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A Message from our Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbott:

COVID-19 continues to challenge us as we all desire a return to "normal" with ourselves, our families, our communities, and our squadrons. We must, however, proceed to 'hunker down' (hurricane preparation lingo) for a while. All is not lost; there are things you can do to not just entertain yourself during this downtime, but to educate yourself. For instance, take a look at our online offerings:

a. Courses and Seminars <https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education>

b. America's Boating Channel – view all of the YouTube videos <https://americasboatingchannel.com/>

c. Become a Vessel Safety Examiner! Study the manual and take the exam online <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/12000/12900>

d. Member Benefits – have you looked at all of them recently? You can be saving \$\$\$ <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/1450001/benefits-alphabetical>

UPDATES from the Board of Directors and Executive Director:

1. Our headquarters building in Raleigh will be closed the remainder of this week. Calls and emails will be monitored. A message was sent

to all district and squadron commanders today.

2. Also, with regard to squadron and district meetings, votes, changes of watch, etc.: while we do not have a formal (unbelievable, I know, given the size and scope of our Operations Manual and Bylaws) procedure for conducting business when a national emergency has occurred, the National Committee on Rules position is "...for squadrons and districts to conduct business by the best available means while preserving the safety and security of our members"; thus you may make use of electronic means.

3. The Educational Department is in the process of creating a Virtual Meeting Indoctrination seminar which will be sent to all district and squadron commanders. Target: in hands late March!

4. Vessel Safety Examiners: The USCGAux has recommended that examiners suspend performing Vessel Safety Checks until further notice. We support that recommendation.

I wish you fair winds, calm seas, and good health.



LITE BITES & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, April 9, 2020
CANCELLED

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Carl McGrath | Commander
ABC/ Cape Coral Sail
& Power Squadron

As we all know, the situation is changing constantly. What follows is based on what we know as of sunrise on March 22.

For starters, I have found this link to provide a useful summary applicable to Cape Coral

<https://www.capecoral.net/COVID-19/>

When not specifically mentioned, the items that follow apply from now until April 18. We have no clear vision of the light at the end of the tunnel, April 18 is chosen to cover the usual meetings and activities on our meeting activity and meeting calendar

Short Version - No Squadron activities will occur between now and April 18. This includes ExCom and General Meetings, all regularly scheduled monthly group meetings and Entertainment activities. All education activities, Farm Market team, VSC and Jumpstart OTW training are suspended.

The HQ office hours are suspended. We check phone messages daily, we recommend emails be sent to ccsapswebinfo@gmail.com for specific questions.

We have cleared the building rental book through April 30, with some reschedules and some cancellations. This specifically implies that room set-up teams are not needed until you hear from the rental manager.

We perform a daily check on the building and will continue that as long as travel to/from is permitted. As you are likely aware, most of the neighborhood is also shut down.

Perhaps in our next update we can begin to speculate what re-start might look like.

If you are running out of TV re-runs and books to read, spend some time browsing the National website at www.usps.org. From there you can access the Americas Boating Club web and particularly the America's Boating Channel content.

Protect yourselves and keep an eye on neighbors and friends who might need some help. Also remember the Cape Coral Caring Center, the Lee Schools Grab 'n Go program is helping, but for sure but there are still many mouths that need a good meal once and a while.

Start a list of what is and is not working for you. This is new territory for all of us and there will for sure be an extended discussion on what worked and what could have worked better. Be ready to insert your highest priorities into the conversation.

Cdr Carl McGrath
ccsapscommander@gmail.com

COVID 19 RESOURCE GUIDE

SQUADRON HOURS OF OPERATION

Power Squadron office hours are suspended for the duration of the health crisis. Phone messages will be checked daily. (239) 549-9754

EMAIL

Email questions and concerns to ccsapswebinfo@gmail.com

WEBSITES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/resources.html>

Florida Department of Health
<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov>

Cape Coral coronavirus information

<https://www.capecoral.net/COVID-19/>

United States Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club
www.usps.org

CCSAPS Website
ccsaps.org

CCSAPS Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/CCSAPS/>

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Craig Buechler
Lt. Commander
ABC/ Cape Coral Sail
& Power Squadron

**“These are the times that try men’s souls”
(Thomas Paine)**

The outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and the virus has now spread to many countries and territories. While a lot is still unknown about the virus that causes COVID-19, we do know that it is transmitted through direct contact with respiratory droplets of an infected person (generated through coughing and sneezing) Individuals can also be infected from touching surfaces contaminated with the virus and touching their face (e.g., eyes, nose, mouth). While COVID-19 continues to spread it is important that communities take action to prevent further transmission, reduce the impacts of the outbreak and support control measures. This being said, the Bridge at CCSAPS has taken necessary steps to ensure that we do our part to not spread this virus, that appears to be growing exponentially at this time.

Water Safety Day on Saturday, May 2nd has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The city has cancelled all activities and programs through April 30th. I look forward to May of 2021 for our PWR SQN to attend this great community service event. It is held the first Saturday in May.

The Cape Coral Farmer’s market is currently closed to all but food vendors, so as I see it, we will not have another opportunity this year to promote PWR SQN at this venue.

The District convention in Port Charlotte has been cancelled, but we will need the support of those delegates selected, to vote electronically via email as requested. Thanks in advance for your support.

Vessel Safety Checks and On The Water Training has been suspended due to the possibility of coming in contact with someone who could be a carrier of COVID-19.

Spend quality family time. Do a jigsaw puzzle, play a board game or actually complete a crossword puzzle using a pencil (or pen) the old-fashioned way. Keeping your mind active, not just counting the hours, will make time pass more quickly.

This, too, shall pass, but in the meantime we all need to come together and help others whenever possible. This could be volunteering at the local food bank, delivering meals to those in need, checking on your neighbors, or just being there to listen and offer a kind word. Now is the time to get that spring cleaning done you’ve been putting off, (cleaning and waxing your boat) working on your “honey do” list or completing that project you never seem to find the time to finish.

Lastly, spending time on the water is one of the things we can still do. It automatically social distances you from others and gets you out of the house and on the water. As per normal, practice safe boating and remember, “the other guy”, may not be as conscientious and knowledgeable as you are.

Lt/C Craig Buechler
ccsapsexofficer@gmail.com
“Never neglect an opportunity for improvement.”

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Jamie Halstead
Squadron Education Officer
ABC/ Cape Coral Sail
& Power Squadron

ABC classes are cancelled for the month of April. We hope to resume classes in May. The next **ABC** class is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5-21 (six sessions) at 7:00- 9:00 p.m. **ABC classes are now held Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

We will be offering **Boat Handling** (formerly Seamanship), that was to

begin March 24 for seven weeks, has been postponed indefinitely

Sailing will be offered beginning May 18, and runs for eight weeks.

Marine Navigation (formerly Piloting) will be offered June 9-August 4.

Visit our website <https://www.ccsaps.org/classes> to check out the ABC class calendar for 2020 and other courses.

All dates are tentative. Watch your email and Facebook for future class offerings!
Safe Boating,

Lt/C Jamie Lynn Halstead, AP
Squadron Education Officer
ccsapsseo@gmail.com

Reduce your risk of coronavirus infection:

- Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
- Thoroughly cook meat and eggs
- Avoid unprotected contact with live wild or farm animals

Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Wash your hands

- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste

Wash your hands

Wash your hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty

If your hands are not visibly dirty, wash them with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleanser

World Health Organization

FROM THE DISTRICT 22 COMMANDER

Hello ALL D22 Members,

As you know, the 2020 Spring Conference was cancelled due to the coronavirus. We still need to move on important matters regarding the District. Both the D22 Council and Conference meetings will be conducted electronically with email messages to be sent 1 April and 4 April 2020.

The calls will cover only the following items:

1. Appointment by the Council of two members to the Budget and Finance Committee and two members to the Planning Committee.

2. Approval by both Council and Conference of the meeting location and dates for 2021 conferences.

3. Election by the Conference of the slate of officers and committee members identified by the District Nomination Committee .

Please contact your squadron commander if you would like more details.

We will forward final outcome of the votes once completed. In the meantime, please follow all the recommendations to stay safe during this Pandemic, and we look forward to visiting with you all in person at the Fall Conference 9 and 10 October.

Ted Reiss
Commander
District 22 America's Boating Club – South West Florida

WHAT IS FWC DOING IN OUR CHANNELS?

by Barret Bonden

The City of Cape Coral reports in their Spring 2020 Newsletter that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) is planning on inspecting the Cape Coral Waterway for illegal and outdated signage. The State of Florida requires all signage to be permitted by FWC. For those interested in seeing the permitted signs, FWC maintains a website that maps all of the permitted signs throughout the state. It can be found at: <https://public.myfwc.com/crossdoilepermitsystem/uniformwaterwaymarkermap.aspx>

This online map includes all of the Manatee Slow Zones, Slow Speed/Minimum Wake, Idle Speed/No Wake and some other allowed signs. For those interested in FWC guidelines for waterway signage you can find in here: https://myfwc.com/media/13268/boat_waterwaymarkerguidelines.pdf.

As a reminder, the FWC designates that the entry channels to and from the river are "Slow Speed/Minimum Wake". FWC defines this as "...a vessel be fully off plane and completely settled into the water. The vessel must proceed at a speed that is reasonable and prudent under the prevailing circumstances so as to avoid the creation of an excessive wake or other hazardous condition that endangers or is likely to endanger other vessels or persons using the waterway. Due to the varying speeds at which vessels of different sizes and configurations may travel

while in compliance, there is no specific numeric speed assigned to 'SLOW SPEED'."

The canals in Cape Coral are all "Idle Speed/No Wake." Yes, despite what you may have heard or have been told, Cape Coral has codified this in the city Code of Ordinances. Enforcement of this is another issue that you can take up with the City Council. You can find Cape Coral's Waterway Regulations here; https://library.municode.com/fl/cape_coral/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH10LAWAUSRE. FWC say it "Idle Speed/No Wake...is the most restrictive vessel speed. Idle speed requires a vessel to proceed at a speed no greater than that which will maintain steerage and headway. At no time is any vessel required to proceed so slowly that the operator is unable to maintain control over the vessel or any other vessel or object that it has under tow."

We have our fair share of "Slow Speed/Minimum Wake" zones, if you are not sure where they are, pick up a copy of the SWFL Waterways Guide issued by Lee County at the Squadron office or our booth at the Farmers Market. You can also view it online at <http://swflwaterways.com>.

Stay safe on the water, Barret Bonden

Barret Bonden, a recurring character in the Patrick O'Brian seafaring novels, is the nom de plume for one of our many safe boating instructors who's safe boating articles appear in the New-Press most Thursdays and an occasional Sunday.

FISHING GROUP

Thanks to group member Mike McCleery for giving the group a great presentation and handout booklet on introductory tactics and tackle for tarpon, our number one inshore local big game fish. The emphasis on angler safety and on fish conservation was very appreciated. If any other group members have a topic of interest to present to the group, give me a holler on Facebook Messenger, and we will try to get you scheduled. Our regular group meeting set for April 14 is cancelled, so we'll let you know ASAP as events proceed, or if we reschedule late in April. We look forward to meeting May 12. Check out our Facebook page. Ask to join, you won't be disappointed.

[Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron Fishing Group.](#)





WEEKEND BOATERS (THE WEEKENDERS)

The Weekenders boated to Bayfront Bistro at Ft. Myers Beach on March 15. Bayfront Bistro is a TripAdvisor top ten waterfront restaurant, and a great time was had by all. We look forward to our next outing, and encourage you to contact our coordinators for more information. To add your name to the Weekenders notification roster, contact weekenderboating@gmail.com



WEEKDAY BOATERS (THE WEEKDAYERS)

The Weekdayers, led by Vern Seaton, spent a socially distanced day boating up the Caloosahatchee to Franklin Lock. After passing through the locks, we rafted up our boats, and enjoyed lunch and fellowship from a secure distance. Despite current restrictions, it was another wonderful day on the water.

Vern Seaton
519-996-5716

vern@seatonsunrooms.com



CO-OP CHARTING GROUP

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Squadron Harbor, Room 202. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Leo and Ginny Lalley at ccsapscoopch@gmail.com

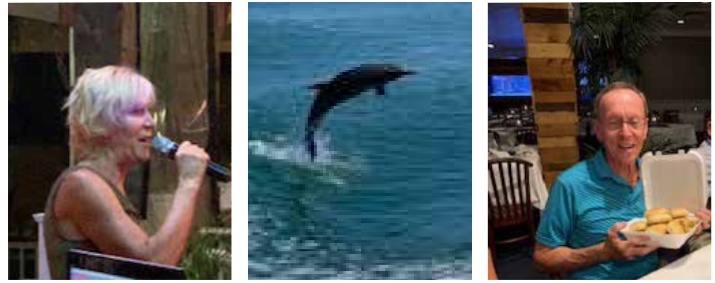
CRUISE AND RENDEZVOUS (C&R)

SAVE THE DATE 2020

MAY 5 C&R CANCELED @ 10:30AM
 MAY 4 FOR 12 DAYS PARTSCH TRIP
 MAY 22 LOBSTER OR HAM DINNER 5:30 PM
 JUNE 2 C&R MEETING 10:30AM
 JUNE 15 – 17 NAPLES BOAT CLUB (DON'T KNOW HOW MANY SLIPS YET)
 JULY 3 4 5 LEGACY HARBOR (SHEILA 461 0775) OK (10 SLIPS)
 AUG 4 C&R MEETING
 AUG 10 11 12 LEAVE 13TH FISHERMEN'S VILLAGE (OK 1/30/20) LISA HITTINGER 941 575 3000
 SEPT 1 C&R MEETING 10:30AM
 SEPT NOTHING PLANNED

MAYBE (1 2 3 T,W,TH OR 8 9 10 T,W,TH) (PLAM HARBOR)
 OCT 13 C&R MEETING 10:30AM
 OCT NOTHING PLANNED TRY SNOOK BITE OR PINK SHELL 5 6 7 N,T,W) NEED 10 SLIPS
 NOV 2 C&R MEETING 10:30AM
 NOV 9 10 11 12LEAVE SOUTH SEAS
 NOV 20 SHRIMP DINNER (5PM)
 DEC 3 C&R MEETING 10:30AM
 DEC 7 8 9 'TWEEN WATERS (OK 3/3/20)) HARRY 472 5161 X440
 WATCH NEW YEAR CALL BOCA GRANDE FOR JAN 2021

CHAIRPERSON 239 458 1481



Cruise and Rendezvous (C&R) traveled to Burnt Store Marina. 9-11 March. We had a windy ride heading east from Pine Island Sound to the marina, but smooth ride home Wednesday. Cruisers enjoyed a pot luck the first night. Second night was dinner at Cass Cay Restaurant at the marina. After dinner we were entertained by our very own cruise member performing karaoke. We are looking forward to our trip to South Seas Resort in April.

If you are interested in Cruise and Rendezvous (C&R), please check out The Buoys newsletter and website ccsaps.org for meeting times and contact information.

Happy Boating!

C & R OVERNIGHT Destination: _____ Dates: _____

Name: _____

Telephone: (cell) _____

Email: _____

Number attending: _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Boat name: _____ Draft: _____

Boat Length: _____ Beam: _____

Make & Model: _____

Power: 30 or 50 AMP: _____



C & R trip March 9-11 to Burnt Store Marina

Mail Reservations to:
Delores Buhner
1333 Santa Barbara Blvd Apt 670
Cape Coral FL 33991
 Email or Questions
 DELPHI1937@YAHOO.COM

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CRUISE AND RENDEZVOUS PRESENTS

LOBSTER TAIL OR HAM DINNER



Friday, May 22, 2020 (NEW DATE)

Attitude Adjustment 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

10oz. Maine Lobster Tail \$25.00 pp

Ham \$15.00 pp Including Beer



**Join us as the C&R Committee hosts its Annual Lobster Tail or Ham dinner.
FREE Beer and much more!
Right here at Squadron Harbor.**

LOBSTER TAIL OR HAM DINNER • FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020 • 5:30 p.m.

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MAY 12, 2020

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address _____

____ Lobster @ \$25.00 Ham ____ @ \$15.00 Total Enclosed= _____

Any dietary restrictions? _____

There will be assigned seating. Seating preference _____

Make check payable to CCSAPS. w Return Coupon to:
DELORES BUHNER
PHONE 239 458-1481 EMAIL: DELPHI1937@YAHOO.COM
1333 SANTA BARBARA BLVD. APT. 670
CAPE CORAL, FL 33991

CCSAPS ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

\$10
per person

SPRING FINING

CANCELLED

for Seasonal Members
Friday April 17, 2020
Attitude Adjustment 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Help us send off our Snowbirds in style!
Bring your favorite main or side dish to share. Appetizers, drinks and desserts included.

SAVE THE DATE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

CCSAPS Entertainment Committee Presents

CINCO DE MAYO



FRIDAY MAY 1, 2020

SQUADRON HARBOR

CATERING BY IGUANA MIA



ALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD. MEANWHILE, EXPLORE THESE LISTINGS TO SEE HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.

TO RESERVE A ROOM AT THE SQUADRON

Notice: Our Rental Chairman position is currently vacant. Please contact Marge Maciag to reserve various rooms at the Squadron. She will coordinate and determine if there are any conflicts. The Rental Book is currently maintained at the Squadron Office. Contact her at margem5@gmail.com

In an effort to keep our facility ready for parties and health inspectors, we would like to put a few teams together to work on our kitchen. 2-3 people per team would work well. Time involved would be 2-3 hours per cleaning.

We would like to schedule clean-ups twice a month, dates and times are flexible. The more volunteers we get, the fewer times a team will be on the rotation. Please send your name and contact information to me ASAP.

Feel free to form a team and let me know you would like to work together. It's also a good way to earn Merit Mark Credit.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Lt. Rick Clements, Building Manager
Email: retiredrickc@yahoo.com or call 786-338-8159

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL OR PHONE #?

IF SO, SEND YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION TO:
JOE STEWART, E-MAIL ccsapssecretary@gmail.com



LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

This program is a valuable public service. Please pass the word among your boating friends that lifejackets are available to borrow at the Squadron, at no cost, for visiting children or grandchildren.

If your group needs help, send me the info, and I'll include it on this page - ccsapsbuoyeditor@gmail.com

SQUADRON HELP WANTED

RENTAL CHAIRMAN

- Review rental files as they come in.
- Check to make sure payment was received, seating diagram received and door codes were issued.
- Go over checklist with renters.
- Send reminder email to our room set-up crew.
- Give instructions to our cleaning staff
- Make up new rental files as needed.
- Conduct walk thru after rentals.
- Keep the schedule in Rental Book current.
- Check the cooling (AC) remotely with phone app

CERTIFIED VESSEL INSPECTORS

Complete short training course
Inspect vessels for safety and place CG sticker
Contact: Bob Meier - rmeier5157@yahoo.com



FARMERS MARKET (SATURDAYS DURING SEASON)

Talk to the public about CCSAPS Promote ABC Class, sell charts. Contact: Carl McGrath ccsapsexofficer@gmail.com

LITE BITES

Prepare simple, light meals before General Meeting Contact: Jeff Maddy ccsapsao@gmail.com

EVENT SETUP

With other team members, set up and take down chairs, tables (about once a month)
Contact: Marge Maciag margem5@gmail.com Rick Clements retiredrick@yahoo.com

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Help in kitchen and hall, setting up for monthly dinner/social events. Have fun organizing our social events! Contact: Christine Zimmerman: czman289@aol.com or Pam Tichy: pmttick@aol.com

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Are you handy? Rick can use some help around the Squadron Building keeping things going.
Call if you can help out on some Projects.
Contact Rick Clements retiredrick@yahoo.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

April 2020

Tue	21	Kayak Outing Prairie Creek	
Fri	24	Wine & Knots	1830

May 2020

Fri	1	Cinco de Mayo Party	1730
Mon	4-20	C&R Partsch Trip	
Tue	5	Entertainment Committee	0930
Tue	5-21	ABC Course	1900
Thu	7	Executive Committee	1900
Mon	11	Weekenders Meeting	1900
Tue	12	Co-op Charting	1000
Tue	12	Fishing Group	1900
Thu	14	Lite Bites	1800
Thu	14	General Meeting	1900
Mon	18-Jul 6	Sailing Course	1900
Tue	19	Kayak Outing Imperial River	
Thu	21	ABC Graduation	1900
Fri	22	C&R Lobster or Ham Dinner	1730

June 2020

Mon	1	Sailing Course (until July 6)	
Tue	2	Entertainment Committee	0930
Tue	2	C&R Meeting	1030
Tue	2-18	ABC Course	1900
Thu	4	Executive Committee	1900
Mon	8	Weekenders Meeting	1900
Tue	9	Co-op Charting	1000
Tue	9	Marine Navigation (until Aug 4)	1400
Tue	9	Fishing Group	1900
Thu	11	Lite Bites	1900
Thu	11	General Meeting	1900
Mon	15-17	C&R Naples Boat Club	
Tue	16	Kayak Outing	
Thu	18	ABC Graduation	1900

(C & R = Cruise & Rendevous ABC= America's Boating Course)



AUTOMATED RADIO CHECKS

1. Tune your radio to channel 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 or 84 (varies by area)
2. Key your microphone and speak clearly
3. System will play back your transmission

A FREE service brought to you by **Sea Tow**[®]
 800-4-SEATOW VHF 16 seatow.com

Cape Coral Bridge VHF 27
Burnt Store Marina VHF 26

NEED SQUADRON LOGO SHIRTS, HATS, ETC?

You can shop online at www.emprintpac.com, or visit the store two blocks away from the Squadron Harbor building.

Proamar America Corp
 1113 SE 47th Ter Unit 2
 786-406-9857

SUPPORT CAPE CORAL CARING CENTER

Our Squadron supports **CAPE CORAL CARING CENTER** throughout the year. Please consider supporting the Caring Center by donating these items:

- Canned pasta
- Dry beans
- Canned fruit
- Any non-perishable item
- Hygiene products

ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED:

- Peanut butter
- Tuna
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta and Pasta sauce
- Rice
- Soup

We want this to be an ongoing effort, so please donate to the designated box at Squadron Harbor, or directly to the Cape Coral Caring Center at 4645 SE 15th Ave. (Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m.- noon).

The Buoy is your newsletter. I welcome your suggestions AND submissions! Please contact me at ccsapsbuoyeditor@gmail.com - Nancy Maddy, Editor

Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron Presents Our “On The Water” boat handling Course

You get “On-The Water” training to improve your boating skills



No matter what kind of boat you have our “**Jump Start**” On The Water (OTW) training program will teach you how to handle your boat safely, and have more fun on the water.

For US Power Squadron members we now offer a comprehensive On-The-Water (OTW) training program designed to teach you boating safety on our local waters. You will learn and practice docking, use of spring lines, precision boat maneuvering, boat handling underway, anchoring, navigating the local waters and much more.

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If you are ready to sign up go to <https://www.ccsaps.org/otw-jump-start> enter the password **onthewater** and it will take you to a web page where you can fill out a form requesting On The Water training.

Or for more information send an email to ccsapswebinfo@gmail.com



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David Michael Bouchard	16	Julie Baker	30
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APRIL FLOWERS MAY BRING SHOWERS

By Barret Bonden

So spring is in the air and the snowbirds are starting to think about flying north. This means soon we will have less boat traffic out on our waterways. It also means the temperatures are starting to rise. In our ABC book, a lot of time is spent covering cold water immersion and hypothermia. The first is not really a concern here in SWFL, but the second can be an issue down here even in the warm weather.

If you get caught in a spring shower while out on the water without any rain gear, you can experience hypothermia. The air passing over your wet clothes can cool your body significantly. The typical first signs that you have hypothermia include shivering, followed by numbness in the hands or feet. If you experience these symptoms, take action to get out of the wet clothes and into something dry.

To prevent hypothermia, invest in some rain gear for your boat. You don't have to spend a lot of money. Inexpensive single use ponchos are better than not having any rain gear. Buy a bunch of these ponchos and keep them in a handy place on the boat. At the first sign of rain, put one on.

If you have a boat without a canvas or hard top over the helm station, you may want to consider a carrying an inexpensive motorcycle helmet. Some of our spring and summer showers can be quite intense. A helmet with a visor can be a real lifesaver if you get caught in a storm.

For more tips like these, consider taking one our many safe boating classes. And if your boating buddies haven't taken ABC yet, tell them about it. We still need your support in finding new students.

Stay safe on the water, Barret Bonden

Barret Bonden, a recurring character in the Patrick O'Brian seafaring novels, is the nom de plume for one of our many safe boating instructors whose safe boating articles appear in the New-Press most Thursdays.

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Contact the office @ (239) 549-9754 Mon-Fri between 9:00 a.m. and noon to schedule yours today, or contact the individual who performed your VSC last year to ensure your boat is safe and in compliance with local, state and federal requirements.

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[HTTPS://WWW.CCSAPS.ORG](https://www.ccsaps.org)

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(to access password to the member directory, please call our office)

POWER SQUADRON IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE



Rick Clements



Kevin Pascucci and Kenny Berger



Jill and Kenny Berger



Before



After



Before



After

March wasn't a complete bust at the Power Squadron. Many thanks to Jill and Kenny Berger, Vern Seaton, Rick Clements and new member Kevin Pascucci for renovating the accesible ladies room at Squadron Harbor. Their hard work shows, and really enhances our facility.

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ABC GRADUATION MARCH 2020

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ABC is **America's Boating Course**. The course gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets most states boating education requirements. Our in-person boating course includes a comprehensive introduction to boating, covering boat types, boat engines, boat selection and more.

The next ABC class will be May 5-21 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Call Squadron office at (239) 549-9754 Mon. - Sat. 9:00 a.m. - noon for more information. Please leave a message.