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#### **ACTIVITIES FOR November, 2017 CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS**

- 11/13-ExCom Meeting @ 9am
- 11/16-11/19 ó Ft Myers Boat Show
- 11/28 - Membership Meeting @7PM-  
Dinner @6pm

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#### **The Commanders Message**

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

It is November already! Yikes, time does fly, as they say. There were so many people affected by the hurricane either directly with some (or a lot of) damage and/or loss of power for a number of days. Our **office/classroom**, which just had a new roof installed, came through okay. The landlord put hurricane shutters on the front window and door. The inside was, for the most part, okay except for some minor water leaks from the (new!!) roof. Some of the ceiling tiles were damaged with water stains, but all-in-all, nothing major.

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#### ***From the editor:***

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Not a pleasant experience for any of us for sure but, hey, no serious injuries and we all came through alive and well and are now veterans of Hurricane Irma.

I was SO VERY PROUD of the members that stepped forward when the call went out to help with damage sustained at **Hermann Kuhnel's** home on the back lanai. Seventeen (17) people responded to the message saying they would come and help with whatever needed to be done. Another six (6) people offered their residence to Hermann to temporarily live in if the inside of his place was not habitable, as they were out-of-town, up north, etc. That is truly amazing and wonderful, and demonstrates the benefits of our having a second family who takes care of family members!

As you will recall our squadron joined the **Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce**. It became possible when they reduced the membership fee from \$300.00 per year to \$95.00 per year. The Executive Committee approved the expenditure and then, as was earlier reported, **Bob Amerine** said he was going to make a \$95.00 donation to the squadron, thus funding the membership in the FMB Chamber for the first year. Thank you, again, Bob. Much appreciated! The membership has already paid for itself. We received a donation from a member of the FMB Chamber for a \$200.00-dollar ad in the Tidings, and have four (4) prospective new members. All from attending the various Chamber functions. By the way, any of our squadron members can attend the Chamber functions as all of us are considered members. As a recap, the regular functions fall on Thursdays with the first Thursday being a breakfast coffee connection, the second Thursday being a lunch with a speaker and the third is After Hours with cocktails and snacks.

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## The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P  
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That, along with many special events the Chamber schedules, makes membership in the FMB Chamber very good.

The annual **FORT MYERS BOAT SHOW** is coming up during the period November 16-19, 2017, Thursday through Sunday. Our squadron's day of responsibility is Friday, November 17, 2017. Hopefully enough members will step forward that we can staff the USPS booth using two-hour shifts (instead of longer shifts due to lack of volunteers). As many will recall, taking a shift also allows you into the boat show without charge, thus facilitating your ability to browse the entire show either before or after your designated shift. Volunteers are requested. Please email me ([bbehrens@ix.netcom.com](mailto:bbehrens@ix.netcom.com)) if you can help for a two-hour shift on Friday, November 17, 2017.

Please mark your calendars. Our squadron **ANNUAL MEETING** is scheduled for the fourth **Tuesday evening, November 28, 2017**. This is an important event as there will be an election to select the 2018 bridge officers and the other elected member positions which includes the assistant bridge officer positions, the members-at-large for the Executive Committee and the members for our three squadron standing committees, Nominating, Rules and Auditing. Also, though not 100% finalized, there is a likely probability there will be some *very special* speakers presenting some very spectacular and heart-warming (and heart-tugging) information at the Annual Meeting. More on this will be forthcoming very soon. PLEASE - MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT FUNCTION.

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Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

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At the October monthly Membership meeting (which, as of this writing is upcoming) discussions will be about any and all suggestions for our **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** year for the squadron (established in 1968). The ðwhenö, ðwhereö and ðwhatö will be important to make it a very memorable and gala event.

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## From the Executive officer

Lt/C Ron Terciak JN

It has been a rough start to the fall season with the arrival of Irma. We have had to cancel classes, Cruise and Rendezvous and meetings. Our classroom suffered some ceiling damage from water intrusion.

Now that it is November we hope we can get back to normal. We finished our 2017 Vessel Safety Check program with 235 inspections, a slight increase from 2016. Thanks to our inspectors and to the responsible boat owners who allowed us to come aboard their vessels and do a safety inspection.

While it is only November we are planning our spring cruise to Palm Island on Cape Haze in Placida, Florida. Emails have been sent to all. You must reserve your room ASAP by calling the Palm Island Resort at 941-697-4800. Be sure you reserve a room at the marina on the mainland. Boat slip reservations **and** cancellations **MUST** be done through me. This is a wonderful trip and we hope many of you will join us. You do not need a big boat to make this trip. My boat is only 22 feet and has made this trip several times.

Cdr. Bill Behrens and I have attended many events sponsored by the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce. Our first-year membership was paid for by the generosity of squadron members Carole and Bob Amerine. Our membership has proven to be extremely valuable. We were able to secure additional ads for The Tidings, new member inquiries and valuable contacts with Fort Myers Beach businesses. As our squadron is a member of the chamber, all members of the squadron become members of the chamber. We urge you to visit their web site and join us at one of their after-hours networking get togethers at various beach locations or perhaps a luncheon at Charlies Boat House on the beach.

## From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

### "When the gales of November come early"

Gordon Lightfoot's haunting *Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald* will always remind us of the disaster on Lake Superior in 1972, 29 souls given up to Davy Jones' Locker. It reminds us all of perils of working on the water? Davy Jones, the mythical evil spirit of the seas is seen in many shapes and forms by sailors from every country in the world. He is the fiend that presides over seafaring disasters and sends crews to their watery deaths. He has been written about and seen at sea for hundreds of years. If you don't believe he exists talk to those who spend their lives working the water. Omens and ghosts have been seen by seamen since the beginning of time.

One of the oldest seafaring tales is that of a ghost ship named the Flying Dutchman. It has been roaming the seas for hundreds of years, its red glow and eerie crew signaling the portent of doom to those sailors who truly believe. There have been reported sightings since the 17th century into the 20th century and surely as long as there are dark lonely nights on the open water they will continue.

More recently, in 1955 a distress signal from the Ourang Medon, a Dutch freighter, was heard by several ships in the Strait of Malacca. The message said "all officers, including captain, dead lying in chart room and on bridge. Possibly whole crew are dead." After silence and some crackling in the line, one last phrase "I die".

When the British ship Silver Star came upon the Ourang Medon the boarding crew found everyone dead. There was no sign of violence, but the faces of the dead looked as if they were in agony.

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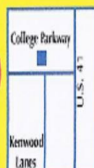
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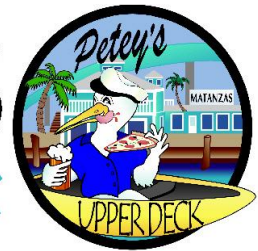
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It is VESSEL SAFETY CHECK time again. The VSC is an annual event, and it allows those that avail themselves of the free safety check to be assured they have all the necessary safety equipment on board their vessel. It also ensures items that have an 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's boat does not pass, there is no punitive action taken, and it is not reported to any agency. Once the item(s) that needed attention is corrected we will re-visit and re-do the VSC and, when one's boat passes, issue the current year safety sticker. Contact P/C Ron Terciak to schedule your VSC.

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## From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP

Welcome to a new season! I hope all our members have recovered from Hurricane Irma. I want to update you on the Education news from the fall District 22 conference and tell you a bit about the season ahead.

First off, our squadron, along with 3 others in the district, was cited for the high percentage of students/courses to squadron members. Keep on taking those courses, and recommending our programs to your friends! After the holidays, we'll be offering three advanced courses, Seamanship, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting, so there are lots of opportunities for Squadron members to deepen their boating know-how. I'm looking for company to join me in driving down to Naples starting in January to take the Junior Navigation course. Any takers?

Also, kudos to Ron Terciak, who received his certificate of educational proficiency at the D22 meeting. To earn this certificate, a member must achieve the grade of AP and complete 3 other advanced courses. Ron also added to his attainments by completing the requirements for Inland Navigator, the first rung on the Boat Operator's Certification program. The BOC program requires participants to show their stuff on the water, and Ron was put through his paces by Bill Jennings, our squadron member who is a certified trainer for Inland Navigation. In addition to passing the actual on-the-water part of the training, Ron had to pass courses in engine maintenance and marine electronics and demonstrate proficiency in a number of other skills useful to boaters, including CPR certification and fire-extinguisher operation.

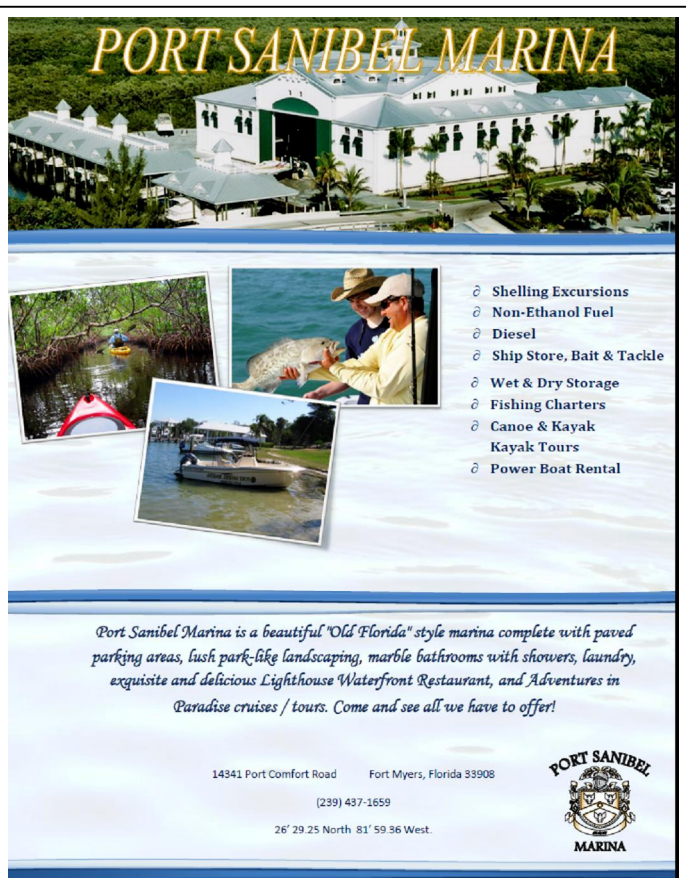
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## From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP  
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No doubt there are many boaters in the Squadron who could join Ron as Inland Navigators if you are interested in seeing what it takes to qualify, visit: <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/>

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- TRANSMITTED TO SQUADRON MEMBERS, BY EMAIL, ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2017 (AND)
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#### Bridge Officers & Executive Committee Members

Commander .....	Bill Behrens
Executive Officer .....	Ron Terciak
Educational Officer .....	Melissa Butler
Administrative Officer.....	Nancy Chambers
Secretary .....	Jane Aube
Treasurer.....	Ken Morris

#### Executive Committee Members

Immediate Past Commander .....	Mary Smelter
Member-at-Large .....	Bob Shaw
Member-at-Large .....	Mike Aube
Member-at-Large .....	Dan Flinn
Member-at-Large .....	Bob Amerine

#### Elected Assistant Positions

Assistant Education Officer .....	Charlie Richardson
Assistant Administrative Officer.....	John Manos
Assistant Secretary .....	Shirley Blumenfeld

#### Elected Standing Committees

##### Nominating Committee

Chair .....	Dave Lum
Member.....	Dick Battles
Member.....	Doy McPhail

##### Rules Committee

Chair .....	Al Ponzio
Member.....	Bob Johnson

##### Auditing Committee

Chair .....	Marianne Ponzio
Member .....	Judy Berger

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## *From the SEO*

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13700-on-the-water-training-certification/2017-05-08-01-34-35/13700-boat-operator-certification/13700-inland-navigator-page. Anyone interested in pursuing this qualification should email me and we can begin the process.

Last season we began to offer some on-the-water training to boaters who completed ABC and wanted some hands-on help. This year, USPS is offering a new program called "Jump Start" geared toward helping new boaters develop essential skills for the operation of their own boats. According to USPS, this course can be taught by any USPS member who has taken a basic boating safety course. The activity will be covered by USPS insurance as long as it is approved by the Squadron. Any members interested in taking or teaching Jump Start should email me.

What's coming up? We're offering ABC on the first two Saturdays of every month from December through April. We'll also offer Local Waters on the following Saturdays, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, 2018, March 17, 2018. Tell your friends!

## *From the Administrative Officer*

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.  
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While surveying the scene the crew of the Silver Star smelled smoke, abandoned the freighter and returned to their ship. Soon after, the Ourang Medon exploded. Did Davy Jones appear and claim the officers and crew? Did the ship, as reported, kill them all or is there a more rational explanation?

Today, on average there are 2 dozen large ships lost a sea with crew on board every year. This is a reality today but as time passes perhaps some of their spirits will join Davy Jones and drift forever among the waves and upon occasion show themselves to the weary sailors of the seas. Let's hope someday they all rest in peace.

## *Palm Island C&R*

Lt/C Ron Terciak, JN

It is time to start planning for our spring trip to Aqualane Marina at Palm Island on Cape Haze in Placida, FL. The dates are May 11, 12 and 13. We will be joining the Peace River Power Squadron, so we will be having a large group going. I suggest you make your room reservations ASAP. The number for the room reservations is 1-800-824-5412. You need to say you want rooms on the mainland at the marina. You can reserve online. It is the way I made my reservations.

Fee for the slip is \$2 per foot and the rooms run about \$160 per night. This is always a fun trip and with Peace River joining us it should be exceptional!

We plan to stop for lunch on Friday the 11th at either Useppa Island or Boca Grande. We will decide later. Do not hesitate if you would like to join us. For our new boaters this is an excellent opportunity to travel in a group to a further destination then you might normally be accustomed to going. Palm Island is a short distance up the ICW once you cross Charlotte Harbor.

I will need to serve as the cruise leader for our trip to Palm Island in May. As such you will need to reserve your slip at the marina through me. Please call me at 239-415-3670 with the following info if you plan to join us.

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### 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

**Editor's Note: Please let me know of any changes in the below ads.**

### 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](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 to a few lines and cost \$2. An example would be For Sale- 2005 Garmin GPS, good condition \$200, call xxx- xxxx. All copy should be sent in Word Form to our Editor, John Ragone at [johnr301@yahoo.com](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.

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