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4/9 ExCom meeting @9am

4/10 C&R Nauti Parrot

4/18 Membership Meeting Shell Point @6pm

4/21 ABC pt. 2 Reg. 8:15am class @ 8:30am

### The Commanders Message

Cdr. Bill Behrens, P

Happy April to all! It is getting to be the seasonal transition time *from* overflow everywhere including restaurants, roads and parking lots, waterways and stores *to* some degree of normalcy. No doubt we need the influx of visitors and part-time residents for the area economy and thank you to all those people for bolstering that for us the full-time residents, but it is also nice when things settle down for a few months.

We have had seventeen new members join our squadron during the period of 2017 through year-to-date 2018. That is a very good thing.

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## The Commanders Message

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I am hopeful we can again try an idea that was tried in the past but didn't catch on and hold. Nancy Chambers raised the idea of creating a "Ship-Mate" program wherein a member of our squadron is asked to mentor a new member, showing them the ropes and reminding them about meetings and activities. I am hopeful this time around it not only catches on but is embraced by all members and becomes a successful program.

The **March Cruise and Rendezvous** to the Green Flash, on Captiva, was a big hit. Many participated, which is always a great thing. It was really good to see so many people be a part of this activity. Yours truly followed the Green Flash web site instructions about going to marker 38 on the ICW and, once there, decided that was not such a good course when viewing the GPS water descriptions. P/C Ron hailed me on the radio and had me go back to marker 34 and then in to the restaurant. By originally going to marker 38 it was out of the way, but hey, saw some sites and learned (yet again!) Ron's local knowledge is invaluable.

As I am sure most are aware, we are pursuing alternative locations for our **membership meetings** after the fiasco we endured at the February membership meeting at Myerlee. I am writing this just before our March meeting which is at Myerlee and, I hope, their plan to have us in the larger front area and another "smaller" group in the back room works out. We shall see.

A big thank you to those that responded to my email message with suggestions, and to those that not only responded but initiated inquiries with specific locations (to and with banquet managers, location managers, etc.) I am grateful for your efforts. One location, as this is being written, may be promising but further communication with them will be necessary. It is still in the exploratory stage.

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One seemingly promising new location for our future membership meetings is the Crystal Room at Shell Point. They have an area semi-partitioned from the main restaurant which seats 34 people and, if needed, plenty of room for overflow out in the main restaurant area, should that be needed. The Crystal Room has a buffet and, in addition, a platter, so all can have their choice whether to eat from the buffet or choose the platter. In any event we know, from past visits there, the food is great and plentiful. After dining, it is a short walk down a hallway (within the same building) to the Shell Point Social Center room. It is setup with a podium, an overhead projector, a large wall screen and a sound system, all of which is perfect for our membership meetings and guest speakers. Shell Point indicated they were more than okay with our meeting there and there would not be any charge for the room. The costs of the buffet and the platter is two-three dollars more than we pay at Myerlee. The policy for Shell Point, in all their facilities, is no liquor, wine or beer. It would be a small concession for us balanced against what we would be gaining, should we decide that is a viable location for us.

**Our April membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018**, in the Crystal Room at Shell Point so all can view it and evaluate it for themselves, as well as evaluate the value of the adjacent Social Center room in which we will hold our actual business meeting.

Please remember to notify the SAO Nancy Chambers ([NancyChambers905@gmail.com](mailto:NancyChambers905@gmail.com)) if you will be attending membership meetings and also if you will be attending just the meeting or both dinner and the meeting.

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Of course, nothing is easy and, as with many things, there exists a hurdle we need to deal with. Shell Point will be completely renovating the Crystal Room starting near the end of April, and the room will be closed until the end of the year. That means we would need to meet elsewhere when our meetings start again in October and November. Two monthly meetings. Then, resume our meetings at Shell Point starting in February. That is, if Shell Point is found to be an acceptable and suitable solution by the membership. This is a decision that I am hopeful the membership as a whole will make, and let their feelings and thoughts be known. The meeting in April as a test-run allows members to make an informed decision based on their own experience and observations.

When your time permits check out our newly re-generated **squadron web site** ([www.SCBPS.com](http://www.SCBPS.com)). Charlie Richardson has tackled the enormous task of bringing the web site back from the blown-up computer or hard drive failure syndrome and has accomplished this with pizzazz!

The **Smile.Amazon.com** charitable donation setup on Amazon's web site is working just fine! Please use it and our squadron receives a donation from Amazon. It does not cost any of us any extra money to do this. As a matter of fact, please share the information with everyone you can as one does not need to be a squadron member to do this.

The squadron's **Fishing Group** is a big hit and I am hopeful more members with an interest in fishing, either deep sea or back bay, will attend one of the Fishing Group's meetings and check it out.

I would remind members to please consider having your boat inspected for required safety items (**Vessel Safety Check**). It is free, and non-punitive should something not be correct. A win-win situation. Contact P/C Ron Terciak to set a date/time. Continued next column

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Cdr. Bill Behrens, P.

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Your boat can be in the water, on a lift, on a trailer, operational or non-operational (we are checking safety equipment not engines, etc.). We come to you.

We are going to again try **Facebook advertising** for our educational courses. A (Facebook) blast out to Facebook people in our and nearby zip codes announcing the boating educational courses we will be conducting will, hopefully, draw some interested people to our classes.

A reminder of **The District 22 Spring Conference** (and the D22 Change of Watch) is on Saturday, April 14, 2018, in Punta Gorda. Please see if you can arrange to attend the one-day Conference. The past commander of the Fort Myers Squadron, **Sam Bonilla**, who is a very good friend to our squadron, was nominated and will accept the position of District 22 Administrative Officer at the D22 Change of Watch! Congratulations Sam!

Be Safe! Be Active!

--**Bill Behrens**

*Commander* ■



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## *From the Executive officer*

Lt/C Ron Terciak JN

We are now starting to see our Vessel Safety Check numbers rise. Let's continue the trend and make this a record breaking year.

A big part of our annual revenue comes from ads placed in our newsletter, The Tidings. While each ad is relatively inexpensive to the client it is extremely important to the squadron. If you have a relationship with a business in Fort Myers, we could use your help, in adding to our advertisers list. The annual cost runs as little as \$65 a year for a business card size ad to \$350 for a full-page ad. Since we are a 501(C)3 non-profit these purchases could be tax deductible. We, as a squadron, try to patronize each business advertising with us, including bringing the squadron to a participating restaurant for one of our Cruise & Rendezvous. Please remember to patronize our advertisers and to say a thank you for their support of our squadron.

While it is still some time in the future (November 1,2,3) please keep the dates open for our District 22 Cruise to the Little Harbor Resort in Ruskin, FL. (on Tampa Bay). This will be our second cruise to Little Harbor and our furthest cruise, slightly longer than Lake O. The District is still working on the trip, but we will keep you in the loop as we become aware of further info. There are three possible routes to get there- One is completely out on the gulf, a second is completely by way of the ICW (until we reach Tampa Bay) or a combination of the two. The weather will dictate our decision. A large boat is not necessary to make this trip. I did it in my 22 ft Grady a few years ago along with Mike Aube in his 26 ft. bowrider. There usually is a huge turnout of boats and power squadron members from Marco Island to Crystal River attending this event.

## *From the SEO*

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP

### **Change, change, change**

USPS has decided to rename its elective courses in the hope that new names would reflect the content more transparently to new generations of boaters. In the future, "Seamanship" will become "Boat Handling," "Piloting" will be known as "Marine Navigation," and "Advanced Piloting" called "Advanced Marine Navigation." USPS has not yet finally settled on new titles for Junior Navigation and Navigation - stay tuned. Despite the changes in nomenclature, the familiar insignias for the grades -- combinations of dashes and stars - will remain the same.

Another change in the works deals with the Seamanship, er, Boat Handling, course. In future, the text will be available as an e-book. In addition, there are plans in the works to offer Boat Handling as a collection of a series of seminars - so those of you who have found it difficult to clear off 5 or 6 Wednesday evenings in a row in one season may find it easier to pick up an "S" by collecting the whole set of seminars over more than one year.

Finally, there have been some changes to the Youth Poster contest. These changes came from our Squadron and from National. Because of Hurricane Irma, our Squadron was not able to work with the AFCAAM group to get posters ready in time for the District meeting last fall. Since it has often been difficult to get the contest underway at the start of the school year, we thought we could switch our Squadron contest to the spring term and simply save the posters for the fall. They could be submitted to the fall District Meeting and, if we had a winner there, it would go on to the National competition in February. This would work better for the young artists making posters and for us as well. But we were figuring without changes at the National level.

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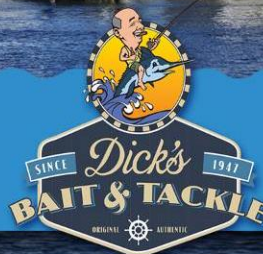
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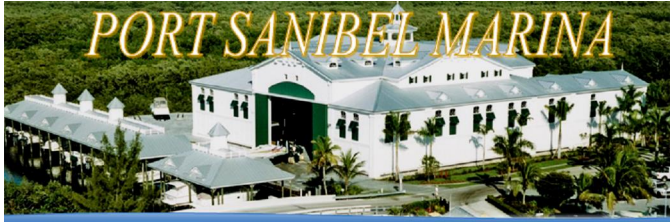


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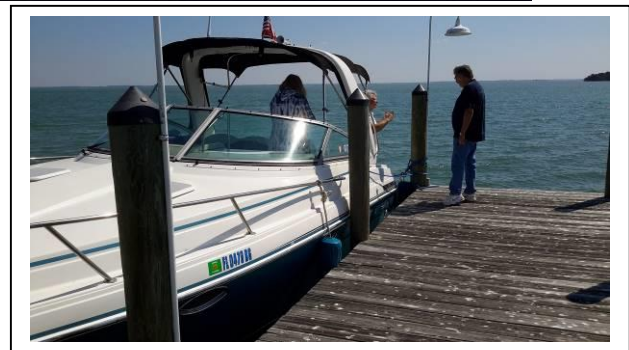
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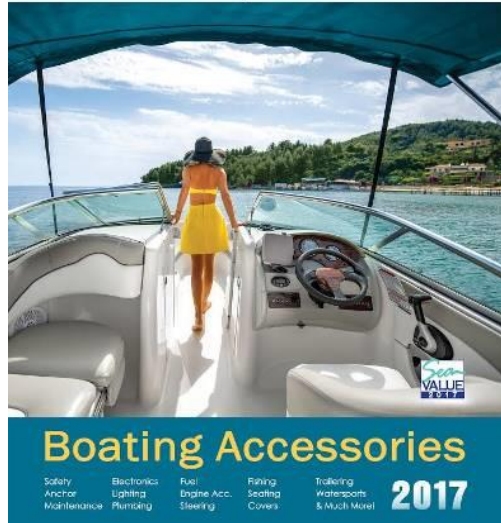


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## From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.

April is here already and many of our members will be heading north soon. We have had a great turn out at events beginning with our Change of Watch in January and hopefully that will continue. It is wonderful how many have joined the C&Rs and come to the membership meetings. Keep on coming!

The April C&R will be Tuesday April 10 to visit our newest advertiser, the Nauti Parrot Dock Bar on San Carlos Blvd. We will be trying a later time because they offer live entertainment in the afternoon which should be fun. It's also good to change things up a bit to appeal to different preferences.

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March C&R at Green Flash (photos by Ron Terciak)

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2017 **Bob & Carol Amerine** – Donation to the squadron fund membership in the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce for 2017.

2018 **Anonymous Member** ó Donation to the squadron by a member wishing to remain anonymous to fund membership in the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce for 2018.

2018 **Wayne & Judy Berger** ó Donation to the squadron to fund the 2018 printing of the Squadron Directories (after tirelessly compiling and updating the information).

2018 **Dan Finn** – Donated a used laptop computer, with Windows 7 for squadron use (proposed for Treasure's use for Quick Books from Tech Soup).

## Cruisers Wanted

For Dry Tortugas & Key West  
P/Lt/C Bob Johnson. AP

Our members Bob & Kathy Johnson are planning a trip to the Dry Tortugas on their 40' Bayliner 'Vigorish' in early May. They will be there 3 days then go to the Galleon Marina in Key West for 2-3 days. They will depart from and return to Marco Island. They would love to go with a couple other boats, especially if someone has already been there! You can contact the Johnsons at rc6johnson@gmail.com

## From the Administrative Officer

Lt/C Nancy Chambers, S.  
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Also, there is a new day and location for our last membership meeting till the fall. We seem to have outgrown Myerlee so are seeking an alternative. We will be meeting April 18, which is a Wednesday, in the Crystal Room at Shell Point to try their buffet and meeting area. Please attend and give your thoughts to the executive committee. Watch for details in your emails so you can sign up. Remember guests are always welcome to join you. The Fort Myers winter weather certainly entices friends and family to visit.

For our newest members, we are so glad you have joined the squadron. We want you to feel welcome and to know there is always someone here to help you out. Come to an event and make some new friends!

## From the SEO

Lt/C Melissa Butler, AP  
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This year, following the National meeting, USPS announced the 2018 theme "America's Boating Club Saves Lives" and also changed the schedule - posters will be judged at the Governing Board Meeting in August instead of at the National Meeting in February. This caused problems for the District contest, which will have to choose the winners by a committee instead of by vote of attendees at a district meeting. So, I met with about 100 kids this week and I'm looking forward to seeing their work - I hope some of you will volunteer to serve as judges!



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## May C&R to Palm Island - Info

### Aqualane Marina/Palm Island Cruise Itinerary

**May 1<sup>o</sup>** Depart Various locations for arrival at Boca Grande Marina and Millers grill for lunch. This is Tarpon season, so we need to be at the Marina by 11:30. Location is 26 degrees, 44.832 N and 82 degrees, 15.378 W. Turn between Red 2 & Green 3 on ICW. DO NOT CUT SHORT when passing green seven stay closer to sea wall when entering.

After lunch we can proceed at a moderate speed to Aqualane & Palm Island. Entrance to Aqualane is just past Marker 7 on the ICW. Please call in on your radio when you approach the area A note of caution, we will be called in one at a time. Do not enter the marina until called in. The dockmaster operates from a tower overlooking the ICW and will see you. Also, be careful of the shallow water just off the ICW to starboard. After check in come to a welcome cocktail party with Carole & Ron in unit 213. At 4:30 PM. Dinner reservations have been made for 6 PM at Johnny Leverocks on the property.

**May 2-** Breakfast is not available on site. Coffee and donuts have been available in the past at the dockmasters office. Those of you staying at the condos will have a full kitchen so prepare accordingly. We will leave the marina around noon on board the Aqualane Launch for a short cruise up the ICW to the Rum Bay restaurant for lunch, set for 1 PM. After lunch you can either return to the marina to spend an afternoon at the pool or rent a golf cart and explore Palm Island. Dinner is set for 6 PM at Johnny Leverocks. Bring drinks and snacks for the welcome get together and for an afternoon Happy Hour at the Tiki Hut at the pool at 4 PM.

**May 3-** Departure for home. Perhaps a stop for lunch at Barnacles on North Captiva island.

See pages 17 and 18 for more info!

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# PALM ISLAND

MARINA

8:00am - 6:00pm 7 days a week

We monitor VHF Channel 16. Please call upon approaching our channel.



- **Free WiFi signal:** "Palm Island WIFI-North"
- **Checkout time is 11:00am**
- **Water Taxi** - Transportation to Rum Bay Restaurant
  1. The Taxi to Rum Bay Restaurant (located on Palm Island Resort) leaves from our fuel dock.
  2. You must make reservations for a seat on the boat by calling the number on the Water Taxi sign located by the Taxi boat.
  3. Obtain discount Taxi passes from the Harbormaster upon check-in.
  4. Check with the Harbormaster for the current seasonal Taxi schedule.
- **Shower/Restroom Combination:**
  1. Press 2 and 4 together and release; 2. Press 3 and release
  3. Turn the handle
- **Cruise Clubs** We specialize in hosting groups of boats traveling together. Ask about our Cruise Club discount.
- Palm Island Marina Hats and Shirts available in the Harbormaster's Office
- **Pets are welcome at Palm Island Marina, but please keep pets off the pool deck for county health code reasons.**
- **Located at Palm Island Marina:**
  - Palm Island Marina Service/Parts Dept. ....(941) 697-3778
  - Palm Island Marina (Wet/Enclosed Dry Storage) .....(941) 697-4356
  - Leverock's Restaurant .....(941) 698-6900
  - Rum Bay Restaurant & Water Taxi Reservations .....(941) 697-0566
  - Harbortown Condominiums (Nightly and Weekly) .....(941) 697-4800
  - Palm Island Resort.....(941) 697-4800



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Ch Channel Name

2 NBC	13 FOX	29 ESPN	46 E!	63 truTV
3 PBS	14 QVC	30 ESPN-2	48 SPEED	64 FOX News
4 FOX	15 Univison	31 The Weather Channel	49 The Golf Channel	65 Turner Classic Movies
5 CBS	16 WGN	32 CNN	50 VH1	66 Comedy Central
6 SNN 6	17 Hallmark	33 MTV	51 FX	67 Sci-Fi Channel
7 ABC	18 C-SPAN 1	34 USA	55 ABC Family Channel	68 Bravo
8 NBC	20 Local Education	38 Sunshine Network	56 AMC	69 TravelChannel
9 UPN	22 WRXY	39 CNBC	57 SPIKE	70 C-SPAN 2
10 CBS	24 HSN	40 Discovery	58 OWN	71 Versus
11 CW	25 Nickelodeon	41 Home & Garden	59 TBS Atlanta	72 FSN
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**\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\***

# Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment: One Death Reported

Name of product:

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles

Hazard:

The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

Remedy:

Replace

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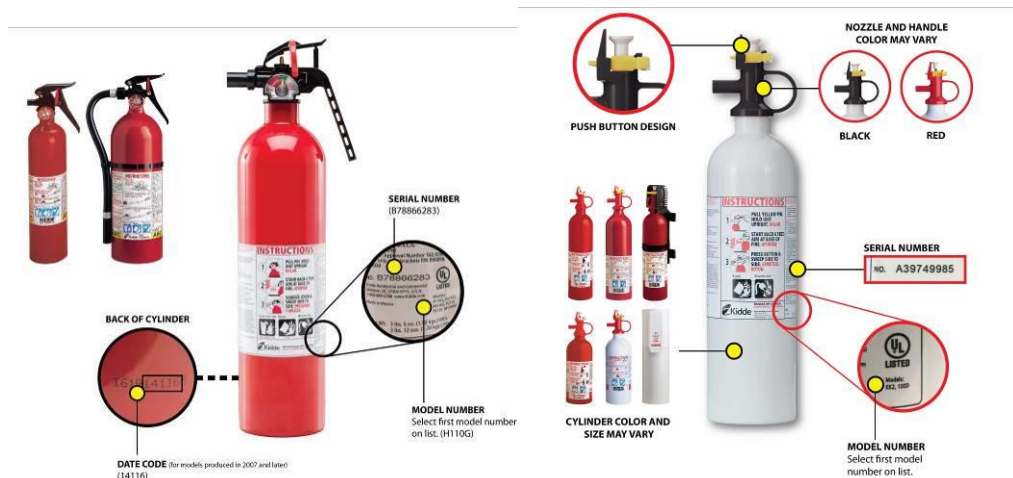
November 2, 2017

Recall number:

18-022

Consumer Contact:

Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or online at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) and click on “Product Safety Recall” for more info



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## Public Classes

### Our Public Classes

We offer several classes to increase boater knowledge and skills. These classes are open to the public (membership is not required). The classes are presented as a public service by the Squadron and are taught by experienced Squadron members

#### **America's Boating Course 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition ®**

Is our basic boating class. The class will cover the basics of boat handling, PWCs, required equipment, navigation aids and rules, and dealing with emergencies. It will provide instruction and examination for laws and regulations of the State of Florida. The course is a total of 8 hours spread over two days. Read a detailed description of the course by clicking on "America's Boating Course 3rd Edition".

#### **Local Waters – Local Charts**

Is our course for boaters in the Ft. Myers area. The Local Waters class is directed toward new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those who wish to learn chart reading. Using Chart 11427, boaters will learn some of the basics of navigation in the Fort Myers Area. Students would bring their own copies of the chart. Read a detailed description of the course by clicking on "Local Waters - Local Chart".

#### **Using GPS**

GPS has become a common tool for navigation. However, using GPS on the water is distinctly different from a moving map display in your car. This 2-3-hour seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation which you will use. It then shows you how to use the buttons on your GPS and how to relate the GPS to your charts.

#### **Using VHF & VHF DSC Marine Radios**

This class is essential for those with a 'new' radio or those planning to buy a new radio. DSC is operational in Fort Myers. You need to register your radio and learn how it's different. We also cover standard VHF operations. Read a detailed description of the course.

#### **Paddle Smart**

This seminar is intended for those interested in Paddle sports or are considering the purchase of a Kayak, Canoe or other Paddle sport equipment. Read a detailed description of this course by clicking on "Paddle Smart".

#### **Hurricanes & Boats**

This is a mini-seminar. It covers how to select a location and prepare your boat for a hurricane.



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## Membership Classes

### Member Courses:

We offer our members "Advanced Grade" and "Elective" courses.

### Advanced Grade Courses

Five Advanced Grade courses are offered by USPS. They are designed to be taken in sequence because each build 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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:johnr301@yahoo.com). along with \$2.

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

Ron Terciak  
Executive Officer  
San Carlos Bay Power Squadron



**DISTRICT 22 C&R**  
**10/31 – 11/3/2018**  
*Little Harbor Marina - Ruskin, FL*



# Well Shiver Me Timbers Gasparilla Invasion of Ruskin

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## *Save the Date – Details to follow*

**Wednesday 10/31 – Early arrival**

**Thursday 11/1 & Friday 11/2**

➤ **Planned Dinners both nights**

➤ **Games**

➤ **Prizes**

**Saturday 11/3 – Head to the high Seas**

