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The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

February has already been a busy month. I say that as I am writing this column for the March issue of the Tidings mid-month or so in February. There are many things happening and being worked on by members of the bridge and other members who are assisting. Just some are: attempting to finalize ABC Course supplemental on the water training and offering; moving forward with the many facets needed to establish the (separate from the ABC offering) formal and extensive Practical On The Water (POTW) course; it is a new year and VSCs are front and center for our vessel inspectors; continued planning for the Lake C&R; new squadron members; preparation for the Bonita Springs Boat Show; and a host of other things that continue to pop up.

By the way, the formal POTW course, which would be offered to squadron members, as well as members of other squadrons, and also to the general public, is being coordinated by our own **Bill Jennings**,

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From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

The SCBSPS members are fortunate to have many options to communicate with each other, all squadrons of USPS, and the general public. Through the USPS website, you can communicate with all the other squadrons and USPS members. Our squadron site can keep you up to date on all the squadron activities and class offerings. We also have a Facebook page where you can see lots for postings and pictures of our events. I encourage every member to take a few minutes to investigate these options and see all the information available to you.

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Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

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USPS has both public and membership access. To set up your membership access you'll need your Certificate number and your PIN from the card that came with all your other membership information. From the public site (www.usps.org) click on the membership tab from the top tool bar. Next you'll need to enter your info to set up your membership account. Once that is done, you will be able to enter the membership site and learn your way around. Click on the SailAngle Tab on the left to access the USPS email system. This is from where many emails for both squadron and district activities are initiated. You can easily send a group message from here and you will notice the SailAngle logo in your in box when you get group emails from squadron, district and national.

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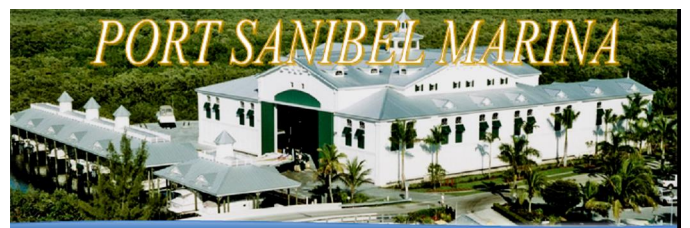
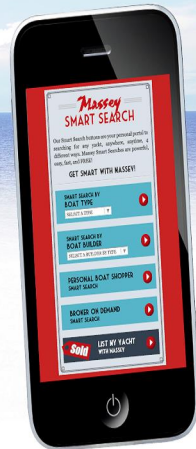
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Boating Safety Column

By John Swenson

Editors Note:

Last month (February) was John's last Boating Safety Column. I would like to thank John for his years of providing interesting and informative articles to the Tidings & the membership, I'm sure you all will agree with me that He has done an outstanding job. Thank You, John

If anyone would like to continue in John's footsteps and continue submitting articles to the Boating Safety Column, please let me know. ▲



Thank You

Two of our long-standing members, who have stepped up many, many times over the years, serving on the bridge and in committees, have again stepped forward and given to the squadron. **WAYNE and JUDY BERGER** not only dove into the task of putting together our member directory, which they have done for several years, and not only updated the information regarding the bridge, committees, new members and new information for other members, but also did something else which is quite extraordinary. They put the directory together, took it to Office Depot and had printed copies made and then, when they brought them to the office, they said *"This is on us!"*. They adamantly said they would absorb the cost for printing the directories, which was over \$100.00! No reimbursement, no qualms, no hesitation. They are truly dedicated members and we are all so fortunate to have them in our squadron! You two have done a really wonderful thing. **Thank you, Wayne and Judy! ▲**



New members being sworn at Pizza party



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Above pictures taken at new members pizza party
By Ron Terciak



Bill, Mary & Ron at Venice COW



Bill, Sue & Ron at Peace River COW

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who is one of a few that has the advanced-level USPS certifications, experience and knowledge necessary to cause this to become a reality for our squadron. In fact, he will be obtaining one additional higher certification, which will then enable him to certify others to teach this course. Over all, it will have many positive benefits for our squadron including yet another path towards attracting more (and maybe younger!!!) members. Our very distinguished Squadron Education Officer, **Melissa Butler**, hard-working P/C **Ron Terciak** and myself are working with our energetic õpoint manõ **Bill Jennings**, and are confident we will see some positive milestones achieved in the next couple of months, or so.

The Burnt Store Marina C&R in January was a huge success with many boats participating and 36 people present. Quite a good event!

When this issue (March) of the Tidings is published, the Bonita Springs Boat Show will be starting. A lot of planning went into this yearsõ show as only two squadrons are involved in staffing the USPS booth, the Fort Myers Squadron and our squadron, instead of the usual four (or five with Naples) squadrons. Fortunately, many folks, from both squadrons, stepped forward and will be involved in staffing the booth. A **BIG** thank you goes to those folks. It is a good show and well worth our time and effort.

The National meeting in Orlando is (was, when you read this) near the end of February. It presents the opportunity to chat with various National committee chairs, see the numerous vendor exhibits and vote on issues before the entire National group attending the event. It should be quite informative, as was last yearõ National meeting.

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We will be reporting any significant information that comes from the meetings.

P/C Ron and I have attended several Change of Watch Ceremonies for other squadrons, including those for the local area squadrons, as well some for other squadrons that that were a bit farther away. This enables a better working relationship with the other squadrons as well as fostering friendship and camaraderie with their leaders and members.

Wayne and Judy Berger (see a note elsewhere in this issue of the Tidings regarding their generous contribution to our squadron) finished the annual task of compiling, editing and finalizing the squadron directory, and they have already sent out the electronic version to all members. They also had some printed copies made, which are available to our members at \$2.00 each (Contact **Nancy Chambers** if you wish to purchase a printed copy). Thank you **Wayne and Judy!** It is handy to have for your home or car, so you can quickly retrieve another memberõs information.

In our education classes, we preach the many safety aspects one should follow or do while boating. The government continues to track boating deaths and, according to a recent news release, drowning continues to be a very prevalent occurrence and a very serious problem. I believe we, as members of USPS, and as thinking and rational people, should follow our own advice and teachings and wear a personal floatation device (PFD), a life vest, anytime we are out on the water in our, or anotherõs, boat. We should õleadõ by example. With all of the different model PFDõs available, there really is not a good reason to not wear one at all times when on the water in a boat.

While on the subject of setting an example, for those that own a boat, please consider availing yourselves of the free safety inspection of your vessel.

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It is a service we gladly offer to members and non-members (for instance your neighbors and friends). We inspect the safety equipment on board your boat and, if everything is as it should be, a Vessel Safety Check sticker is issued and is to be placed on your boat. The inspections can be while the boat is in the water, on a trailer or on a lift. If your boat's safety equipment is not as it should be, and you do not pass the inspection, no sticker is issued.

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From the Executive Officer

Lt/C Ron Terciak, JN

We are now approaching March and many members have yet to have their courtesy Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) performed on their vessels. Before we realize it, many will be heading north for Easter. Be sure you contact me so I can assign an inspector to come to check out your boat.

I have no word yet as to the Cooperative Charting Program. On better news, we have the largest group ever going on our three day April cruise to the Roland Martin Marina on Lake Okeechobee. At last count we had 13 boats and about 32 members going. A couple of boats from the Fort Myers Power Squadron will be joining us.

From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP

I'm pleased to report that SCBPS has begun on-the-water training for ABC graduates who have joined the Squadron. Joe Aten became our first OTW participant and Bill Jennings served as his instructor. Joe wrote: "We had fun and learned a lot!.. Bill asked us what we wanted to learn from our time together. Our concerns were handling wakes, docking and grounding.

"We went up the river and first learned to come on plane efficiently, engine trim and how to use the trim tabs. It was a busy day on the river so next we had a great deal of training about the various ways to deal with wakes.

"Then we came back home and practiced docking on our neighbor's dock and in our lift which has a cross current. Continued on page 13 column 2

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We do not report this to any enforcement agency. If/when you remedy the deficient item (i.e., out of date expired safety flares), we gladly return and, if all is found in order, we then issue the sticker. It is a win-win situation for the boat owner and for the squadron. Please, seriously consider availing yourself of this free service. Contact **P/C Ron** to schedule your VSC.

We invited all the new squadron members to a new member pizza party at Ron Daos, which was hosted by your bridge officers, members of the Membership Committee, and some of our squadrons past commanders. There were nineteen new members invited and we all got to know the ones that were able to make it to the get-together better and they us as well. It was a fun and interesting time. Thank you to **P/C Ron**, as chair of our membership committee, for coordinating this successful event!

Here is an early heads-up to all regarding the District 22 Spring Conference. It will be at the beginning of April and will be very conveniently held in Punta Gorda. That is close to us. The facility in Punta Gorda is wonderful and makes the entire event very enjoyable. Please try to attend this important one-day USPS event.

Stay safe! Be active!

From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP
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Finally we reviewed running aground (didn't practice that) and other tips that Bill had.

The time together was three plus hours and a very worthwhile use of our time.

For other Squadron members interested in pursuing this training, please contact me (butlerm@wabash.edu). I will ask you for proof of insurance and an up-to-date vessel safety check. Then I will assign an instructor who will contact you to set up a meeting time and place. After you have finished your training, both you and your instructor should complete an after action report. Finally, you will receive a certificate of completion from the squadron.

In other news, in February we had a full house for Local Waters, Local Charts. Special thanks to the helpers who assisted students in navigating through the waters of Chart 11427.

In February, we also had 9 students successfully complete our ABC course and hope some of them will be joining us as USPS members.

Finally, the Instructor Development class wrapped up its formal meetings and the students are busily completing lesson plans required for certification.

Thanks

Melissa

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D-22 Spring Conference

I briefly touched on the upcoming District 22 2017 Spring Conference being held in Punta Gorda in my column. It is a one (1) day event and, being so close and easily drivable, I am encouraging all members to consider attending. In addition to display tables, roundtable discussions, and the District Conference formal meeting, there is an awards luncheon and a Change of Watch social followed by a dinner that evening. Full information appears on the last pages of this issue of the Tidings. Take a look. Join us, have a good time, and learn more about the United States Power Squadrons and District 22.

ó Bill Behrens

From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.
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When you have a few minutes do a Google search for San Carlos Bay Sail And Power Squadron and visit the squadron website(www.scbps.com). Our webmaster extraordinaire Charlie Richardson has made an easy to use site where you can find information about our squadron activities and links to lots of other useful sites. Take a look!

Of course, Facebook is simple enough to use so please search for our page and start following us soon. As many of our members are seasonal residents, like to travel, and visit with family and friends these electronic sources are a great way for us stay connected as a group. Please join in and become an active user of any and all the electronic media tools available to us all.



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A SPECIAL EVENT IS BEING PLANNED

There was a presentation entitled “*Local Waters*” given by the *Southwest Florida Yacht Club*. The intent in attending was to glean whatever information we could that would be relative to the local waters educational classes we conduct. The same held true for Cdr. Bob Moro, of the Fort Myers Sail & Power Squadron who also attended. However, we were very pleasantly surprised.

The presentation was given by two VERY experienced boaters, the Yacht Club **Commodore Harvey Steele** and the Yacht Club **Vice Commodore Ron Austin**. These two individuals immediately got our attention and gave an extremely informative presentation.

Their presentation was focused at providing information to boaters about cruising destinations, including:

- Marinas
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For the southwest Florida gulf coast area. Included also was information about boater resources.

They discussed, in detail, marina information and waterfront restaurants from Marco Island/Naples to North Port/Port Charlotte, and beyond. The locations, approaches to them (depth, rocks, channels, etc.), boat slip capacities, how they rated the level of service at the marinas and restaurant slips was discussed in detail. They also included first-hand knowledge of how the restaurants and marinas treated boaters, whether they were helpful or seemingly indifferent to the boaters at their location. They spoke from first-hand knowledge and experience, as they had been to the multitude of locations they discussed many times.

Cdr Moro and I are having discussions with the two speakers to do this presentation for our squadron members, and perhaps the members of all four of the quad-squads. We both agreed all of our members would thoroughly enjoy and benefit from this offering. You will love it and find the information useful and beneficial, regardless if you are a new boater or seasoned and experienced. More information about this will be forthcoming as soon as we have the date this will occur and location it will be held.

--Bill Behrens



Ron & Hermann



Ron, Hermann & Bill

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DISTRICT 22 **2017 Spring Conference** **Charlotte County Event Center** **75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 31 March

0900 – 1200	Registration Desk Open	1200 – 1400	Lunch on your own
1000 – 1200	Squadron Commander/ Executive Officer Meeting	1330 – 1400	Registration Desk Open
		1400 – 1600	District Council Meeting

Friday Night Activity/Dinner at Punta Gorda Boat Club

802 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

1645 – 1800 – **Squadron Joint Hospitality Margaritaville Party**

1830 – Dinner with beverages provided by D/C

SATURDAY 1 April

	0830 til gone - coffee & pastry provided by District 22		
0900 – 1200	Registration Desk Open	1200 – 1300	Awards Luncheon
0900 – 1400	Display Tables	1300 – 1345	Registration Desk Open
0900 – 1145	Roundtables	1400 – 1600	District Conference
		1700 – 1800	Change of Watch Social
		1830 - ?	Dinner

WORKSHOPS AND ROUNDTABLES:

0900 and 1030 - Peace River B - D22 Town Hall

Questions and answers to USPS 'issues' / suggestions welcome
D/C Warren Maciag, SN and Chief Commander Representative

0900 – 1015:

Squadron Revitalization
Ideas to Revitalize Your Squadron
R/C Myles Gee, SN
P/C Leon Warshaw, S

Room **Myakka A**

1030 – 1145:

Education Updates
Latest info from National
D/Lt/C Jack Purse, SN
D/1st/Lt Jack Nason, SN

Join the Visitation Program
Get the info on becoming a Program Visitor
P/D/C Barry Rush, SN

Myakka B

Skipper Saver
*Crisis Management to Save
your Boat and Crew*
1st/Lt William Spenser, SN

The Road to Senior Navigator

Peace River A

Why pursue your SN?
P/Lt/C Mike Stewart, SN

**Radios &
Digital Technology**
Get the most out of these tools
Lt/C Gary Wells, AP

Dress Code: Friday: Day – Squadron Shirt --- Evening – Tropical shirt
Saturday: Day – Squadron Shirt with skirt or slacks
Evening – Uniform A with bow tie or Semi-formal attire

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Come for Boating Education Stay for the Friends



2017 Spring Conference Reservation Form

Friday, 31 March - \$20.00 per person

Punta Gorda Boat Club, 802 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda

Vegetable Chopped Salad with Vinaigrette, Mojo Pork with Slider buns, Tequila Lime Marinated Chicken Breast with Mango Salsa, Island Rice and Fresh Vegetable Sautee of Zucchini, Squash, Onions and Peppers. Surprise dessert supplied by Peace River.

Number attending Dinner _____

Saturday, 1 April

Awards Luncheon - \$18.00 per person - Choice of:

Beef or Chicken Philly Cheese Steak served with potato wedges

OR

Chef Salad – ham, turkey, tomatoes, cucumber, red onions, carrots, hardboiled egg, julienne cheese served over mixed greens with ranch or raspberry vinaigrette dressing, with roll and butter.

Above include water, tea and coffee on request and cookies.

Number of: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Chef Salad _____ @\$**18.00**

Change of Watch - \$35.00 per person - Choice of:

Slow Roasted Prime Rib with a shallot rosemary sauce

Stuffed Chicken Breast with sun dried tomatoes, smoked gouda and Italian herbs

Grilled Salmon Florentine over seasoned spinach with a dill cream sauce

Above include house salad, potatoes au gratin, vegetable medley, rolls and butter, water, tea and coffee on request and cheesecake with strawberry topping

Number of: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____ @\$**35.00**

TOTAL amount of check payable to "**D22**" enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: **Jeane Anderson, 3191 Matecumbe Key Road #407, Punta Gorda, FL 33955**
Phone: (941)575-9776 / Email: jeaneyanderson@embarqmail.com

NAME, with grade and rank: _____

NAME, with grade and rank: _____

Your 1st D22 Conference? ____ List Special Dietary Restrictions or Requests on back of form ____

SQUADRON: _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE: _____

No Reservations or Cancellations after 18 March 2017

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SECRETARY

D/Lt/C Sandra Krupa, P
kruof2@tampabay.rr.com



Fall Conference Roundtable Info



Both First and Second Time Slots:

District 22 Town Hall



An open forum where Warren and our C/C Rep will answer your questions about USPS' and D/22's procedures, practices and the reasons **why** they are done in the manner.

Presented by District Commander Warren Maciag, SN and
The Chief Commander's representative to our Conference

Early Roundtables (0900 – 1015):

"Ideas to Revitalize Your Squadron"

This is a real energizer, a program built around the S.W.O.T. process which helps identify your **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities and **T**hreats. Help in identifying your Squadrons' Vision, Mission and Goals.

Presented by Rear Commander Myles Gee, SN and
Past Commander Leon Warshaw, S

"The Path to Senior Navigator"

A basic roadmap of the path for a new boater to follow thru the courses needed along the path to celestial navigation. And the reasons to pursue the Senior Navigator grade.

Presented by Past Lieutenant Commander Michael Stewart, SN

Join the Visitation Program

The Visitation Program utilizes specially trained Power Squadron Members, known as 'Program Visitors' who are knowledgeable in many areas related to recreational boating safety. RBSVP trained Visitors work primarily with Businesses (any business enterprise where the public, who may be boaters, would be exposed to the literature) in promoting recreational boating safety. You don't need a boat to participate in this valuable program.

Presented by Past District Commander Barry Rush, SN

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Late Roundtables (1030 – 1115):

Crisis Management to Save your Boat and Crew

What is the first thing to do when the skipper hits the deck?

What are the first 4 things to do and in what order?

If the answers don't come immediately to mind, please come to the Skipper Saver presentation. This is not a boating skills course like all our other classes. Skipper Saver is a **Crisis Management** seminar. It will show you how to deal with emergencies out on the water and get you, your disabled Skipper, the crew, and the boat to safety.

Skipper Saver is for everyone who goes out on a boat!

Skipper, crew, passengers, adults, kids, everyone!

Presented by First Lieutenant William Spencer, SN

Education

Get the latest updates and changes from the USPS 2017 Annual Meeting. Bring your issues and questions regarding the Education Department and we will attempt to solve your issues and answer your questions.

Presented by District Educational Officer Jack Purse, SN and

District Assistant Educational Officer, Jack Nason, SN

Marine Radio, Amateur Radio and Digital Technologies

We all have marine radios of various kinds, by extending your technologies with amateur radio and a computer you have unlimited possibilities for voice and digital communications. Check emails, gather weather reports and maps, provide automated position reports for your friends to follow you and many other great advantages and benefits. Join us for a short seminar on where technology stands today to make your boating adventure truly safe. There will be a demonstration.

Presented by Past Lieutenant Commander Gary Wells, AP



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Hotel Info:

Punta Gorda Waterfront

941-639-1165 - \$119 per night

Four Points Sheraton

941-637-6770 - \$179 per night
(March 5 cutoff)

Wyvern

941-639-7700 - \$199 per night
(February 17 cutoff)

**Must mention United States Power Squadrons
and book for 2 nights to get these rates**

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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.

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 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.

Ron Terciak
Executive Officer
San Carlos Bay Power Squadron