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- 2/3 ABC Pt1 @ 8am
- 2/10 ABC Pt2 @ 8am
- 2/12 Ex. Com. Meeting at 9am
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The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

Our 2018 **Change of Watch** ceremony was great! This is not only my opinion, but it is shared with others, as several people have said that to me. Thank you all for attending this significant annual event.

And, while on the subject of the Change of Watch a **big heartfelt THANK YOU to the bridge officers and members at large** for their service to the squadron and its members, AND for staying in place for another year on the bridge! The same to our Education Department Instructors and to the editor of The Tidings!

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From the editor:

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The Commanders Message

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Congratulations to **Melissa Butler**, **Charlie Richardson** and **John Ragone** on their awards. All awards were well-deserved and earned to be sure!

Thank you to the Nominating Committee and to the voting membership at the Annual Meeting for allowing me to continue my efforts to serve this squadron as its Commander. I am honored to do so.

As you probably saw in email, we would like to do another **yard sale** in the spring. It will be at the parking lot of the squadron. The date is not yet fixed and will be announced as soon as it is. Please save your things for this event.

John Swenson, our member that operates remotely from Wisconsin, has been our **Squadron Safety Officer** for several years and requested that duty be lifted off his shoulders. He will continue as our squadron's education course registrar. **Rob Lysaght**, whose credentials are fantastic, which I read to everyone at the Change of Watch, has been appointed to the position of Squadron Safety Officer. You will see his columns in The Tidings and hear more from him during this year.

As you know we have partnered with the **Southwest Florida Yacht Club** and are doing òmini-seminarsö for them at their òLocal Waters Boating Seminarö. There are two more such seminars this year and they are free. The seminars by the yacht club discuss details of marinas, water-accessible restaurants and anchorages all along the area from Marco Island to North Port. If you are inclined to attend one of these seminars contact Harvey Steele at 239-671-8887 to register. The two remaining seminars are February 6, 2018, 6:30 p.m. and March 1, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

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Hermann Kuhnel has requested to be replaced as the **Squadron Historian**. He has done this task for several years. We are seeking someone to be his replacement (an email went out to the membership on this). It is not a heavy lifting task but is important for providing an annual synopsis of activities of the squadron. The information is sent to the Historian by those involved or overseeing the various activities. If this is something that you think may interest you please contact me and we can discuss it, and I will share a previous year's report that you can read to get a better grasp of what is involved.

Ron Terciak communicated an idea he had to **Nancy Chambers** and, as she furthered it, the concept seems to have taken off at "*warp speed*". Nancy communicated to members the idea of creating a **Fishing Group** in our squadron and she received quite a few responses from members who thought this was a great idea! Nancy sure knows how to conduct a meeting as she had the chairs all lined up and had òmunchiesö for those that attended the first get-together of interested members. The group is exploring various ways to further this so the group can enjoy and participate. I join with others in thinking is a great concept and has been a long time in coming. I, for one, hope it flourishes as we have many, many fisherpersons amongst us.

As you are probably aware, our **Education Courses** are back to full-steam. It is a good opportunity for each member to further their knowledge and skills by taking advanced courses with us. Please give this some serious thought as you will benefit in many ways.

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The wonderful members of this squadron really are great. We have a member, who requests to remain anonymous, who donated funds to our squadron to **fund the membership to the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce**, as did Bob Amerine last year with his wonderful donation. Way to go!! Thank you to that member!!!!

The **District 22 Spring Conference** is again a one-day event and will be held in Punta Gorda. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018. Here is hoping you are inclined to attend and that your schedule will permit you to do so. Check the information and get a feel of what is scheduled for this year's event.

The **Annual Meeting** of the **United States Power Squadrons®** is scheduled for February 18-26, 2018, at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. This is quite an event and has something of interest for everyone. It is close enough, so travel is minimized, and you can see and experience the many facets of USPS which are on display or within presentations and round tables.

Be Safe! Be Active!

Squadron Safety Officer

Captain Robert Lysaght

Situational Awareness

Power Squadron members are among the better trained, more responsible operators on the water. Use that knowledge to keep you, your vessel, your passengers and other boaters safe by always maintaining Situational Awareness. As a working ferry Captain, I encounter hundreds of pleasure boaters each week. And each week, I notice more and more boaters completely distracted from their most important task of navigating safely.

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From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

Fishing Club

On January 11 a group of SCBSPS members with a common interest in fishing met at the squadron office. A fishing club is now in the process of being formed with the goals of learning to fish the local waters and to enjoy each other's company. Some members are more interested in offshore fishing and others back bay and inland waters fishing. Some have large boats, some have small boats, and some have no boats. Some have a lot of fishing experience, some have none. All have a desire to learn new skills and share their knowledge with others.

On Thursday February 15 at 7pm the group will have its second meeting. It will be held in the squadron office-16048 San Carlos Blvd. Fort Myers. Anyone interested in fishing, no matter your level of expertise, please attend. There will be lots of new information to discuss from arranging speakers for future meetings to planning expeditions on the water. Of course, there will be a few fish tales told also. That's inevitable when a bunch of fishermen get together!

Squadron Safety Officer

Captain Robert Lysaght
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Cell phones, texting, conversation with passengers, loud stereos, chasing dolphins or just plain laziness can make these boaters a hazard to the rest of us. Their lack of Situational Awareness may lead to serious consequences.

Here are a few statistics from the FWCC 2014 statistical report:

- There was a total of 634 reportable boating accidents in Florida in 2014 resulting in 365 injuries.

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From the Executive officer

Lt/C Ron Terciak JN

The Following article was originally written by Past Lt/C Judy Berger. I thought it was worth sharing again

To the non-boater, naming a boat seems like a fun Saturday afternoon event. Bring the family around, tap into the terrible wonderful world of puns, Google some Greek mythology and voilà. Shiver me timbers.

But boat naming is serious business. To some boaters, it's the most serious aspect of boating. Why name a boat?

You don't display a name on your car, but you'd never set sail without a proper name proudly plastered on your vessel. Why? It's tradition, and its luck.

Boat naming started over a thousand years ago, when sailors named vessels after gods, goddesses or saints hoping to bring good fortune to their travels. The wrong name was the difference between good luck and being lost at sea.

Name christening usually included an elaborate ceremony with wine or champagne poured on the boat as an offering during high tide, a full moon or even when the sun's out. Since then, boat names have evolved to reference cities (like Christopher Columbus's flagship the Santa Maria), monarchs, lovers and the like. Today's boat namers still seek luck, as vessels are often named after winning lottery tickets, companies and, still, the occasional god. Perils of renaming a boat in some superstitious circles renaming a boat is tantamount to defying the deities.

According to myth, every vessel's name is recorded in the Ledger of the Deep, which is Poseidon's (the Greek god of the sea) personal record book. To change a boat's name, you must purge its original name from the ledger.

So, to stay on Poseidon's good side, you must obliterate every single mention of the boat's name. Think removing it from the vessel,

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From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP

January was a busy month for the Squadron's Education Program. We had 10 students enrolled in our ABC class, four of whom have joined the squadron, including Jacque Liszak and Scott Safford, and Scott Carter and his grand-daughter, Lexie, who became our new apprentice member. The Local Waters class also attracted a good enrollment.

Our 2018 Instructor of the Year, Charlie Richardson, welcomed 5 students to his Piloting class (photo).

Doy McPhail began a slightly delayed Seamanship at the end of the month.

In February, we'll be holding ABC on Feb. 3 & 10 with Local Waters on Feb. 17. If there are some members who would like to earn some credit toward a merit mark and have time to help out preparing materials for classes, registering students, grading exams, or assisting Local Waters students in finding their way around Chart 11427, just contact me at butlerm@wabash.edu.

No time for a class, but need a little coaching on a specific boating topic? You might want to check out USPS's Digital Media Library (uspsdml.org). There you'll find a wealth of short (3-4 minute) videos on all sorts of basic boating topics including preparing for departure, departing, steering, pivot turns, getting, maneuvering and stopping a boat on plane, docking, and many other topics. Give it a try!

Charlie Richardson teaching Piloting



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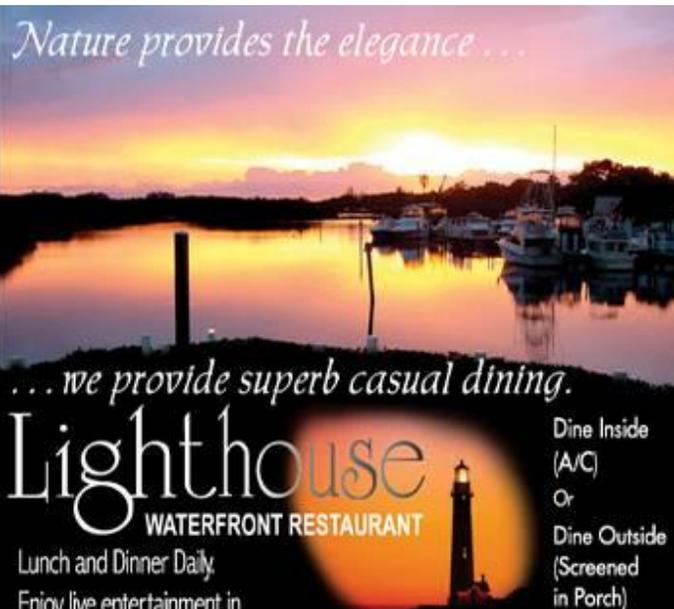
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It is VESSEL SAFETY CHECK time again. The VSC is an annual event, and it allows those that avail themselves of the free safety check to be assured they have all the necessary safety equipment on board their vessel. It also ensures items that have an expiration date are not expired and are valid, such as their fire extinguishers and flares. This squadron service is, of course, available to all members of our squadron and is available to the public as well, such as your friends and neighbors. If one's boat does not pass, there is no punitive action taken, and it is not reported to any agency. Once the item(s) that needed attention is corrected we will re-visit and re-do the VSC and, when one's boat passes, issue the current year safety sticker. Contact P/C Ron Terziak to schedule your VSC.

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Squadron Safety Officer

Captain Robert Lysaght
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- Collision with another vessel was the leading type of accident with a total of 163 (26%).
- There were **73 fatalities**. **28%** of the fatal accidents were **falls overboard**.
- **82%** of the **operators** involved in fatal accidents had **no formal boater education**.
- **Lee County was 5th worst in Florida**, with 37 reportable accidents, 3 fatalities and 22 injuries.

Here are some simple ways to sharpen your Situational Awareness:

First, know where you are! Sounds obvious, but how many times have you looked around and realized that you can't remember which ATON you just passed? Or, if navigating offshore, how far you've gone since the last time you took a position fix. In SW Florida, not knowing your position will inevitably lead to grounding, or worse.

Second, maintain a mental picture of what is ahead, behind and on each side of your vessel. Keep your head on a swivel. Use a mental "clock" to remind yourself to look behind you frequently. Anticipate meeting situations with other vessels and have a plan for how you will maneuver. And, always remember Navigation Rule 2, which says basically that you must do everything possible to avoid a collision with another vessel regardless of all the other Navigation Rules!

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Third, never initiate a turn without looking back over your shoulder in the direction you plan to turn. Then, look again! You may be turning into another boater's path.

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Lt/C Ron Terciak JN
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removing it from log books, destroying key chains, T-shirts, oars, life jackets and whatever else you might have created to proudly display your vessel's original name.

Once every mention is removed, then you must perform a ceremony of transferring the name that reads more like a spell from Buffy the Vampire Slayer than a boating event.

According to legend, the proper ceremony bears ye good fortune. And, of course, failure to do so could invoke the

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Lt/C Ron Terciak JN
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wrath of Poseidon and just might earn your boat a permanent reservation in one Dave JonesøLocker.

You are your boat name!

Off the waters, you might be Jane from up North or Dan from the beach. But on the open waters, you're Dan of the ðMarinoö (or whatever you name your boat). Your actual name, of course, is secondary.

It sails well beyond the bragging rights of having a cool or funny boat name. It's about your legacy on the sea. Do you want to be the clown on the water? The majestic sailor? A casual or cultural cruiser? A sailing legend? Or an esteemed angler? Or do you want to be forgotten with a lame boat name? It starts and ends with your boat name, which may prove even more telling than your sailing escapades.

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Fourth, never think that other boaters know or understand Navigation Rules. Assume that the other vessel is either not paying attention or will make the worst possible decision and plan accordingly.

Fifth, maintain a speed that allows you to react, maneuver, slow or stop if necessary. And, never approach a dock or another vessel any faster than you are willing to crash into it! Shifters, throttles and engines have been known to fail.

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Squadron Safety Officer

Captain Robert Lysaght

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Finally, never leave the dock without all the necessary safety equipment, lights and radios that work, PFDs for everyone, water and sunscreen. Let someone ashore know your destination, number of persons on board and estimated time of return.

Maintaining Situational Awareness at all times, before, during and after boarding, will help you have a safe boating experience.

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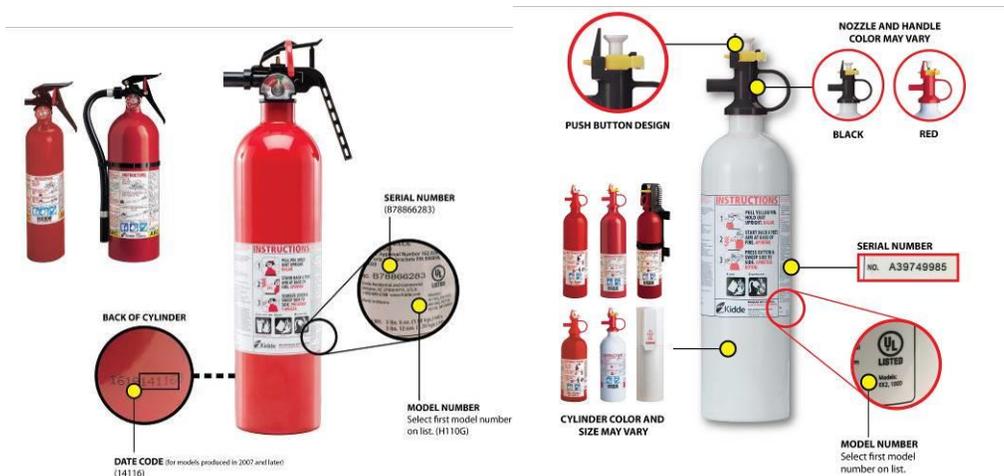
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Our Public Classes

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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

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

Torqueedo Travel 1003 electric outboard motor for sale.

Less than 10 hours use. Mint Condition Asking \$500 (original price \$1999.) Dan Finn 239-301-0300. docdlvet@gmail.com.

Manufactured Home for sale

2B/2B, FMB San Carlos Island, large dock for motor & sail boat, easy gulf access. Back bay view, owned lot, turnkey. Asking 230K. AM (239)463-0741 will call back.

Hello All

At our Executive Committee meeting the bridge has decided to add a classified section for our members to our newsletter. This ad will be limited to a few lines and cost \$2. An example would be For Sale- 2005 Garmin GPS, good condition \$200, call xxx- xxxx. All copy should be sent in Word Form to our Editor, John Ragone at johnr301@yahoo.com. along with \$2.

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

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