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1/6 ABC Pt 1 @ 8am
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1/13 C.O.W. 6pm
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The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

HAPPY NEW YEAR Everyone!!!!

I hope the holiday season was joyous, happy and fun-filled for everyone. It's a new year, 2018, and things are looking very positive and upbeat!

I hope everyone is giving serious consideration to attending our squadron's 50th Change of Watch ceremony, and will be there to help celebrate our **50TH ANNIVERSARY!**

Don't forget that sometime later this year we will have a special party for our members only to celebrate the 50th Anniversary.

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From the editor:

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Perhaps at a C&R or some other event, but it is important to mark this event by calling attention to it. After all, it is truly a milestone for all that currently belong, and for those that carried the squadron through all the years starting with those that demonstrated their dedication by jumping through all the hoops in establishing this squadron in 1968.

The New Year also means it is Vessel Safety Check (VSC) time again. The VSCs are needing to be renewed each year, and for those that have not yet availed themselves of this free service I hope you pause and decide to take advantage of having a VSC on your boating vessel. Please remember your boat can be in the water, on a lift or on a trailer for the inspection. It is an inspection of the safety items aboard and is non-punitive in nature. That is, if one or more of your safety items does not pass, you replace it and call us. We come back, verify the item is good and issue the sticker signifying your vessel has passed the annual safety check. No law enforcement agency is notified if a problem is identified. Give P/C Ron Terciak (VSC coordinator) a call or send him an email and schedule your VSC at a convenient time. We have many certified inspectors so prompt responses can be anticipated.

The totals for Vessel Safety Checks for 2017 by our squadron's vessel safety check inspectors are as follows (as tallied by USPS National):

NAME	TOT CHECKS
Bill Behrens	32
Anthony J. Divenere	2
Daniel L. Flinn	8
Karen Ann Flinn	15
William J. Greenwald	0
Keely L. Jones	5
Hermann Kuhnel	19
Albert J. Ponzio	6
Ted Schindler II	6
Mary J. Smelter	12

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John Swenson	73
Ronald Terciak	72
N. Chapman Vail	5

TOTALS San Carlos Bay Sail & 255

The total VSCs for District 22 for 2017 is 3436, with 149 inspectors. Our squadron ranks fourth in the district. Here are some of the 2017 totals for some of the other squadrons:

Crystal River	1390	4 Inspectors
Cape Coral	350	26 Inspectors
Marco Island	312	14 Inspectors
(San Carlos Bay	255	13 Inspectors)
Manatee	254	15 Inspectors
Sarasota	235	15 Inspectors

I have asked our esteemed Tidings Editor to repeat the information regarding the recall on certain Kidde fire extinguishers in this issue of The Tidings. This is an important safety issue. Please take a look at the information elsewhere in this issue of The Tidings and ascertain if your fire extinguisher needs to be replaced. If it does it is free to you. Well worth your few minutes to check and verify.

Please remember that which was mentioned at our recent 2017 Annual Meeting about how important donations for advertisement in The Tidings are to our overall operating funds. Keep an eye out for possible advertisers and, if you wish, pass the information on to P/C Ron Terciak or myself for follow-up. Or, if you are up for it, give it a whirl and speak to the potential donor. If this is something you may try, let P/C Ron Terciak or me know and you will be provided with a donation sheet listing the advertising donations amounts for various size ads, along with an order form.

Be safe! Be Active!

Bill Behrens
Commander ■

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From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

Any organization is only as strong as its membership allows. If members all participate in some way, no matter how small, the organization will thrive but if there's no participation the organization will cease to exist. Please, every member participate in the SCBSPS and keep us going for another 50 years!

Most of our activities are fun but even those that aren't are more enjoyable when shared by friends. If you would like to become a more active member please email me at nancychambers905@gmail.com, commander Bill Behrens at bbehrens@ix.netcom.com or executive officer Ron Terciak at bruin128@aol.com. We will all be glad to help you become a more active member of the squadron in any way you choose. Thanks, and I hope to hear from many of you in the near future!

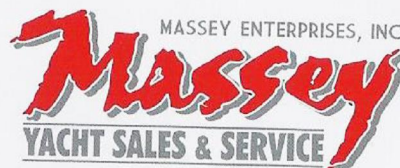
Welcome 2018

Happy New Year to you all and a happy 50th anniversary to our squadron! I hope everyone will be able to participate in the celebrations we will be having throughout the year. This is also a great time to make a commitment to our goals of education and camaraderie.

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From the Executive officer

Lt/C Ron Terciak JN

Greetings to all as we start 2018. I expect to receive our 2018 VSC stickers shortly and sincerely hope every member takes the opportunity to have their vessel inspected. We have 12 inspectors available once we receive our allotment of stickers. Last season we performed a record 255 inspections.

An area that we need to really improve is our participation in the Cooperative Charting program. At one time we received national honors in Coop Charting but for a variety of reasons have let the program fall by the wayside. One issue has been the method of reporting our findings to NOAA. We used to have direct access to NOAA computers, but the program got hacked and we were barred from access making it impossible to submit our findings. There supposedly is a new method of submitting our data to NOAA. I have been in contact with squadrons who have been more active in the program and will be going out with squadrons from Venice and Sarasota to learn what they do and how to submit findings. I will let everyone know what I learn and what we need to get going again. Since the hurricane hit there are many channel markers down or missing especially in Hurricane Bay and in the Back Bay, some are private, others are maintained by the county and others by the USCG. Determining who maintains what will need to be determined.

From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP

Happy 2018! How about beginning the year by increasing your boating knowledge?

Our Squadron will be offering Seamanship on Wednesday evenings beginning January 10 at 7:00 PM, and Piloting on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 PM starting on January 9. If you are interested in either of these courses, email me right away at Butlerm@wabash.edu so we can get the required books from USPS.

Other nearby squadrons are offering advanced elective courses. If you would like to learn more about Marine Electrical Systems, join Ron Wallace of the Sanibel Captiva Sail and Power Squadron who will be offering that course at 9:30 on Wednesday mornings at the St Charles Yacht Club - no bridge toll, no Sanibel traffic. That course begins January 24. You can learn more by contacting Ron at 239-489-3616

Email: ronwallace@mindspring.com. In addition, Millie Bonilla of the Fort Myers Power Squadron will be offering the USPS Weather course starting February 7. You can reach Millie at 239-768-1945; Email: mbonilla_3@hotmail.com for further information.

Don't have time for a course lasting several weeks? How about an afternoon seminar? San-Cap Squadron is offering Mastering the Rules of the Road, a seminar that provides an explanation with examples of the 37 Rules of the Road for both the U.S. Inland Rules and the International Rules (COLREGS). It simplifies the sometimes-complex law relating to boat operation for the recreational boater.

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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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It is a starting point for study preparation for the USCG License examination. This seminar will be offered at the St Charles Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon, January 20. If you are interested, contact Bob Orr at 239-579-0139. Email: robert.orr1663@comcast.net.

Finally, just a reminder, many of our new students (and new members) hear about us through word-of-mouth, learning about us from other squadron members. We'll be holding ABC classes from now through April on the first two Saturdays of the month, with Local Waters, Local Charts on the third Saturday. So, spread the word!

From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.
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If you haven't participated in a squadron or USPS activity, make this your year to try one. You could come to a C&R and make new friends. Most happen where there is easy access by boat or car and we have many members who would gladly take you with them if you need transportation.

Perhaps you've been on an interesting boating adventure, have a safety tip or information regarding a new boat or boating product. Let fellow members know about it by submitting an article to this publication. Email John Ragone, our publisher, at johnr301@yahoo.com to submit your information.

Thanks to our Squadron Education Officer Melissa Butler and her team we have many squadron classes available and access to other classes in the area.

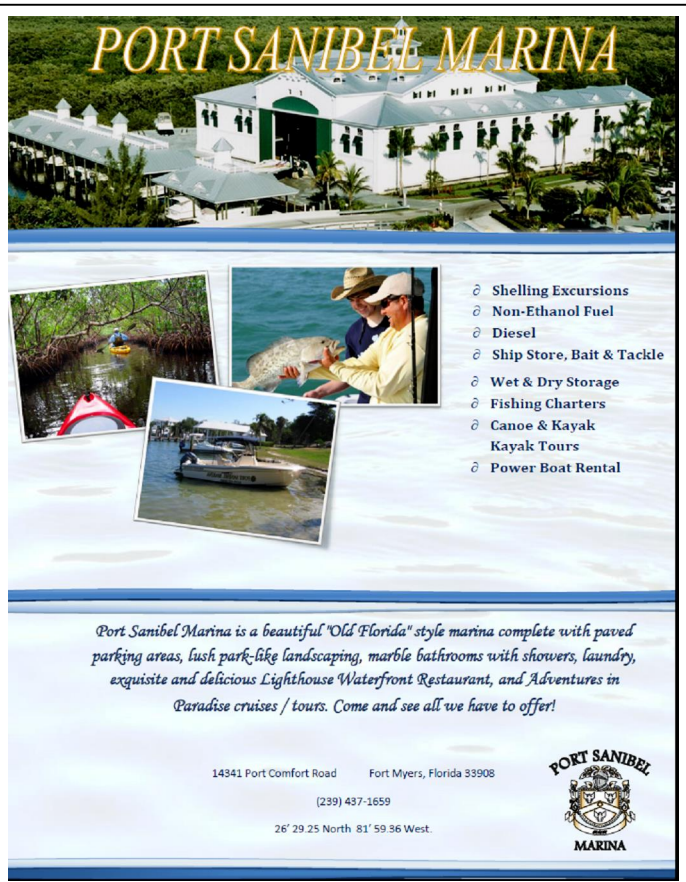
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You can sign up by going to our website Orr emailing her at butlerm@wabash.edu. You could even take the instructor development class and join the education team!

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**Happy Birthday
January, 2018**



Cordes	David E.	20-Jan
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Remember we have general membership meetings the 4th Tuesday of the month in Feb, March, April, September, October and November at the Myerlee Country Club. Our buffet dinner and happy hour are from 6-7. This is another good time to meet and become friends with other members? Our meeting begins at 7 and is usually wrapped up by 8:30. Don't forget the 50/50 raffle!

These are only a few ways for you to participate

In your squadron. Throughout the season many different opportunities arise where an extra pair of hands will come in handy. Please enrich your life and become an active member of the San Carlos Bay Sail and Power Squadron.



Pictures from C&R at Fish Tale marina



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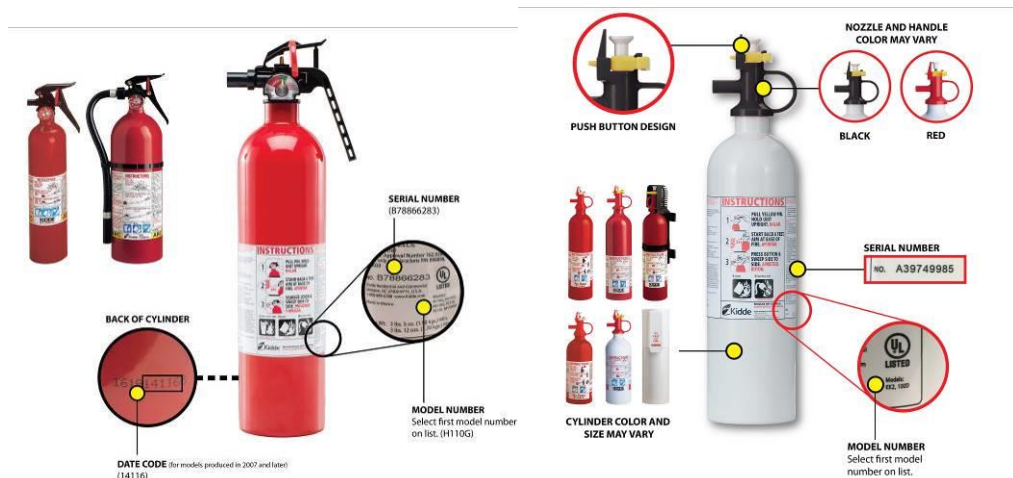
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Public Classes

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

GPS has become a common tool for navigation. However, using GPS on the water is distinctly different from a moving map display in your car. This 2-3-hour seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation which you will use. It then shows you how to use the buttons on your GPS and how to relate the GPS to your charts.

Using VHF & VHF DSC Marine Radios

This class is essential for those with a 'new' radio or those planning to buy a new radio. DSC is operational in Fort Myers. You need to register your radio and learn how it's different. We also cover standard VHF operations. Read a detailed description of the course.

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

Covers more advanced coastal navigation techniques, navigation in tides and currents, and more advanced GPS and Rader usage.

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

Course only: \$40.00 Classes held Wednesday mornings 9:30am Squadron Classroom, Class starting date TBA

Junior Navigation

Teaches the basics of offshore navigation, including basic celestial navigation using the sun and offshore course planning.

Navigation

Is the most advanced navigation course taught by USPS, covering more advanced celestial navigation techniques, emergency navigation, and additional sight reduction techniques.

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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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