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From the editor:

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Editor's Note:

I know I posted in the May issue of *The Tidings* that that was the last issue until the fall. However, we had our May C&R from Tuesday May 1st to Thursday May 3rd. We stopped at Boca Grande Marina for lunch and then continued onto The Aqualane Palm Island Marina, Ron Terciak went a little crazy with his camera and took loads of pictures, for those of you who missed the trip this edition of *The Tidings* will contain the pictures that Ron Took.

Hope you enjoy them! All photos courtesy Ron Terciak & Marsha Mehmel

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Marianne Ponzio enjoying the scenery, it doesn't get any more relaxing than this.

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Above: Bob & Jeanne Shaw (back to camera), Jane Aube, Jane's cousin Jan, Mike Aube, Priscilla & Steve Mortonson and the photographer Ron Terciak, At Boca Grande Marina for lunch.

Below: Steve & Priscilla Mortonson's boat "*Blessed*"



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Above: Pam Schindler ½ face (Sorry Pam, blame Ron), Dave McClellan & Janet, John Ragone, Ted Schindler, Doug Flenniken, Ed & Marsha Mehmel

Below: Mike & Jane Aube's Boat "*Blue Moon*"



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Above: Ed Mehmel, Jacquie Flenniken, Marie Ragone, Pam Schindler, Janet

Below: Jeanne & Bob Shaw, Bill Behrens, Jan, Priscilla & Steve Mortonson at Boca Grande



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Above: Jeanne Shaw, Jane Aube, Jane's cousin Jan, Mike Aube, Priscilla & Steve Mortonson

Below: Pool at Aqualane Marina



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Above: Path to beach

Below: Ed Mehmel relaxing aboard *“Island Girl”*



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Above: Jeanne & Bob Shaw, Ted & Pam Schindler, Doug Flenniken, Steve Mortonson, Priscilla Mortonson, Jacquie Flenniken, Marie & John Ragone, Al & Marianne Ponzio.

Below: Marianne & Al Ponzio, Pam Schindler, Marie Ragone, Doug Flenniken, John, Ragone, Bill Behrens



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Above: John & Marie's boat *"Dream Aweigh"*

Below: Doug Flenniken & Ted Schindler relaxing on Ted's boat *"Yachta, Yachta, Yachta"*



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Above: Ron Terciak & Marsha Mehmel

Below: Ted & Pam Schindler's boat *"Yachta, Yachta, Yachta"*, John & Marie Ragone's boat *"Dream Aweigh"*



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Above: Pool at Marina

Below: Bob & Jeanne Shaw, Jane Aube



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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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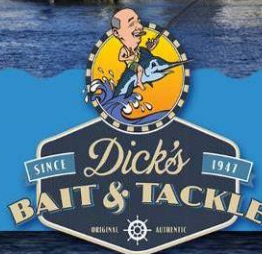
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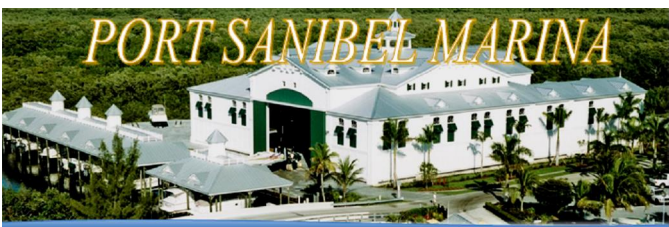



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Above: Marianne & Al Ponzio's Boat "Bella Blue"

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Below: Jane Aube, Marsha Mehmel, Mike Aube, Ed Mehmel, Bill Behrens



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Above: Doug Flenniken, Ted Schindler, Marie & John Ragone, aboard water taxi on the way to Rum Bay Restaurant

Below: Marie (my cup is empty) Ragone Cousin Jan & Jane Aube enjoying pool



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Above: Ron & Carole Terciak's boat *"Irish Rover"*

Below: Priscilla Mortonson & Marianne Ponzio enjoying the Beach



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Above: Ted & Pam Schindler, Doug & Jacquie Flenniken Marie & John Ragone

Below: Jacquie Flenniken Marianne & Al Ponzio



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- 80% of boat deaths are due to drowning
- 83% of victims were not wearing a life jacket
- 2/3 of drowning victims are good swimmers
- 77% deaths occurred on boats where the operator had no boating safety instruction
- Florida ranks first in the US in reported boating deaths (70) and reported boating accidents (684).

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Second, consider improving your boating skills by taking one or more of our boating education classes or seminars.

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Here's to safe boating! ■

Below: Ron Terciak, Bill Behrens, Al Ponzio, Bob & Jeanne Shaw



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The below members have gone “above & beyond” and made donations that are worthy of special recognition for the years 2017 & 2018

2017 **Wayne & Judy Berger** ó Donation to the squadron to fund the 2017 printing of the Squadron Directories (after tirelessly compiling and updating the information).

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).

2018 Donation - Larry and Lynn Tobias made a donation to the squadron to help fund the purchase of QuickBooks (accounting software) or other general purposes, where ever the need is greatest!

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Above: John & Marie Ragone, Bill Behrens aboard water taxi to Rum Bay Restaurant

Below: DUH!!! Does anybody know where the water is? Bill Behrens, Steve Mortonson , Al Ponzio



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Above: Bob & Jeanne Shaw's boat *"Okey Dokey"*

Below: Ted & Pam Schindler's boat *"Yachta, Yachta, Yachta"*



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Above: John & Marie Ragone, Ted Schindler, Jane Aube & cousin Jan, Jacquie Flenniken (in back with hat) don't know the person on float

Below: Marianne & Al Ponzio, Jacquie Flenniken, Pam Schindler, Bill Behrens, and my back



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Above: Water Taxi, for travel between Palm Island and Rum Bay Restaurant

Below: Jane Aube & Ron Terciak



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Above: Al Ponzio, Bill Behrens, Steve Mortonson, Ron Terciak

Below: Marie Ragone, Pam Schindler, Ted Schindler, Mike & Jane Aube. Ed & Marsha Mehmel, Cousin Jan, Doug & Jacquie Flenniken, John Ragone



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Above: ½ Marie Ragone, John Ragone, Bill Behrens, Pam Schindler

Below: Al Ponzio, Pam Schindler, Marie Ragone, John Ragone, Bill Behrens



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Above: Marianne Ponzio, Priscilla Mortonson, Jeanne Shaw

Below: Steve & Priscilla Mortonson, Marianne Ponzio aboard water taxi



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Above: Priscilla & Steve Mortonson, Marianne Ponzio

Below: Johnny Leverocks at Marina. Picture courtesy Marsha Mehmel



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Above: Boca Grande Marina. Dream Aweigh in foreground. Picture courtesy Marsha Mehmel

Below: Manatee. Picture courtesy Marsha Mehmel



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End of a fantastic trip. Picture courtesy Marsha Mehmel

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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.

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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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