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#### CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

D-22 Spring Conference 4/1  
ABC Class 4/1  
SW Florida Yacht Club Local Waters 4/4  
Yard Sale 4/8  
ExCom meeting 4/10  
C&R to Lake Oq4/20-4/22  
Membership Meeting 4/25

### The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

There are two "Quad-Squad" events coming up and they are truly a step in the right direction. The special event "Local Waters" presentation exclusively for the USPS local Quad-Squads members and guests, by the Southwest Florida Yacht Club, and the Kayak Outing for which an open invitation was extended to members of all four "Quad-Squads". These are examples of how we all can facilitate camaraderie amongst members of all four local squadrons and, when appropriate for specific events, demonstrate how combining the resources of the four squadrons are a win-win for all involved. I am hopeful as many members as possible elect to participate.

We are currently conducting VSCs and, again, are inviting members and their friends and neighbors to contact P/C Ron to schedule a VSC on their boat(s). It is free and non-punitive if the safety equipment on board does not pass the inspection process.

The Lake "O" C&R is promising to be quite an event.

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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 Terziak to schedule your VSC.

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## From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

### Scuttlebutt

Have you ever heard of CANOE, an acronym for the "committee to ascribe nautical origins to everything"? Probably not, but there is a Facebook page and many groups claim this acronym. Of course, it is all in fun and by those devoted to all things related to the sea. Although many of their claims are totally unsubstantiated, many phrases we use in everyday English do come from our nautical heritage. The ones I use here I verified through three different sources.

A simple phrase such as "the SCBSPS is by and large a first rate organization" uses two phrases with nautical origins.

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A good ship handled "by and large" meaning it handled well both into and with the wind. The British navy from the 16th century until the advent of steam rated its ships by the number of heavy cannon on deck. The ships with 100 or more were "first rate".

Those with 90-98 second rate, etc.

Many other expressions we use come from life onboard sailing ships of yesteryear. You'd better "know the ropes" and "toe the line" if you don't want to be put "over a barrel" and have someone "let the cat out of the bag". On ships there were literally miles of what we now call "line" and it was a matter of everyone's safety to know what and where they were.

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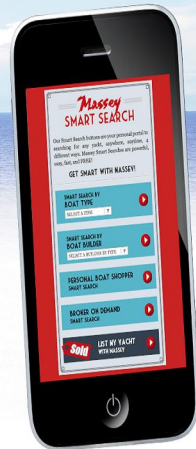
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## Misc.

P/C Ron Terciak, JN

Hello all,

Your squadron has done 88 VSC,s to date. last year we did 231 VSCs and our goal this year was for 250. If those inspectors who do most of their VSC,s in the summer match their output from last year we will have done 288 VSC,s !!! 300 is in reach! Please help us reach this lofty goal by having a Vessel Safety Check done on your boat.

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Don't forget that for each new member you bring into the squadron you will receive a free dinner at one of our monthly dinner meetings.

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We are all set for our three-day Cruise to Lake Okeechobee and the Roland Martin Marina later this month. Our next overnight cruise will be part of the District 22 Cruise & Rendezvous to the South Seas Resort in November. Information is available on the District 22 website.

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Our squadron yard sale will be April 8 at 8 AM till 2PM at the parking area in front of the squadron office. Still time to get rid of your valuable (to someone) used stuff and get a tax deductible donation at the same time. Only requirements are NO CLOTHES and any heavy goods must be taken back as we have little storage space in the office. The squadron maintains the right to refuse any donation deemed unsalable.

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I have had several squadron members with large boats express an interest in going to the Bahamas this summer. If you are interested let me know and I will arrange to share the interest.

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Did you know you could test your DSC radio? The USCG has a designated MMSI number for this purpose. It is 00366999. Enter this number into your DSC radio and hit the send button. If your radio is working properly, you will receive a signal back from the USCG. **NEVER** hit the red DSC button on your radio to test it.

## Congratulations

These four squadron members are winners!

**Joe Aten  
Tom Logio  
Steve Mortensen and  
Dick Potts.**

A smiling Melissa Butler (and a proud Charlie Richardson) advised these four members are super winners as they each passed the Piloting Class examination, and did so with flying colors! Congrats are in order for each of them!!!

This is a very important and significant step towards furthering one's self-education, which is one of the very important items in our squadron's manifest. They are absolutely entitled to be proud of what they accomplished, and we should be proud of them!

--Bill Behrens  
Commander

Ron & Bill helping new member Orville bring his boat to marina.





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## The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P  
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As of this writing there are 13 boats in total, with 5 boats from the Fort Myers squadron joining our squadron's 8 boats for this event. A total of 32 people will be attending. That is a fantastic showing of support and participation.

We are still seeking members who will be attending the one-day District 22 2017 Spring Conference in Punta Gorda. Our squadron truly needs to have a good showing at the actual conference. By the way, the names of the delegates (and alternate delegates) need to be submitted to the district prior to the conference.

We are currently giving some very serious attention to the squadron's investments and the strategy for both the short-term and long-term so as to maximize the returns. More on this as some meaningful plans are developed which will come about after some scheduled exploratory meetings with experts in the financial world to help guide and direct us in the most beneficial direction for the squadron.

Bob Zimmerman, of the USPS (National) Communications Committee, had previously sent some suggestions for our Tidings publication. His role is to review the monthly publications for various squadrons. He just recently contacted me (by phone) and was VERY complimentary towards the Tidings Editor, John Ragone. He was very impressed with the layout, the combination of photos and columns demonstrating the level of enthusiasm within our squadron, the educational schedules, the birthday acknowledgements and other complimentary comments. He concluded with a huge compliment to John Ragone saying that I should tell the squadron editor that he said he was truly impressed with his editorial accomplishments.

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## The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P  
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ATTA-BOY John!!!! Well done!!! We all echo Bob Zimmerman's comment.

The Audit Committee completed a financial audit of the squadron records with our Treasurer. It has been three years since the last audit. Their findings and recommendations will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting. Their report contains the following opening statement: "The Squadron's financial records were found to be in proper order; bills paid promptly, deposits made in a timely fashion after receipt. There are no long-term outstanding checksö.

As you read in the last issue of the Tidings, our Squadron Safety Officer, John Swenson, has announced this will be his last season as being our safety officer. He has done this for five years! Thank you John! He will continue to be our point person for messages on our squadron telephone, directing the information from various callers to the appropriate persons, as well as conducting numerous VSC's in his area and will continue being the education classes' registrar, providing pertinent information as to students information and ensuring, by contacts with them, all will be attending as planned. Thank you, John!!!

If you wish to be considered for the position of Squadron Safety Officer please contact me via email ([bbehrens@ix.netcom.com](mailto:bbehrens@ix.netcom.com)) or phone (239-470-1773).

April is unfolding as a very busy month with the District 22 2017 Spring Conference, the special event presentation of "Local Waters" to the members and guests of the Quad-Squads, a CPR class open to all those interested in becoming certified or re-certified, and the San Carlos Bay and Fort Myers combined squadrons C&R to Lake "Oö. It is hoped all will participate as much as possible in as many events as possible, and enjoy our squadron's offerings, camaraderie and friendships.

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



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--Bill Behrens

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## From the Executive Officer

Lt/C Ron Terciak, JN

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## From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP

Kudos go to Hermann Kuhnel and Bill Jennings. Hermann successfully completed the Electronic Navigation course and with that achieved "Educational Proficiency." You can do that, too! What it takes is completion of Advanced Piloting and three Elective Courses. Congratulations, Hermann.

As for Bill Jennings, he finished the training necessary to allow him to supervise others in Basic Powerboat Handling (BPH), which is required for anyone seeking certification as an Inland Navigator (IN). His training required him to take two students--volunteers Ron Terciak and Keely Jones --out for a day performing various drills on the water.

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## CPR Class

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

The Iona-McGregor Fire District will be presenting a CPR/AED class for us on Friday, April 7 at 9am. The class is approximately 3 hours long. The maximum number of people allowed in the class is 16.

The location is at the Pine Ridge Community Center, 15660 Pine Ridge Rd (between Gladiolus and Kelly Rds).

The class will cover adult, child, infant cpr, AED and choking. If you need recertification you need to attend the entire class as there are new things to be learned.

Please email me at [nancychambers905@gmail.com](mailto:nancychambers905@gmail.com) to let me know if you will be attending. Remember the maximum number allowed is 16 people.

This is a good opportunity to learn a new skill which could be VERY useful to any one and there is no charge to our members for the class. . There is a \$5.00 charge only if you wish to receive a card stating your certification.

Sign up soon,

Nancy Chambers, A/O

## From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP

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Bill was supervised by Scott McDonald who flew in from Texas to do the training.

Now, members who would like to qualify as Inland Navigators can call on Bill to do the on-the-water component. To qualify as IN, students must complete the following mix of course work, and skill development. Those interested may look to other squadrons in the Quad Squad for some of the courses needed. (Ron Terciak has been studying Marine Electrical Systems and Marine Communication with the Sanibel Captiva Squadron). But, from now on, it will be possible to do the BPH part through our own Squadron. Congratulations and thanks, Bill.

Just in case you are interested in pursuing IN certification, here are the requirements:

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- **Skills**

- BPH - Basic Powerboat Handling skill demonstration or US Sailing Safe Powerboat Handling on-the-water program
- FE - Use of Fire Extinguishers

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## *From the Executive Officer*

Lt/C Ron Terziak, JN

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Another feature is that you can register your radio with the Coast Guard and get a MMSI number ( Mobile Maritime Service Identity) You register through either the USPS or Boat US, NOT the Coast Guard. When you register your radio the Coast Guard now knows who the owner of the vessel is, phone numbers, description of the vessel, next of kin (encouraging!) and a lot more information rescuers might need.

Entering a VSC number into your radio can be tricky and needs some care. If you are not sure how to do it one of the squadron members who has experience in entering MMSI numbers can help.

## *From the Administrative Officer*

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

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When all onboard were ordered to assemble they were given a seam on the deck where they were to place their toes to form a straight line. Punishment could mean you would be tied over a cannon barrel and flogged with a cat o' nine tail that was stored in a leather bag. Surprise!

There's one word that you might not think is of nautical origin and that's "skyscraper". Yes, it's now used to describe very tall buildings but it was originally a term for the small triangular sail set on the highest point of the mast and was used to in light air to catch any breeze available. Funny how things change!

I'll let you determine the origin of these last few words. This is the "bitter end" of the article and I hope you're not "pooped" from reading it.



Pictures of Ron & Bill- Top  
Bill, Myles, Ron & Carole - Bottom

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Pictures taken by Ron Terciak at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Orlando

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## *Just a reminder. . .*

The special event “**Local Waters**” presentation to the USPS Quad-Squad members is coming up soon.

It is scheduled for **April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom at Pinchers**, near downtown Fort Myers, next to the Edison marina.

The event is a presentation by two members of the Southwest Florida Yacht Club regarding waterfront restaurants, marinas, anchorages, etc., for areas ranging from Marco Island to North Port/Port Charlotte. They speak from first-hand knowledge as they have ðbeen there and done thatö.

It is an extremely well done presentation that all, from beginner boaters to experienced boaters, will find interesting, useful, informative and beneficial.

It is a *one-time event* so please try your best to attend. There is no charge ó it is **FREE!** All of the details are on an attachment which was sent on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

If you wish, come earlier (or stay later) and have dinner at Pinchers. Also, there will be a cash bar in a side-area of the meeting room for those wishing to imbibe in a cocktail or other adult beverage.

Also, remember please, you can invite friends and others as guests. If you have not already done so, please ðRSVPö to our Administrative Officer Nancy Chambers ([nancychambers905@gmail.com](mailto:nancychambers905@gmail.com)) no later than **March 21, 2017** with the total number of persons that will be attending this event. Please know seating is on a “*first come-First Serve*” basis. With the RSVPs we can anticipate and will try to accommodate as many people as possible.

--Bill Behrens



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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

### 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

### Chart Art Destination Guide for sale.

Sold at West Marine for \$29.99. Our price \$25.00. A listing of waterfront destinations with charts to help find the location. 2017 issue date. Contact the Squadron Admin Officer, Nancy Chambers at 239-273-4428 or [nancychambers905@gmail.com](mailto:nancychambers905@gmail.com) .

### Squadron Member Directories for sale.

Lists squadron members and their addresses, telephone numbers, boat information, etc. A handy booklet to have. \$2.00 each. Contact the Squadron Admin Officer, Nancy Chambers at 239-273-4428 or [nancychambers905@gmail.com](mailto:nancychambers905@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](mailto: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 two 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](mailto: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