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The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

April is shaping up to be quite a good month for our squadron. I write that because, as you know, the columns for the TIDINGS are written in the early part of the month and published the next month, which is necessary for everything to properly fall into place. So, in early May you are reading a recap of much of April.

On April 4th there was a special presentation entitled õLocal Watersö by the Southwest Florida Yacht Club (SWFYC) exclusively to the power squadrons. It started out as an event for our squadron members, but I realized the information the presenters were imparting was really beneficial for all members of our local USPS Quad-Squads, so the event became one for all four squadrons. We saw the attendance at the event top 185 members and guests. It was quite a crowd and a very good response by members. The presentation was very well done and, with the blessing of the presenters, I was able to share the handout electronically to those that were unable to attend, as well as any members who requested it.

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From the editor:

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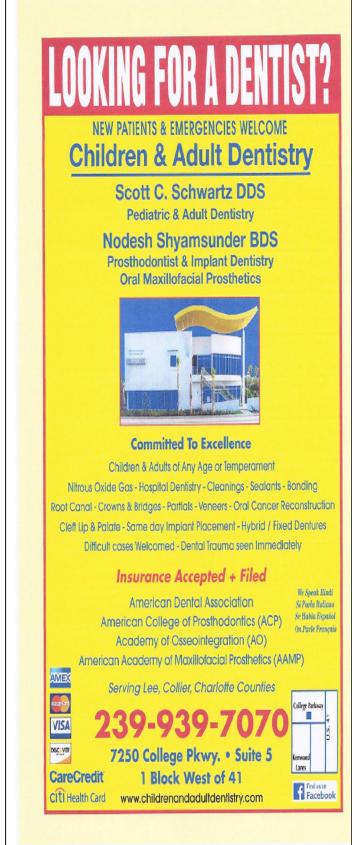
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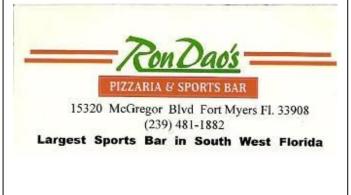
A reminder that, any squadron member receives a free dinner at one of our squadron meetings for bringing in a new member. Luke and Eva Cecil will be dining on us for bringing in Priscilla and Steve Mortonson. Let us have more free dinners and bring in new members.





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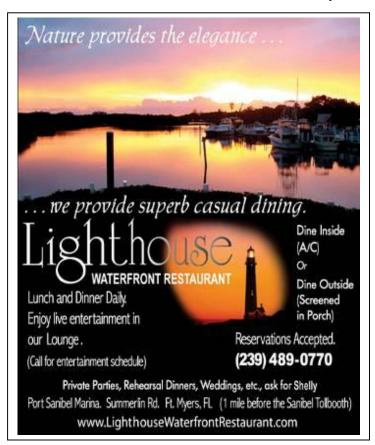








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It is VESSEL SAFETY CHECK time again. The VSC is an annual event, and it allows those that avail themselves of the free safety check to be assured they have all the necessary safety equipment on board their vessel. It also ensures items that have an expiration date are not expired and are valid, such as their fire extinguishers and flares. This squadron service is, or course, available to all members of our squadron and is available to the public as well, such as your friends and neighbors. If one 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 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.

April was a busy month for the squadron. Commander Behrens worked with the other Quad Squad leaders to bring together over 140 guests at Pincher's in downtown Fort Myers for a presentation from the Southwest Florida Yacht Club. Everyone learned a lot boat boating in our local waters! Our Executive Officer Ron Terciak organized the C&R up the Caloosahatchee to Lake Okeechobee. We had our regular monthly meeting at Myerlee and held a yard sale at the squadron office. The yard sale made over \$270 so many thanks to all who contributed their time and donated items for the sale.

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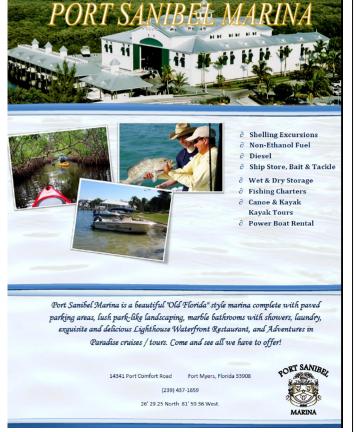
From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S. Continued from previous column

On April 7 11 members took and passed the CPR class given by the Iona-McGregor Fire District. Our instructors Jason Lambert and Brian Tansey did an excellent job educating us with lots of practice, and hands-on experience using their "smart" dummies. It's nice to know these kind and intelligent EMTs are working everyday to help us in an emergency. If we have more interested members I will organize another class in the fall.

The CPR class led me to think about other safety issues we may experience on the water. You've had your VSC but do you remember how to USE the fire extinguisher? When was the last time you LOOKED in your first aid kit? Continued on page 8 bottom of column 2





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Happy Birthday May 2017



| Aten | Lee | 13-May |
|-----------|------------|--------|
| Flinn | Daniel L. | 3-May |
| Franklin | Norm | 23-May |
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| McGinn | Brenda F. | 23-May |
| Mehmel | Marsha A. | 30-May |
| Morgan | Ronald A. | 20-May |
| Nohre | Sandra L. | 14-May |
| Patterson | Julien | 11-May |







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From the Executive Officer Lt/C Ron Terciak, JN

22 squadron members and 8 members of the Fort Myers Power Squadron had a wonderful journey to the Roland Martin Marina on Lake Okeechobee on April 20 through the 22nd.

The only glitch to the trip was a mechanical problem with Bill Behrens boat BB Getaway shortly after departure. Billøs, boat had to be towed back to his marina for repairs. It looked like an automobile trip for Bill, Carole & Ron Terciak and Keely Jones when new member Dave McLellan came to the rescue. Dave waited at the Franklin Lock campground until we arrived by auto. Leaving the car at the campground (after some persuasion of the camp personnel) we continued on arriving at Roland Martin only about 30 minutes later then the group.

Thanks to Ed Mehmel for taking over and leading the group. Members taking their boat included Joe & Lee Aten on Sheworthy Jeanne & Bob Shaw on Okey Dokey, Jane & Mike Aube on Blue Moon, Marsha & Ed Mehmel on Island Girl, Dave McClellan on Our Legacy, Marriane & Al Ponzio on their boat.

We also had three boats from the Fort Myers Squadron. After arrival on Thursday we had a pool party followed by dinner at the Tiki Bar on site. Thursday night is Cowboy Karaoke night so we had some pretty good entertainment.

On Friday Lee & Joe Aten and Jeanne & Bob Shaw went on an airboat ride. They were the only members to go as later trips were cancelled due to high winds. After a leisure afternoon we once again gathered for appetizers and cocktails poolside before heading back to the Tiki Bar for dinner. The band started at 9 PM, too late for most of us as we had to get up early for the trip home.

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From the Executive Officer

Lt/C Ron Terciak, JN Continued from previous column

We left at 10 AM with the only problem on the return trip being some heavy boat traffic heading west causing a raft up in one lock and two boats not being able to enter another lock. This was a first trip to Lake O for most of the boaters and proved to be a valuable learning experience as well as a lot of fun. Bill even managed to do three Vessel Safety Checks.

We are looking at a couple of options for our next overnighter including Palm Island and MAYBE Marathon or Islamorada in the Keys. On November 2-5 we will be going to the South Seas Resort for a three day District 22 Cruise & Rendezvous.

We are doing very well with our Vessel Safety Checks. We have added inspectors to our staff so we need boats to inspect to keep everyone busy.

Most of us will be heading north soon, including me, so I look forward to seeing you all in the fall. Remember we do have C&Røs all summer long for those of you who remain in Fort Myers.

From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S. Continued from page 6 column 2

Do you know how to use the items that are in there? Should you add an epi-pen or other items specific to your situation? Are the medications expired? Will the bandages stick when needed? Should you cover the wound or leave it open? Should you review using things in the kit so you're more prepared In an emergency?

Most incidents while we are boating result in minor injuries but...... do you remember how to treat hypo or hyperthermia? Severe bleeding? A severe sprain, broken bone or compound fracture? Jelly fish sting?

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Cdr. Bill Behrens, P Continued from page 1 column 2

Representatives from each of the four Quad-Squads were invited by the SWFYC to jointly make thirty-minute presentations at six (6) yacht club õseminarö meetings this coming fall. The presentations are to include information about USPS, speak to boater and boating safety, especially as that relates to our general local areas and describe the various boater education courses we offer. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to spread the safety messages we do, as well as explain all about the role, function and mission of the power squadrons.

NANCY CHAMBERS was able to schedule a session with the Iona Fire District for CPR certification and re-certification for any members that wished to do so. We reached the limit of people (eleven members participated) allowed in the session, and the session was one of the very best I have attended. Very informative and it was presented in a very professional manner that was easy to understand and grasp.

Our õyard saleö was a huge success and netted the squadron some funds for our bank account. A BIG thank you goes to HOWARD and NANCY CHAMBERS, P/C RON TERCIAK and (new) members JOE BORAK and NANCY ANSETT, for their help at and all their efforts for the annual squadron yard sale.

Everyone that has signed up for our C&R to Lake õOö near the end of April is excited about the trip, including the members from the Fort Myers Squadron that are joining us. It is going to be loads of FUN, dynamite boating and a VERY GOOD trip for all! P/C RON TERCIAK is doing a wonderful job pulling everything together to ensure this trip is very successful.

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The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P Continued from previous column

At a recent Executive Committee meeting NANCY CHAMBERS suggested we do something a little different at the April Membership Meeting. NANCY suggested we not schedule an outside speaker but, instead, have an open forum as to all the various activities and plans for the squadron so all members are informed. We will give this a try and all members are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions.

P/C RON TERCIAK reports the squadrons Vessel Safety Inspectors have completed 102 Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) thus far this year. There are still many members who have not had the safety equipment on their boat inspected and they are highly encouraged to give P/C RON a call or send him an email message and schedule a free VSC.

The summer months are fast approaching and that means many of our members will be heading north and wongt return until the fall season. However, as we have discovered, there are many members that stay in this area full-time (over the summer) so we will do this year that which we started two years ago and have C&Røs over the summer months and, perhaps, some other get-togethers as well. This could be a subject matter to discuss at the April Membership Meeting so all can get a feel for what the members wish to do.

Be safe! Be Active!

--Bill Behrens
Commander ▲



Picture from Lake OøC&R

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





From the A.O.

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.
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The difference between 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree burns and how to treat them? A severe allergic reaction? Head injury? Fainting?

Most of us probably learned how to treat these things but may not have thought about them for awhile. Please take some time to refresh your memory and review techniques. If you don't know or remember what to do look it up, learn and practice. When an emergency arises is not the time to

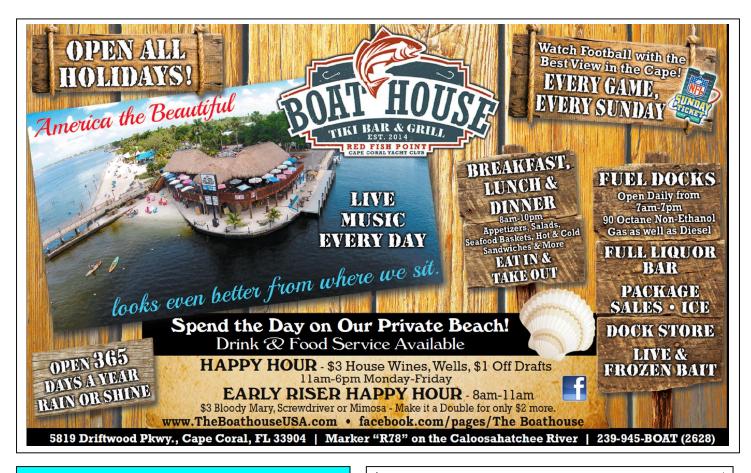


From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S. Continued from previous column

start studying!
Safe and happy boating to you all!

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From the SEOLt/C Melissa Butler, AP

As the educational program winds down for the season, we have a number of accomplishments to celebrate. Our squadron has two new Advanced Pilots as Tom Ashford and Bill Greenwald both successfully completed the course under the able tutelage of Al Ponzio; Charlie Richardson's class produced four new Pilots, Joe a ten, Tom Logio, Steve Mortonson and Richard Potts. In addition, Ron Terciak passed Marine Electrical Systems (offered by the Sanibel Captiva Squadron) which also satisfied the last of his requirements for an Educational Proficiency Certificate. (You earn this by reaching the grade of AP and also completing at least 3 elective courses.). Congratulations to all for these achievements!



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Pictures taken By Ron Terciak at the Lake OøC&R

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Ron and Bill with new District 22 Commander Sue Lomastro from Sarasota





Pictures taken by Ron Terciak at CPR class





Pictures taken by Ron Terciak at the lake Oø C&R





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DETAILS: DOCKAGE (ASAP)

ALL BOATERS MUST RESERVE SLIPS THROUGH LT. DELORES BUHNER (CAPE CORAL) AT DELPHI37@ COMCAST.NET. OR 239-458-1481.

Provide name of Capt., Squadron, Boat Name, Length & Beam, Cell Phone and Credit Card with Exact Name of holder & Exp. Date. (If you have already reserved, please let Delores know.)

DETAILS: KEY ACTIVITIES

31 OCT: CHECK-IN

01 NOV: CMDR'S COCKTAIL PARTY &

POT LUCK DINNER

02 NOV: DINNER @ DOC FORD'S

03 NOV: DEPART

(Details & more activities in September BEACON)

DETAILS: HOTEL ROOMS

D-22 DID NOT RESERVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS.

DO NOT call South Seas directly...Look for Internet specials at South Seas for best rates. Rooms near Marina preferred. (Once Hotel Reservations are made, please provide name(s) & days attending to Jamie Lynn Halstead,

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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

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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 of 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

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Instructor Development

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Members Classifieds and Ad's

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Hello All

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

Ron Terciak Executive Officer San Carlos Bay Power Squadron