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SEASONAL EVENTS RETURN TO SWFL

Festivals and events are returning to SWFL. Due to COVID, you should follow the links below for individual event updates and additional details

October 1-3, 2021.

[56th Annual Summerset Regatta](https://www.summersetregatta.com/)

Ft. Myers Beach

<https://www.summersetregatta.com/>

October 7-9, 2021

[2021 Roar Offshore Powerboat Races](#)

[National Championship](#)

Fort Myers Beach

October 22-23-24 / 29-30-31

[Cape Coral Oktoberfest](#)



October 29-31, 2021

[Naples Stone Crab Festival](#)

November 11-14, 2021

[48th Annual Fort Myers Boat Show](#)

Jan 7-9, 2022 [Fort Myers Seafood Festival](#) (Not to be confused with the Shrimp Festival in March)

January 8th & 9th, 2022

virtual from January 3rd to January 28th, 2022

[37th Annual Cape Coral Art Festival & Market Place](#)

Feb 4, 2022 - Feb 6, 2022

[ArtFest Fort Myers](#)

Feb. 11-13, 2022

[Everglades City Seafood Festival](#)

Feb. 18-20, 2022

[Punta Gorda Seafood Festival](#)

March 12-13, 2022

[Fort Myers Beach Shrimp Festival](#)

Dates TBA

[Marco Island Seafood Festival](#)

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

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MEETING 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



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

This paragraph could be placed in a semi-permanent area of white space for, unfortunately, at least the end of my tenure as Commander:

"As Floridians, we have significant flexibility in making choices on where we go and how we participate. With that flexibility comes great responsibility to make smart choices for ourselves and our family members and to be considerate of others we choose to

interact with. We are surrounded by numerous recommendations, many evolving daily. We welcome those who choose to take advantage of our activities and fully understand those who choose to exercise extra caution, be it wearing a mask or simply choosing to watch from the sidelines for a while longer."

As promised, September has delivered increased activity across the board. Tonight we graduate 21 new safe boaters from our ABC class, with 30 already in the queue for October. There is always space available, so help spread the word around town. The more graduates we have on the water, the safer we will all be.

In big Education Department news, the Bridge has elected Neil Pignatano to fill the role of Squadron Education Officer (SEO), enabling Jamie Halstead to retire from her second stint as SEO. Jamie served for over 4.5 years this time, easing into the role when she served as Bridge Secretary. On page six, Neil outlines some of his goals for the future. Education is the foundation of our existence, and the SEO has the helm.

I also want to thank Debi Swift, Dani Fergen and Karen Collins of the Entertainment Committee for opening a new chapter in our book of fun. The plan this month is to return to

Squadron Harbor (Squadron Headquarters) for a Halloween Spooktacular on October 29. Details arriving soon. Hold the date!

XO Scott Steele has been busy building our teams for the Oktoberfest Parking squad, as well as the Ft. Myers Boat Show, which we staff each year in cooperation with our Quad Squad partners Ft Myers, Ft Myers Beach and Sanibel-Captiva. Oktoberfest has been an annual fundraiser for us, and provides members of the squad with some immediate rewards along the way. Check in with Scott to join in.

Spend some time with our busy schedule on page 17 and supporting info on page 8. If these activities look like fun, sign up for their communication lists. See also details on the District 22 Conference up in Punta Gorda on October 9. It's an easy one hour drive for us, and an opportunity to interact with members of other district squadrons. It is rumored that fishing this year is the best it has been in years, in spite of a tough summer dealing with Red Tide. Spend an evening with the Fishing Group to get the latest info.

Our core operations rhythm is slowly returning, and most weekends are booked from Oct 9 well into December and beyond. We continue to staff the office three days a week and always via email direct to identified individuals or at ccspaswebinfo@gmail.com. It's not legal for us all to be in the building at the same time, so we must make virtual communications a way of life. Find your niche and help make it happen. The Buoys is always available via our website at www.ccsaps.org.

Cdr Carl McGrath

ccsapscommander@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We still need volunteers for our Oktoberfest parking duty. I've received some responses, but we still have many openings, especially for the 2pm-5pm shift and 5pm-8pm shift. For those who may not have received my previous email, we have an annual squadron fundraiser directing parking for the German American Club's Oktoberfest. This is a fun time and you receive free admission on the day of your involvement. The dates we are scheduled to work are Saturday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 30th. The shifts are 3 hours and you can attend the event before and / or after your shifts. We usually get a free meal and unlimited refreshments as part of our involvement. The squadron also gets a nice contribution.

We make sure that first time volunteers are paired with experienced people. Please respond to me, Scott Steele, at ccsapsexofficer@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer. I need to know which day and what shift you'd like to work. I also need your t-shirt size and cell phone number.

AGAIN THE SHIFTS ARE 11AM-2PM, 2PM-5PM AND 5PM-8PM ON OCTOBER 23RD AND OCTOBER 30TH.

Thanks in advance for your help.

On another subject, we are scheduled to work the Fort Myers Boat Show on Thursday, November 11th. The show runs from 10am until 6pm. We schedule 4 shifts for this event; 10am-noon, noon-2pm, 2pm-4pm and 4pm-6pm. We usually have 3-4 people per shift. This is another fun time interacting with people and talking about our squadron and education opportunities. You also get free admission to the boat show. You don't need to be an expert and know everything about anything. Conversations are usually very general and we have a good deal of support material.

If you'd like to work a shift at the Fort Myers Boat Show, please email me with your preferred shift. I'll start putting that roster together. Again, please use ccsapsexofficer@gmail.com
Thanks,

Lt/C Scott Steele

ccsapsexofficer@gmail.com

CCSAPS Entertainment Committee Presents

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6:30 • DINNER

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Phone: _____

Email address _____

Number attending _____ @ \$20.00 per person Total Enclosed = _____

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WHAT IS **ABC**?

ABC IS AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE. The course gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets most states boating education requirements. Our in-person boating course includes a comprehensive introduction to boating, covering boat types, boat engines, boat selection and more.

THE NEXT ABC CLASS BEGINS OCTOBER 11, 2021 (MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS) 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in the ABC class, have them contact our Education Officer Neil Pignatano at ccsapsseo@gmail.com or call the Squadron office at (239) 549-9754 for more information. Please leave a message.

New ABC classes begin 11 OCT, 01 NOV, 03 JAN 2022, 07 FEB 2022 AND 07 MAR 2022

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

SEO'S NOTEBOOK



I am both honored and humbled to have been selected for the role of Squadron Education Officer (SEO). While many of you know (or know of) me, many of you do not, especially our newest members.

Please indulge me as

I briefly introduce myself. I am a retired Space Systems Engineer, having worked for NASA and private industry. My academic background is in experimental high energy physics. Part of my professional duties was to mentor and train the next generation of engineers. This was done as part of both in-house continuing education, as well as in a formal academic setting. In the three years prior to retirement, I was an Adjunct Professor of Engineering for the Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering, where I was part of the Master of Science in System Engineering program.

It was our goal (mine and my spouse's) to retire to Cape Coral. We built a waterfront house in 2009 and became permanent residents in 2013. The next step was getting a boat. It took several years, but we finally made our boat purchase in 2017: a 42-foot cruiser, kept on our backyard lift. Of course, we knew nothing of the local waters here, so while we waited for the boat to be built, we signed up for the ABC class. We found it very informative, and the CCSAPS folks friendly and knowledgeable.

Upon completion of the ABC course, we were given a six-month trial USPS membership. During this time, we took the Seamanship class (now called Boat Handling). It was a great experience, and we were now hooked. Over the course of the next two years, my wife and I completed all of the advanced grade classes: Piloting, Advanced

Piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation. I found the subject matter to be both informative and enlightening. Just the skills covered in Piloting alone made for much more pleasurable, not to mention safer, boating in our local waters, where disaster lurks just a few feet away.

But I was not satisfied in being just a student, and longed to be back in front of the class. I started teaching Piloting, Advanced Piloting, and Junior Navigation, and, thus far, the sole instructor for the advanced grade classes. I encourage everyone to take these classes if they haven't already done so. Indeed, I am looking for at least three hardy volunteers to take Navigation (now called Celestial Navigation).

As you all know, the ongoing pandemic has put a damper on the Squadron's educational activities. I taught both JN and Piloting using Zoom (it worked just fine, but nothing beats in person). I am hoping to resume classroom instruction very soon, starting with an Advanced Marine Navigation (formerly Advanced Piloting) class. An educated boater is a safe boater (and vice-versa).

As SEO, I hope I can continue in the great tradition of my predecessors. There is a great deal of work ahead. The Squadron has already started ABC training, as there is a lot of pent-up demand. Boat Handling is also in full swing. Hopefully, we'll get the Advanced Grade classes up and running soon. There is a small (maybe not so small) obstacle to all this happening in a timely fashion. WE LACK INSTRUCTORS! I encourage all who would like to perform this important role to volunteer, especially those who have gone through Instructor Certification (not a prerequisite). The need is especially acute for the Elective Classes: Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical, Marine Electronics, Weather, Cruise Planning, and Sail.

I hope to see many of you in class and on the water.

Lt/C Neil Pignatano, N
ccsapsseo2@gmail.com

BECOME A BETTER BOATER

To sign up send an email: to Neil ccsapsseo2@gmail.com or directly at <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregformx.cgi?L-16833>

ABC

ABC in-person classes are back up and running. **THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM IN ALL OF THE OTHER CLASSES LISTED BELOW!**

Mon 11 OCT 21
Mon 01 NOV 21
Mon 03 JAN 22
Mon 07 FEB 22
Mon 07 MAR 22

LINK TO SIGN UP FOR OUR IN-PERSON ABC CLASS: https://www.americasboatingclub.org/find-your-local-squadron?option=com_content&view=article&id=55&sqdno=0840

IMPORTANT: When you register at this link, check all three boxes at the top of the page or you will not be registered and will have to do it all over again.

**CRUISE AND RENDEZVOUS (C&R)****C&R SAVE THE DATE**

Check out our Facebook page for latest updates regarding hours of operation and resumption of activities

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

OCT 13-15, 2021
PINK SHELL RESORT

MAR 18 2022 C&R LOBSTER
TAIL AND HAM DINNER

D22 FALL C&R**CANCELLED**

NOV 5 - 7 2021
SOUTH SEAS RESORT

NOV 19 C&R SHRIMP BOIL

DEC 6-8, 2021
'TWEEN WATERS
HARRY; 472 5161 X 440

JAN 3-5, 2022 BOCA GRANDE
JEFF DIETRICH & DAN
HORME 1 941 964 2100

JAN 21, 2022 C&R CLAM OR
CHICKEN DINNER

Some events are at capacity, but cancellations do happen. If interested, join the C&R mailing list by contacting Delores at 239-458-1481 or delphi1937@yahoo.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. We also have lifejackets for adults and four legged friends. Contact the Squadron for more details

C & R OVERNIGHT Destination: _____ Dates: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: (cell) _____

Email: _____

Number attending: _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Boat name: _____ Draft: _____

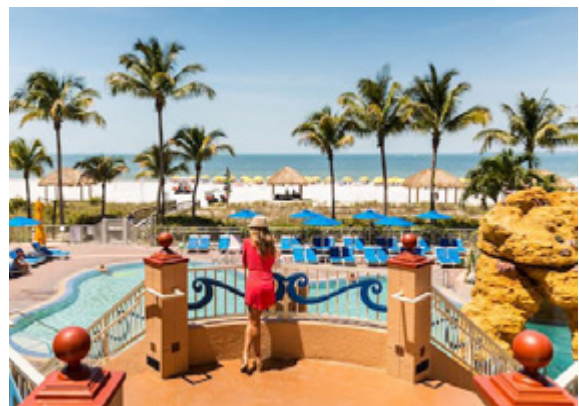
Boat Length: _____ Beam: _____

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

Pink Shell Resort and Marina



CCSAPS HAS A BOATING GROUP FOR YOU!

After a lengthy hiatus, CCSAPS group meetings at the squadron are meeting again at Squadron Harbor to plan future outings. Plan to add your name to the roster of one of our boating groups:

WEEKENDERS

Weekenders boat-a-long to waterside restaurants and meet periodically to plan future trips. Eight boats and 21 Weekenders cruised to Bimini Bait Shack September 18. For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact weekenderboating@gmail.com

WEEKDAYERS

Weekdayers will resume this fall when Vern and Linda return. Contact Vern Seaton for additional information vern@seatonsunrooms.com

CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

Cruise and Rendezvous will meet Tuesday, October 5 10:30 a.m. at Squadron Harbor. See their page for more information delphi1937yahoo.com

FISHING GROUP

Our Fishing Group will meet Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. at Squadron Headquarters, 917 SE 47th Terrace, Cape Coral). Main agenda items will be discussion of current fishing and water conditions. A guest speaker is planned TBA.

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

We'll see you there. Our meetings continue to be open to guests and the general public.

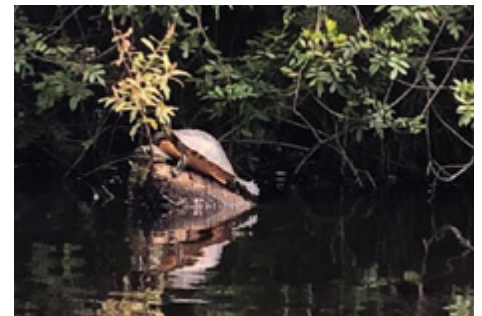
CO-OP CHARTING GROUP

We are starting up the runs and have notified the Co-Op charting members. We've had enthusiastic response from them. If anyone is interested in joining Co-Op the should contact us directly. ccsapscoopch@gmail.com

KAYAK GROUP

Our group typically paddles area waterways on the third Tuesday of the month. September's outing to Shell Creek in Charlotte County offered plentiful wildlife. We saw quite a few turtles sunning on logs, but no gators this time!

Next month, we're paddling a nearby, easy to access destination. **Our next trip will be TUESDAY, October 19 to Four Mile Ecological Cove. We will meet at the park on the east end of SE 23rd Terrace at 9:30 a.m.** This area of the preserve offers plenty of parking. For additional information, please contact Jeff Maddy ccsapsao@gmail.com



The Kayakers paddled Shell Creek near Punta Gorda Tuesday, September 21.



A large group of Weekenders cruised to Bimini Bait Shack near the Sanibel Causeway Saturday, September 18, 2021.



SAFE BOATING TIPS FROM OUR **ABC** INSTRUCTORS

Are You Back on the Water?

Barret Bonden

If the pandemic over yet, are we in an endemic now and is this new virus is a fact of life? Did it impact your boating at all? Unfortunately, it has had an impact on many boaters who didn't get a chance to get out on the water as decided to hunkered down in their homes.

If you were one of those who laid low for the last 18 or so months, you may have heard that home sales here in the Cape skyrocketed. Boat sales have increased, and our waterways are even more crowded. If you have been off the water for awhile, your boating skills may be a little rusty to deal with the increase in boat traffic down here in Southwest Florida.

On top of all that news, the predictions are that we are expecting a busy snowbird season here in Southwest Florida. Here are some suggestions to consider before you head out on the water:

- **Get a Vessel Safety Examination.** This will help to ensure all of your required gear is current and in serviceable condition.
- **Check and make sure your towing insurance is still in effect.** The annual policies may have expired, and during the pandemic you may have let that policy lapse.
- **Make sure you always go out with someone who knows how to operate your boat.** You never know when you will need some help.
- **Check your VHF radio.** Unfortunately SeaTow is no longer doing automated safety checks. When you get

a "radio check," ask the other vessel where they are at and how you sound.

- **Buy a good inflatable personal flotation device and wear it.** Last year 75% of the deaths on the water were caused by drowning, and 86% of the victims were not wearing a personal flotation device.
- **Take or retake any of our safe boating classes.** Boat Handling is a refreshed version of Seamanship, and we typically have some open seats in America's Boating Course if you want to review the basics.



Last time I looked at the Local Notice to Mariners, we had over 30 damaged and missing aids to navigation on the entry channels to our canals. You might want to check the list to see which ones are missing on your entry channel.

Let's hope 2021 is a good year for all us and that we all "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.

TIME TO GET YOUR ANNUAL VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)



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

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

Contact us by phone @ (239) 549-9754 Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - noon, or email buechlercraig@yahoo.com to schedule yours today, or contact the individual who performed your VSC last year to ensure your boat is safe and in compliance with local, state and federal requirements.



UPDATE ON THE CANAL SPEED LIMIT

Barret Bonden

In Cape Coral canals, it appears 75 feet versus 80 feet is the difference between making the city's "Idle Speed" ordinance 10-10 legal and unenforceable.

During a discussion of the speed limits on the canals at the Waterway Advisory Board meeting on September 23rd, members of that board were surprised to learn city ordinance setting the speed limit on the Gulf access canals at "Idle Speed" is unenforceable. It seems that the city has never asked the state to approve that ordinance.

The ordinance, passed in 2000, was never sent to the state to seek a waiver from the statewide regulations that govern speeds in manatee protection zones and in canals wider than 75 feet. Representatives for the city admitted to the Waterway Advisory Board that they have known for some time that this twenty-year-old ordinance is not enforceable but no action has been taken to remove it from the books.

Although most of the "Idle Speed" signs originally installed in the canals remain in place, the city has been quietly removing the signs whenever someone calls and complains that signs are not legal according to the state. The city is considering doing a survey to find out how many signs remain up and then budgeting for their removal.

Despite the signs being in place and the ordinance being on the books, the state mandated speed in the canals is "Slow Speed." This is the same speed mandated in all manatee zones. Slow speed is defined as "SLOW SPEED."

A through-the-water speed slow enough that the boat is neither planing nor moving with an elevated bow. A vessel that is operating on a plane or is in the process of coming off plane and settling into the water is not proceeding at slow speed. A boat that produces no wake or minimum wake and is completely off plane is proceeding at SLOW SPEED."

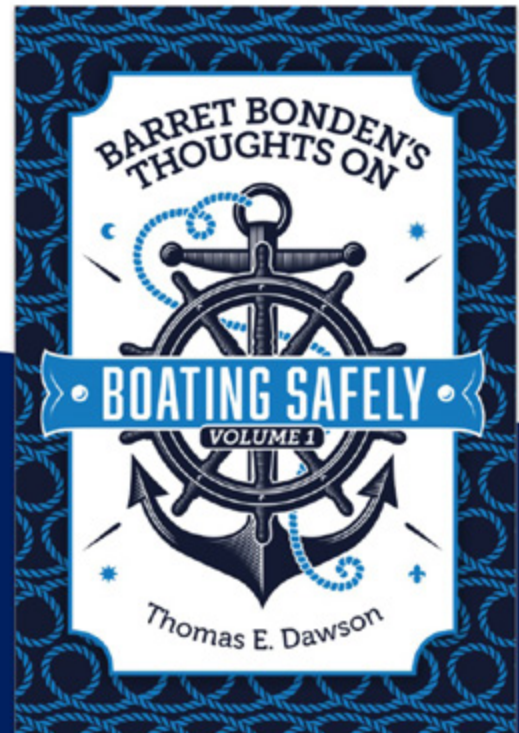
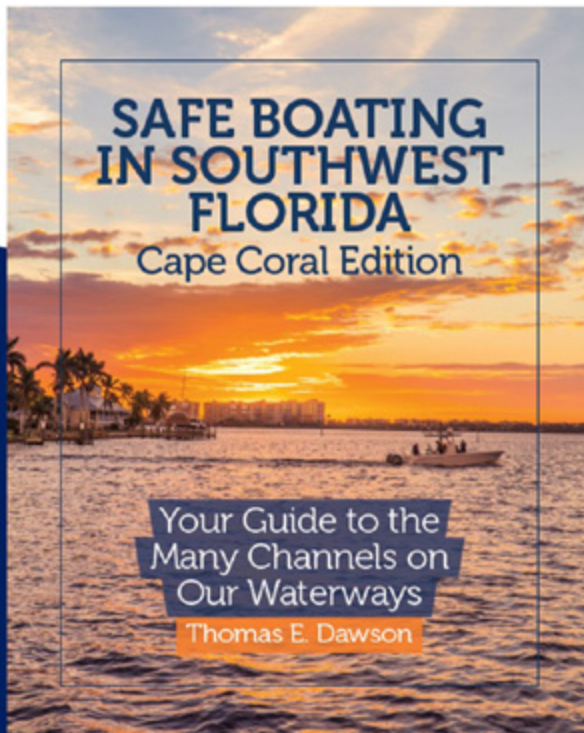
Despite our canals being manatee protection zones, under state statutes most of our canals are too wide for the city to write an ordinance limiting the speed in them without proving the need. Florida statutes only allows "Municipalities and counties (to) have the authority to establish.... idle speed.... if the waterway is less than 75 feet in width from shoreline to shoreline."

The 80 feet width limit also impacts any regulations the city would make for the fresh water canals. The freshwater canals are not manatee protection zones. Boaters on the freshwater canals are not subject to any speed limits.

Just because you can do something doesn't mean you should. Please be a prudent mariner and considerate of your neighbors. Just because you can go displacement speed in gulf access canals doesn't mean you have to.

Likewise, if you live on a busy canal, remember that getting angry at boaters doing the legal speed limit in the canal doesn't do your blood pressure any good. In both cases remember, that under federal regulations, a boater is responsible for any damages that their wake causes.

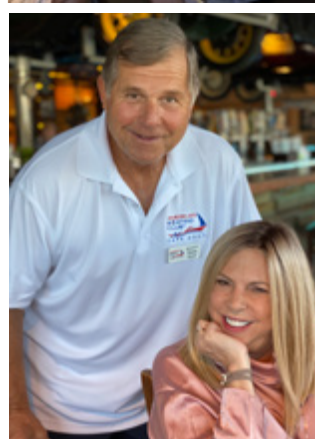
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WELCOME BACK EVENT FORD'S GARAGE



CCSAPS members enjoyed a fun evening at Ford's Garage Cape Coral Thursday, September 23.

IS AN ELECTRIC BOAT IN MY FUTURE?

courtesy USPS® Education Department

With the buzz about electric cars being the future, many are wondering about electric boats. Electric energy usage is measured in Kilowatt-hours (KWh) According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A gallon of gasoline has the equivalent thermal energy of 33.70 KWh, weighs 6.3 pounds and has an efficiency of 20 to 25% when converted to work by an internal combustion engine. By comparison, an electric motor is approximately 84 to 92% efficient with negligible charge and discharge losses when powered by a lithium ion battery.

For those wondering, the development of the electric motor with its associated speed control is fully mature for marine propulsion use. A first comparison actually favors electric propulsion as they are lighter, smaller, more reliable and do not have the added parasitic losses of a transmission. However, these salient advantages take a back seat when we compare their respective power supplies. A 100 KWh lithium-ion battery weighs a little over 1,200 pounds or about the same as 190 gallons of gasoline. Even with the



added efficiency of electric propulsion, on a per pound basis, gasoline powered propulsion systems are capable of 10 times more work and with diesel adding another 20% to 35%.

With the aforementioned applications such as docking a sailboat, electric propulsion is already a viable option. Other applications may need to wait for battery technology and the availability of marina charging stations to catch up before electric propulsion might meet their needs.

R/C Charles (Chuck) Tremaine SN-CN Chair, Boat Systems Committee c.tremaine@sbcglobal.net



DISTRICT 22

2021 FALL CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events will follow CDC Guidelines



Friday, October 8

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

1400 – 1600 District Council Meeting

DOOR PRIZES!

Dinner – social 1715 / dinner 1800
 Live Music – 1830 - 2030
 by Manatee Squadron members



Saturday, October 9

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



Lunch Speaker – Liz Schmidt, US National Water Safety Plan

1300 – 1330 Registration Desk Open
 1330 – 1600 **District Conference**

Saturday Seminars / Roundtables

0900 - 1015

Boat Operator's Certification Program

Everything you Need to Know
 P/D/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN & P/D/C Jan Lane, SN-ACN

Are We Having Fun Yet?

Squadrons Discuss 'fun' Participation
 D/Lt/C Al Lima, AP

Townhall Meeting

Get Answers to Your Issues and Questions
 D/C Cliff Schmidt, JN

1030 - 1145

Cooking on Board

Tips, Tricks & Recipes for Boaters
 Fran Lima, P

Education Updates

What's New in Education
 D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN

Info Center is Your New Friend

How do I Retrieve DB2000 Info
 P/D/C Connie Beckman, SN & P/D/C Myles Gee, SN-IN

All About Sawfish

Updates on This Endangered Florida Fish
 Tonya Wiley, President of Havenworth Coastal Conservation

Dress: squadron shirt with slacks, shorts or skirt

Hotel Information – rates are good for 1 day prior and after the conference

Four Points Sheraton – 941-637-6770 - \$109.00 + taxes - cutoff date 9/17

State you have a special "Power Squadron room block" (code PO 1367) – need to make reservation directly

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Springhill Suites by Marriott – 941-347-4224 - \$99.00 + taxes - includes breakfast - cutoff date 9/17

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

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



Fall Conference Roundtable Information to help plan your day

0900 – 1015 Roundtables:

Boat Operator's Certification Program – Everything You Need to Know

presented by P/D/C Ted Reiss SN-CN and P/D/C Jan Lane, SN-ACN

Learn what the Boat Operator's Certification Program is all about, what it takes to earn each certification, why you should care, and how to get started.

Are We Having Fun Yet?

Presented by District Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Al Lima, AP

Discuss your Squadron's activities post Covid on and off the water to restore involvement. Let's share successful strategies that have helped to maintain and increase participation since the Pandemic shut down.

Let's all have "Fun Again"!

District 22 Town Hall Meeting

Presented by D/C Cliff Schmidt, JN and C/C Rep

Bring your questions and/or issues that you might have. Learn more about your District and National USPS and how they operate. This is your opportunity to discuss issues which may be of interest to the group.

1030 - 1145 Roundtables:

All About the Endangered Small Tooth Sawfish

Presented by Tonya Wiley

Sawfish are large shark-like rays that were common in Florida's coastal waters. The sawfish is now endangered, scientists are striving to learn about this iconic and fascinating fish. Tonya will share interesting facts about sawfish, updates on current research projects, ways you can become involved in the recovery and other info about the unique and endangered small tooth sawfish. See a three-foot sawfish replica, feel rostra (saws), and get some sawfish swag.

Education Updates

Presented by District Education Officer, D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN

Find out all what is new with America's Boating Club's Education Program.

Cooking on Board

Presented by Fran Lima, P

Tips, tricks and recipes for day trips to offshore passages. Plus, sample "Fran's Planter's Punch", perfected during an 18-month voyage. Share your galley secrets too. Let's have fun and talk about one of the best parts of boating - the food!

The Info Center is Your Friend

P/D/C Connie Beckman, SN & P/D/C Myles Gee, SN-IN

DB200 is going away, how do you retrieve the same information from the National Website?
We will show you how!



MOST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE RESUMING THIS FALL. 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

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

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

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

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

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

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL OR PHONE #?

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

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 at ccsapsao@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: Craig Buechler buechlercraig@yahoo.com

FARMERS MARKET (SATURDAYS DURING SEASON)

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

LITE BITES

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

EVENT SETUP

With other team members, set up and take down chairs, tables (about once a month)
Contact: Marge Maciag margem5@gmail.com Rick Clements retiredrick@yahoo.com

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Help in kitchen and hall, setting up for monthly dinner/social events. Have fun organizing our social events! Contact: Jeff Maddy: ccsapsao@gmail.com

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

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

THIS IS YOUR CLUB... GET INVOLVED!

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

CRUISE AND RENDEZVOUS PRESENTS

SHRIMP DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

JOIN US AS THE C&R
COMMITTEE HOSTS ITS
ANNUAL SHRIMP BOIL DINNER

**GREAT
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AT SQUADRON HARBOR

\$15
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5:30 p.m. attitude adjustment • 6:30 p.m. dinner

Shrimp Dinner November 19 at Cape Coral Sail & Power Squadron

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address _____

Number attending _____ @ \$15.00 per person Total Enclosed = _____

There will be assigned seating. Seating preference _____

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Every \$1 donated turns into \$8 worth of food for the children in Cape Coral. Your contributions truly do make all the difference. THANK YOU for ALL YOU DO!

HEALTHY NOT HUNGRY KIDS 2021



Macaroni and Cheese Cups
Canned Pasta
Tuna Pouches
Chicken Noodle Soup
Fruit Cups or Jell-O Cups
Cereal Bars or Pop Tarts
Oatmeal or Cereal
Shelf Stable Milk

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

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Cape Coral, FL 33904

Remember to make a note: CCSAPS Member



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The Buoys is YOUR newsletter. I welcome your suggestions AND submissions!
Please contact me at ccsapsbuoyseitor@gmail.com - *Nancy Maddy, Editor*





LOOKING AHEAD

OCTOBER 2021

Tue 5	Entertainment Committee Meeting	0930
Tue 5	C&R Meeting	1030
Thu 7	Executive Committee Meeting	1900
Fri 8	D22 Fall Conf (1/2)	0830
Sat 9	D22 Fall Conf (2/2)	0830
M/W 11	ABC Course 11-27 Oct	1900
Tue 12	Co-op Charting	1000
Tue 12	Fishing Group	1900
Wed 13-15	C&R Pink Shell Resort	
Thu 14	General Meeting	1900
Sat 16	Weekenders Outing	0930
Tue 19	Kayak Outing	0930
Sat 23	Oktoberfest Parking 10/23 and 10/30	
Wed 27	ABC Graduation	1900
Thu 28	Navigation/Charts Class	1900
Fri 29	Halloween Party	1730

NOVEMBER 2021

M/W 1	ABC Course 1-17 Oct	1900
Tue 2	Entertainment Committee Meeting	0930
Tue 2	C&R Meeting	1030
Thu 4	Executive Committee Meeting	1900
Tue 9	Co-op Charting	1000
Tue 9	Fishing Group	1900
Thu 11	General Meeting	1900
Sat 13	Weekenders Outing	0930
Tue 16	Kayak Outing	0930
Wed 17	ABC Graduation	1900
Thu 18	Navigation/Charts Class	1900
Fri 19	C&R Shrimp Boil	1730

DECEMBER 2021

Thu 2	Executive Committee Meeting	1900
Mon 6-8	C&R 'Tween Waters	
Tue 7	Entertainment Committee Meeting	0930
Thu 9	General Meeting	1900

Dates and events subject to change. Check our live calendar for up to date information [ccsaps.org](https://www.ccsaps.org)

(C & R = Cruise & Rendevous ABC= America's Boating Course)

Fri 10	Holiday Party	1730
Sat 11	Weekenders Outing	0930
Tue 14	Co-op Charting	1000
Tue 14	Fishing Group	1900
Tue 16	Kayak Outing	0930
Sat 18	CC Holiday Boat a Long	1730
Tue 21	Kayak Outing	0930

JANUARY 2022

M/W	ABC Course 3-19 Jan	1900
Mon 3-5	C&R Boca Grande	
Tue 4	Entertainment Committee Meeting	0930
Thu 6	Executive Committee Meeting	1900
Sat 8	Weekenders Outing	0930
Tue 11	Co-op Charting	1000
Tue 11	Fishing Group	1900
Tue 11	Weekenders Meeting	1900
Thu 13	General Meeting	1900
Tue 18	Kayak Outing	0930
Wed 19	ABC Graduation	1930
Thu 20	Navigation/Charts Class	1900
Fri 21	C&R Clam or Chicken Dinner	1730

FEBRUARY 2022

Tue 1	Entertainment Committee Meeting	0930
Thu 3	Executive Committee Meeting	1900
Fri 4	Save the Date Mardi Gras Party	1730
Tue 8	Co-op Charting	1000
M/W 7	ABC Course 7-23 Feb	1900
Tue 8	Fishing Group	1900
Tue 8	Weekenders Meeting	1900
Thu 10	CCSAPS General Meeting	1900
Sat 12	Weekenders Outing	0930
Tue 15	Kayak Outing	0930
Wed 23	ABC Graduation	1930
Fri 23	Change of Watch and Dinner	1730

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome these new Power Squadron members:

Ken Fioretti	Augustine Mazziotti
Debbie Fioretti	Jill Mazziotti
Nicole Fioretti	(reinstated members)
Michelle Fioretti	

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

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



DAWSON ADDRESSES WATERWAY BOARD

CCSAPS member, Tom Dawson, addressed Cape Coral's Waterway Advisory Board on 23 September about the need for more public education classes, and how the city can take a role in promoting boater education.

The advisory board first met in February, 2021, and looks to address safety and education issues in local waterways. September's meeting included a comprehensive report and discussion about the Northwest Spreader and the need for responsible boater activity.

The next meeting of The Waterway Advisory Board will be held November 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Nicholas Annex, PW Green Room A200, located at 815 Nicholas Parkway, Cape Coral, FL 33990. Please visit the following page to view the agenda when it becomes available: http://www.capecoral.net/departments/clerk/agendas_and_videos.php

ONLINE BOATING SEMINARS

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SAVE THE DATE

Cruise & Rendezvous returns this fall with their famous dinners! Keep checking The Buoys for more information.

**November 19, 2021
SHRIMP BOIL**

**January 21, 2022
CLAM OR
CHICKEN DINNER**

**March 18, 2022
LOBSTER TAIL AND
HAM DINNER**



EXPLORE the USPS DISTRICT 22 WEBSITE



americasboatingclub-d22.org/

To protect member privacy, some of the pages are password protected. If you desire access, send an email to ccsapswebinfo@gmail.com

NEW FEATURES INCLUDE

- Ability to pay online for events
- Dynamic styling following
USPS national marketing guidelines
- Access to District 22 directory
- Access to district
documents, newsletters & office reports

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Nathaniel Chadwick	1	Wendy B. Headrick	11	Jack E. Clark	22
William J. Francis	1	George F. Kenneke	11	Catherine Jordan	22
Jean Gray	1	Karen A. Collins	12	Mario F. Bentivenga	23
John P. Lanners	1	Matt Schneider	12	Shirley Bodkin	23
Janine E. Whisler	1	Kathleen M. Hobart	13	Robert J. Lauson	23
Jonne Berning	2	Virginia M. Stewart	13	Cheri K. Giralico	24
Ricky W. Gleason	2	Joyce C. Barkalow	14	Theresa A. Helmick	25
Michael H. Healy	2	Jon S. Burgess	14	Karen A. McClendon	25
Robert M. Tittlemore	2	Frederick B. Clapp	14	Jennifer McGraw	25
Louise Torkelson	3	Ronald E. Reinert	14	Grady F. Parker	25
Daniel L. Sweeney	5	Scott M. Steele	14	Lari J. Barrale	26
Sharyn L. Waidzunus	5	Theodore L. Blomquist	16	Donald E. Romeo	26
Theresa Deering	6	Peter J. Buchan	16	Sharon L. Jones	27
Rachelle Fulton	7	Donald A. Keech	16	Mark Wulber	27
Hannah M. Galluzzo	7	Janet Apfel	17	Thomas R. Marshall	28
Madison E. Galluzzo	7	Ryan W. Cram	17	Robert Friedrick	29
Harold E. Hill	7	James S. Humphrey	17	Barb Riordan	29
Patrick Hopkins	8	Andrea N. Agnew	19	Mark D. Christianson	30
Lindsey McFarren	8	Cheryl D. Anderson	20	Trese T. Bales	31
Patricia A. Meier	8	Adam C. Buechler	21	John J. Karpinski	31
Gregory A. Kechik	9	Teresa M. Buechler	21	Mark Koelker	31
Richard J. Meli	10	Deborah M. Stetts	21		
Jeffrey Bame Jr.	11	Lloyd E. Wolfe	21		

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<https://www.usps.org/departments/14000/1450001>



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COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE

SQUADRON HOURS OF OPERATION

The Power Squadron office is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - noon. (239) 549-9754

EMAIL

Email questions and concerns to 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/>

CCSAPS Facebook page
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