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Boating with Your Dog

by Sea Tow





Having a good day on the water can be even better when you bring your furry friend along. But you need to take the necessary steps to make your boat safe and dog-friendly before their paws hit the dock!

- Allow your dog to become acclimated to the boat, dock area and water before taking them on a trip. Let them sniff all the new odors beforehand and become more comfortable with the surroundings so that more positive feelings will be associated with boating and being on the water.
- Prioritize safety with life jackets and leashes.
 Doggie vests and other floatation devices are
 critical to keeping yourself and other passengers
 safe. Larger dogs can drown humans if they lack the
 proper life jacket and are forced to tread water in a
 panic. A leash and harness are also handy in case
 of unexpected lunges to jump overboard. Be sure
 you don't tether your dog on deck when underway in
 case of unexpected wakes, turns or sudden stops.

Prepare extra supplies for longer boat rides.

As the sun beats down, continue to rehydrate your dog by bringing a non-skid bowl and clean drinking water. But as you know, the more they drink, the more they will have to go to the bathroom. Depending on the length of your trip, you may want to consider an onboard bathroom area for your dog to prevent accidents. Synthetic grass or a spot for newspapers are easy ways to ensure your dog won't have to make bathroom break.

Prevent your boat from turning into a slippery slope.

Anticipate that your dog will get wet and will do the requisite full-body shake to dry off. Packing a towel or two is always a good idea to prevent a slippery wet deck. In order for animals to get back onto the boat, you may also consider investing in a boat ladder or ramp to help facilitate boarding.

 Lastly, a few extra toys and accessories can help keep your dog calm and comfortable.

Don't forget to pack a few extra treats to reward good behavior when out on the water and **dog sunscreen** if they have sensitive skin.

Upcoming Events:

- Holiday Open House, December 15- See page 6 for details
- Eagles Tribute Show, January 10 See page 14 for details (deadline Dec 20)
- Wine and Knots, February 10 See page 5 for details
- · Holiday Boat Parade Info See page 16

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



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

These past couple days have been eventful. We hit the lowest temperature since January and tides were very low. I hope no one was hit by a frozen iguana falling from a tree. The tides also had a direct result on a Co-op charting run as they couldn't get the boat off of the lift. It happens.

We are currently submitting Merit Mark recommendations to national. Many have already received these. As a reminder, Merit Marks are given as a recognition for volunteer hours on behalf of the squadron. Ten vessel safety checks or 20 hours is the usual criteria, though national makes the final determination. The final list will be forwarded after the first of the year. This is not an exact science and we may have overlooked someone. If so, we can make additional recommendations. Once we get things summarized, please let us know if you think we missed someone.

We conducted a new member orientation this past Monday. It's always a pleasure to meet with our newest members and get their interests and ideas. We've been very successful these past few months in gaining new students and members. It's great to see us get back to a normal and positive state. We were fortunate in that we had a lot of newer members volunteer and staff the booth at the Ft. Myers boat show. Doing two full days this year required quite a few folks. Thanks to all who participated.

In our December 7th Executive Committee meeting we will be discussing nominations for next year's officers and group leaders. We need to publish these recommendations a couple months before the election and general meeting in February. We then will have our Change of Watch ceremony on February 23rd. It's not too late to volunteer! We have openings and are always looking to build a strong succession plan. New people bring new ideas. We've sustained our strong membership by being open to change. I like to think we keep things flexible.

We've got the Holiday Pot Luck coming up on December 15th. I hope everyone can whip up an appetizer and attend. It should be a good time. As you know the holidays are a busy time, and we don't do a lot of teaching and other activities in December. Our next ABC class kicks off in January. We already have over 20 students signed up. It will be a good class. We are also revising the frequency of ABC classes in 2024. In order to increase the class size and make it more productive for students and teachers we are going to conduct five classes. We can add more if needed. We have great instructors who put a lot of time into these classes and we want to maximize their efforts.

Last but not least, congratulations on making it through 2023 without a hurricane. We are now officially out of hurricane season. Every morning I go to National Hurricane Center website. This is my favorite message.

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Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 48 hours.

I know we had a little wind and high water this past season, but we can live with that.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season!

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

JN – Junior Navigator N – Navigator SN – Senior Navigator

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

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What is the Meaning of SOS? The Fascinating History of the Universal Distress Signal

by Peter Duncan from bestboatingtips.com



Are you wondering about the meaning of SOS? Contrary to popular belief, SOS does not stand for "save our souls" or "save our ship", these are backronyms. In fact, the famous three letters in SOS stand for nothing.

SOS is a distress call in Morse code consisting of a continuous string of three dots, three dashes, and three dots, with no other meaning on its own. But, as three dots mean the letter "S" and three dashes mean the letter "O", operators started calling this distress call "SOS" for convenience.

The three letters in SOS are easy to remember, making them a powerful visual signal for anyone in trouble. In fact, the three letters have become a separate and recognizable visual distress signal.

When someone needs help, they can spell out SOS on the ground, hoping to be seen by rescuers. What's amazing is that SOS can be read even if it's written backward or upside down, making it an incredibly effective way to call for help in an emergency.

But how did this random combination of dots and dashes become the universaldistresssignal we use today?

To answer that, and to fully understand the SOS meaning, we need to go back to the early days of wireless telegraphy, before the invention of Morse code. At that time, people used different methods to communicate over long distances, such as flags and smoke signals.

But with the invention of the

telegraph, they could send messages through wires. And later with the development of wireless telegraphy in the late 1890s, they could send them through radio waves.

This new technology brought a new challenge: how to ask for help in an emergency.

In 1904, there was no international standard for a distress signal. The Marconi telecommunication company, which played a significant role in developing wireless telegraphy, suggested using "CQD" as a distress signal.

Many people think that CQD means "Come Quick, Danger" or "Come Quickly, Distress" but these are also backronyms.

CQD is actually a combination of two signals: "CQ" ("sécu", from the French word sécurité) which means "alert message to all stations", and "D" which Marconi added to indicate "distress".

CQD was used and interpreted by telegraph operators at the time as "All stations: Distress". Marconi operators around the world began using CQD as the distress call prior to SOS, but it never became an international standard. The reason was CQD could easily be misunderstood with the general call CQ, especially if the signal reception was poor or interrupted.

Around the same time, the US Navy was proposing the use of the signal NC, which stands for "In distress; want immediate assistance". This signal was easy to remember and recognize and had the advantage of being more specific to distress situations.

And in 1905, the German government implemented a new distress signal as part of their telegraphy regulations. The signal was a Morse code repeated three times without a pause, followed by the station's call sign. Countries did not adopt the German signal, and it was soon replaced by the now international SOS signal.

The origin of SOS dates back to

1906, when the SOS signal was introduced during International Radiotelegraph Convention in Berlin. Attendees from various countries agreed to use the continuous signal of three dots, three dashes, and three dots as the international signal of distress, starting in 1908.

This signal was simple to remember and recognize, and it was unique, which made it easy to distinguish it from other signals.

SOS was first used in an emergency on June 10 1909, when the SS Slavonia hit rocks near the coast of the Azores islands (Portugal). Two ships that were in the area received the SOS call and assisted the SS Slavonia with the rescue.

Two months later, on August 11, 1909, the steamship SS Arapahoe became adrift off the coast of North Carolina due to a broken propeller shaft. The ship sent out the SOS signal, which was picked up by nearby S.S. Iroquois and led to its successful rescue.

But the most famous use of the distress signal came three years later when the Titanic used SOS to signal the sinking of the ship.



The Titanic used SOS to signal sinking of the ship.

As you can see, SOS has an interesting history and is still a simple and reliable way to ask for help during emergencies. Knowing its meaning can be a life-saver, especially when you're out on the water or exploring nature.

Next time you're out there, why not test your friends' knowledge and ask them if they know the meaning of SOS?

https://bestboatingtips.com/meaning-of-sos/

WINE & KNOTS PARTY/SEMINAR

WHEN: Saturday, February 10, 2024 WHERE: Cape Coral Power Squadron,

Room 203

TIME: 5:00 pm

COST: \$25 + 2.25 handling charge

DESCRIPTION: Learn four basic knots,

beginning with the bowline. Each knot will be paired with wine and an appetizer. Join us for a fun evening with Captains Betti and Seaby!

Seating limited to 30



https://ccsaps.ticketleap.com/wine-and-knots-feb-10/



Jim Griffiths, editor of the Nautical Mile, gave an interesting talk at the general meeting on November 9 about his life growing up in Key West as the son of a DEA agent. He now lives on Pine Island.



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Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

November 2, 2023

- Secretary's Report: Merit Mark information is ready for submission to National. Any additions should be sent to Leslie ASAP.
- Education Officer: ABC graduated 24 students from the 10/9 class. There will be at least one seminar offered every month as of January 2024. The issue with the Florida certification cards for ABC graduates has been resolved. The new and improved online class registration developed by Neil and Nancy was showcased.
- Executive Officer: Farmer's Market has had some great improvements, including the ability to accept credit card payments and QR codes to scan for ABC registration. Volunteers are still needed to help out on Saturday mornings.
- Administrative Officer: There are 438
 regular members. Boating outings are
 planned for the Green Flash and Cabbage
 Key by the Weekday group and the Weekend group.
- Commander: We need to think about next year's officers. Please let Scott or Carl know if you want to continue in your current role or if you are interested in something new. The General Meeting will be held on February 8th to present the slate of officers. District 22 is still holding 2 formal meetings per year with all 15 squadrons in attendance.

Social Media Update by Joette Humphrey

Our social media presence has been successfully resurrected following the covid break. It took a while to make a reasonable comeback, but I am happy to report that we are now very active on Facebook and Instagram with a presence (albeit some less active) on X (formerly known as Twitter) and NextDoor. If you have an account on any of these platforms, please search "America's Boating Club of Cape Coral" and follow/like our page. If you are not on social media but have considered it, please sign up. Facebook is still the most used platform. If you see one of our posts, please take a second to click the "like" button so that our reach continues to expand. And thank you to the faithful followers that we have out there who consistently like and share our content!

Thank you, too, to new member, Sherry Carter! She immediately stepped forward and offered to help with photography for social media. You may see her from time to time snapping photos at an event or meeting.



If you have any photos of events or even personal photos of great experiences that would be of interest to others in our club, please email them to socialmedia@ccsaps.org. Any content that our members can provide is so helpful! Thank you for the support that you are giving social media! It is the easiest and least expensive way to reach out to members and our community.



ABC GRADUATION CLASS
11/15/23



SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER (SEO)

SEO's Notebook



LT/C NEIL PIGNATANO, SN SQUADRON EDU.OFF. EDUCATION@CCSAPS.ORG

Our (mostly) successful fall term has come to a close. Classes will resume, in earnest, on January 8, 2024. In the meantime, I wish all a very safe and happy holiday season. However, it's not too early to be thinking about how you would like to further your boating education. Perhaps a New Year's resolution to become a safer boater is the answer. A wide variety of classes are being offered, and are currently open for online registration, using the new streamlined online registration process.

A new ABC class is offered on January 8, with Boat Handling (reinforces what was learned in ABC) and Advanced Marine Navigation (using RADAR and SONAR to navigate) commencing on January 9. The two-hour Introduction to Charting/Navigation seminar begins on January 25. The Wine and Knots seminar is on February 10. All of these are available for online registration.

The ccsaps.org website contains the necessary registration links for all classes currently accepting new students. On the right side of the home page, you'll see a button labeled CLASSES. A click on this takes you to the CLASSES page. On it is some general information about our course and seminar offerings (along with some not so useful information that will be expunged in the near future). On the right side, there is a column of buttons. From these buttons you'll be able to navigate to the registration links for our three major categories of courses: ABC IN-PERSON CLASS, IN PERSON ADVANCED CLASSES, and IN PERSON ADVANCED SEMINARS.

Once the desired course category is selected and the corresponding button clicked, the list of the currently scheduled classes open for registration is displayed. Each class has a unique link with the title of the course and the date it is being offered and are listed in chronological order. Clicking on the link displays the registration page. At the top of the page is the course title, the date, what fees are required, and a brief description of the course itself. At the bottom of the page is the short registration form. Fill out the form and submit. If your registration is successful, you will get an email from me acknowledging your registration, as well as additional instructions. Best of all, there is no longer any need to consult the academic calendar!

For something even easier, the three major registration page links have been converted to QR codes. Scan the QR and get taken directly to the page with all the registration links. Then, just proceed as instructed above. The QR codes follow this article, and will be published in all future issues of the Buoys. And, these QRs will never expire. As the academic calendar changes, the QR will always take you to the list of current offerings. The QR list consists of two pages. The first page has the necessary QR codes to get you to the registration links, as well as the Squadron home page. The second page contains brief descriptions of the more popular course offerings, and a QR code to the entire course catalog for more detailed descriptions.

On a final note, we are currently seeking volunteers to help teach the ABC class. All required training will be provided. Let me know if you are interested.

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If you'd like further information or have questions, please contact me at education@ccsaps.org.

Until next time...

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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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This program is a valuable public service. Please pass the word among your boating friends that life jackets are available to borrow at the Squadron, at no cost, for visiting children or grandchildren. We also have life jackets for adults and four legged friends. (239) 549-9754

Contact the Squadron for more details.





Looking Ahead

December 2023

Day	Date	Name	Time	Place
Sat	2	Weekenders	TBD	Phuzzy's, S. Pine Island
Tues- Thurs	5-7	Cruise & Rendezvous	TBD	Pink Shell, Ft.Myers Beach
Thurs	7	Exec Comm Meeting	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Mon	11	Co-Op Charting	7:00	Squadron Building
Mon	11	Weekdayers	TBD	Doc Fords
Fri	15	Holiday Open House	6-10:00 pm	Squadron Building

January 2024

Thurs	4	Exec Comm Meeting	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Mon	8	CO-OP Charting	7:00 pm	Squadron Building
Wed	10	Eagles Tribute Show	7:30 pm	Cape Cabaret

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RENTAL MANAGER@CCSAPS.ORG

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL OR
PHONE #? IF SO, SEND YOUR UPDATED
INFORMATION TO CCSAPS Secretary E-MAIL:
secretary@ccsaps.org

We need volunteers at the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. If you can do this, please contact Jim Humphrey at jimhumphreyiii@hotmail.com.

We get many inquiries about membership, building rentals and boating classes from this booth and it is a fun, active, busy time.



SQUADRON HELP WANTED

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

- Attend meetings as directed by secretary in his/her absence
- Record minutes
- Deliver minutes to relevant persons as directed

Contact: Leslie Corte-Real secretary@ccsaps.org

CERTIFIED VESSEL EXAMINERS

- Complete short training course and exam
- Examine vessels for safety and place VSC sticker

Contact:Craig Buechler buechlercraig@yahoo.com

EVENT SETUP

 With other team members, set up and take down chairs, tables (about once a month)

Contact: Marge Maciag margem5@gmail.com
Rick Clements retiredrick@yahoo.com

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

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

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LIFEJACKET LOAN COORDINATOR

Organize, manage and maintain the life jacket closet.

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 Teach seminars on topics such as: Trailering Your Boat, Paddle Smart, Tides and Currents Contact Neil Pignatano: education@ccsaps.org



CCSAPS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

EAGLES TRIBUTE SHOW

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024 7:30-10:00 PM

CAPE CABARET 4725 VINCENNES BLVD 33904

RSVP BEFORE DECEMBER 20, 2023!

THIS IS THE PREMIER EAGLES TRIBUTE SHOW IN FLORIDA. No other Eagles band compares with this band! The show includes all of the Eagles classics: Hotel California, Desperado, 7 Bridges Road, Heartache Tonight, One of These Nights, Tequila Sunrise, Best of My Love, Take It Easy, Witchy Woman, Peaceful Easy Feeling, James Dean, Lyin' Eyes,

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From one hit to another, you will recognize each one of their songs and thrill over the subtle complexities of instruments and vocals paired with the exacting harmonies. You will think you are listening to the original EAGLES in concert.



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RSVP HERE BEFORE DECEMBER 20, 2023! https://ccsaps.ticketleap.com/eagles-tribute-show/



CCSAPS Boating Groups

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

WEEKENDERS & WEEKDAYERS

Weekenders boat-a-long to waterside restaurants and meet periodically to plan future trips. For more information, or to get on their email list, please contact Scott Fergen at weekenderboating@gmail.com.



On November 4 the Weekenders set out for Cabbage Key but decided to stop off at the Green Flash due to inclement weather further up the route. There were 6 boats and 17 people along on the cruise.

Doug Brenton leads the Weekdayers. This group goes out for lunch at a waterfront restaurant usually on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The next Weekdayers outing will be on Monday, December 11 when they plan to go to Doc Fords on San Carlos Island. For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact dwbrenton@gmail.com.

The Weekdayers finally got a good a sunny, if breezy day, to go to the Green Flash on November 21 with 7 boats and 22 people.



CO-OP CHARTING

Ahoy there! Our post hurricane season started with our group meeting on Monday November 13th. usps.org

Three runs, (A, B, C) were completed in November. Run A, (midpoint bridge to the Franklin lock, 112 aids) went out on November 1sr captained by our newest volunteer captain, Ken Goldman. The next run, Run C (Cape Coral bridge to Red fish cove, 148 aids) went out on November 7th captained by Jim Humphrey. The third run, Run B (mid point bridge to cape coral bridge, 95 aids) went out on November 11th captained by Phil Botana. This was a Saturday run to allow our "working" members a chance to participate. Many thanks to all who have volunteered and participated in the runs above.





Run C

We have two more runs scheduled for December, Run F (Captiva to Cayo Costa) captained by Doug Brenton on December 5th and Run G & H combined (Matlacha pass bridge to Bokeelia & Jug Creek) captained by Richard Apfel on November 29th.

FISHING GROUP

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

KAYAK GROUP

The kayak group normally paddles area waterways on the third Tuesday of the month. If you would like to participate in these monthly kayak trips send your contact information to Jeff Maddy at jeff.maddy@sbcglobal.net



Local Holiday Boat Parades

Pt. Myers Beach Boat Parade

• December 2 at 6 pm. The parade will start at Salty Sam's marina and will be two loops around the back bay area (if time allows for the second loop).

Naples Boat Parade

• December 9 at 6:15 pm. The boats begin at Marker 18, which is in the Bayview Park and Hamilton Harbor marina area, and make their way through Naples City Dock, Pincher's at Tin City at the Gordon River bridge, then down the Bay into Port Royal's Man-O-War and Morgan Cove.

Cape Coral Boat Parade

• December 16 at 7 pm. The boats begin at Bimini Basin and proceed along the Caloosahatchee River, past Four Freedoms Park and up and down various canals.

Punta Gorda Saturday Night Before Christmas Eve Boat Parade

• December 23 at 6 pm (rain or shine). Parade route is within Punta Gorda Isles.



