



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB THE BUYS



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## CAPE CORAL LOCK UPDATE

The Chiquita Lock will close to boating access on April 1, 2025, for removal as part of the South Spreader Waterway Enhancement Project, aimed at enhancing water quality and flow throughout the region. The removal is expected to be completed by June 2025.

In accordance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit, no dredging of the waterway is allowed from November 15 through March 31 to protect manatees and other aquatic life during the peak of their breeding season. As a result, construction work in the water will commence on April 1, when dredging activities can safely begin. Upland work has already commenced to prepare for this important phase. Boaters are encouraged to temporarily relocate their vessels to nearby marinas during the construction period. A list of marinas and additional information about the project can be found at [capecoral.gov/chiquitalock](http://capecoral.gov/chiquitalock).

### Key Project Milestones:

October 21, 2024: Initial shutdown of navigable waterway access for FE

October 25, 2024: Waterway access reopens, pending any unforeseen circumstances

April 1, 2025: Final shutdown for construction, lasting up to 81 days

June 2025: Anticipated reopening of waterway access

The enhancement project will involve seawall demolition, dredging, and soil excavation to improve the waterway infrastructure. The city will continue to provide updates on the project's progress on the designated webpage: [capecoral.gov/chiquitalock](http://capecoral.gov/chiquitalock).

## Come One Come All!

### CCSAPS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Thursday, November 14, 2024**

**DINNER: 6:00-7:00PM**

**MEETING: 7:00-9:00PM**

**SQUADRON BUILDING**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Gwen Carlisle, Community Redevelopment Specialist City of Cape Coral  
Ms. Carlisle will be updating us on future events for which the CRA is working

RSVP FOR FOOD (aka Lite Bite):

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/ccsaps/november-general-meeting-lite-bites-1403357094>

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## COMMANDER'S REPORT



Scott Steele Commander  
ABC Cape Coral Sail  
& Power Squadron

Let me start by saying I hope no one had any significant damage from the recent storms. This has been a tough month and I know everyone is probably exhausted. Debby in August, Helene in late September and Milton a couple weeks ago have caused a lot stress. I have a few friends and neighbors who were within 2 inches of getting flooded again. Believe it or not, Flex Seal tape does help. Another thing you may find helpful is the CERA website. Here's the link: <https://cera.coastalrisk.live/> In addition to many other websites like the National Hurricane Center, this site is very informative and can reduce stress from the gloom and doom forecasts you get elsewhere.

This site is pretty darn accurate and actually scientifically estimates storm surge. The key is that you need to determine your Mean Seal Level (MSL). This is usually the midpoint between high and low tide. In my case I've determined that MSL is 22 inches below my seawall cap. At 5pm on October 10, it predicted maximum surge of 4.25 feet at midnight. I predicted that would have 33 inches of surge above my seawall and it was pretty darn close. I knew beforehand that I wouldn't get water in the house, but maybe a little in the garage. I'm not saying it's perfect, but the more information you have the better. I'm not an expert on this stuff, but fortunately I know a few who are pretty sharp and can help with questions. FYI - Florida has tied a record for the number of storms that have made landfall in one year. Let's hope we are done.

On a more positive note, we just finished a great week of social and civic activities. Karen Collins and the Entertainment Committee organized and conducted a great International Potluck event this past Friday. We had almost 40 people attend and the food and fun was outstanding. Trust me when I say no one left hungry. We've got another fun event coming on November 15th. This is the Good Vibrations welcome back party. Go to Ticket Leap and get signed up. It should be "groovy." ( I haven't heard that term in a while. ) We also had the pleasure of parking cars for the German American Club at Oktoberfest. We do this as a service to them and we usually get a nice donation for the effort. We also get free admission, food and unlimited free beverages. You can probably figure out the preferred beverage of choice. We had 24 volunteers on each of the past two Saturdays, split into 3 shifts. The weather was excellent and they had a massive turnout. We've got some really good traffic directors and they have potential for future employment.

The new iMIS membership portal is still a mess. Carl and I have been working on this but progress is slow. A few little things have been fixed, but we still have a long ways to go. If you are having trouble renewing your membership please let either of us know. This has been one of the biggest issues. We are also still dealing with inaccurate databases and reports.



Another issue we are dealing with is the loss of some insurance coverages from our national organization. USPS had some issues and a few coverages were dropped by Chubb (sound familiar?) They are working on getting new coverage. Because we don't know if or when they'll get replacement coverage, we are also looking locally to see what we may need to add. This does not affect the building. The policies that are being dropped are for certain liabilities on some activities. It's a muddy mess but we think we have things covered locally and are looking to see if we have any gaps.

Education will be ramping back up in November. We've got ABC and a few seminars upcoming. Boating groups are still active and Co-op charting will also start the post hurricane season of audits.

I hope to see you at our November General Meeting on November 14th (don't forget to sign up for the Big 8 BBQ on TickeLeap).

- Scott

#### Annual Dues Payment Process

- Carl McGrath, Treasurer

We are making some progress with the new National Headquarters (HQ) Member Management system. A key process managed by HQ is the billing, collection and redistribution of Annual Dues from the membership back to the Squadrons and District.

Some key steps in the process:

- HQ will send periodic reminders to members email address of record as a renewal date approaches. We are supplementing these with reminders from our CCSAPS Membership Team
- All members need to get connected to the new Membership Management Portal. See the on-line process description on Pages 16 and 17 of this Buoy edition
- Once connected, any single member or any member of a family unit will be greeted by a Dashboard. There will be clickable Icons to guide you through the payment Process
- The default payment method is Credit Card. If you prefer to pay by check, follow the procedure to view and print the invoice, then mail a check to the HQ address.
- This system does not support local payment of Renewal Dues.

Please contact me via email at [treasurer@ccsaps.org](mailto:treasurer@ccsaps.org) if you need additional help.



## What happened to, “Pay it Forward?” Asking for a friend.

By Barret Bonden

So, what happened to “paying it forward? You probably did a lot of that in your professional life. Well, what about now? Have you just given up on “paying it forward?”

“Paying it forward” is more than “giving back.” It is defined as “an expression for describing the beneficiary of a good deed repaying the kindness to others rather than paying it back to the original benefactor.”

How can you do this for any club you belong to? Its pretty simple, chip in some of your free time.

Let’s say you’re retired and enjoying the good life, or the kids are out of the house, and you have some new found “free time.” Yet you now occasionally get an empty feeling and are not sure what to do. What? That never happens to you! For some of us it does.

The United States Power Squadron | America’s Boating Club was founded on the principle of “paying it forward.” Three pillars were established to guide the membership to always be “paying it forward” instead of paying it back.

The first pillar, “Education,” is a great way for members to “pay it forward.” Our courses are created by volunteers who invest their time to create the texts, slides, and instructor guides. Our volunteers freely give up their time to teach new boaters and boaters new to the area.

The second pillar, “Community Service,” includes our lifejacket loaner program which requires a volunteer to be in the office 4 hours each morning when it is open to handout the jackets. Cooperative Charting finds our volunteers using their boats to check about 1,000 local navigation aids twice a year. While other volunteers earn the necessary qualifications to conduct Vessel Safety Examinations for boaters throughout the community.

The third pillar, “Social Activities,” is the fun one where we get together and party. Partying doesn’t just happen spontaneously. Volunteers run the entertainment committee and our member groups, they plan the parties, trips, and special meeting.

Fulfilling the mission of these pillars takes members and leadership. But something has changed. What killed the desire to “pay it forward?” Was it the internet? Social media? Or something else?

From 1964 until 2012 our members worked to support our organization and the community through our three pillars. The Bridge leadership changed annually from 1964 to 2012. Since 2012 only 5 individuals have stepped up and assumed the helm. If you ask any of the recent leaders on all levels, they will tell you they don’t hang on to be part of a clique or because they want to remain in control, it is because the spirit of “paying it forward” seemed to have disappeared.

After becoming involved in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary back in the 1990’s I became aware of the impact that group had on the boating community. It was there I discovered the joy “paying it forward.” Besides working through the leadership ranks at the flotilla and district, I became involved in boater education, vessel safety checks and taking part in weekend patrols. My career put and end to that for almost 20 years.



Upon retiring and moving to Florida, I was recruited to join the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron. Here I found an opportunity to do what I enjoy the most, sharing my knowledge of boating with others. If it wasn't for our club, I would never have become a published author. Working with the Cooperative Charting group I learned the waters. When I couldn't teach during COVID I went to work on my first book based on local knowledge I had learned.

Helping with the ABC classes and working the Farmers Market with Jim and Joette helped me to realize the demand for a local waters seminar. That led me to creating the seminar and yet another book. None of that would have happened if I had instead decided to enjoy my retirement years laying by the pool or "playing" with my trains.

The Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron is a land of opportunity for those of you who want to "pay it forward." The opportunities are many once you dive in. Our squadron can always use more instructors as there are so many other seminars, we could be offering. Lee County has 50,000+ vessels and our Vessel Examiners only get to a couple of hundred each year. The Cooperative Charting group can always use more people, and it is a great way to learn the waters. The Bridge and Executive Committee, along with the member groups need your help to keep them going.

Marge, who was the Commander from 2017 – 2020, used to say, "anyone is free to start their own member run group." There is nothing stopping you, we have lots of meeting space. If anyone wants to start a monthly or weekly poker group, I am in!

Hurricane Ian chased our Ham Radio operators out of the building, yet they still meet and are happy to help you get started if you have an interest. In the past we had member run groups that were into sailing, scuba diving, along with a Sea Scout chapter.

Our squadron is not the only part of the USPS | ABC organization that has opportunities. At the district and national levels there is a need for your talents. The local, district, and national newsletter always have information about the skills different committees are looking for. The key to getting one of these positions is to speak up as none of us is very good at reading minds.

"Paying it forward" can be rewarding in ways you never expected. Please consider helping us in some way by becoming involved and lending some of your time to making our club better for everyone. If you want to start "paying it forward" reach out to any one the members of the leadership team. Or contact Scott at [commander@ccsaps.org](mailto:commander@ccsaps.org) , John at [execofficer@ccsaps.org](mailto:execofficer@ccsaps.org), or Carl at [treasurer@ccsaps.org](mailto:treasurer@ccsaps.org).

Stay safe, Barret Bonden



*Bonden at the helm of The Sophie*



LT/C Neil Pignatano, SN  
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## SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER (SEO)

### SEO's Notebook:

# *Fall Term in Full Swing*

It's been a busy hurricane season thus far for those of us here in SW Florida. Hopefully, you are well on the road to recovery from our back-to-back storm events. Fortunately for us, the Squadron HQ did very well, and we were able to resume full operation, with only minor delays in our academic calendar. However, the Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio seminar was cancelled, as was the Boat Handling course. The Marine Radio seminar is in the process of being rescheduled. And the next Boat Handling course starts on January 6, 2025.

I'd like to extend my congratulations to our September ABC graduates, some of whom became new members. Welcome aboard. The November ABC is seeing robust interest, with 29 registrations as of this writing. Marine Navigation and Navigating SW Florida are in full swing with good attendance and will go through the end of November. The Partner in Command seminar is coming up on November 9, and Introduction to Charting seminar on November 21. That will round out our fall schedule. January brings another offering of ABC, as well as the aforementioned Boat Handling.

Our seminar offerings are a great way to get introduced to a wide variety of topics of interest to the recreational boater. Partner in Command is a great example. To all the First Mates out there who never get the chance to "run the boat" when out on a cruise, this is the ideal way to get a feeling for what needs to be done should the need arise that you have to take command.

Getting around in our estuary system requires more attention to detail than, say, piloting on a fresh water lake. Get introduced to valuable piloting and navigation techniques with the Introduction to Charting seminar. This two-hour seminar provides an overview of modern digital navigation techniques, mostly using a PC based app, but can easily be extended for use with smartphone apps. If you're new to the area or don't know anything about electronic navigation, this seminar will get you situated, and may even entice you to enroll in our more advanced navigation courses.

It is the mission of this squadron to provide requisite education in the interests of boating safety. You can never learn too much, or think that you've learned enough. The more you know, the safer you'll be. And don't hesitate to contact me if you have any education questions or specific training requests. I'll do my best to accommodate you or, at least, point you to someone that can.

Until next time...



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Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron



## Course and Seminar Summary

**Beginner, intermediate or advanced — whatever your skill level, our in-depth boating education courses will boost your knowledge and confidence on the water.**

- **ABC - America's Boating Course** gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets the State of Florida boating education requirements.

- **Boat Handling Course** builds your competence and confidence on the water with an in-depth look at the practical boating skills covered in the ABC course.

- **Marine Navigation and Advanced Marine Navigation Courses** give you the skills you need to get where you're going using charts and marine electronics as well as a knowledge of winds, currents and tides.

- **Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics Courses and Seminars** deal with common vessel issues faced by today's recreational boater. Learn proper operation and diagnostic techniques for critical systems.

- **Other Seminars** provide a 2 hour introductions to various boating topics, such as Marine Radio, Weather and Forecasting, Handling Emergencies, etc.

**For complete course and seminar descriptions, scan the QR code or go to <https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/learn>**





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## Seminars

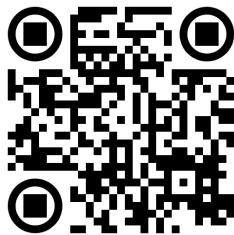
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# Looking Ahead -

## November

	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
4	Monday	7:00-9:00pm	ABC Course begins	Cape Coral Power Squadron
5	Tuesday		Election Day	
7	Thursday	7:00-9:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Cape Coral Power Squadron
11	Monday		Veterans Day	
12	Tuesday	7:00-9:00pm	SW Boating Seminar	Cape Coral Power Squadron
13	Wednesday	7:00-8:00pm	Fishing Group	Cape Coral Power Squadron
14	Thursday	6:00-9:00pm	CCSAPS General Membership Mtg	Cape Coral Power Squadron
15	Friday	5:00-9:00pm	Good Vibrations Welcome Back	Cape Coral Power Squadron
20	Wednesday	7:30-9:00pm	ABC Graduation	Cape Coral Power Squadron
<b>28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	

## December

	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5	Thursday	7:00-9:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Cape Coral Power Squadron
11	Wednesday	7:00-8:00pm	Fishing Group	Cape Coral Power Squadron
14	Saturday		Holiday Hoopla Party	Cape Coral Power Squadron
<b>25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Merry Christmas</b>	

## January

	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>1</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Happy New Year!</b>	
2	Thursday	7:00-9:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Cape Coral Power Squadron
6	Monday	7:00-9:00pm	ABC Boating Course begins	Cape Coral Power Squadron
8	Wednesday	7:00-8:00pm	Fishing Group	Cape Coral Power Squadron
14	Tuesday	7:00-9:00pm	SW Boating Seminar	Cape Coral Power Squadron
18	Saturday	6:00-8:00pm	Chili/Chowder Cookoff	Cape Coral Power Squadron
22	Wednesday	7:30-9:00pm	ABC Boating Graduation	Cape Coral Power Squadron



## Co-Op Charting Group

Denny Pearson

The Co-Op Charting group will be starting our next season of ATON Verification Survey Runs in November. The first run of the season will be Route A (Royal Palm Yacht Club, Ft, Myers to Franklin Lock). This run is currently scheduled for Friday, November 8 with Phil Botana as Captain. The seasonal Routes include 10 Routes with 709 Aids and cover 134 miles of waterways. The new Training Run Program was well received during the past season and will continue in the coming season. The Training Runs are simulated ATON Verification Survey Runs focused on training crew positions during the simulated run and conducted on one of our river routes. Each new crew member receives training prior to, during and after the training run.

Our next Co-Op Charting group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 PM. The group meetings for this season move to the evening of the second Tuesday of the month at 7PM. Please contact Denny Pearson at [coopcharting@ccsaps.org](mailto:coopcharting@ccsaps.org) with any questions.

## Weekenders enjoy gorgeous weather

### Four boats, 13 attendees at the Green Flash, Captiva on October 5th





# Weekdayers enjoy wonderful weather and companionship at Green Flash on October 28

Seven boats and 19 attendees (and it's not a contest with the Weekenders!)



## Fall in Florida



# Happy November Birthdays!



- Josh Wurtsbaugh
- Randi Schmitt
- Edward Wisniewski
- Harvey Hengel
- Kenneth Husby
- Jan Olson
- Theresa Dessent
- Kenneth Mueller
- John McQuay
- Todd Wilson
- Barbara Pancoast
- Eugene Scarzafava
- Daniel Carney
- Michelle Dewitt
- Patrick Flash
- Robert Spensley
- Polly Wisniewski
- John Barbarino
- Karen Dipalmo
- Bob Litwitz
- Linda Furey
- Theodore Dawson
- Don McCarter
- Keven Eberhardt
- Melanie Marshall
- Richard Cole
- Gene Mcmanus
- Nacelle Kenny
- Steve Osborn
- Kevin Shelton
- Hank Klakurka
- Thomas McCants
- Kenneth Clements
- Kimberly Comstock

# Entertainment Committee and the Fun Report

- Karen Collins

## INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

We had a huge group at our International Potluck on October 25th and delicious food representing many tastes from all over the world. The Entertainment committee provided a delicious dessert table to top it off. We had fun playing games. Thanks for everyone's help with making this a successful event!



## What's next?

### GOOD VIBRATIONS 11/15/24

Did you grow up in the 60's? You will LOVE this party as we will transport you back to 1965. Come and have some FAR OUT fun! See attached flyer

### HOLIDAY HOOPLA 12/14/24

Come and get 'Merry' at our Holiday party! We will be hosting a fun 'steal' a gift exchange that will sure to get you into the Holiday spirit! See attached flyer

### 2025 ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE EVENT CALENDAR

The Entertainment committee is working on our 2025 event calendar that will be posted on Ticket Leap very soon! Our goal is to post a fun monthly event for our CCSPS members. Keep an eye open for these exciting events!

### NEW OFF SITE MEMBER MEET UPS ARE COMING IN 2025 (EVERY OTHER MONTH)

Another cool thing that is happening with the Entertainment committee, we have Dani Fergen joining us next year! She will be hosting offsite fun filled events. These are casual 'meet ups' at local restaurants/venues where you can enjoy food, entertainment and great company!



# 2024 - 2025 BRIDGE OFFICERS

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## Assistant SEO

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## Asst Administrative Officer

Vacant

## Assistant Treasurer

Gary Farwick

## Assistant Secretary

Edwin Estes

## Chaplain

Tessa Buechler, S

## Building Manager

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Tessa Buechler, S

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### Farmer's Market

Vacant

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## Entertainment Committee

Karen Collins

## Fishing Group

John D'Esposito

## Kayaking Group

Jeff Maddy

## Membership

Carolyn Token

## Member Involvement

Tessa Buechler, S  
Barb Riordan, S

## Pantry Inventory Mgr

Vacant

## Weekdayer Boaters

Doug Brenton, S

## Weekender Boaters

Scott Fergen

### GRADES

S - Seaman (aka Boat Handling)

AP - Advanced Pilot

P - Pilot

JN - Junior Navigator

N - Navigator

SN - Senior Navigation

Indicates the highest level of education completed. Follows the name of the person.

# Help Wanted

## WEBMASTER

Assume management of ccsaps.org the squadron website. Website uses Wix, a popular, user-friendly platform that requires no coding. Some design experience helpful. Will train!

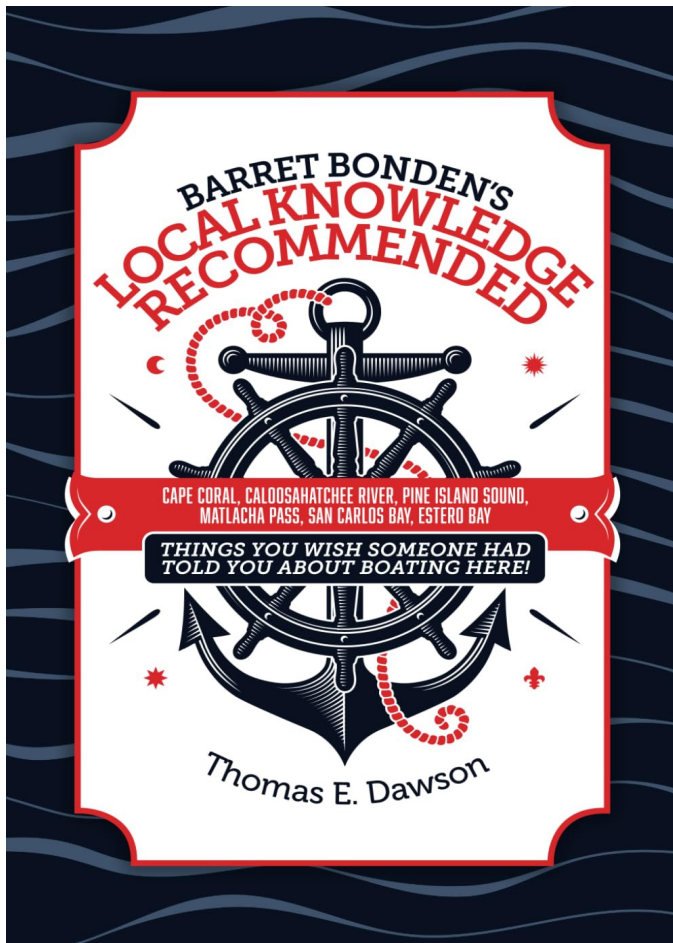
## SQUADRON LIVE CALENDAR ADMIN

Duties include updating the website's live calendar and including ticket links if applicable. Will train!

## FARMERS MARKET COORDINATORS

Together with fellow squadron members, coordinate weekly farmer market representation and canopy manning at weekly Cape Coral Farmers Market. Introduce community to our squadron by responding to boating questions and sharing enthusiasm for boating and boating safety. Inform and share our squadron resources and opportunities of participating in our educational classes and seminars as well as becoming a member of our squadron. Contact John Swift for questions and further information at [execofficer@ccsaps.org](mailto:execofficer@ccsaps.org)

All experience levels welcome, and thank you!!!



**Get your copy of Barret Bonden's valuable and easy to read resource for boating in the Cape Coral area. Available at the squadron office or Amazon.**

**Get it today (and read it). You will be glad you did!**



## **FWC addressing hundreds of vessels displaced by Hurricanes Helene and Milton**

Florida is a haven for boaters and is recognized as “The Boating Capital of the World.” When hurricanes Helene and Milton swept the state, wind and storm surges displaced hundreds of vessels. Some were pushed ashore, some damaged in marinas and private docks, others relocated but still afloat, and some partially or fully sunken. In addition to local officers, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has deployed 17 additional officers and three derelict vessel specialists to southwest Florida to locate, identify and investigate vessels rendered derelict due to the storms.

"We understand the difficulties caused by the recent hurricanes," said FWC Boating and Waterways Section Leader Maj. Bill Holcomb. "Our officers and DV specialists are working diligently to identify displaced and damaged vessels statewide. We are dedicated to helping boat owners locate their vessels and ensuring the removal of any boats from state waters that threaten the environment, obstruct waterways or were rendered derelict."

The public can report vessels displaced on state waters by Hurricane Helene or Hurricane Milton by calling 888-404-3922. Be prepared to provide the registration number, vessel location and description.

Vessel owners are encouraged to hire a salvage company to recover their vessel to provide the safest method possible for the vessel and the environment. Removing displaced vessels can hasten the recovery and overall resilience of native marine plants and animals. To report a lost or sunken vessel, vessel owners can call the FWC Boating and Waterways Section at 850-488-5600. Operators will be available to help Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There could be instances in which vessel owners might be unable to facilitate the salvage of their boat. Owners of displaced vessels who lack the resources to have their boat repaired, or if their vessel is determined to be beyond repair, may release ownership of their vessel through a waiver provided by the FWC. The waiver process can be initiated by contacting the FWC Boating and Waterways Section at 850-488-5600 and requesting to turn over a vessel rendered derelict by a hurricane. An FWC representative will help with the waiver process and facilitate the potential turnover.

Owners of vessels that have become derelict have 45 days to either remove their vessel from the waters of the state or bring it into a non-derelict condition. The removal of these vessels is a priority at FWC. Boat owners need to know they have options regarding their vessel's future. The first step in understanding those options is calling the FWC Boating and Waterways Section at 850-488-5600.

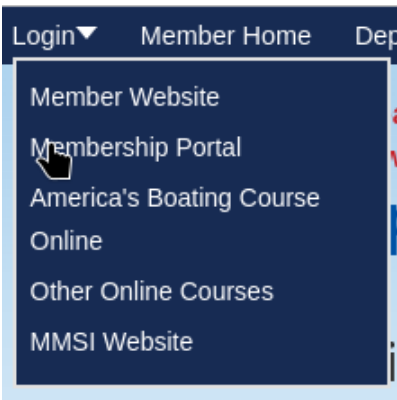
If the public has questions or needs resource materials regarding waterway debris that is not a vessel, please call the Florida Debris Hotline at 850-366-6007. Property owners should report vessels on land to their local sheriff's office.

Anyone witnessing an oil spill, chemical release, fuel or hazardous material spill in Florida waters should call the State Watch Office at 800-342-3557.

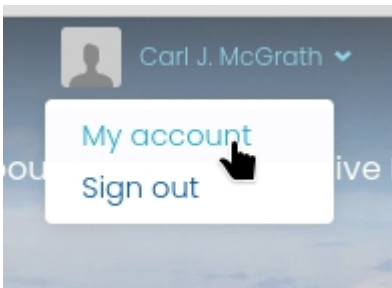
For additional questions or resource materials regarding waterway debris or derelict vessels, call 850-366-6007 or visit [FloridaDebrisCleanup.com](https://www.floridadebriscleanup.com).



## Paying Annual Squadron Dues, the new way, using iMIS interface



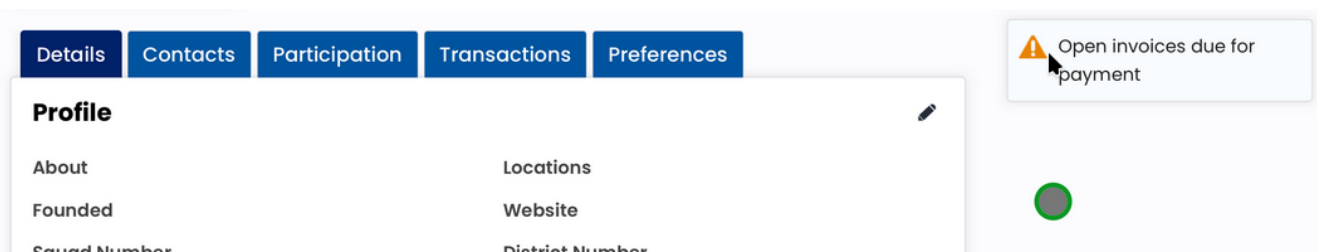
**Step 1** Log in to your member account - your **email address of record** is your user name. Locate the **"Member Portal"** link under the **"Login"** at the top of **USPS.org** and click on it. Click on "Sign In" in the upper right corner. Enter your email address of record as your user name. If this is your first time logging in, click on the "Forgot Password" to create your password. Note that you can use the same password that you use on USPS.org, but you must use your email address as your username. If you have already created a password, just enter that password along with your email as your user name.



**Step 2** Check status and Renew your dues - log in to the **membership portal** and go to "My account" under your name in the top bar. You will either see a button or hyperlink to renew dues.



**Step 3** Click on the Yellow triangle



**Step 4:** Now click on Open invoices due for payment

**Open invoices**

Pay	Invoice	Date	Description	Due Date	Amount	Balance Due
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cash-4465	9/5/2024	Renewal Fees		151.50	151.50
<b>Total balance due</b>						<b>151.50</b>
<b>Total selected</b>						<b>151.50</b>

[View Statement](#) [Update Cart](#)





**Step 5: Now Click on View Statement**

Invoice Summary    Print

**Invoice**  
 Invoice number    Cash-4465  
 Invoice date        9/5/2024  
 Description        Renewal Fees

Pay Invoice

**Billing/Shipping**  
 Bill to             [Redacted]  
                          Cape Coral, FL 33904

**Invoice lines**

Product Code	Description	Recipient	Quantity Shipped	Unit Price	Ext Price
840	Cape Coral Sail Power Squadron	[Redacted]	1	0.00	0.00
DIST	District	[Redacted]	1	0.00	0.00
NATL	National	[Redacted]	1	0.00	0.00
840	Cape Coral Sail Power Squadron	[Redacted]	1	46.50	46.50

**Step 6:** You now have a choice – Pay by Credit Card by clicking the “Pay Invoice” or you can print out the invoice and Mail it along with a check by selecting the Print Tab On the following page you will see the mailing address for USPS in Raleigh



**INVOICE**

**United States Power Squadrons**

PO Box 30423  
Raleigh, NC 27622



<b>Invoice No.</b>	Cash-4465
<b>Account</b>	4465
<b>Invoice Date</b>	9/5/2024

**BILL TO**

[Redacted]  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	EXT. AMOUNT
Cape Coral Sail Power Squadron	1	0.00	0.00
District	1	0.00	0.00
National	1	0.00	0.00
Cape Coral Sail Power Squadron	1	46.50	46.50
District	1	15.00	15.00
National	1	90.00	90.00

<b>Invoice Total</b>	<b>151.50</b>
<b>Payments</b>	0.00
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>151.50</b>

Be Sure to include a copy of the Invoice in the Envelope



CCSAPS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# GOOD VIBRATIONS!



**Friday, November 15, 2024**

**CAPE CORAL POWER SQUADRON IS HOSTING A PARTY!**

**WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS!**

Friday, November 15th @ 5:00pm  
Cape Coral Power Squadron

- Enjoy classic food just like Mom made!
- Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks and Water provided
- \$20.00 per person
- Fun nostalgic games, music, prizes!

**We can't wait to see you!**  
**SIGN UP ON TICKETLEAP**

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/ccsaps/good-vibrations-welcome-back-snowbirds-nov15>



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*Come celebrate the season with us at the Miracle on 47th Terrace*

# HOLIDAY HOOPLA

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 • 5:00 PM**

Cape Coral Sail & Power Squadron  
917 SE 47th Terrace  
Cape Coral 33904

**HOLIDAY HOOPLA!**

**Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Cape Coral Power Squadron**

- Bring an appetizer or dish to share and a gift under 15.00 (can be funny or practical)
- We will host 'steal a gift', as well as many other fun games!

**Come and get your Holly/Jolly on!**

**SIGN UP ON TICKETLEAP**

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/ccsaps/holiday-hoopla>

