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The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

Is it really December? Already? Yikes!

The age olø ðwhere does the time go?ö sure does apply.

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving, ate too much and took a few minutes to catch up with themselves and their loved ones.

Thank you to all our members who stepped forward to staff the USPS booth at the Fort Myers Boat Show. Your contribution is truly appreciated.

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The Boat Show promoters did a really good job with setup and layout given everything was outside this year as the Harborside Event Center was closed for renovations. And, thank you to the other three squadrons (Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Sanibel-Captiva) for staffing the USPS booth each for a day. With all four squadrons working the show covering the USPS booth for all four days of the show enables providing the public important boating educational and safety information.

The District 22 C&R to South Seas at the beginning of November provided lots of fellowship and good times for all that attended. Well planned and good entertainment, along with lots of good food (especially the õpot luckö dinner!).

The Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce meetings and get-togethers continue to help let others in the area know what USPS is all about. We are developing interest in our educational courses as well as VSCø and new memberships, and have obtained revenue through donations for ads.

The Squadron Membership Annual Meeting is now behind us, and our next important meeting is coming up in January (which is right around the corner!). Saturday, January 13, 2018, will be our Change of Watch ceremony. And, it will be even more than that.

2018 is our squadrons

50th ANNIVERSARY.

Preliminary thoughts and ideas were discussed in the Executive Committee and it was decided that we would combine a celebration of the 50th Anniversary with the Change of Watch ceremony in January.

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We will have many guests from other squadrons, and the District and National attend our Change of Watch. We will have special items there in keeping with the very remarkable event. It will be a memorable time to be enjoyed by all.

The Executive Committee also concluded that we will have a separate and special õmembers onlyö 50th Anniversary celebration sometime in 2018, perhaps combined with a C&R or other such event. That too will be a memorable and exciting event.

We continue to participate with the other three local squadrons in providing mini-seminars for the Southwest Florida Yacht Club, which are in conjunction with their Local Waters

presentations that they do for their members and the general public, as the meetings and presentations are open to any/all that wish to attend. This is an excellent vehicle for explaining what USPS is and what is available to everyone from USPS. We hand out an extensive list of educational courses and seminars available as well as contact information for each of the four local squadrons.

The C&R in November to The Fishery was wonderful. A long and delightful boat ride on an almost perfect day (weather-wise) combined with the camaraderie we enjoyed with members of our squadron and members of the Peace Rover Sail & Power Squadron who joined us at The Fishery. A total of 40+ people were at this event with eight boats! When arriving and tying up the boats we took the entire long dock at The Fishery with one of our boats boat having to be rafted to another for all to fit.

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Well planned and put together by our P/C Ron Terciak and Jeanne Anderson (of the Peace River Squadron). Thank you to both and to all who participated.

A special thank you goes to the 2017 Nominating Committee for the time and effort that was involved in putting together the 2018 slate of officers and others. Not an easy task, to be sure, but one that goes a long way in defining how our squadron is to function for the upcoming year.

And a very sincere thank you to all those members who stepped forward for the:

- 2018 Bridge,
- Executive Committee (members at large),
- Elected Assistant Bridge positions,
- Nominating Committee,
- Rules Committee and
- Auditing Committee.

It is those that help and give of their time and provide their input that keeps our squadron strong and viable.

From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

Fun Times

Here are the dates for some Christmas boating events in the area.

Fort Myers Beach boat parade on December 2 @ 6pm

Bonita Beach boat parade on December 9 @ 5pm

Cape Coral boat parade on December 16 @ 7pm

King Fisher Fleet out of Fisherman's Village, Punta Gorda offers Christmas Light Canal Cruises Dec 2 - 31 with rides at 6, 7:30, 9 You can call 941-639-0969 or book online.

All the boat parades have websites for more info and forms if you'd like to decorate your boat to enter a parade. The FMB parade is chaired by our own Ted Schindler so show him a little love and join his parade!

However, you choose to enjoy this most joyous season I hope you are surrounded loving family and friends!

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From the Executive officer

Lt/C Ron Terciak JN

Normally I do not write about Cruise & Rendezvous for the squadron. That job coming under the leadership of our Administrative Officer, Nancy Chambers. I would like to chat however about our overnight cruises. Last year, you may remember, we went to the Roland Martin Marina on Lake Okeechobee and a fun time was had by all that attended the cruise.

This year, we have chosen to go to Palm Island on Cape Haze which has led to some problems. Those who are not able to sleep aboard their boats stay at condos located in the marina. The problem is that there are only 6 condo units available to rent. The rest are privately owned. We looked at going to Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda, but they sustained heavy hurricane damage and are closed for the foreseeable future. In the event they can open for business by early 2018 we may change to that venue. We have looked at other locations suggested by area cruise clubs. All do not fill our needs. We need a marina with on-site restaurants, on site accommodations and ability to overnight aboard boats. The other big factor is that we do not want to spend a \$1000 for a two-night stay, which is what a stay at South Seas or Tween Waters would cost, with docking fees and high room rates. South Seas charges \$50 just to drop in for lunch. We have looked as far north as Sarasota and south to Marco Island. We found a place on Marco, but they had a boat size limit of 24 feet. The District has been searching for a locale for the District Cruise & Rendezvous for some time now with no success.

As you can see there are very few places that those of us with smaller boats can go. In view of the lack of choices available to us we need to keep our plans to go to Palm Island and hope that Fishermen's Village becomes available within a reasonable time frame.

As for our Vessel Safety Check Program we are up to 252 VSC's a new squadron record high. Thanks to all involved!



Above pictures taken at the D-22 C&R at South Seas Resort.

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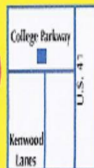
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It is VESSEL SAFETY CHECK time again. The VSC is an annual event, and it allows those that avail themselves of the free safety check to be assured they have all the necessary safety equipment on board their vessel. It also ensures items that have an expiration date are not expired and are valid, such as their fire extinguishers and flares. This squadron service is, or course, available to all members of our squadron and is available to the public as well, such as your friends and neighbors. If one's boat does not pass, there is no punitive action taken, and it is not reported to any agency. Once the item(s) that needed attention is corrected we will re-visit and re-do the VSC and, when one's boat passes, issue the current year safety sticker. Contact P/C Ron Terciak to schedule your VSC.

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From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP

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For those of you who would like to learn more about boating, but don't want to commit yourselves to a multi-week course, consider taking a USPS seminar. The Sanibel Captiva Squadron is offering 2 seminars on Saturday, January 20. In the morning they'll present "How to Use a Chart" and in the afternoon "Mastering the Rules of the Road." Both seminars are being offered at the St. Charles Yacht Club, 15900 St. Charles Harbour Blvd. For more information, contact robert.orr1663@comcast.net.

In addition, there are some on-line seminar options. The following seminars are available on-line: All about Marine Radio; Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes; how to Use GPS; Hurricane Preparations for Boaters; Partner in Command; Planning Your Cruise; and Weather for Boaters. You can find out more by navigating to <https://www.usps.org/index.php/newone-2>

Also, there are some volunteer opportunities with the Education Department. We'd be glad to have helpers for our Local Waters class on December 16. Continued top of next column

From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP
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Class starts at 8:30, but helpers can arrive at 9:00. We can also use people to help grade exams and serve lunch following our ABC class on December 9. Hope to see you there.

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From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.
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🚢 50 YEARS 🚢

The San Carlos Bay Sail and Power Squadron reaches its 50th year as a member of USPS in 2018. We will be having a special presentation and gifts for all who attend the Change of Watch on Saturday, January 13 followed by a more casual celebration during one of our C&Rs. I hope everyone will be

able to join in the festivities and if you have a special memory or photo of a past squadron event you'd like to share please let me know.

As the events grow closer current squadron members will be receiving more information through email so remember to check youræ in boxes!



Pictures from D-22 C&R at South Seas Resort

Above pictures from Ft. Myers Boat Show

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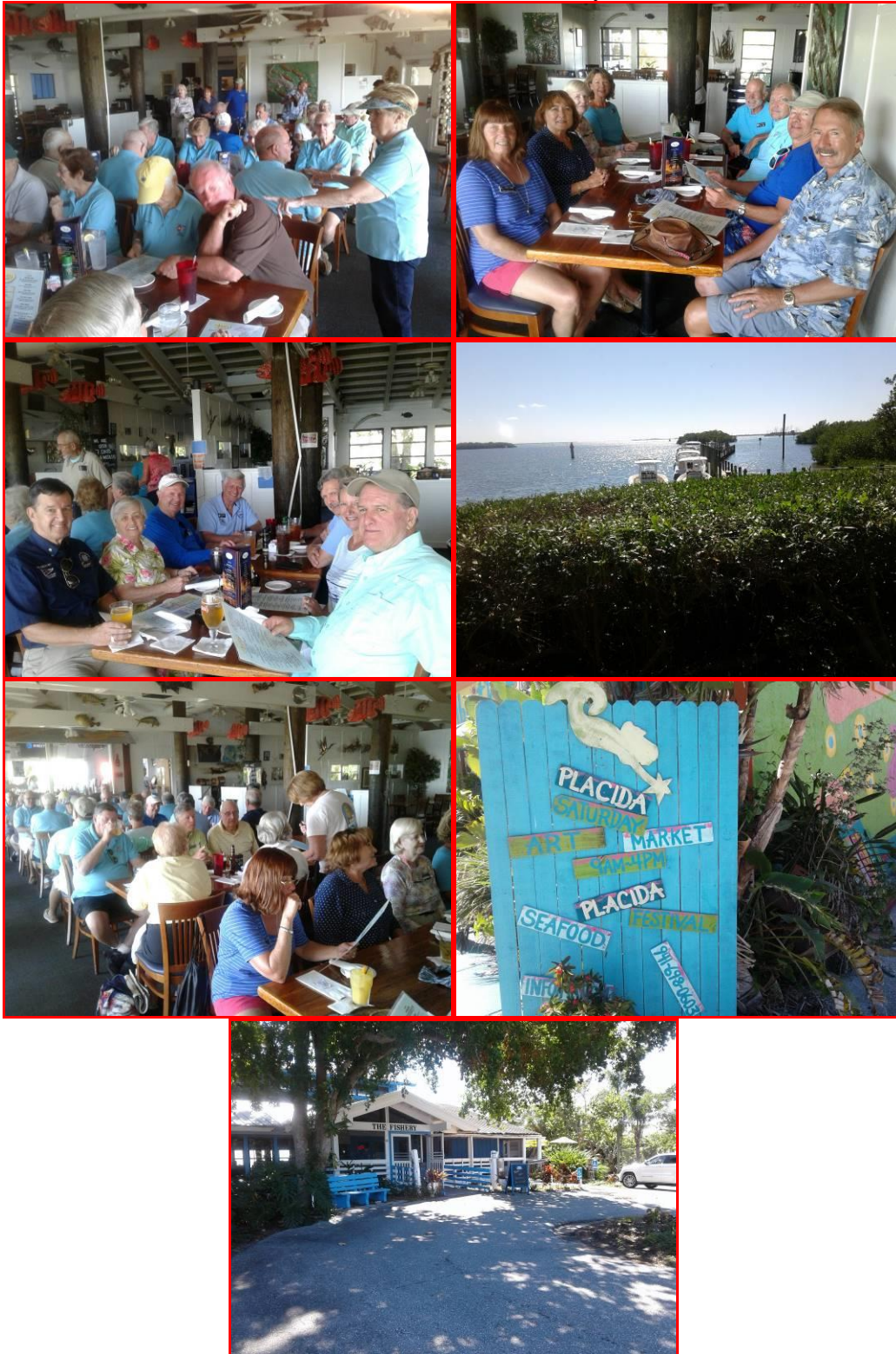
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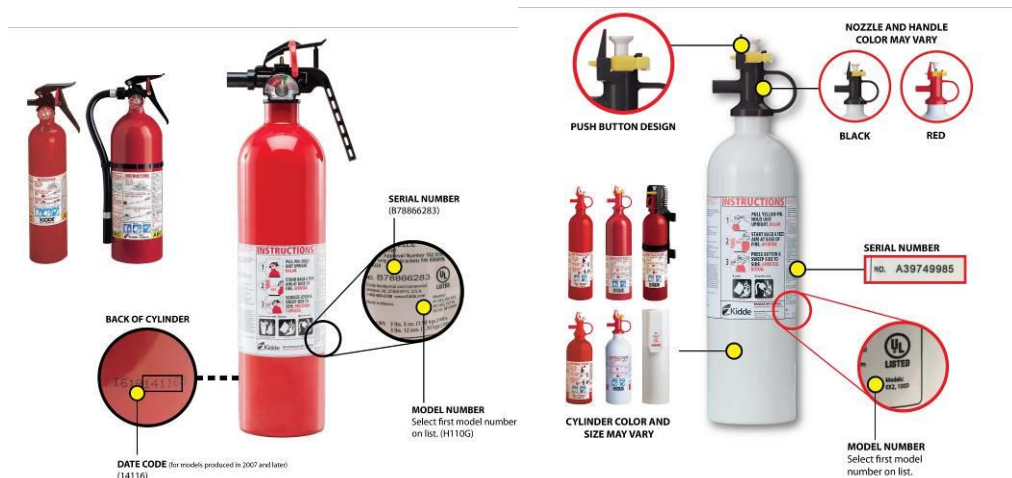
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Our Public Classes

We offer several classes to increase boater knowledge and skills. These classes are open to the public (membership is not required). The classes are presented as a public service by the Squadron and are taught by experienced Squadron members

America's Boating Course 3rd Edition ®

Is our basic boating class. The class will cover the basics of boat handling, PWCs, required equipment, navigation aids and rules, and dealing with emergencies. It will provide instruction and examination for laws and regulations of the State of Florida. The course is a total of 8 hours spread over two days. Read a detailed description of the course by clicking on "America's Boating Course 3rd Edition".

Local Waters – Local Charts

Is our course for boaters in the Ft. Myers area. The Local Waters class is directed toward new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those who wish to learn chart reading. Using Chart 11427, boaters will learn some of the basics of navigation in the Fort Myers Area. Students would bring their own copies of the chart. Read a detailed description of the course by clicking on "Local Waters - Local Chart".

Using GPS

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Using VHF & VHF DSC Marine Radios

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Paddle Smart

This seminar is intended for those interested in Paddle sports or are considering the purchase of a Kayak, Canoe or other Paddle sport equipment. Read a detailed description of this course by clicking on "Paddle Smart".

Hurricanes & Boats

This is a mini-seminar. It covers how to select a location and prepare your boat for a hurricane.

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Membership Classes

Member Courses:

We offer our members "Advanced Grade" and "Elective" courses.

Advanced Grade Courses

Five Advanced Grade courses are offered by USPS. They are designed to be taken in sequence because each builds on skills taught in the previous course.

Seamanship

Covers basic deck seamanship, marlinspike (knots and ropes), anchoring and rafting, basic boat care and maintenance, and nautical and USPS customs and etiquette.

Course cost: \$50.00 Classes held on Wednesday evenings 7:00pm Squadron Classroom, Class starting Date TBA

Piloting

Is the first and most basic navigation course, covering chart reading, course plotting, and basic coastal or inland navigation, including basic GPS usage. This course goes into more detail than the charting information covered in the public courses.

Course cost: \$75.00 includes "The Weekend Navigator". Course Plotter, Parallel Rules & Dividers are required. Students bring their own.

Classes held Tuesday afternoons, duration 6-8 weeks.

Class starting date January 17, 2017, 2:00pm Squadron Classroom

Advanced Piloting

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Course cost: \$55.00 (Includes "The Weekend Navigator")

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Navigation

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Elective Courses

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Six Elective Courses are offered by USPS. They cover separate and independent topics and therefore may be taken in any order according to a member's interests and time.

Engine Maintenance

Covers the operating principles and basic care and maintenance of outboard and inboard engines, including diesels.

This course is offered by Cape Coral Power Squadron

Course Cost: \$52.00 - \$25.00 deposit upon registration. Date to be announced.

Marine Electronics

Covers installation and maintenance of both boat electrical systems (AC and DC) and marine electronics (VHF radio, radar, GPS, etc).

Cruise Planning

Covers topics of interest for someone planning a cruise ó whether for just a weekend or for a year ó including preparation and planning, anchoring, security, chartering, and cruising outside the US.

Weather

Covers weather forecasting and reading weather patterns on-board.

Sail

Covers everything from the basic elements of how a sailboat works to sail trim, rig tuning, and sailboat racing.

Instructor Development

Teaches effective communication skills for not only USPS instructors but everyone, covering various methods of presenting information to others, effective use of audiovisual aids (including PowerPoint), etc. *This class is scheduled for: January 12, 2015 9:30 - 11:30 there will be 6 sessions.*

If one or more of these member courses interest you, Register Online at

www.scbps.com

Member Courses generally start in January. They meet weekly at our classroom. Class schedules will be developed to best accommodate the students

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Members Classifieds and Ad's

Editor's Note: Please let me know of any changes in the below ads.

CONDO FOR SALE:

Condo south end of FMB with Back Bay Water views. 2/2 plus den-1637sq ft. Underground parking, storage, pool etc. Great rental potential. \$575,900. Call Dick Battles 239-220-2166

Torqueedo Travel 1003 electric outboard motor for sale.

Less than 10 hours use. Mint Condition Asking \$500 (original price \$1999.) Dan Finn 239-301-0300. docdlfvvet@gmail.com.

2001 SeaRay 24' bow rider for sale.

588 engine hours. Good condition. A list of all accessories and installed options available. Contact Bill Behrens at 239-470-1773 or bbehrens@ix.netcom.com.

Hello All

At our Executive Committee meeting the bridge has decided to add a classified section for our members to our newsletter. This ad will be limited to a few lines and cost \$2. An example would be For Sale- 2005 Garmin GPS, good condition \$200, call xxx- xxxx. All copy should be sent in Word Form to our Editor, John Ragone at johnr301@yahoo.com. along with \$2.

The deadline for inclusion in the Tidings is the 15th of the month for publication in the next month's issue.

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