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The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

Hello all! Welcome back (if you were out-of-area) and welcome to the time when we are ramping up our squadron activities with the onset of the fall season.

The summer months were active for those of us who are full-time in Florida.

- In addition to two C&R's each month,
- we were able to cause our funds to be invested so as to derive an income from earnings,
- initiate discussions regarding the possibility of having the squadron host a Sea Scout program (similar to existing Sea Scout Programs in the Fort Myers and Cape Coral squadrons),
- again, begin the process of making arrangements to have the four Quad Squads staff a booth at the 2017 Fall Fort Myers Boat Show which has some unique location challenges this year,
- prepare for the District 22 Conference this fall,

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- initiated the tedious and rigid process of re-writing the squadron's Bylaws so as to be in conformity with that which USPS National recommends, and
- a host of other mundane but necessary administrative squadron issues as they arose during the summer months.

We tried an experiment over the summer months this year by having two C&R's each month. Based on the participation during the past two years of our having C&R's over the summer, with anywhere from 15-25 members at each event, it was thought this would be a good way to further our camaraderie over the summer in lieu of membership meetings which are suspended for the summer months. This experiment did not have very good results. Perhaps it was because more members than usual were out of town or members were otherwise engaged in other activities. The participation was okay, but did not match past summers in terms of the number of people participating.

We also thought a longer-distance C&R would be well received by the membership. Sometimes our C&R's are very close thereby not giving the member a decent time for an enjoyable boat ride. We (**Steve Mortonson**, two friends and me) scouted out a trip to LaBelle in terms of time of travel by boat and whether the restaurant, located a block and a half walk from free dockage in LaBelle, could and would accommodate our needs in terms of group seating and separate bills for each person/couple. After sending out the information to the membership about the proposed C&R to LaBelle we received a *very* underwhelming response. Perhaps this particular trip could be again proposed but at a different time of year.

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The intent this time was to schedule it before the seasonal slow zones went into effect on the Caloosahatchee Waterway and before all the snow birds returned, thus causing a huge increase in boating traffic.

Another destination that would provide a longer-distance boat ride was suggested by **Bob Shaw**. He suggested Miller's Dockside, which is in the Boca Grande Marina (marker 2, just across Charlotte Harbor along the ICW). We stopped there a couple of years ago when the squadron did an overnight C&R to Palm Island on Cape Haze. It was a lunch stop on the way to Palm Island. It was a good restaurant with plenty of water views and good food. Perhaps we can consider this sometime during the year. We will probably be going to Cape Haze next spring for an overnight C&R which will be in conjunction with another squadron who will join us there. Those plans have not yet been finalized.

A special THANK YOU goes to **John Manos** who, as Assistant Squadron Administrative Officer, filled in for Nancy Chambers, our SAO, while she was out-of-town. John made the calls arranging details for the C&R's and sending notifications to our membership.

We were able to finalize our initial configuration of investments for our squadron. This was through the firm Edward Jones. Our financial advisor, Eric Tibbs, came to us through one of our long-term and upstanding members and Eric Tibbs guided us to appropriate investments of the building funds that were donated to the squadron many years ago. Initially **Ron Terciak**, **Ken Morris** and I worked with Eric Tibbs and a slate of municipal bonds and CD's was developed.

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That was then discussed in the Executive Committee and, finally, we had Eric Tibbs make a presentation to the Executive Committee. Since the regular interest income from those funds had become non-existent, we had to fulfill our fiduciary responsibility regarding our squadron's financial health, as we were repeatedly drawing small amounts from the building funds so as to keep our bank balance in the black. Without the interest income, we had realized for several years we were operating at a deficit. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the investment strategy and actions through Edward Jones. We also checked and determined we were within the parameters of recommended procedure as delineated by USPS National.

We were contacted by a representative of the USPS sanctioned Sea Scouts program and when the membership was asked if anyone had an interest in becoming involved in this, should the squadron go forward with hosting a Sea Scout program, two members stepped up. As of this writing we are scheduled to have a meeting with the representative to review the expectations the program would have from our squadron, as well as all the ins and outs about which we need to know. After that meeting, if it is felt this is something that the squadron should seriously consider, and if the two volunteers are in a positive mind-set about the program, this will be discussed in the Executive Committee to obtain approval to move forward, should the committee agree with the information that would be presented.

As most already know our squadron has joined the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.

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Also, as was previously mentioned in an email message to the membership, a big THANK YOU to **Bob Amerine** who funded our first-year membership dues at the Chamber. The dues for a charitable organization were recently revised and reduced, thus making it financially possible for our squadron to consider joining. The Chamber sends out a regular news update, which I will be forwarding to the membership. Any of our members can attend and participate in the various functions the Chamber schedules. The main events are usually held on Thursdays. The first Thursday of the month is the Chamber breakfast, held at one of the FMB businesses. The second Thursday of the month is the Chamber luncheon, with a guest speaker which is held at one of the FMB businesses. The third Thursday is an after hours cocktail and appetizers, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., held at one of the FMB businesses. Again, any of our members are welcome to attend any or all of the events.

The 2017 fall Fort Myers Boat Show is scheduled for November 16-19, 2017, Thursday through Sunday. It is a quad squad event, with each of the four squadrons (us, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Sanibel-Captiva) taking a day to staff the booth. Our squadron is scheduled to staff the booth on Friday, November 17, 2017. The show runs from 10:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. that day. The Fort Myers Harborside Event Center is under construction and the boat show has, therefore, been moved and will be held in and around the areas of Centennial Park (vendors will be operating out of tents) and the Fort Myers Yacht Basin. Also, a special THANK YOU goes to **Steve Mortonson** for taking the time to make numerous contacts which resulted in tons of new and/or updated brochures for handouts for the boat show.

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Our supply had dwindled to almost nothing. If you would step forward and volunteer to be part of our membership that will be staffing the USPS booth that would be *very* appreciated and, the time you spend at the boat show will count towards a merit mark. Additionally, you are able to gain free entrance to the show so, either before or after whatever two-hour shift you work, you can enjoy any and all parts of the boat show. Please let me know (email is fine: bbehrens@ix.netcom.com) if you would be willing to help out. There will be more information about the show as the show dates draw closer.

USPS has formally adapted an additional logo which is really quite good. Notice the ðö in the word boating. It additional logo is:



This does not replace the USPS name, or the slogan "*Come for the Education...Stay for the Friends*" or any other item and is, instead, an addition, which it is hoped will give all the power squadrons some needed positive contemporary exposure.

For your information: The squadron's Bylaws are currently being revised. This process is very time consuming and very detail oriented. As you may know when squadrons Bylaws are changed it is necessary for the membership to approve the changes by vote.

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That usually would take place at the squadron's annual meeting, and would also necessitate a thirty-day notice to the members that the Bylaws changes are on the agenda. A copy of the new draft along with a copy of the current Bylaws needs to accompany the thirty-day notice. It is not looking like that can happen by our traditional end of November Annual Meeting. If it is not on the agenda for the November meeting it will be placed on a future membership meeting with the necessary thirty-day notice before the meeting.

District 22 is having their annual Cruise and Rendezvous at the South Seas Island Resort, Captiva Island, during the period October 31-November 3, 2017. It is billed out as a Luau, Florida Style! Details and activities are in the September issue of the Beacon.

As you are aware, November is when our squadron's *Annual Meeting* takes place, at which time we members cast votes for who will be elected to bridge positions (commander, executive officer, educational officer, assistant educational officer, administrative officer, assistant administrative officer, treasurer, assistant treasurer, secretary, assistant secretary, and four members-at-large positions). The slate of candidates is finalized *before* the meeting by the **Nominating Committee** (P/C **Dave Lum** and **Dick Battles**) and then presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting. If two or more persons are seeking a particular position the Nominating Committee will cause a special election to take place at the meeting which then determines which of the competing candidates will be on the slate.

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If you have an interest in stepping forward, let it be known you would want to be considered for a position on the bridge for next year. To do that please let P/C Dave Lum know this (his email is: dlumsail@aol.com) or, if you wish, send an email to me (bbehrens@ixc.netcom.com) and I will forward it to P/C Dave Lum. Participation in our squadron is truly a very positive thing and people stepping forward to help guide the squadron is needed and wanted, and results in a better squadron experience for the individual and for the membership as a whole.

The one-day District 22 2017 Fall Conference event, which is held in nearby Punta Gorda, is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2017. I have asked our esteemed Tidings editor, **John Ragone**, to attach the District Conference information to the back of the September Tidings so you will have the information. As this is a one-day event, and is very close by, a strong participation by our squadron members would be a *very* good thing. Please give this your serious consideration.

Meetings: Our Membership Meetings are held once a month at the MyerLee Country Club on the *fourth (4th) Tuesday* of each month. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. One does not have to participate in the dinner portion, which is optional. The meetings are open to all squadron members and invited guests of members.

Our Executive Committee Meetings are held once a month at the squadron office/classroom on the *second (2nd) Monday* of each month at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are open to all squadron members who wish to attend and observe.

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Only the elected committee members are authorized to vote, but all members present can be a part of the conversations and discussions.

--Bill Behrens

Commander ■

From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

__Labor Day is September 4th and according to the U.S. Department of Labor Is " dedicated to the social and economic achievements of the American worker". Oregon was the first state to make it an official holiday and it became a federal holiday in 1894.

One of those groups of workers we celebrate is from the ship and boat building industry. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics there are 136,140 people employed by the industry. Production occupations make up 45.57% of the jobs and their average income is \$44,520. Management employs 5360 people. Their average income is \$125,520 with CEOs earning \$199,650. 8000 engineers comprise 5.88% of employees and include mechanical, electrical, industrial, and marine engineers with technicians such as drafters also included in the category. Administrators, grounds keepers, maintenance workers, and security guards keep things running smoothly and safely for everyone.

Boat building is one of the oldest professions on earth and probably will continue as long as there is water to cross. Although a much smaller industry than pre-WWII it still provides a wide array of occupations.

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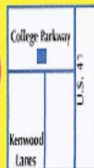
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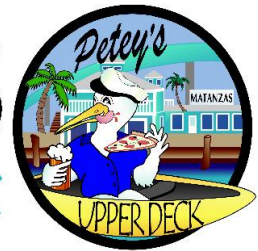
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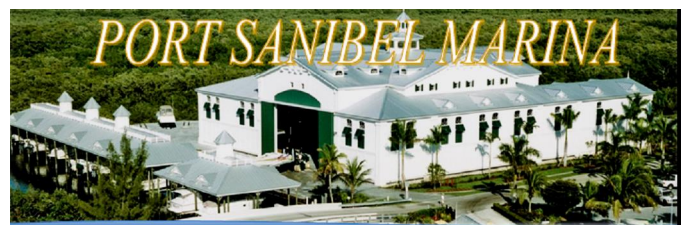
Ron With Mike and Jane Aube and the Kennebec River Power Squadron C& R in Southport Maine

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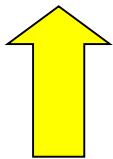
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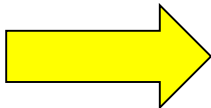
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Photos from the C&R at Parrot Key
on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

Photo from Fort Myers Beach
Chamber of Commerce Event on the
beach



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Pictures taken at the Lighthouse C&R

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Hope you are enjoying our Florida summer and getting out on the water. Lots of summer storms have made it necessary to learn how to boat/sail between the drops.

District has been busy organizing the upcoming events which are described in this Beacon. Thank you P/Stf/C Robert Stein, AP, Editor and P/C Terry Green, JN, Assoc. Editor for your continued efforts to keep us informed.

As your DC, I've continued visiting as many squadrons as possible. Cape Coral, Ft. Myers, Lakeland, St. Petersburg, Peace River, Sarasota and all have welcomed me into their membership meetings, executive committee meetings, new member gatherings and boat safety classes. It's been fun and informative and I'm looking forward to more visits in the fall. I'm visiting Manatee in September.

Congratulations to Cdr. Ron Ludvig, SN of Peace River for them being awarded the Sea Tow Golden Life Jacket Award. Plus Peace River, Sanibel Captiva and Sarasota squadrons received Honorable Mention in the BoatUS-USPS Civic Service Awards. More information can be found in the current Ensign. D22 is proud of all of you.

The USPS Governing Board is fast approaching. There will be lots of valuable information and opportunities to exchange ideas with other districts and squadrons from all over the country. All squadron members are invited. D22 will be hosting a cocktail party on Friday, 15 September from 1730 to 1830 in the D22 suite. The District will also be gathering for dinner at Grand Lux Café at 1800. Please contact me and I'll add you to the reservation list.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

10-17 September 2017 USPS Governing Board Meeting

Hilton Lincoln Center, Dallas, TX

www.usps.org/php/reservations/reservation_a.php?mta_id=32

6-7 October 2017 D/22 Fall Conference

Charlotte County Event Center Punta Gorda, FL

31 Oct-3 Nov D22 Cruise & Rendezvous

South Seas Resort Marina Captiva

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and safe summer both on and off the water. It won't be long until we are back in the meeting and classes mode. The fall conference is just a few weeks away.

The executive department is featured in this issue and has many important functions most of which you are aware. It would be impossible to cover them all in this one issue, thus I have chosen to concentrate on two important areas.

You hear from me all the time, so I have requested two committee chairs to write a short piece concerning their activities. D/Lt Jim Strothers, SN writes about the problems with and changes which have taken place in the Cooperative Charting area and D/Lt Ron Jones, AP (Public Relations Committee) presents some information on the possible uses of social media in our work and gives a preview of his presentation at the Fall Conference. I hope you find these informative and helpful.

I hope to see many of you at the Dallas Governing Board and even more at the Fall Conference. Have fun, enjoy the water, and keep it safe.

Cooperative Charting article on page 4



Put the Power of Facebook to work for your Squadron

The question is often raised "why use Facebook", the squadron newsletter, web page, and email blasts meet our needs for communicating. However; those means of communication are one way (information is posted to be read, dialogue isn't supported) directed toward existing members. Social media such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, allow a squadron to reach outside of its membership and convey information and encourage conversation with both members and potential members.

Facebook is the largest social media tool and is used by individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations. But really, who uses Facebook? According to a 2016 report published by Hootsuite, 82 percent of 18 to 29-year-olds online use Facebook, 79 percent of 30 to 49-year-olds online use Facebook, and 56 percent of online users ages 65 and up use Facebook. Facebook allows US Power Squadrons to expand their communications to much larger audience, and audience of potential students and members.

Building a successful Facebook presence for local Squadron requires planning, organization, and knowledge of the tools provided by Facebook to properly market your Squadron's educational, boating, and social opportunities. Every member of the local Squadron contributes to the success of the Facebook presence by "Liking" the Squadron page and by interacting with posts (liking a post, commenting on a post, or sharing the post). The interaction with Facebook posts expands the Squadron's reach.

Facebook postings can be simple text posts, pictures, videos, are even live action; they can be informational (a channel marker missing), instructional (a short video on docking), entertaining ("Friday Follies" photos of boating gone wrong), or promotional (benefits of taking a USPS class or becoming a member of USPS).

Learn more about using Facebook to promote the message that USPS is America's Boating Club by participating in the Build A Facebook Page Roundtable at the D22 Fall Conference in Punta Gorda on Saturday, 7 October. Bring your laptops, tablets, and even mobile phones to take part in hands on training on managing a USPS Squadron Facebook page. Topics will include adding admins, page roles, combining several Facebook pages into one, creating events and notes, and Facebook Live.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

D/Lt/C Ted Reiss, SN-CN

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What a great summer – warm, moist, partly sunny, low winds – or should I say what a typical season – hot, humid, thunder storms, windy. For those of you who stayed here in Florida was it what you expected? For those who went north did you find it cooler, dryer, sunnier with little wind? In either case summer is nearing an end. Schools will reopen, the weather will change, the population will increase, stores will be more crowded and traffic will be more of an adventure. Saying that, boating will return to a more predictable way of having fun and squadron activities will increase.

Several District 22 activities are scheduled for this fall – the Fall Conference at the Charlotte County Conference Center, Punta Gorda, on 6-7 October and the D22 Cruise and Rendezvous with a Luau theme at the South Seas Island Resort, Captiva Island, from 31 October to 3 November.

The conference will have round table discussions on Homeland Security, Education, Succession Planning, Dolphin Experience and Clean Marinas, Social Media, National Rear Commanders and District Commander Update, and a two session course on Operations Training. Want to learn what happened at the USPS Governing Board Conference in Dallas-- meet with the Commanders. Want to learn everything about the organization-- attend the Operations Training sessions which feature the new OT3 material rather than the lengthy version from the past. Attendees will get credit for a course and earn the OT letters in their education resume. This roundtable will begin at 0830 and finish by 1145 in time for the awards lunch.

Throughout the day you will see posters submitted by children from several squadrons. Winning posters will be entered into the national poster competition. We will have a Chinese Auction, your opportunity to bid with your purchased tickets for items you can't live without. Following the awards lunch the Fall Conference convenes at 1400 to provide information on National and District topics and issues. It concludes with the presentation of additional

awards/trophies to individuals and squadrons for outstanding achievement. Your squadron is permitted a number of delegates to vote on issues. All members from all squadron are invited to attend and gain a better understanding of the organization, to socialize and share common interests. I hope to meet you all.

The D22 C&R is an opportunity to again share our common interests related to boating. The organizers are planning activities, trips, games and meals. (See flyer elsewhere for more details) Come via boat or car or bike or roller blade or..., but join us for a fun filled several days. The South Seas Inland Resort is also the perfect place just to sit back and relax.



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2017 Fall Conference will again be in Punta Gorda at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center on Saturday, 7 October. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details. There will be lots of different workshops and an opportunity for you to attend the Operations Training double-session which will cover detailed guidelines and procedures that are so helpful to members, especially squadron officers. Also, make your commander happy by considering to be a delegate at this meeting.

D22 Cruise and Rendezvous at the tropical South Seas Resort in Sanibel Captiva will be on 31 October through November 3. Again, see flyer for more details. I'm looking forward to this event and I've never been disappointed at South Seas.

If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time to join us on the D22 2018 Cruise aboard Holland America's beautiful ms. Eurodam on 25 February through 4 March. Contact Dawn Eckhart at dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com or call 727-403-0406 to reserve your cabin.

The D22 Bridge has been working tirelessly to do their individual jobs with professionalism and enthusiasm. Thank you and it's been a pleasure to work with each of you. Without these members, D22 would not be the Number 1 district in USPS. It would be nice for each of you to thank them as well.

Thank you,
DC Sue Lomastro, AP

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Cooperative Charting Program

By: Stf/C James H. Strothers, SN



Well this year appears to have been very confusing when it comes to Cooperative Charting. The rumor mill was very active with a wide range of items. The items covered the entire gamut from the program is completely dead, all that National is pushing for is Geodetic Recovery and so

forth. While there is some truth in all the rumors none of them reflect what has or is occurring with the program.

To begin with yes it is true CCWEB no longer is operational. Most of you remember this was our mechanism to file Nautical, Coast Pilot and Chart Discrepancy reports. However there is a system now in place to address these reports. More on that later. The second issue is Geodetic Recovery. Yes the Committee recently restarted this program after many years. Steps are in place to prevent the issues that previously caused the program to be dissolved. The program was restarted in order to give our members something to do even though not directly related to the nautical charts. Many old timers remember the original Recovery program was part of Co-op Charting so it only made sense to keep it there. While there was a big push to get this program restarted it was not the only thing that happening with the program.

Back to the Nautical program. The shutdown of the CCWEB pretty much came as a surprise to the Committee. When it was announced we were pretty much in shock as I can assume the rest of you were. Really after a 50 plus year partnership the program was shutoff? Once the reason was explained there was not much that could be said. There was nothing that we did to cause the issue as it had to do with national security.

Once we got over this shock the Committee went to work to attempt to come up with a way to continue the program. Initially when CCWEB was turned off NOAA had in place a Nautical Discrepancy Reporting System that could be used to report chart discrepancies. The major issue with this system is that it did not allow for any review by the national committee members. In

fact there was no mechanism to inform the District Chairman and Area Reps that a report was submitted. As you can imagine this caused some concern with quality control at the national level. In addition there was no provision to award any type of credits for the information filed. When questioned on this the answer was simply we should report the discrepancies as it is the right thing to do.

Without a lot of boring details the good news we now have a new USPS Nautical Program which is basically a discrepancy / verification reporting system in place. The program is fully operational and is explained in detail and is available on our website. The Committee is working with a programming professional to develop a reporting program similar to the old CCWEB program. Until that takes place we have put together a JotForm report for your use. The new system also allows credits to be issued similar to the old system. The credits awarded will be tracked by the Committee and used to recognize individuals, squadrons and district much like before.

Your first step is to review the new *Nautical Reporting SOP* which can be found at https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/CoopCh/Docs/2017_30-06_Programs_and_Reporting.pdf. This SOP should be downloaded and saved for reference. There are many other useful links for this new program. The JotForm link is posted on the website or can also be accessed at <https://form.jotform.us/70635965335160>. In addition you will find many useful forms for collecting and reporting your information on the website.

I am sure many of you in District 22 are eager to get back on the water and do Co-op Charting so now we have the steps needed to do so. Please take time to download and read the information in the new SOP. I am sure there will be many questions for which you will need answers or assistance. Please feel free to contact me as needed.

Happy Co-op Charting.

Jim Strothers is not only Co-op Charting Chairman for District 22 but also a member of the National Cooperative Charting Committee.

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DISTRICT 22 - 2017 FALL CONFERENCE



Charlotte County Event Center
75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda, FL 33950



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 6 October

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

Dinner on your own

SATURDAY 7 October

0900 – 1200	Registration Desk Open	1200 – 1300	Awards Luncheon
0900 – 1400	Display Tables	1300 – 1345	Registration Desk Open
0900 – 1145	Poster Contest Voting		
0900 – 1145	Teaching Aid Display	1400 – 1600	District Conference
0900 – 1145	Chinese Auction		Dinner on your own
0900 – 1145	Roundtables	1700 – 1800	<i>D/C Hospitality</i>

WORKSHOPS AND ROUNDTABLES:

0830 – 1145 – Operations Training 3 – pre-registration required by 9-30-17

P/D/C Donald Parrish, SN and P/C Ronald Terciak, JN

Updated version of **OT** for new members or a 'refresher' for members who previously took the seminar.

**** see roundtable article for details, or contact Don Parrish**

0900 – 1015:

Room

1030 – 1145:

Filling Your Squadron Bridge

P/Stf/C Wayne Partie, SN

***Unique ideas to assist NomCom
in achieving a full slate.***

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D/C & R/C Town Hall

D/C Sue Lomastro, AP & R/Cs

Info & Answers for you!

Education

D/Lt/C Jack Nason, SN

Info From Dallas -

Answers to Issues & Questions

Peace River A

Build A Facebook Page

D/Lt Ronald Jones, AP

***Hands on social media training
for your squadron***

Dolphin Conservation

Katie McHugh, PhD of Mote Marine
And

State Clean Vessel & Marina Programs

Terry Cerullo, of FLDEP

Peace River B

Homeland Security

D/Lt Wilfredo Lopez, P

***What we can do to keep
USA safe.***

Dress Code Friday and Saturday: Squadron Shirt with skirt, slacks or dress shorts

******Hotel Info******

Punta Gorda Waterfront – 941-639-1165 - Per night - \$69.00 city view/ \$89.00 water view

Four Points Sheraton – 941-637-6770 -Per night - \$109.00 (September 15, 2017 cutoff)

Wyvern – 941-639-7700 - Per night - \$115.00 (September 6, 2017 cutoff)

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

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District 22 *2017 Fall Conference Reservation Form*

Saturday (7 October) Awards Luncheon - \$20.00 per person

Choice of:

Chicken Philly Cheese Steak

Potato Wedges, Cookies served Family Style, Iced Tea and Ice Water, Coffee on request

Chef Salad

Ham, Turkey, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Carrots, Hard Boiled Eggs and Julienne Cheeses served over Mixed Greens with Ranch and Raspberry Vinaigrette, Fresh Baked Roll, Cookies served Family Style, Iced Tea and Ice Water, Coffee on request

Gluten Free _____ or Vegan _____

Pressed Cuban Sandwich

Potato Wedge, Cookies served Family Style, Iced Tea and Ice Water, Coffee on request

Number of: Cheese Steak _____ Chef Salad _____ Cuban _____

Total of luncheon meals _____ @\$20.00 per person = \$ _____

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: _____

Is this your first D22 Conference? _____ Special Dietary Restrictions or Requests on back of form ___?

SQUADRON: _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE: _____

No Reservations or Cancellations after 16 September 2017

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Fall Conference Roundtable Info to help you plan your morning



Special Time: 0830 - 1145

Operations Training (OT3)

Presented by P/D/C Donald Parrish, SN and P/C Ronald Terciak, JN

Well, you overheard some Squadron members talking about what was going on in your squadron or in District 22 or National USPS and you thought to yourself, **HUH?** The answer to HUH is **OT** (Operations Training). OT3 is an updated version of **OT** and is for new USPS members or is a 'refresh' version for members that may have previously taken the seminar.

Registration is required by September 30th in order to prepare the classroom, handouts and USPS form for credit. Please send your name, rank, E number and squadron to P/D/C Don Parrish at donandsusanp@msn.com. A full agenda will be sent as receipt of your registration.

Early Roundtables (0900 – 1015):

Education

Presented by District Educational Officer John Nason, SN

Get the latest updates/changes from the Dallas Governing Board meeting. Bring your issues and questions regarding the Education Department. Issues and Questions will be addressed, solved or taken to 'higher authority'.

Succession Planning – Filling Your Squadron Bridge

Presented by P/Stf/C Wayne Partie, SN

"The difficulty we face filling a slate of officers today is because by choice or through ignorance we failed to implement a program of 'Planned Succession' three years ago."

Help to implement a succession program in your squadron.

Dolphin Conservation

and

Environmental Protection through Clean Marina/Boating Programs

Two-part workshop

Presented by Katie McHugh, PhD of Sarasota Dolphin Research Program

and

Terry Cerullo of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Katie will discuss boating practices for dolphin conservation and how to keep animals safe with guidelines and dolphin friendly fishing tips, plus more.

Terry will present the State's Clean Vessel (boating) program and the voluntary Clean Marina program.



Later Roundtables (1030 - 1115):

"Building Your Squadron's Facebook Presence"

Presented by D/Lt Ronald Jones, AP

Bring your laptops, bring your tablets, bring your mobile phones!

In this hands on session we'll be building and managing the Facebook page of Compass Rose Sail & Power Squadron. Topics will include adding admins, combining several Facebook pages into one, creating events and notes, and Facebook Live.

District 22 District Commander and Rear Commanders Town Hall Meeting

Presented by D/C Susan Lomastro and District 22 R/Cs

What happened in Dallas isn't staying in Dallas!

Come hear more about the Governing Board in Dallas and what happened there. You have an opportunity to hear from your D22 RCs and DC and ask them any questions you might have. Learn more about District and how it operates, USPS and their programs and any bring other issues which may be of interest to the group.

Homeland Security

Presented by D/Lt Wilfredo Lopez, P

Do you realize that Border Security, Border Crossing, Cybersecurity, Disasters, Emergency Communications, Safe Boating, Immigration, Terrorism, Privacy and Human Trafficking are all parts of Homeland Security?

Hear ways that you can help keep our area safe.



DC with Cdr. Bob Morro, AP, at Ft. Myers membership meeting



DC with Cdr. Dick Littrell, JN in Lakeland at their Boat Safety class



DC in Sarasota addressing new members

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D22 C&R welcomes you to South Seas Resort on Captiva Island.

Our activities will take place at the north end of the island where the marina and most of the resort amenities are located. The daily resort fee covers towels, lounge chairs and umbrellas at the pool complex and Sunset Beach. It also includes use of the fitness center. Many foods and beverage options are available throughout the complex, and watersports (kayaks, paddle boards, jet skis) are available for rent.

Complimentary trolleys offer a fun way to travel around the resort village. The trolleys run continuously between 0700 and 2300, providing service between the South Village and North Pointe. Download the South Seas Island Resort app for your smartphone, which features a trolley tracker so you can see when the next trolley will be to your area. Available on both iPhone and Android devices, the app is a must have for your stay. (Also bike or golf cart rentals are available.) Your welcome packet will provide additional information.

If arriving by boat, contact Delores at DELPHI37@comcast.net or call 239-458-1481

If arriving by car, look at internet specials for hotel rooms near North Pt Marina. D22 did not book rooms.

Please register upon arrival at the Captains' Lounge at North Pt. Marina area.

Tuesday, 31 October

Arrival: "Happy Halloween" – On Your Own

Wednesday, 1 November

1000 - 1500 Suggested: Luncheon Cruise to Cabbage Key or Useppa departs from "Q Dock"

To book a cruise: www.captivacruises.com or call 239-472-5300

1700- 1800 Commander's Cocktail Party (near Chart Room – Complimentary)

1700 – 1800 Luau Entertainment

1800 - Potluck Dinner: Chart Room; Cost \$10; Bring the beverage of your choice

Bring any food item to share (for 10-12 people); *ice, paper goods and utensils are provided*

Thursday, 2 November

1000 – 1200 Games

1000 – 1500 Optional: Luncheon Cruise to Cabbage Key or Useppa departs from "Q Dock"

1830... Dinner at Doc Ford's (Reservations requested-See flyer)

Friday, 3 November

0800- 1000 Coffee, Donuts provided in Captains' Lounge/ Departure

Questions?? Contact Marge: margem5@msn.com or call 239-471-0101

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Dinner at Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grille on Captiva Island Thursday evening, 2 November 2017 at 1830



You are cordially invited to join us for dinner at Doc Ford's on Thursday evening. USPS members can order from one of the following 4 entrees when you arrive at your table.

1) Deep Water Mahi Mahi

One of our signature dishes. Hand-cut mahi-mahi seared in sweet soy sauce, placed on a jasmine rice stir fry with a prickly pear ginger vinaigrette. **\$24.95**

2) Island Style Shrimp & Grits

Fresh Gulf shrimp dusted with masa (Mexican corn flour), pan-seared and served with jalapeño cheese grits, julienne veggies and green beans accented with a homemade tomatillo sauce. **\$22.95**

3) Texas Baby Back Ribs

A full rack of Danish baby back ribs basted with our one-of-a-kind BBQ sauce, served with smashed potatoes or french fries and our house slaw. **\$21.95**

4) Roasted Half-Chicken with a Cuban Chimichurri Sauce

Slow roasted chicken served over a potato hash with onions, mildest Amazon peppers and Panama-style chorizo sausage. Braced with steamed French green beans, fresh chimichurri verde, topped with roasted corn, jicama, tomato, and bean relish (*hi-ca-ma – the water chestnut of South America) **\$19.95**

Unlike past years, there is no need to make your selection or pre-pay in advance. Just inform your server as to your choices and whether you want to pay individually, as a couple, or as a group. Cash and credit cards (but not checks) are accepted. We do ask that you confirm your reservation with us so we can make sure to reserve a table for you. Please complete the reservation form below and return it to Robert Moro AP, Cdr., Fort Myers Power Squadron, 1014 Wilshire Drive, Fort Myers FL 33919. You may also call in your reservation to him at 774-573-8486 or by emailing Bob at bobmoro25@gmail.com.

-----*Tear off here and mail or contact Bob by email or phone*-----

YES! I plan on attending the dinner at Doc Ford's on Thursday, 2 November

Name _____ #of people in my party _____

Please give us your cell phone number so we can contact you for any updates: _____

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2017 District 22 C & R Information Form

In order to help Committee Members plan for attendance, room arrangement and seating, please fill out the following information for yourself and those traveling with you. Indicate the "number" in the space provided and list names of everyone in your party at the bottom of the form.

Arrival:

- ___ By boat on Tuesday, 31 October
- ___ By boat on Wednesday, 1 November
- ___ By boat on Thursday, 2 November
- ___ At hotel on Tuesday, 31 October
- ___ At hotel on Wednesday, 1 November
- ___ At hotel on Thursday, 2 November
- ___ Day trip only, no hotel, 1 November
- ___ Day trip only, no hotel, 2 November



Wednesday:

- ___ Attending Potluck Dinner (\$10 per person)
- Make check to D22; mail with this form

Bring a dish to share

Thursday:

- ___ Attending Dinner at Doc Ford's

Friday:

- ___ Attending Complimentary Coffee and Donuts in Captains' Lounge (0800 - 1000)

Your Name: _____ e-mail: _____ phone: _____

Others traveling with you: _____

Please mail this form to: Marge Maciag 5211 Tiffany Ct. Cape Coral, FL 33904

Questions?? Call Marge @ 239-471-0101 or e-mail margem5@msn.com

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District 22 Squadrons Day

With The **RAYS**



SUN, OCT 1

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START TIME: 3:30 P.M.
GATES OPEN: 1:30 P.M.

DON'T MISS

- Rays Touch Tank
- Ted Williams Museum
- Giveaway: Raymond Light Night for Kids 14 and Under
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✦ Lower Level tickets are \$35 ✦
with Choice of Rays hat.



More Info



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Jeane Drury at 727-342-5719.

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Any returned checks subject to \$40.00 charge.

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2018 WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

7 days: Sun, 25 February – Sun, 4 March 2018

7 days roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale on Holland America's beautiful ms Eurodam
Itinerary: Half Moon Cay, Bahamas; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Key West

GROUP PRICING FROM \$799pp

Inside stateroom from \$799pp

Outside stateroom from \$919pp

Verandahs from \$1099pp

Suites from \$1799pp

Price does not include \$140 pp taxes & port fees. Travel protection & transfers are additional.

Here's another opportunity to take a quick getaway to the Caribbean in the winter and an easy way to raise fund for YOUR Squadron* and the District. We should have a large Power Squadron group and we'd LOVE to have you join us. **VERY IMPORTANT!!!** In order for D22 members (and friends) to be included in the group, everyone **MUST** book with Dawn Eckhart in order to receive the group benefits and participate in group events.

Please email Dawn Eckhart at dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com or call (727) 403-0406 to join our group on this fun-filled cruise!



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Photo from the C&R at Parrot Key on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

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- Slip Rental; Only \$7.00/ft, Water & Electricity Included
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- Fast Gulf Access (about 1/2 hour)
- ¼ Mile East of Cape Coral Bridge
- Near Marker 69
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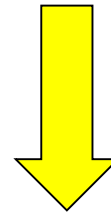
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Photo of our visit on July 29, 2017 to the Coast Guard station



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NEW DATE !

31 OCT -
03 NOV
2017



D-22 C & R LUAU FLORIDA STYLE



LOCATION:

SOUTH SEAS ISLAND RESORT
CAPTIVA ISLAND

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**, div141@hotmail.com or cell: 585-590-2904)*

HOST SQUADRONS:

CAPE CORAL SAIL & POWER SQUADRON (LEAD) • CLEARWATER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

FORT MYERS POWER SQUADRON • SARASOTA POWER & SAIL SQUADRON

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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

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

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 .

2001 SeaRay 24' bow rider for sale.

588 engine hours. Good condition. A list of all accessories and installed options available. Contact Bill Behrens at 239-470-1773 or bbehrens@ix.netcom.com.

Hello All

At our Executive Committee meeting the bridge has decided to add a classified section for our members to our newsletter. This ad will be limited 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. 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