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The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

Happy February everyone.

Thank you to all that attended our 49th Change of Watch ceremony on January 13, 2017, and all of the well wishes many of you passed to me. I thought the evening went very well and the overall event was a success. Next year it will be this squadron's **50th Change of Watch!** That is amazing and we are hoping that it will turn out to be a super gala event!

I am sure Melissa will address the new offering we will be incorporating into all ABC classes. After a person takes the ABC class, and passes, and becomes a member of USPS, we will offer that person free on the water's basic training including operation of their boat and practical boat handling, limiting each session with each participant to approximately three hours. It gives the people a chance to put into action the numerous boating skills that were addressed in the ABC class. It happens on the person's own boat, which will have had to pass a vessel safety check.

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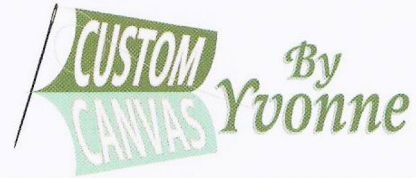
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It is VESSEL SAFETY CHECK time again. The VSC is an annual event, and it allows those that avail themselves of the free safety check to be assured they have all the necessary safety equipment on board their vessel. It also ensures items that have an 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 general 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 Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

As your new Administrative Officer for 2017 my first order of business is to give a big thank you to Rosie Cordes for her service to the squadron as the 2016 A.O. She has done a marvelous job planning events and keeping us all up to date on them. KUDOS, ROSIE!

This year I will be working to sustain the squadron membership and plan a variety of activities to involve as many of you as possible. Please email me at nancychambers905@gmail.com with any suggestions, ideas or concerns you have about me, the squadron and our activities.

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From the Administrative Officer - Continued from previous column

I would particularly be interested in ideas for speakers for our general meetings and for new activities, you think the squadron might like to try.

In the near future, I will be putting together an order form for nametags and new apparel with the SCBSPS logo. Check our website, the next issue of The Tidings and your inbox for updates.

Our general meetings will continue on the fourth Tuesday of the month, February 28, March 28 and April 24, at the Myerlee Country Club/1380 Myerlee Country Club Blvd/Fort Myers, FL 33919. Dinner is at 6 (February theme is Mardi Gras) and the meeting is at 7. We will also continue to have a speaker so remember to send me your suggestions.

Also, please remember that the membership IS the squadron. You are all encouraged to participate.

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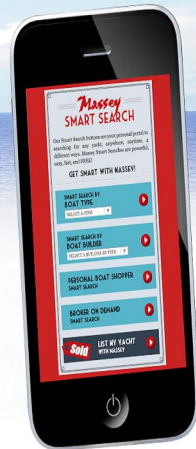
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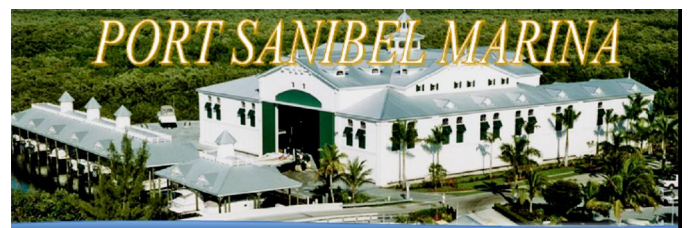


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Boating Safety Column

By John Swenson

Boater's Fatigue

Boater's fatigue is a common phenomenon that occurs when recreational boaters are enjoying a day on the water. It results from exposure to a number of environmental stressors that affect mental and physical performance.

By definition, an environmental stressor is anything in a physical environment that causes stress or anxiety for an individual.

Environmental stressors are part and parcel of daily life. For example, we are surrounded by noise. We are often in crowded shopping areas or in heavy traffic. We are exposed to lighting that is either too bright or too dim. We sit in chairs that do not quite mesh with our bodies, and we stare at our computer, phone, and/or tablet screens in unnatural positions for extended periods of time. All of these are environmental stressors and we are so used to them that we do not even notice the effect that they have on our physical and mental states.

But our bodies notice.

A day on the water in your boat eliminates many of the environmental stressors that we encounter in everyday life on land. But there are also environmental stressors on the water. Exposure to sunlight is one. Besides its effect on bare skin, sunlight bouncing off of the water over a period of time affects vision, compromising color perception, peripheral vision, and depth perception. It also contributes to dehydration. Engine noise and vibration is another. So is the constant rocking of the boat. Collectively, these stressors result in what is known as boater's fatigue, a sudden tiredness, coupled with the lack of ability to make sound judgments, slower reaction times, and a decreased ability to maintain balance. Not surprisingly, the Coast Guard has associated boater's fatigue with four of the five primary contributing factors in recreational boating accidents.

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Boating Safety Column - Continued from previous column

You cannot eliminate boater's fatigue entirely, but you can reduce its effects by following a few simple rules. Dress appropriately for the weather, wear sunglasses, use sunscreen, and drink enough water while underway to maintain hydration. Don't pilot your vessel for more than two continuous hours at a time. Take breaks by turning the helm over to someone else. If there isn't anyone else on board who can operate your vessel, time your stops appropriately.

Remember that boating fatigue is part of the boating experience, but it need not be a dangerous part of that experience if you are aware of it, and take appropriate actions to reduce its effects. As always, be prepared, be safe!

From the Administrative Officer - Continued from page 6 column 2

The Executive Committee is only the ship's wheel. We need everyone's involvement to keep our squadron sailing in the right direction.

Thanks for reading this and again, please email me with any ideas you have to improve your squadron.

Nancy Chambers, A.O.

Nancychambers905@gmail.com



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The Commanders Message - Continued from page 1 column 2

We have a small group of volunteers to be the initial instructors for this endeavor, and will monitor the progress and interest, as well as evaluate the level of perceived success.

The annual USPS National meeting, held in Orlando, is coming up near the end of February. While it is a several day event, one can pick and choose what day or days they believe would be most beneficial for them, based on the agenda for each day. More information, should you have an interest, is available on the national web site at www.USPS.org.

We are considering a spring yard sale. Please look around and see what, if anything, can be contributed towards making this a success as it was when it was previously held at Lover's Key.

We have had success in gaining new members from the ABC Class and other sources. We are hopeful this trend will continue. Some were at the Change of Watch, which was their very first USPS function. Ron continues to be right on top of the membership aspects of the squadron. Thank you Ron!

If you have thoughts and/or suggestions for the squadron please feel free to share them. All ideas are welcome. I would love to have more input from members so the Executive Committee can use those ideas and/or have those ideas be a springboard to new concepts and activities.

Be safe. Be Active.

From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP

Big News!!! We are starting to dip our Squadron's toes into the water!!! We are now offering ABC graduates the chance to practice what we have preached to them. At their request, we will arrange for a squadron member to work with them going through the optional on-the-water curriculum included in the ABC manual. The students must be USPS members and instruction will take place on a boat provided by the student (with an up-to-date VSC).

Although certification is not required, we will ask instructors to complete a brief training session including review of the ABC on-the-water curriculum as well as the USPS on-the-water teaching lesson from the Instructor Development course.

If you are interested in participating in this program as student or instructor, please email me at butterm@wabash.edu

Looking Ahead. Most of us know what those letters S, P, AP, JN and SN mean following a Squadron members name, but have you ever wondered about those other letters which have recently begun to pop up, letters such as IN or CN or ON? These are Boat Operator Certifications (BOC) showing that a person achieved a certain level of recreational boating proficiency. USPS has as an Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator or Offshore Navigator. A person earns these designations by completing a series of courses and demonstrations, including skills that are assessed on the water. USPS has introduced four levels of Boat Operator Certification:

- É Inland Navigator (IN)
- É Coastal Navigator (CN)
- É Advanced Coastal Navigator (ACN)
- Offshore Navigator (ON)

USPS suggests that these certificates of operator proficiency will be of value to USPS members when renting, chartering or leasing a boat, especially in another country. They may also be valuable for obtaining insurance, engaging in competitions, or learning to teach others OTW,

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These items and more can be purchased from Ship's Store at squadron meetings or contact Ron.



From the SEO - Continued from page 9 column 2 or simply as a means of building confidence in their own abilities. At this point, there are only 4 members of our Squadron who have earned BOC qualifications, but if you would like to join their ranks, check out the website at <http://www.usps.org/eddept/boc/main.htm>.

Congratulations to the new Seamen!!! Tom Logio, David Maile, John Manos and Ron Pierce all successfully completed the Seamanship course, under the able tutelage of Doy McPhail and Chap Vail.



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From the Executive Officer

Lt/C Ron Terciak, JN

With our Change of Watch over and the new bridge settling in, I look forward to my new position as the Squadron Executive Officer. The position includes the role of managing the Vessel Safety Check Program and Cooperative Charting. Last season the squadron performed 231 VSCs a new squadron high. Our goal is to surpass 250 this season.

Please email me at bruin128@aol.com to schedule your VSC. The program is not limited to USPS members, so if you know boaters who might be neighbors, friends, etc., please encourage them to have their boats inspected. The service is performed free of charge and boats failing inspection are not reported to any law enforcement agency.

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From the Executive Officer - Continued from previous column

Another area under the XO position is Cooperative Charting. This is a lot more complicated process. The program has undergone many changes recently. Cdr. Bill Behrens and I will be at the National meeting of the USPS in Orlando to learn more about the program. We hope to raise our program which at one time received national honors. To achieve this goal will require the help of many members of the squadron. I have asked Rob Lysaght to work with me on this program.

A few years ago the squadron had the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department hold a CPR clinic at the squadron office. We plan to hold a recertification program for those who took that initial class and another for those who have never had a CPR class. I will send out an email with the dates and times and location soon.

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Member of the Year

Lt/C Ron Terciak

Traditionally the outgoing commander presents a member of the year award to a deserving squadron member. This year was an exception with two husband and wife teams deserving of that honor. Lt/C Rosie Cordes, P and Lt Dave Cordes, P along with Lt. Jeanne Shaw, P, and Lt. Bob Shaw, P, earned this honor. Both attended squadron meetings, executive committee meetings, worked at boat shows, assisted at boating classes, attended District Conferences, and volunteered many other times whenever we needed help for a project.

In Jeanne's case, as assistant secretary, she was more secretary than assistant. At a spring conference, Rosie and Dave, while on their way to St. Louis for the summer, stopped at Tampa to attend the conference. This with a car loaded for the summer with two dogs and a cat. It is this commitment to our squadron that makes us successful. We all thank you for your dedication and service to the San Carlos Bay Power Squadron.

Thank you

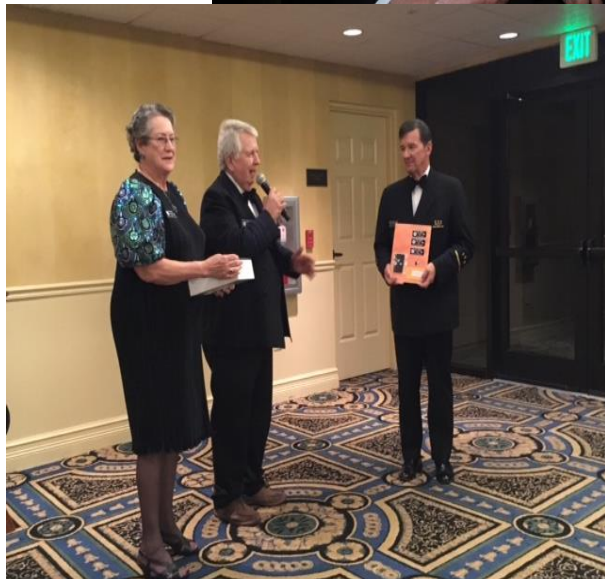
Lt/C Ron Terciak

The words Thank You for the tributes and awards you presented to me during our Change of Watch seem inadequate. I was overwhelmed and speechless to say the least. My gratitude to Commander Bill Behrens for putting the program together. My tenure as your squadron commander would not have been possible without the outstanding support I have received from both the membership and especially to the past officers of the bridge. I know you will give new commander Bill Behrens the same support you have given me so we can continue to grow as a squadron.



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Pictures from the 49th Change of Watch

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Above & below pictures taken at C&R at Cass Cay at Burnt Store Marina

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San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron in its 49th year is a unit of the United States Power Squadron, District 22

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SERAT Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team

The SCBPS executive committee was presented information on the creation of a SERAT team in SCBPS. (Acronym ðSEA RATö). SERAT is a US Power Squadron national program that began across the causeway in the Sanibel-Captiva Squadron. A SERAT team is valuable to the local area in several ways. A local Emergency Response Team on water (a primary function) or on land supports the limited resources of local agencies. For the Squadron it meets our mission of community service, provides membership incentive, increases course attendance, and supports our fraternal mission of camaraderie

We have the resources to place highly trained personnel on the water and more vessels than any other agency. We can train Captains with the specialized skills that cannot be gained anywhere else. Skills such as SEARCH and RESCUE techniques and procedures, first aid, cpr, stroke recognition, medical transport, inland navigation, fire fighting, radio communications, I Incident Command and crew training. The team would also partner with the IONA-McGregor fire rescue squad and the Lee County Marine Emergency Response Team. When not on duty or on call Team members would be a qualified presence on our local waters.

In the case of flooding or Hurricane damage the team would be available to both land and sea agencies for service.

SERAT allows members to get out on the water and participate in interesting and challenging activities. If you have a boat you use your own boat with training and if you do not have a boat you can qualify as a crew member.

To advance to a SERAT Captain, members would need to complete USPS courses to Advanced Pilot and participate in Monthly training meetings of approximately 3 hours. SERAT training sessions would be free of charge to Team members. Since training for SERAT is free, boat owners would be expected to provide their own gas for on water acclivities. The cost of gas would be Federally deductible on your tax return a contribution to a non-profit organization.

The team would cooperatively work to determine fund raising for equipment for the vessels, such a commercial life vests, emergency lights, first aid kits, etc.

Any squadron member can serve on SERAT, male or female and anyone old enough to earn a STATE BOATING CERTIFICATE from any state. There is no cost to join, but member training sessions are required to retain membership. SERAT membership support friendship, and camaraderie and encourages new members. There is pride in achievement and being the most highly qualified captain in our area. Auxiliary members can work in a land support capacity and are not required to participate in water training or water missions.

If you are interested, please express your interest to Squadron Officers. You can also telephone Chap Vail AP to answer questions or express interest 239-233-172

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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

Elective Courses

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

Hello All

At our latest 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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