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Cape Coral receives final DEP Order for Chiquita Lock Removal

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has issued an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) for the South Spreader Waterway Enhancement Project, which includes removal of the Chiquita Boat Lock, following the issuance of the Final Order.

"This milestone marks a pivotal moment in the City's efforts to improve waterway access and environmental conditions in the area," city officials said in a release issued today. "The City has already begun taking immediate steps to secure the necessary permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to advance the lock removal project. Additionally, City officials have been in communication with the contractor responsible for the lock's removal to ensure the project progresses without delay."

An administrative law Judge issued a Recommended Order in June authorizing FDEP to grant the ERP to the city. The recommendation came after a multi-week evidentiary hearing concluded on Dec. 20, 2023.

"The Final Administrative Hearing was a crucial step in the permitting process, with the Judge ordering the Petitioner(s), the City, and FDEP to submit their proposed recommended orders by April 29, 2024. After careful consideration, the Judge determined that the City's ERP application met the necessary standards under Florida law and the Florida Administrative Code, leading to the issuance of the favorable Recommended Order," the city release states.

"The City of Cape Coral recognizes the importance of the South Spreader Waterway Enhancement Project and is committed to moving forward with the utmost care, adhering to any permit conditions."

For further information and to view the FDEP ERP permit see <https://files.constantcontact.com/d157eeba001/bd78c-c8b-cc19-49f3-bcdb-79a4a8330882.pdf?rdr=true>

Source: City of Cape Coral

Come One Come All!

CCSAPS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

DINNER: 6:00-7:00PM*

MEETING: 7:00-9:00PM

SQUADRON BUILDING

GUEST SPEAKER(s): Tom and Bridgette
Demarzo

"Completing the Florida Loop"

You Tube: "Adventures of Happy Ours"



*RSVP FOR FOOD (aka Lite Bite):

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/ccsaps/sep-tember-general-meeting-lite-bites-2093089426>

(\$10 pay at door)

Soft Drinks and Beer provided

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Scott Steele Commander
ABC Cape Coral Sail
& Power Squadron

Greetings after a not so quiet summer vacation. Tropical Storm Debby made things a bit interesting a few weeks ago and thankfully the wind was not too bad. It could have been worse. The folks further north really got the rain. I had 7 inches at my house and a good friend got over 14 inches on Anna Maria Island. Hopefully no one had any big issues. We were also thrilled that the squadron building had no leaks. We had some minor caulking done a couple months ago and it made a difference in the office.

By now, most folks have received an email about signing into the new America's Boating Club portal. Trust me when I say there is still work to be done. There are a tremendous number of issues and it's also impacted the legacy systems. Carl and I have been in communication directly with the district and national folks in hopes of getting something useful. It looks like there still is a long way to go and we are unclear as to what to expect as an end result. Feel free to log in and check it out yourself.

We are heading for some tough times if we don't start getting more folks involved in leadership and as instructors. The folks on the bridge really enjoy what they do, but they can't do it forever. The same goes for our instructors. I'm in my third year as commander. Historically, a Commander serves for one or two years. Our issue is twofold: You can't just walk off the street and assume the Commander's role. Though it's not nuclear physics, it does take a little time to figure out the processes and procedures. Previously being on the bridge in a different role is a great way to get started. That's the second part of the issue. The current bridge members are great at what they do and prefer to stay in these roles, move laterally or retire. So, in a nutshell, we need to know who would like to lead in the next year or two. I can stay on another year and mentor, just like Carl did for me, but the fact remains we need to know who wants to step up. The other areas where we really need help is in the treasurer and ABC instructor roles. Because we own our building, we do have a bit more complexity than most squadrons and it takes a while to master the do's and don'ts. As to instruction, we have the finest educators in the country, but they are also looking at the reality that they can't do it forever. I know Tom Dawson has put together some helpful guides for those who want to teach. The key is that we need people to get started. We elect new officers in February. Please let Carl or myself know now the questions or interests you have.

We have had some good activities over the past couple months. Co-op charting has completed its summer schedule with the different runs. Denny Pearson has also started coordinating training runs for new members. This gives more opportunities to gain experience and knowledge. Jim and Joette Humphrey have been doing streamlined Farmer's Market activities to help reach out and market our upcoming seminars and classes. It's been really hot on most Saturday mornings and they've done a great job as always. Our weekender's and weekday's boating groups have continued monthly trips and the weather has actually cooperated quite nicely. We've also finished up some additional vessel safety checks.

We have also been very fortunate that we have a great entertainment group and they've continued to conduct events and plan for additional fun. Please make sure you go to our website and check out the upcoming events. They are always a great time.

I look forward to seeing you at our general meeting in September and thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Scott
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How did Cattle Dock Point get its name?

By Barret Bonden



The area has some interesting place names, but do you know their backstory? Harney Point was named after Col. William Harney who tried to establish a trading post in that area. It didn't last long and ended with the Harney Point Massacre in 1839.

Piney Point had lots of pine trees like the rest of the area that later became Cape Coral, but what about Cattle Dock Point, were there ever cattle there, was it ever a dock? It turns out there is still no clear answer to that question.

Back in April the Friends of the Cape Coral Library hosted its spring book sale, and I like to explore the special items table. This spring they had a couple of copies of Betzy Zeiss' book *The Other Side of the River* Historical Cape Coral. It piqued my interest, so I picked up a copy. Zeiss started visiting the area back in 1960 a time she claims "cows outnumbered people and rickety bridges linked dusty roads."

In her book, Zeiss sets out to capture the oral history of the area. She tracks down the descendants of those who tried to homestead the area before the Rosen's came in bulldozed the landscape. In all it was a fascinating read and paints an interesting picture of the area from the early 1800's to the 1970's.

It surprises many people to learn that Florida was cattle country. The state rivaled the old west in many ways. The term Florida "crackers" came from the sound of the whips the cowboys used to herd cattle. Florida was open prairie until 1949 when the first fence laws were enacted.

Cattle from central and south Florida were shipped by rail or boat to the markets in the northern states. Up until the 1850's long horn cattle were herded either west to Punta Gorda or north to the rail lines near Tampa. In 1850, Cuba became a market for the Florida beef and a new port was needed.

The shipping point for Cuba moved south to Punta Rasa, and to get the cattle there they had to cross the Caloosahatchee River. The crackers would move their herds down from central Florida through Arcadia to Alva where they cattle could ford the river. Yes, that's right, somewhere just past the current lock the river had a place that cattle could wade across.

From there the crackers would follow the river south. Along the way passing through what is today downtown Ft. Myers on the way to Punta Rasa. That is until one successful rancher, "Big Jake" Daughtrey, decided to take another path.

Daughtrey had homestead 160 acres of land around the creek that now bears his name. After doing some exploring, he decided to herd his cattle down to either Harney Point or Cattle Dock Point. This is where the story gets murky. Before the mouth of the river was dredged, the early paddle-wheelers navigated up the river on the north side of Big Shell Island. Zeiss in all her interviews couldn't pin down if Daughtrey used one or both of those places.

What she did tease out from the people she spoke with was in the 1970's there was still dock piling visible at Cattle Dock Point. Some old timers remember a barge that sat there for a long time prior to that time. The speculation was that Daughtrey may have used Cattle Dock Point as a place to ferry cattle down to Punta Rasa and from there to Cuba.

In either case it was fun to imagine cattle roaming free on the "other side of the river." It was also interesting to read the many stories of the early pioneers that tried to make a go of it here before the Rosen brothers showed up. Zeiss pointed out many places where early homesteaders lived that remain undeveloped even today along Pine Island Road. But that is another story.

Mark your calendars for November 22nd & 23rd for the next Friends of the Library Book Sale. You never know what you may find there. For some more local history sign up for our "local water's" seminar listed on the events page.

Stay Safe,
Barret Bonden



Barret Bonden, a recurring character in the Patrick O'Brian seafaring novels, and is the nom de plume for one of our many safe boating instructors. Barret also encourages members to continue their boating education by taking more of the boating courses and seminars offered by the Squadron. Check the BUOYS newsletter for upcoming dates.



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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER (SEO)

SEO's Notebook:

Welcome to 2024-25 Academic Year

How the time flies! Hard to believe that fall is almost here. And that means peak hurricane season is right around the corner (not that anyone reading this needs to be reminded). Be prepared and vigilant. I check the National Hurricane Center website (<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>) every morning for the latest and most accurate information on the tropics.

The 2024-25 academic year starts in earnest this month and runs through June, 2025. A diverse curriculum is being offered and contains subjects directly applicable to boating in our area. But before I get into that discussion, it has become traditional, at the beginning of the academic year, to recognize our members that have been awarded Advanced Grades by passing our Advanced Course offerings during the prior academic year. These advanced courses run six to seven weeks and are followed by a rigorous final examination, the passing grade for which is 80%.

For those that have taken the Boat Handling Class and passed the final exam, they are awarded the Advanced Grade of Seaman (S). Several of our members were awarded this grade: Edwin Estes, Thekla Fagerlie-Madsen, Don Schmitt, Randi Schmitt, and Daniel Silva. A special congratulations to Daniel for making a perfect score!

The grade of Advanced Pilot (AP) is awarded to those that pass the Advanced Marine Navigation course, by completing equivalent training with the USCG Auxiliary, or by successfully obtaining a USCG Captain's license. Daniel Waters successfully completed the Advanced Marine Navigation course. Thomas Dawson completed the equivalent USCG Auxiliary courses. Two of our USCG Captain members also were awarded their AP grades: Josh Wurtsbaugh and Michael Lynch. Well done and congratulations to all! Thank you for your commitment to continuing boating education.

The 2024-25 Academic Calendar has been posted on our website and all classes are open for registration online. As usual, ABC kicks things off on September 9. There is still plenty of space available, so spread the word. Subsequent ABC offerings are November 4, January 6, March 3 and May 5. ABC has proven to be very popular, and CCSAPS graduates more students than any other squadron in the country! And this is all thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteer instructors (second to none) and the recruitment teams (Farmer's Market, social media, etc.). 2024-25 should prove to be no different.

The two-hour Introduction to Charting seminar occurs on September 26. This highly informative class introduces boaters to electronic navigation and the use of charts. These techniques are invaluable for those wanting to successfully navigate our local estuary. Charts is a "fancy" term for maps. Most of us are familiar with using Google maps (or equivalent) for driving. Knowing how to use charts is (almost) the same for getting around on the water. If you are unfamiliar with inshore and coastal piloting or just need a quick refresher, please consider attending.



The next offering of Boat Handling starts on October 8. This six-week Advanced course covers the subjects of the rules of the road, slow speed maneuvering (docking/undocking), underway handling, anchoring, emergencies, and knots and lines (marlinespike). If you are a recent graduate of ABC, this course will provide reinforcement for what was covered there. Of course, if it's been a while since you last attended ABC and want a refresher, this is the course for you. Subsequent offerings are January 6, March 11, and May 5. Completing the course and passing the final exam will earn you the Advanced Grade of Seaman.

Also coming up in October is a brand new six-week course entitled "Navigating SW Florida." This course picks up where the popular SW Florida Boating Primer left off. If you attended one of the Primer sessions, you were exposed to a very great deal of material in a short period (two hours) of time. This course provides detailed descriptions of the SW Florida waterways as well as an introduction to navigation using electronic tools. It is directed at the recreational boater and based upon over 300 hours of experience with actual piloting in the local waters. Electronic navigation techniques, using PCs, tablets, and smart phones, are covered in great detail. There will be homework and a final exam. By passing the final exam, students will receive academic credit for USPS Introduction to Navigation. This course starts on October 15, and will be offered again on February 11. Enrollment is limited, and I expect this course to fill up quickly.

And, of course, we have another offering of the informative "All About VHF/DSC Radio" seminar. This two-hour class provides an overview of the proper use of the second most important piece of safety equipment on board your vessel, your marine VHF radio. Learn how to correctly use the various radio channels for things like emergencies, urgent requests, and safety information, as well as for contacting other vessels and marinas. This seminar takes place on October 8, and is repeated on April 15.

In subsequent issues of SEO's Notebook, I will be previewing our other upcoming course and seminar offerings. But in the meantime, I encourage you to look at the calendar to see if there's anything else you'd like offered. Do not hesitate to contact me with your suggestions and/or requests and I'll do my best to accommodate you. I already know that many of you have requested basic boat and engine maintenance, as well as boat lift servicing seminars, and these are in work. However, there is no date for their offering at this time, although we are hoping to get something out in the March-April time frame.

If you are interested in becoming an instructor (no prior experience needed), please contact me and I will get you through the process (it's not hard, at all). We're looking for people with public speaking skills and a working knowledge of recreational boating. Whether you're an experienced weekend/weekday boater or a USCG Captain, I'd love to hear from you. This is especially true if there's a particular boating subject in which you are familiar. Contact me at education@ccsaps.org.

And, just to repeat, the Academic Calendar has been posted to the website and all courses and seminars are available for online registration, either via the website, or by scanning the appropriate QR codes on the subsequent pages of the Buoys. Also, should you have any questions or comments about our educational offerings, I'd like to hear from you. All inquiries are answered within 24 hours.

Until next time...

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Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron



Course and Seminar Summary

Beginner, intermediate or advanced — whatever your skill level, our in-depth boating education courses will boost your knowledge and confidence on the water.

- **ABC - America's Boating Course** gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets the State of Florida boating education requirements.

- **Boat Handling Course** builds your competence and confidence on the water with an in-depth look at the practical boating skills covered in the ABC course.

- **Marine Navigation and Advanced Marine Navigation Courses** give you the skills you need to get where you're going using charts and marine electronics as well as a knowledge of winds, currents and tides.

- **Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics Courses and Seminars** deal with common vessel issues faced by today's recreational boater. Learn proper operation and diagnostic techniques for critical systems.

- **Other Seminars** provide a 2 hour introductions to various boating topics, such as Marine Radio, Weather and Forecasting, Handling Emergencies, etc.

For complete course and seminar descriptions, scan the QR code or go to <https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/learn>





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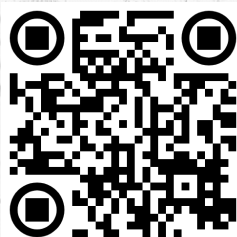
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GRADES

S - Seaman (aka Boat Handling)

AP - Advanced Pilot

P - Pilot

JN - Junior Navigator

N - Navigator

SN - Senior Navigation

Indicates the highest level of education completed. Follows the name of the person.



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (August 2024)

Allen Casteran is the new Rental Manager and Sally Fuller was introduced as the new Buoy Editor.

Treasurer: The Squadron remains solvent with strong asset management.

Education Officer: SW Florida Boating Seminar will be held on 9/17 and 11/12. The 2025 Academic calendar will be posted soon. Tom Dawson's name has been submitted to receive the Chapman Award for Outstanding Instructor of the Year. There has been an issue with some ABC grads not receiving their Florida Boating card. There is ongoing reporting to National to correct this issue.

Executive Officer: The Farmer's Market has done some Saturdays to help recruit for the September ABC class. A report on the results of the annual member survey will be given at the September General Meeting. Co-Op charting will be completing the season's runs in the next few weeks. There have been 8 recorders and 1 navigator certified this summer through Denny Pearson's new training program. Vessel examinations have continued and there will be an outreach to vessel examiners who have been inactive. A very successful fire extinguisher training was held in July. Both this training and CPR will be scheduled again in 2025. There are plans to have an administrator from the Caloosa Water Keepers speak to our group and help us make oyster strings to aid in cleaning our canal waters.

Administrative Officer: Membership is currently 444. Boating groups continue to be active through the summer. Upcoming Entertainment events are listed on TicketLeap for sign up.

Commander: Members interested in serving on the Bridge or in any position should speak to Carl McGrath or Scott Steele to start the process for the next year.

Welcome New Members to the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron

William Scott

Constance Leeg James Snyder

Scott Newman Ginny Newman

Carl Voelcker Christina Belew

Jose L Mencia Michelle P Mencia

Joseph L Mencia Patrick M Mencia

Brian Kueppers Michelle Kueppers

Mike Comstock Kim Comstock

Sandy Cregger Danny Cregger

Scott Koczara Stacy Koczara

David Mikell John Barbarino

Kathleen Samp David Schwaner

Sue Miller Kirk Hufford

Jill Anderson-Dohogne

Thomas McCants Yutta McCants

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James Collier Cheryl Collier

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Sharon Eberhardt Keven Eberhardt

**We look forward with getting
to know you!**



Looking Ahead -

September

	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2	Monday		Labor Day	
5	Thursday	7:00-9:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Cape Coral Power Squadron
9	Monday	7:00-9:00pm	ABC Course begins	Cape Coral Power Squadron
11	Wednesday	7:00-8:00pm	Fishing Group	Cape Coral Power Squadron
12	Thursday	6:00-9:00pm	CCSAPS General Membership Mtg	Cape Coral Power Squadron
14	Saturday	D22 Fall Conference	Sarasota Power & Sail Squadron Building *see attached flyer	
17	Tuesday	7:00-9:00pm	SW Boating Seminar	Cape Coral Power Squadron
20	Friday	5:30-8:00pm	Cheeseburger in Paradise Cookout	Cape Coral Power Squadron
24- 26	T, W, Th		Sept. Cruise to Snook Bight	Snook Bight Fort Myers
25	Wednesday	7:30-9:00pm	ABC Graduation	Cape Coral Power Squadron

October

	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
3	Thursday	7:00-9:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Cape Coral Power Squadron
4, 5, 6	Fri-Sat	D22 Fall Conference	Charlotte Harbor Event Center, Punta Gorda *see attached flyer	
9	Wednesday	7:00-8:00pm	Fishing Group	Cape Coral Power Squadron
25	Friday	5:00-7:30pm	International Potluck Party	Cape Coral Power Squadron
31	Thursday		Happy Halloween	

November

	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
4	Monday	7:00-9:00pm	ABC Course begins	Cape Coral Power Squadron
5	Tuesday		Election Day	
7	Thursday	7:00-9:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Cape Coral Power Squadron
11	Monday		Veterans Day	
12	Tuesday	7:00-9:00pm	SW Boating Seminar	Cape Coral Power Squadron
13	Wednesday	7:00-8:00pm	Fishing Group	Cape Coral Power Squadron
14	Thursday	6:00-9:00pm	CCSAPS General Membership Mtg	Cape Coral Power Squadron
15	Friday	5:00-9:00pm	Good Vibrations Welcome Back	Cape Coral Power Squadron
20	Wednesday	7:30-9:00pm	ABC Graduation	Cape Coral Power Squadron
28	Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving	

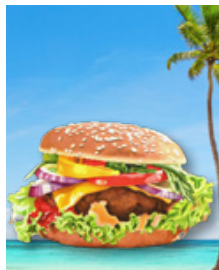
December

	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5	Thursday	7:00-9:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Cape Coral Power Squadron
11	Wednesday	7:00-8:00pm	Fishing Group	Cape Coral Power Squadron
14	Saturday		Holiday Hoopla Party	Cape Coral Power Squadron
25			Merry Christmas	

CCSAPS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Let's Get Social

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events



CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE COOKOUT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 5:30 PM CAPE CORAL POWER SQUADRON

CALLING ALL YOU PARROT HEADS!

- We will be grilling cheeseburgers & chicken
- Bring a dish to pass and your favorite beverage (we will supply soft drinks/ beer/ water)
- Good food - Fun games - Music - \$10.00 per person

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/ccsaps/cheeseburger-in-paradise-cookout>



INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK PARTY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024 5:00 PM CAPE CORAL POWER SQUADRON

Come share your heritage, and enjoy food from around the world!
Bring your favorite dish along with the recipe to share! Italian, German, Brazilian, Dominican, Swedish, Russian, Portuguese...you name it!

\$10 per person includes beer/ wine/ soft drinks/ water

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/ccsaps/international-potluck-party>



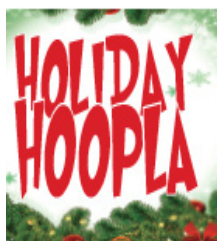
GOOD VIBRATIONS WELCOME BACK FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024 5:00 PM CAPE CORAL POWER SQUADRON

Cape Coral Power Squadron welcomes back our snowbirds with good vibes! Enjoy classic food just like Mom used to make!

Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks and Water provided

\$20.00 pp Fun nostalgic games, music, prizes! We can't wait to see you!

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/ccsaps/good-vibrations-welcome-back-snowbirds-nov15>



HOLIDAY HOOPLA PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024 5:00 PM CAPE CORAL POWER SQUADRON

- Bring an appetizer or dish to share and a gift under 15.00 (can be funny or practical)
- We will host 'steal a gift', as well as many other fun games!

Come and get your Holly/Jolly on!

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/ccsaps/holiday-hoopla>



CCSAPS Boating Groups

Weekdayers traveled to Sanibel for a delicious meal at Gramma Dots on August 2nd. It was a gorgeous day. Doug Brenton is planning another outing in September, date TBD.



Coming in September! Cruise and Rendezvous -
September cruise to Snook Bight for three nights Fort Myers Beach on 24th, 25th and 26th. We have a few slips still available and you can contact Phil Kryger, ppkryger@gmail.com to reserve your slip and for more details on this trip.

CCSAPS on Social Media!

Our chapter is active on FOUR social media sites: Facebook, Instagram, NextDoor and X. By being on these sites, you can "like" our posts which extends our outreach throughout our community. This outreach keeps as many people aware of the goodness of our chapter from boating and navigation education to socializing with other boating enthusiasts. Shout outs and high fives to Joette Humphrey, Sherry Carter, Leslie Dicken and Michelle De Witte for keeping us active and alive on social media.

If you need help navigating on the web, please email socialmedia@ccsaps.org and we can get you started!

Co-Op Charting Group - Denny Pearson

The summer of 2024 proved to be more of a challenge with weather and schedules for the Co-Op Charting Group. The morning weather and sea conditions this summer required the rescheduling of a number of the ATON Verification Runs, some runs more than once.

In June the group completed two ATON Verification Survey Runs with a third run being rescheduled but not completed in June due to weather. The first run was on Thursday, June 6 with Captain Jim Humphrey and crew running Route G (Pine Island Sound to Redfish Pass, Captiva). Route G run logged 7 ATON/PATON discrepancies during their run and had a great morning on the water. The crew stopped at Rumrunner's in Cape Harbor for an enjoyable lunch before heading back to the home dock. Weather and sea conditions required the rescheduling of the next runs some more than once. The second run was scheduled for Saturday, June 8 with Captain Ken Goldman and crew running Route I (Matlacha Pass Bridge to Jug Creek, Bokeelia). Route I did launch the day of the run but had to abort in Matlacha Pass due to thick fog. The run rescheduled but did not get out in June due to weather. The third run was scheduled for Tuesday, June 11 with Captain Doug Brenton and crew running Route F (St. James City, Pine Island to Roosevelt Channel, Sanibel). Route F had to reschedule to Thursday, June 27 due to weather conditions. Route F run logged 1 ATON/PATON discrepancy during their run and had a great morning on the water. The crew stopped at the Green Flash for an enjoyable lunch before heading back to the home dock.

In July the group completed four ATON Verification Survey Runs. The first run was on Saturday, July 13 with Captain Phil Botana and crew running Route D (Cape Coral, Redfish Point to Tarpon Point). Route D run logged 4 ATON/PATON discrepancies during their run and had a great morning on the water. The crew stopped at the Boat House for an enjoyable lunch before heading back to the home dock. The second run was on Monday, July 22 with Captain Scott Steele and crew running Route J (Sword Point, Cape Coral to Matlacha Pass Bridge). Route J run logged 16 ATON/PATON discrepancies during their run and had a great morning on the water. The crew stopped at the Boat House for an enjoyable lunch before heading back to the home dock. The third run was scheduled and run on Thursday, July 25 with Captain Doug Brenton and crew running Route E (Shell Point to San Carlos Bay). Route E run logged 19 ATON/PATON discrepancies during their run and had a great morning on the water. The crew stopped at the Light House Restaurant for an enjoyable lunch before heading back to the home dock. The fourth run was a June run rescheduled to Friday, July 26 with Captain Ken Goldman and crew running Route I (Matlacha Pass Bridge to Jug Creek, Bokeelia). Route I run logged 13 ATON/PATON discrepancies during their run and had a great morning on the water. The crew stopped for lunch before heading back to the home dock.

Run G Crew on June 6



Run D Crew on July 13



In August, the group completed two ATON Verification Survey runs. The first run was on August 12 with Jim Humphrey and crew running Route C (Deep Lagoon, Fort Myers to Plato Canal, Cape Coral). Route C run logged 17 ATON/PATON discrepancies during their run and had a great morning on the water. The crew stopped at Rumrunner's in Cape Harbor for an enjoyable lunch before heading back to the home dock. The second run was on Thursday, August 15 with Captain Phil Botana and crew running Route B (Moody Canal Entry, Cape Coral to Paradise Yacht Club, Cape Coral). Route B run logged 26 ATON/PATON discrepancies during their run and had a great morning on the water. The crew stopped for lunch before heading back to the home dock.



Run J Crew on July 22

**Training Run C Crew on
July 24**



**Run E Crew on
July 25**



During the summer season an all New Training Run program was started which provided for hands-on crew position training while on a simulated run on the river. Captain Pete Hohmann volunteered for the mission with the use of his Tri-toon boat that provided a great environment for the training. A total of three Training Runs were completed. The first Training Run was conducted on Saturday, June 29 using Route D as the simulated run. One First Mate/Navigator and four Recorders were trained and qualified during and after the run. The second Training Run was conducted on Saturday, July 20 using Route C as the simulated run. Four new Recorders were trained and qualified during and after the run. The third Training Run was conducted on Saturday, August 17 using Route B as the simulated run. Five new First Mate/Navigators and two Recorders were trained and qualified during and after the run.

The runs this past week completed the summer Co-Op Charting Run Season. The next Run Season starts in early November with the scheduling starting in October for a Route A (Royal Palm Yacht Club, Ft, Myers to Franklin Lock) run before November 15. The seasonal Routes include 10 Routes with 709 Aids and cover 134 miles of waterways. Please contact Denny Pearson at coopcharting@ccsaps.org with any questions.

We will not have a meeting in September or October. Our next Co-Op Charting group meeting is scheduled to fall on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11 at 7:00 PM, so this date may be moved to not conflict with the holiday. A confirmation will be sent out to the group members on what date the next meeting date will be held.



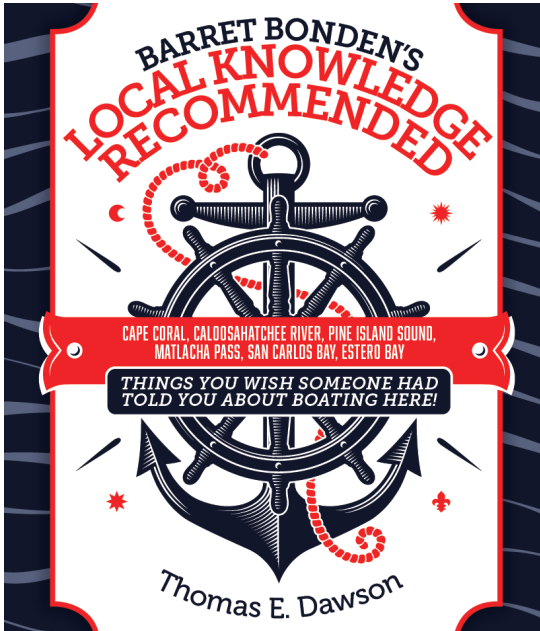
Run I Crew on July 26



Run B Crew on August 15

Training Run B Crew on August 17





Barret Bonden's Local Knowledge Recommended

The response to our local waters seminar "SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BOATING SEMINAR" has prompted the creator of the seminar to write a companion book. Feedback from some attendees said they would like something to refer to as they know they didn't digest all the information covered.

Barret Bonden's Local Knowledge Recommended Things you wish someone had told you about boating here! Is now available on Amazon and will be for sale at the squadron offices soon. The cost is \$20.00. The book covers all the topics in the seminar, plus some extras.

Don't forget the seminar will be presented Tuesday, September 17th, Tuesday, November 12th, and Tuesday, January 14th. Seating is limited so be sure to preregister.

Farmers Market - CCSAPS Teamwork

The Farmer's Market (FM) Team has for many years trumpeted educational and social resources to the Cape Coral community. Ask a member if they have helped staff FM and chances are, they'll say, "yes." The squadron's most recent Farmers Market term began September 3, 2023, and from that date forward to today there have been 21 member volunteers, and 30 market Saturdays, totaling 150 hours of market time.

This year's FM term added markets in July and August to encourage signups for September classes. Signups have indeed increased, not only a result of FM, but because of a total squadron teamwork effort. Here's an example. After Neil, Tom, and Josh put out the SWF Local Waters Seminar schedule in mid-July, Joette Humphrey developed handouts and started an aggressive Social Marketing campaign. Nancy and Jeff put the seminar on ticket leap and Carl added it to Zettle enabling people to preregister and pay. Doug Brenton, Scott Fergen, and Denny Pearson each emailed the groups that they lead. Tom DeMarzo designed a social media post. Scott Steele, Tom Dawson, Mike Carter and Craig and Tessa Buechler assisted Jim and

Joette at the Farmers Market. In just two weeks, 35 people had signed up for the seminar. This seminar is scheduled for 17 September, and due to space, is capped at 48 attendees. As of now 46 have pre-registered and paid, and six more for the November seminar. **How's that for CCSAPS teamwork!**

There have been many dedicated FM coordinators like Greg and Trish Kechik who graciously tutored Jim and Joette Humphrey, our present coordinators.



VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

What is a Vessel Safety Check (VSC)?

It is an opportunity to have your vessel's safety equipment examined by a qualified vessel examiner of the United States Power Squadrons. There are NO fines, penalties, or reports to any other agency.

If your vessel is properly equipped, you will be awarded a current VSC decal to display. Decal display does NOT guarantee that you will not be boarded.



Provided you do not remove any equipment, you'll have peace of mind knowing you have the required equipment in an emergency and know where it's located in the event you need it or are inspected by boating law enforcement.

What are the benefits of a VSC?

The VSC can identify SAFETY and money saving opportunities:

- 1 - By meeting federal, state, and local safety equipment requirements you will prevent equipment related citations.
- 2 - You may receive a boating insurance discount from your insurance provider.
- 3 - By increasing awareness of safety practices you may avoid accidents and costly breakdowns.
- 4 - The VSC can reduce accidents by educating the boater about the value and use of safety equipment and safe practices on the water.

To schedule yours, contact us by phone @ (239) 549-9754, CCSAPS website, visit the squadron office Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - noon, or email buechlercraig@yahoo.com to schedule your vessel safety check today.

Treasurer Items - Carl McGrath

- First, thanks to member Gary Farwick who helped keep our operation going over the Summer.
- Annual Dues - All members should have received an invitation from National HQ to sign in to the new Portal. The system at the National level that manages the Annual Dues process is approaching 30 years of age, both the software and the hardware. A Project has been underway to transition to a new cloud based platform based on iMIS, a suite of capabilities built to support organizations such as ours. The initial effort is focused on migrating our database records and managing the tasks of billing and taking payments for our 17,000 plus members. The project is on-going and has been handling the tasks since July with extensive manual intervention by HQ staff.

The base process remains similar to the past. Two months before the renewal date, the primary member (for Family memberships) or primary single members will receive an invoice for renewal payment and then follow up communications.

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to connect with me at treasurer@ccsaps.org.

- The Treasurer position on the Squadron Bridge could benefit from some fresh eyes and new fingers on the keyboard. I will be setting up some introductory sessions for interested members to review how we operate and the systems we use. The Treasurer manages the Squadron accounts, the Credit Card processing interfaces and many related financial tools. Anyone is welcome to sit in and gain some knowledge. Connect with me at treasurer@ccsaps.org and you will be invited to these discussions starting in September.





Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894 when it was signed into law by President Grover Cleveland. Labor Day week-end also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans and is celebrated with parties, street parades, and of course, athletic events. Labor Day this year is September 2nd.

♪ “They say it’s your birthday!” ♪

Happy September Birthdays 🎂

Wil Foster Jr. James Gull Stacy Henson Edwin Estes Reno Runck IV Karen Volpp Nancy Paterson David Schwaner Peter Mullally Basil Pitzen James Stark Judy Cadorath Judith Murden Charles Jones Vicki Doty Bruce Decock Janis Menges Juan Muniz Eldon Vance Kevin Eisener Kevin Pascucci Edward Wallach Ronald Kelly Gary Lazo Gary Bardon Jill Ann Mazziotti Philip Dicken Daniel Silva Wendy Colleen Willms Scott Koczara Diane McCarter Steven Hammer Paul Borges Beverly Lynch Donna Schmidt Levi Seevers John Nagle Shannon Wurtsbaugh

Happy August Birthdays too 🎂

Stephen Henson Brad Kelly Mary Anne Wilson Sue Feldman Linda McQuay Karen Dunn James Pancoast Edward Borner Michael Cooksley David Kenny Carlisle Barker Dana Breda Ann Detrick Michele Hall Peter Partilo Howard Wright Bruce Baran Kathy Conrad Warren Maciag Sonya Skinner-Biernbaum Scott Spillman Greg Pitts Walter Engel Suzanne Soltysiak Laura Bossert Robert Barkalow Jack Conrad Antoinette McCloskey Barbara Pope Lee Corte-real Jim Del Vecchio Martin Anderson Jim Discher William Scott Robert Blair Paul Dzierzanowski Joy McGrath Alfred Iagnemma Joette Humphrey Carolyn Farwick Tara Flanagan Dennis Schmidt Larry Smith James Snyder Stephen Ternullo

And let’s not forget our friends who had Birthdays in July 🎂

Michael Bromirski Thomas Kuzia Peter Welke Laura Cerkovski Mark Dawson John Henssbruch Larry Rich Robert Biernbaum Douglas Labout Edward McCloskey Ethan Romans Bruce Sokolik Kirk Hufford Les Sivertson Christina Brown Kim White Shirley Bodkin Kathleen Cole Denise Farr Mark Mullett Sandria Cregger Charles Hobart Lisa Caroline Olson Michael Boone John Furey Jan Brown John Swift Ray Schneider William Jefferson William Peterson Sheryl Reinholt Kimberly Sbanotto Russell Hinds Brian Kueppers Victor Ratz Liz Collins Diana Wallach Robert Cline III Kathryn Ferrell Vincent Gaccione Thomas Jeffery Ralph Nudi Dennis Potter Sharon Eberhardt



2024 FALL CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This is the Preliminary Schedule, watch for details!

September 14, 2024 - Sarasota Power & Sail Squadron Building

2814 Hyde Park Street, Sarasota, FL 34239

Sign-in – 0900 Commander & Officer Meeting - 0930 -1130

Lunch Break – 1130 – 1230 Council Meeting - 1230 – 1430

\$5.00 contribution for lunch is suggested

October 4 - 5, 2024 - Charlotte Harbor Event Center

75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Friday October 4 – ALL Member Workshop

0900 - 1130 – iMIS Workshop (bring your laptop)

1130 – 1300 – *Lunch on your own* 1300 -1500 – Marketing your Squadron Workshop

1600 – Gathering Dinner at The IceHouse Irish Pub

408 Tamiami Trail #111, Punta Gorda

Saturday October 5

0800 - 0900 - Coffee and Pastry 0830 – 1200 - Registration Desk Open

0900 -1145 - Roundtables and Seminars

1200 -1330 - **Lunch with speaker**

1300 – 1350 – Registration Desk Open

1345 -1600 – District Conference with Approval of 2025 Budget

1700 – 1800 - After Conference gathering at Springhill Hotel

Hotel Info:

Four Points Sheraton – 941-637-6770

\$149.00 + \$9.00 amenity fee and taxes - **cutoff date September 13**

Make your reservation directly with hotel and use code US1855 to get special rate

Springhill Suites by Marriott – 941-347-4224

\$199.00 + taxes - includes breakfast - **cutoff date September 13**

[Book your group rate for Americas Boating Club](#) by clicking this link

Must book for 2 nights and state America's Boating Club/United States Power Squadrons for these rates