is to restore much of the original natural flow of water out of Lake Okeechobee by sending more water south into the Everglades, nourishing and replenishing it. The project is not a complete answer to all of the problems the Caloosahatchee River faces however, it would be a start.

The Okeechobee Watershed project will take time to complete once it gets fully funded. With proper planning it could be a net positive for the Caloosahatchee, those who live along its banks and everyone who enjoys boating on it.

More information on these projects can be found on the websites of the South Florida Water Management District, the US Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District, The Everglades Foundation and the Office of Everglades Restoration Initiatives.

“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



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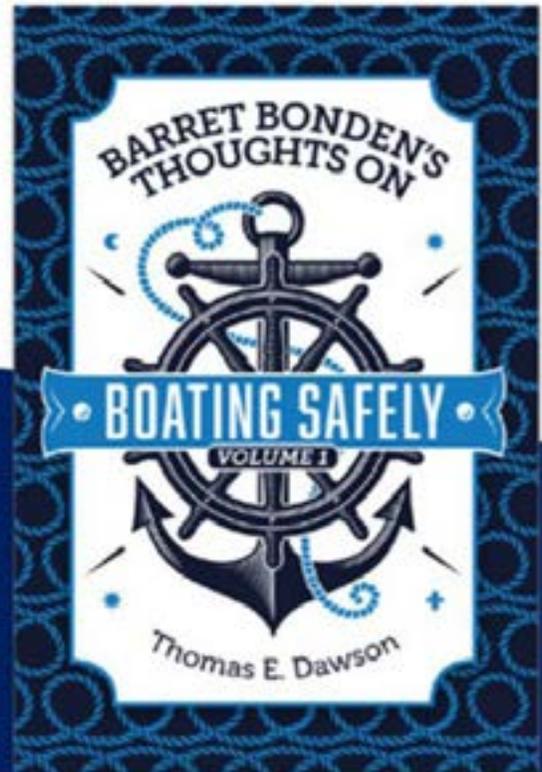
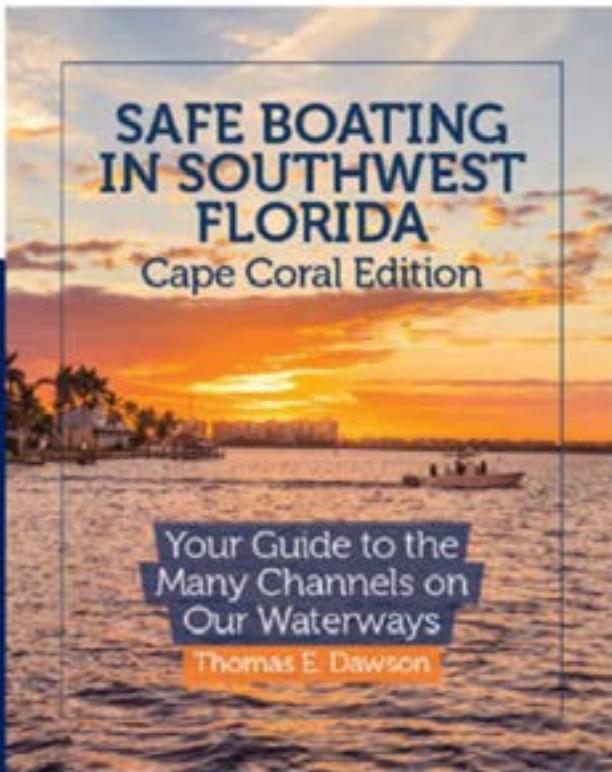
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## SEO'S Notebook

Thanks to an army of volunteers (and some professionals), work on restoring our building is proceeding. With the reconstruction of the first-floor office and the grand ballroom (a.k.a. Room 101), some classes are expected to resume in March. A revised, and somewhat abbreviated, education schedule through June is at the end of this article. Please note that all plans presented are subject to change, depending on how much progress is made.

Advanced classes will resume in February, in Rm 101. Both Boat Handling and Marine Navigation were in process when the hurricane struck. These classes will start again, from the beginning, on March 7. Marine Navigation will run for eight weeks, one class per week, at 2 PM. Boat Handling will be held over the course of seven weeks, one class per week, at 7 PM. Online registration is available for these two courses should anyone else wish to attend. Register here: <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?L>

Two seminars are scheduled for February. Using VHF and VHF/DSC will be held on February 21 at 2 PM for two hours. Register here: <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?S>

Introduction to Charting/Navigation will take place on February 23 at 7 PM for two hours.

### Advanced/Elective Courses

2023						
	Title	Date	Time	Location	Instructor	Duration
March	Boat Handling	03/07/23	7:00 PM	Rm 101	Garcia/ Seaby	7 weeks
	Marine Navigation	03/07/23	2:00 PM	Rm 101	Pignatano	8 weeks
May	Boat Handling	05/09/23	7:00 PM	Rm 101	Schneider	7 weeks

### Seminars

2023						
	Title	Date	Time	Location	Instructor	Duration
February	Using VHF	02/21/23	2:00 PM	Rm 101	Pignatano	2 hr
	Intro to Charting	02/23/23	7:00 PM	Rm 101	McGrath	2 hr
April	Wine & Knots			Rm 101	Garcia/Seaby	2 hr
	Intro to Charting	04/27/23	7:00 PM	Rm 101		2 hr
May	Hurricane Prep				McGrath/Dawson	2 hr
June	Weather	06/15/23	2:00 PM	Rm 101	Pignatano	2 hr
	Partner in Command			Rm 101	Garcia/Seaby	2 hr
	Intro to Charting	06/22/23	7:00 PM	Rm 101		2 hr

Until next time...



# MERIT MARK RECIPIENTS

*Thank you to the following list of members who earned their Merit Mark for the 2022 Watch Year. Your service to the Squadron is greatly appreciated!*

Henry T. Appleton  
 Thomas S. Balletto  
 Rochelle Barrisford  
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 Ken Berger  
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 Janine E. Whisler

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*United States Power Squadrons*

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Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive the contribution. Five merit marks bring senior member status and 25 merit marks accord a member life membership, exempt from national dues. We are greatly indebted to our members for their service!

**ELLEN SCHNEIDER HAS ACHIEVED LIFETIME STATUS, EARNING HER 25TH MERIT MARK. WE APPRECIATE HER SERVICE TO THE SQUADRON!**

## FEBRUARY 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.

Contact the Squadron for more details.

### TIME TO GET YOUR ANNUAL VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)

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

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*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.*

Once the Squadron building opens again, contact us by phone @ (239) 549-9754 Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - noon, or email [buechlercraig@yahoo.com](mailto:buechlercraig@yahoo.com) to schedule yours today.





## Looking Ahead

### February 2023

Day	Date	Name	Time	Place
Thurs	2	Exec Committee	7:00 pm	Squadron Harbor
Tues	7	Entertainment Comm	4:30 pm	Monkey Bar
Thurs	9	Annual Membership Mtg	6:00 pm	Squadron Harbor
Thurs	16	Weekdayer Outing	10:00 am	Three Fisherman (if docks fixed)
Tues	21	Seminar: Using VHF	2:00 pm	Rm 101
Thurs	23	Seminar: Intro to Charting	7:00 pm	Rm 101
Tues	28	Change of Watch	5:30 pm	KJ's Steakhouse (see info in flyer)

### March 2023

Tues	7	Entertainment Comm	4:30 pm	Monkey Bar
Tues	7	Marine Navigation begins	2:00 pm	Squadron Harbor, Rm 101
Tues	7	Boating Handling Course begins	7:00 pm	Squadron Harbor, Rm 101



Some of our intrepid 2023 Ft. Myers Boat Show volunteers.

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TO: CCSAPS Secretary: E-MAIL: [secretary@ccsaps.org](mailto:secretary@ccsaps.org)

**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER WANTED**

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



**The burgee that survived  
Hurricane Ian**

# SQUADRON

## HELP WANTED

### RENTAL CHAIRMAN

- Review rental files as they come in. This includes checking to be sure all payments have been received prior to rental, all documents have been signed, seating diagram is received and posted for setup crews, and door code issued to renters.
- Coordinate room setup crew for rentals.
- Give instructions to cleaning staff for before and after rentals.
- Act as main contact for renters before, during and after rental.
- Check the cooling (AC) system and cameras remotely during rentals. Remotely adjust room temperatures as requested by renters during event.
- Conduct building walk-through after rentals and report back to Treasurer regarding status of security deposit.

### ASSISTANT RENTAL CHAIRMAN

- Assist Rental Chairman as needed to balance workload.

### CERTIFIED VESSEL INSPECTORS

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

Contact: Craig Buechler [buechlercraig@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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: [adminofficer@ccsaps.org](mailto:adminofficer@ccsaps.org)

### LIFEJACKET LOAN COORDINATOR

- Organize, manage and maintain the life jacket closet.

Contact: Jeff Maddy: [adminofficer@ccsaps.org](mailto:adminofficer@ccsaps.org)



# CCSAPS BOATING GROUPS

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

## WEEKENDERS & WEEKDAYERS

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

For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact [weekenderboating@gmail.com](mailto:weekenderboating@gmail.com).

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 in February. For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact [dwbrenton@gmail.com](mailto:dwbrenton@gmail.com).

On Tuesday, January 24, the Weekdayers enjoyed an outing to Phuzzy's on the Monroe Canal in St. James City. The weather turned out to be delightful.



## CO-OP CHARTING

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

## CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

Cruise and Rendezvous cruises to marinas and resorts for overnight stays and also sponsors two dinner events at the squadron during the year.

## KAYAK GROUP

The kayak group normally paddles area waterways on the third Tuesday of the month. Do you want to participate in these monthly kayak trips? It's easy! Send your contact information to Jeff Maddy at [adminofficer@ccsaps.org](mailto:adminofficer@ccsaps.org)

## FISHING GROUP

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

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



# More Monkey Bar Shenanigans, Jan 17, 2023





## Chiquita Boat Lock

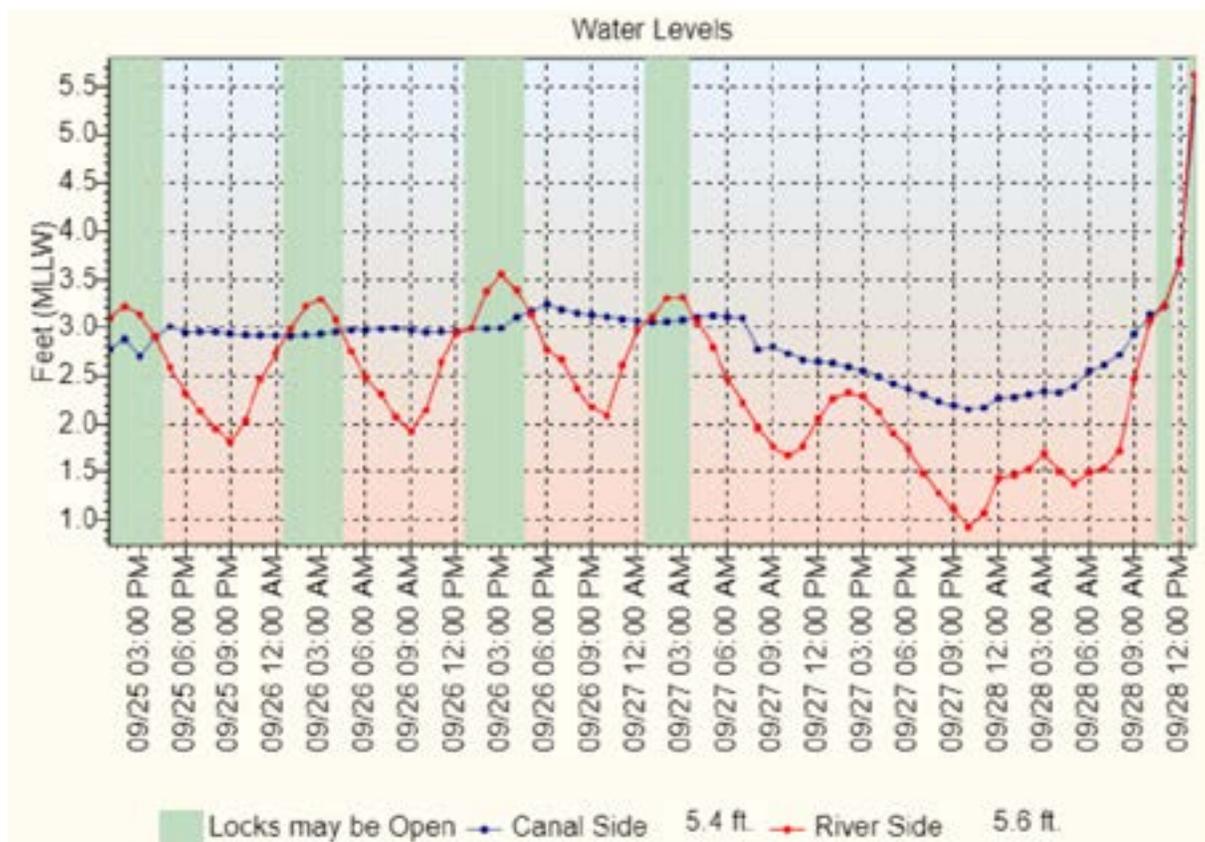
By Port Captains

Some of our members live behind the Chiquita Boat Lock and are now facing a bit of a challenge getting through the lock. The lock and the motors that open and close the doors were damaged by Hurricane Ian and the lock is currently inoperable.

The city has posted a warning on the lock web page, [www.capecoral.gov/department/parks\\_and\\_recreationhome/chiquita\\_lock.php](http://www.capecoral.gov/department/parks_and_recreationhome/chiquita_lock.php). "The Chiquita Lock doors remain locked open, and the lock is usable at the boaters' discretion. LCEC has deemed the lock red-tagged. Until they determine the issue and whether repowering is an option, it will remain as such for safety reasons."

The problem created by leaving the doors open all the time is simple. Look at the lock cameras, <https://boatlock.capecoral.gov>, and you can see how fast the flow of water through the lock is as the tide goes in and out. Many boat operators are having difficulty controlling their vessels as they attempt to pass through the narrow lock channel. As a result, boaters find themselves waiting for slack tide, the periods each day when the current is slowing and then reversing.

In the past the city posted a chart on the lock web page dedicated to the charting the tidal levels at the lock, however since the hurricane this chart has not been updated.



The lock web page suggests boaters, "See the tide chart at: <https://www.usharbors.com/harbor/florida/cape-coral-bridge-fl/tides/>". This web page is helpful, but boaters need to remember that the timing of slack tide at the lock is different the timing at the bridge.

At the City Council meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>, during the citizen input time, this issue was brought to the attention of the council members and it was agreed that they would look into getting this tool updated again.

In the meantime, the city claims it is assessing the repairs needed to make the lock operational again. With the cost of fixing everything else after the hurricane and considering the city's position on wanting the lock removed, it remains to be seen what actions the city will be taking on any repairs. If you live behind the lock showing, up at the City Council and Waterway Advisory Board meetings might help to convince the city of the urgency of addressing this navigation hazard. Dates and times for these meeting can be found on the city's website.



## Report of the Nominating Committee

In accordance with section 6.8 of our Bylaws: "The Nominating Committee shall select a candidate for each elective office and for the chair and members of each elective committee provided for therein. It shall submit its' written report to the Secretary at least 40 days before the annual General Meeting."

This report was submitted to the Secretary on 28 December 2022. In accordance with section 9.3 of our Bylaws: "The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the second Thursday of February at Squadron Harbor at which time election of officers and members of the elective committees shall be held." Written notice of this election has been published in the January 2023 issue of "The Buoys".

For Watch Year March 2023 – February 2024

### Bridge Officers / Assistants

Commander	Scott Steele, S
Executive Officer	John Swift
Education Officer	Neil Pignatano, N
Administrative Officer	Co-AO Jill Berger Co-AO Debi Swift
Secretary	Leslie Corte-Real
Treasurer	Carl McGrath, P
Commander Aide	Carl McGrath, P

Asst. Ex Officer	vacant ***
Asst. SEO	vacant ***
Asst. Admin	vacant ***
Asst. Secretary	vacant ***
Asst. Treasurer	vacant ***

### Executive Committee

Nancy Maddy (1)  
Connie Farmer, S (1)

Jerry Ferrell (2)  
Jill Berger (2)  
Craig Buechler (2)  
Scott Fergen (2)  
Lee Corte-Real (3)  
vacant \*\*\*  
vacant \*\*\*

### Audit Committee

Jim Mullaney  
Deana Mullaney  
Sandy Taylor  
vacant \*\*\*

### Nominating Committee

Carl McGrath, P  
vacant \*\*\*  
vacant \*\*\*  
vacant \*\*\*

### Rules Committee

Gerry Whisler  
vacant \*\*\*  
vacant \*\*\*

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl McGrath, P chair  
Nominating Committee

\*\*\* We continue to recruit members to help run our all volunteer organization. If you have time to spend and an interest in the future of our organization, contact the Chairman at [treasurer@ccsaps.org](mailto:treasurer@ccsaps.org).

These nominations will be brought up to the General Membership at the General Meeting on 9 February 2023. It is very important that all members attend this meeting so that the nominations can be approved. See Commander Report for notice of this meeting.



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