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Our Commander welcomes the newest boats to our flotilla - *Aigean* and *Days Like This* during Christening ceremonies at the Seafood Shack. During the commander's watch year we have welcomed 10 vessels to our squadron - *Worker's Comp*, *Q-II*, *Linda-III*, *Dignolita*, *Voyager*, *Nana Popa III*, *My Way*, *Lady Jayne*, *Aigean* and *Days Like This*. Pictured above is Cdr Myles Gee JN with new members Connie and Don Williams aboard *Aigean*.

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Commander's Message

February 11, 2012

*Join us in celebrating our
Change-of-Watch with
Commander Myles & Lt.
Kathy Gee. See flyer on page*

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It seems like only yesterday since P/C Dick Calvin AP asked me to join the Bridge as your Administrative Officer and here it is three years later and only a week left, where has the time gone? As I have said over and over it has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for me, and it's because of all of you. As I think about the last three years I know I have asked every P/C for advice and I have received help from probably every member in our squadron; how can one person be so lucky? Instead of me mentioning your name here just go to our roster and look at each person's name and that's who I would write down in this article; I do want to give a special thanks to this Years Bridge and all the members that took positions within our Squadron. Almost half of our Squadron this year received a Merit Mark and many more then that came close to getting one. It is remarkable that we have so many volunteers and have so much fun at what we do.

A week ago, I and three classmates, finished our Navigation class and I know that was a happy day for our instructor P/Lt/C Mike Stewart SN. All kidding aside I think Mike is one remarkable person, and I greatly appreciate him sharing his wealth of knowledge and dedicated teaching skills with our class. We will have four new Navigators to announce shortly.

To our retiring Editor P/C Charlie Brunner SN and retiring SEO Lt/C Don Cook JN, thank you for your service to the Manatee Sail and Power Squadron.

And to our new Commander Larry Beverage P, his Bridge and Committee Chairs, congratulations. We know our ship will be strong with you at the helm.

Finally for all of you that continue to ask how my Dad is and for the great round applause you gave him at the C&R, thank you, and my Dad also thanks you for your generosity and for putting up with me for so long.

YHGLC soon to be YHGLP/C

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for making the 2011-2012 watch year a fun

and very successful year. A huge thanks to our Commander who did an outstanding job, and a huge thanks to our bridge, membership, committee chairs and volunteers who make everything we do possible. I also want to recognize those who helped me out in the executive department:

all that we do all year long. Hope to see all of you at the Change of Watch.

REMEMBER your links to MSPS information is always at your fingertips:

Link to MSPS website: <http://manatee-squadron.org/>

- Boat Shows Lt. Jeff Gaus, S
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 - Cooperative Charting Lt. Bill Dearstyne
 - Fishing Lt. Wilber Geiger
 - Legislative Lt. Steve Petty
 - Public Relations/Festivals Lt. Bill Spencer, AP
 - Radio/Technical P/C Charlie Brunner, SN
- Thank you for all you did this past watch year.

Link to MSPS calendar: http://manatee-squadron.org/index_files/Calendar.htm

The District 22 Conference and Change of Watch at the Hyatt Hotel in Sarasota is scheduled for April 12 - 15, 2012. We will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for delegates and those who want to attend roundtables on Saturday. Remember the lunch at Barnacle Bills is always a good time.



When I first agreed to be on the bridge, becoming commander seemed so far in the future and there would be so much time to learn. The time has flown by and here we are, about to embark on a new year and my last year on the bridge. The past two years have been an absolute blast. Yvonne and I have enjoyed every event and sharing time with all of you. We are looking forward to what's ahead in the 2012 - 2013 watch year and hope you will be a part of

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Administrative Department



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Hello MSPS,

It's Roundup Time again!! It's time to separate the herd and get all excited and have a COW, or to the laymen who are not in the know, it's Feb-

ruary and time for our annual Change of Watch. I hope all of you will be at this wonderful event, it is for everyone to share in the successes of our outgoing Commander and welcome in our new bridge. We have members that are moving into new areas of our operation, while others are going into District assignments to lend a hand there. I myself will be moving up this year, with your vote of support, into the Executive Officer (XO) position. Our XO Lt/C Larry Beverage P is taking the helm as our incoming Commander. Our GREAT Commander, Myles Gee N, will become our newest Past Commander, after serving three wonderful years on our Bridge. Working with Myles and Larry has been such a learning experience, and I thank them both for sharing their vast experience with me. Larry already has been to a couple of late night crack-the-whip sessions with Myles learning the secrets to how to keep us in line. So saddle up your ponies and come on down to the Roundup.

I would also thank the many members that stepped up in 2011 and took a position to help me with my AO duties:

- ◆ Boating Activities & Kayaking - Lt Alice Brunner, P
 - ◆ C & R's - Lt. Monique Gutierrez, S
 - ◆ Special Activities: Oktoberfest - P/Lt/C Judy Martorana, P & Lt Nancy Sacarakis P
 - ◆ Special Activities: Anniversary Celebration - Lt/C Dianne Bernard AP & P/Lt/C Donna Bigham SN
 - ◆ Membership - Lt Roberta Caraceni, S
 - ◆ Member Benefits - Lt John D'Alusio
 - ◆ Membership Involvement - Lt Chuck Whelan & Lt Juliette Whelan
 - ◆ Communication - Lt Carol Dearstyne
 - ◆ Sunshine Person - Lt Yvonne Beverage, P
 - ◆ Fleet Captain - P/Lt/C Mike Stewart, SN
 - ◆ Port Captain - P/C Bob Kreiling, AP
 - ◆ Operations Training - P/C Al Connizzo, S
- and last but not least my two beautiful 50/50 women Lt Kathy Gee S & Lt Yvonne Beverage P.

Get ready to party with the "Little People" in March at the Tampa Marriott for St Patty's Day when we all turn Irish for a day. So until next we meet May God Bless all of you.

Gary & Bruiser
Y.O.L.O.



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Lt/C Don Cook, JN 748-8078

Education Department

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This is my last article as Squadron Education officer. It has been a great honor to have served you for the past three years. Thank you for your confidence and cooperation,

The advertised courses are beginning as follows.

Piloting	Feb 8.
Advanced Piloting	Not yet requested
Engine Maintenance	To be announced, shortly.
Cruise Planning	Last Week of Feb.
Marine Electronics	Mid-February
Junior Navigation	Early April

as well as the interest many have shown in our educational offerings. A significant number of you have taken courses and advanced in grade, five to Senior Navigator our highest. Please give your cooperation to my successor, Jeff Gaus. I will, of course, continue to instruct if requested. **Its been great; thanks.**

I will continue to be active in the educational department. I have been nominated for Assistant District Education Officer. When something good (time will tell how good) happens to one in a leadership position, those whom he has led deserve most of the credit. So thanks again for making me appear to merit the honor.

Still time to sign up for the later starting classes.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Last month's question: Who will succeed me as SEO?

Last month's answer: Jeff Gaus

This month's question: None; End of the Line.

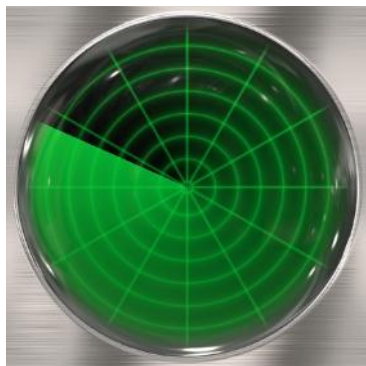
COURSE STATUS

N is complete, the exams are at National for grading.

Cruise Planning and Marine Electronics

It's not to late - Sign up now

Don't end up like the **Costa Concordia**! Learn how to use your RADAR, Chart Plotter, Depth Finder, and VHF in Marine Electronics. Learn what it takes to plan a short weekend or a long cruise with Cruise Planning.



Seafood Shack C&R - Boat Christening

27°28.2'N 082°41.3'W



The last C&R was held on January 21st at the Seafood Shack in Cortez. It was a beautiful warm, sunny day and full of camaraderie for our 67 members and guests who attended. After lunch Commander Myles Gee JN Christened *Days Like This* and *Aigean*, and welcomed their crews into our squadron. Lt. Monique Gutierrez, S

Boater Operator Certificate (BOC) Training Is Now



The On the Water portion of Boater Operators (Inland Navigator) Certificate will be available March 2-7. The United States Power Squadrons' program hosted by the Peace River sail & Power Squadron will be available in Punta Gorda on Charlotte Harbor. This includes the certificate's Water Power Boat Handling skill requirement and will serve as one of the qualifications for certifier candidates.

The program begins between 0800 and 0900. It consists of a half day of classroom instruction, a half day of dockside and on-the water instruction with practice, followed by an afternoon review session ending by 1900.

Scheduling will be arranged so that candidates from distant squadrons will not need to stay overnight. Because the boat used is limited to three candidates, those

from nearby squadrons may be requested to complete the water session on a second day

The program will begin in the Peace River classroom in the Bayfront Center, 750 W. Retta Esplanada, Punta Gorda, FL. The water skills portion will be conducted using 'Water Trainer', The USPS twenty foot Boston Whaler.

SEO's are requested to pass on this information to likely candidates in their squadron, and to forward the names and contact information to John Wuerz (johnwuerz@embarqmail.com) with copies to Jan Lane (artandjan@comcast.net) and Mark Kalish (markk2213@hotmail.com). School slots are limited, so candidates should sign up early. Candidates who do not have an Inland Navigator's Passport should order one immediately through their SEO. Membership in USPS, the Passport, and a valid picture ID are the only prerequisites for the school.

P/C John M. Wuerz, SN - IN & CN Certifier Trainer - Peace River Sail & Power Squadron,



Please join us as we celebrate the

Manatee Sail & Power Squadron

2012 Change of Watch



Saturday, February 11, 2012

Pier 22 Restaurant, 1200 1st Avenue W., Bradenton, FL 34205

Uniform: Casual - Uniform G or appropriate casual attire

Commander's Cocktail hour beginning at 1700, poolside at the Twin Dolphin Marina.

Change of Watch begins at 1800 with reception and cash bar at Pier 22; Welcome and Invocation starting at 1830; Dinner is served - 1900; Change of Watch formalities - 2000.

Menu

Entrée #1: Bruschetta Chicken - Lightly seasoned chicken breast with herbs, topped with fresh mozzarella, vine ripe tomatoes, finished with infused basil oil and a balsamic reduction, au gratin potatoes and julienne mixed vegetables.

Entrée #2: Pork Tenderloin - Sliced and served with a garlic and thyme crust, au gratin potatoes and julienne mixed vegetables.

Entrée #3: Atlantic Salmon - Basil crusted, with a charred tomato beurre blanc with risotto and vegetables.

Entrée #4: Tuscan Vegetable Pasta - Eggplant, zucchini, portobello mushroom, red peppers, all marinated then grilled and tossed with spinach, olive oil, garlic, and linguine pasta.

All Entrees are served with "1976" salad of iceberg lettuce and parmesan dressing, applewood smoked bacon, and chopped egg, bread and butter.

Afterglow (Dessert, Coffee, & Cocktails): Served poolside at the Twin Dolphin Marina.

Cost \$40.00 per person, RSVP with check (made payable to MSPS) and choice of Entrée by Feb. 1, 2012.

Mail to: CDR Myles Gee, JN

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Bradenton, FL 34208-8473

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ Entrée Choice # _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ Entrée Choice # _____

Squadron Name: _____

Guest Name: _____ Entrée Choice # _____

Guest Name: _____ Entrée Choice # _____

Questions? Call (941) 750-9346 or email: cdr@manatee-squadron.org

The following budget for 2012 was voted on and approved by the Executive Committee

MANATEE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON BUDGET FOR 2012

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Change of Watch			
Change of Watch	3,500.00	3,000.00	500.00
Cmdr's Attendance at COW'S	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Deposit for 2013 COW	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Community Service Activity	0.00	450.00	(450.00)
Cruise & Rendezvous			
Cruise & Rendezvous	700.00	700.00	0.00
Education			
ABC	1,100.00		1,100.00
ABC Books & Materials		1,000.00	(1,000.00)
ABC Food, Supplies & Advertising		500.00	(500.00)
Other Courses	1,400.00	1,700.00	(300.00)
Restricted	500.00	500.00	0.00
Fundraising	800.00	0.00	800.00
Helm Station			
Advertising	220.00		220.00
Helm'sman's Page	600.00		600.00
Holiday Greetings	0.00		0.00
Helm Station Postage & Printing		750.00	(750.00)
Public Relations			
Advertising			0.00
Boat Shows	0.00	40.00	(40.00)
Ship's Store			
Burgees	20.00		20.00
Name Tags	90.00	85.00	5.00
Shirts	400.00	365.00	35.00
All items in store			0.00
Sales tax on items sold		60.00	(60.00)

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Special Events			
Anniversary Party	750.00	750.00	0.00
Halloween or Fall Party	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Holiday Party	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Squadron Administration Expense			
Dues - Renewals	2,800.00		2,800.00
Dues - Associat Member	300.00		300.00
Dues - New Members	620.00		620.00
Bank Charges		40.00	(40.00)
Co-Op Charting		50.00	(50.00)
D22 Donations for Conferences		200.00	(200.00)
Dues D22 New Members		150.00	(150.00)
Dues USPS New Members		580.00	(580.00)
FL NFP URP Filing Fee		81.25	(81.25)
Meeting Facility Charges		250.00	(250.00)
Miscellaneous	700.00	900.00	(200.00)
New Member Involvement		300.00	(300.00)
Postage, Office & Web page		150.00	(150.00)
Scrapbook		150.00	(150.00)
Storage Facilities		894.00	(894.00)
WCIND Education Fund		140.00	(140.00)
	18,900.00	18,915.25	(15.25)



Time to move on ...

Three years ago, I was standing in line for a cocktail at the change of watch when a very concerned XO (almost commander) approached me about taking on the editing of the Helm Station until the current editor was feeling better (may only need me for a month or two). I didn't want to stress out our new commander his first night in office, so I agreed to take on the task ... that was three years ago.



I now come to the end of my tenure as editor and I have to admit it was a fun and interesting assignment. I have to point out I did not do all this by myself; it was with the dedicated help of my assistant editors P/C Ray Wik AP and Lt Alice Brunner P that made the monthly publication possible. Ray provided structure and format editing while Alice provided grammar and readability editing. I also had help from 1/Lt Barbara Calvin S, P/Lt/C Barbara Edge P, and Lt Charlie Bigham SN on distribution (folding and sealing) and P/C Adrian Caraceni AP on advertising. With all this help it doesn't appear there is much left for me to do, but I did put in a few hours each month with the formatting, editing (including removing the inside jokes and internet abbreviations), and a few other tasks that kept me busy. The great thing about editing the Helm Station ... something new every month,

I appreciate this opportunity and I look forward to the working with our new editor - Lt Dona Bigham SN.

P/C Charlie Brunner SN

Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with the By-laws of the Manatee Sail & Power Squadron (Articles 5 & 9), the Nominating Committee hereby proposes the following active members in good standing for the offices as designated for the watch year 2012. Each individual has indicated their willingness to serve.

The election will take place during the MSPS General membership/Annual Meeting at the Elks Lodge in Palmetto at 1900 hrs. on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012.

Article 11, Section 11.1 of the By-laws provides that: "Candidates for the office to be voted upon at the Annual meeting may be nominated by (1) Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing with the Squadron Secretary at least fifteen (15) days before the date of election."

A signed copy of this petition is on file with the Squadron Secretary.

2012 Candidates

Bridge Officers			
Commander	Lt/C Larry Beverage, P	Administrative Officer	1/Lt Carl Nyman, JN
Executive Officer	Lt/C Gary Mink, S	Secretary	Lt/C Patricia Gray, AP
Education Officer	Lt Jeff Gaus, S	Treasurer	Lt/C Bob Gutierrez, AP

Assistant Officers			
Assistant Treasurer	1/Lt Charles Feldschau, JN	Assistant Education Officer	Lt Bill Spencer, AP
Assistant Secretary	1/Lt Barbara Calvin, S	Assistant Admin. Officer	Lt Don Tress, P

Executive Committee (Members at Large)	Term	Nominating Committee
P/Lt/C Bud Krebs, SN	3 Year	Cdr Myles Gee, JN
Bob Koehnke	2 Year	P/C Alfred Connizzo, S (Chair)
Lt Nancy Sacarakis, P	1 Year	P/C John Warren, AP
Cdr Myles Gee, JN	1 Year	

Auditing Committee	Rules Committee
P/Lt/C Barb Edge, P (Chair)	P/C Roland Seidel, SN
Lt Mark Kalish, SN	P/C Bob Hintze, JN (Chair)
Nancy Warren	Lt Mark Kalish, SN

Respectfully submitted by the 2011 Nominating Committee:

P/C King Barnard, SN P/C John Warren, AP (Chair) P/C Alfred Connizzo, S

Committee Chair and Staff Officers - 2012

Staff Committees		Executive Department	
Chaplin	Barbara Boudrot	Safety & Vessel Safety	Lt. Don Tress, P
Merit Marks	Lt. Kathy Gee, S	Cooperative Charting	Lt. Bill Dearstyne
Planning	P/C Adrian Caraceni, AP	Fishing	Lt. Wilber Geiger
Education Department		Legislative	George French
Public Boating		Public Relations/Festivals	Lt. John D'Alusio
ABC Chairman	Lt. Marty Spencer, S	Radio/Technical	P/C Charlie Brunner, SN
Advanced Grades			
Seamanship (S)	P/C Myles Gee, N		
Piloting (P)	P/Lt/C Don Cook, N	Administrative Department	
Advanced Piloting (AP)	P/Lt/C Bud Krebs, SN	Boating Activities	Assigned by activity
Junior Navigation (JN)	P/Lt/C Mike Stewart, SN	Cruise & Rendezvous	Lt. Monique Gutierrez, S
Navigation (N)	P/Lt/C Mike Stewart, SN	Special Activities/Programs	
Elective Courses		Membership	P/Lt/C Barb Edge, P
Engine Maintenance	P/Lt/C Mike Stewart, SN	Member Benefits	Lt. John D'Alusio
Cruise Planning	Lt. Charlie Bigham, SN	Membership Involvement	Lt Chuck & Juliette Whelan
Instructor Development	P/C Myles Gee, N	Communication	
Marine Electronics	P/C Charlie Brunner, SN	Sunshine	P/Lt/C Judy Martorana, P
Sail	Lt. Bill Dearstyne	Kayaking	Lt. Alice Brunner, P
Weather	P/C Richard Harrison, JN	Fleet Captain	P/Lt/C Mike Stewart, SN
Inter-Coastal Navigation	Lt. Mark Kalish, SN	Port Captain	P/C Bob Kreiling, AP
Coastal Navigation	Lt. Mark Kalish, SN	Operations Training	P/C Myles Gee, N
Secretary's Department			
Publications Editor	P/Lt/C Dona Bigham, SN		
Ensign Correspondent		Treasurer's Department	
Historian	Lt. Yvonne Beverage, P	Ship's Store	Diane Sands
Information Technology	Lt. Charlie Bigham, SN	Property	Lt. Ed Van Stedum, S
Website	Lt. Charlie Bigham, SN		

2012 Squadron Email addresses

Position	Name	Email
Commander	Lt/C Larry Beverage, P	cdr@manatee-squadron.org
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Administrative Officer (AO)	1st/Lt Carl Nyman, JN	ao@manatee-squadron.org
Education (SEO)	Lt Jeff Gaus, S	seo@manatee-squadron.org
Secretary	Lt/C Pat Gray, P	sec@manatee-squadron.org
Treasurer	Lt/C Bob Gutierrez, P	tres@manatee-squadron.org
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Member Involvement	Chuck & Juliette Whelan	mi@manatee-squadron.org
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Safety & Vessel Inspection	Lt. Don Tress, P	safe@manatee-squadron.org
America's Boating Course	Lt. Marty Spencer, S	abc@manatee-squadron.org
Cruise & Rendezvous	Lt. Monique Gutierrez	cr@manatee-squadron.org
Fishing	Lt. Wilber Geiger	fish@manatee-squadron.org
Hurricane Team		hurricane@manatee-squadron.org
Public Relations	Lt. John D'Alusio	pr@manatee-squadron.org
Webmaster	Lt. Charlie Bigham, N	webmaster@manatee-squadron.org
Kayaking	Lt. Alice Brunner, P	kayak@manatee-squadron.org

Website of the Month: www.manatee-squadron.org

Our website has a lot of information about our functions, how to contact officers, links to local and nautical websites, links to National and District-22, information about classes, forms, pictures, movies, and a lot more. Take time to visit our website and see what's available.



2011-10 Legislative Report

P/D/C Herb Schneider, SN

2011 Florida State Boating Legislation

Effective October 1, 2011, Florida law will change to allow boat operators (with motors of 10 horsepower or more and who were born on or after January 1, 1988) to use a course completion certificate for an approved boating safety course as proof of having met the boating safety educational requirement. The certificate can be used as proof of complying with the requirements for up to 90 days from the date they successfully completed the course. In order to satisfy the requirements of the law, the certificate must have, at minimum, the student's first and last name, date of birth, and the date the course was successfully completed. *(The certificate is not a permanent replacement for the Boating Safety Education ID Card).*

As with the Boating Safety Education ID Card, the certificate, along with a photo ID, must be in the possession of the operator (who is required to meet the educational requirements) while operating the boat.

We need to be sure that all squadrons in Florida are aware of this change.

Boating Accident Notifications

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Division of Law Enforcement provided the following Boating Accident Notifications. This information may help raise the awareness of the need to wear PFDs:

- Brevard County, Sept. 11:

For unknown reasons, the operator of a 14 foot vessel became separated from his vessel in the vicinity of the mooring field near Titusville Marina. Occupants of nearby vessels heard the man calling for help but were unable to locate him before he slipped below water. His body was recovered a short time later. At the time of the accident, the victim was not wearing a life jacket even though there were two located in his vessel.

- Pinellas County, Sept. 12:

While traveling northbound in the ICW, the operator of a 13 foot Carolina Skiff and his passenger were ejected from the vessel after encountering a large wake from an unknown vessel. Neither of the men were wearing life jackets at the time of the incident. The two men were in the water less than 10 minutes before being picked up by a passing boater. During this time the passenger of the vessel struggled to stay afloat and became unconscious while in the water. The victim was transported to the local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

- Gadsden County, Sept. 16:

The victim launched his 8 foot vessel in a private pond to go fishing. When he did not return home, his girlfriend reported him missing. Search and rescue crews located the small boat, a paddle, fishing gear, and a hat on the pond but were unable to locate the victim. The body was recovered the next day.

- Pinellas County, Sept. 21:

FWC Investigators received information from the Hillsborough Medical Examiner's Office regarding a man that had died as a result of head injuries sustained during a boating accident that occurred on June 3rd. According to the Medical Examiner, the victim was tubing near the Courtney Campbell Causeway beach when he impacted the water with his head after falling off of the tube. At the time of the incident, the victim was alert and conscious, did not seek medical treatment, and never reported the incident. The victim was admitted to a local hospital on June 7th after complaining of headaches, vomiting, and nausea. The victim was treated for a closed head injury and subdural hematoma and remained in the hospital, in and out of consciousness, until he succumbed to his injuries on Aug. 27th. The medical examiner determined the cause of death to be blunt impact to the head which occurred when he fell from the tube.

2011 fatalities through 9/22/11 - 44. 2010 fatalities through 9/22/10 - 60

Federal Activity - Potential GPS Interference

House hearing on potential GPS interference: As reported by Holland and Knight the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure conducted a hearing on potential GPS interference. The hearing focused primarily on plans by the company LightSquared, to build a nationwide broadband internet infrastructure that uses radio frequency bandwidth right next to existing GPS bandwidth which will probably cause interference and affect GPS reliability. Preliminary government testing has validated concerns that the high-powered signal proposed by LightSquared may adversely impact the GPS signal. NBF has voiced its concern in a letter to the Chairman of the FCC urging them to withhold authorization for LightSquared operations until all valid concerns of the GPS user community have been resolved.

Meanwhile, the House Committee on Appropriations issued a press release stating that it approved the FY 2012 Financial Services Appropriations Bill, as amended. Among the amendments included in the bill is one that prohibits the FCC from removing conditions on or to permit certain commercial broadband operations until the FCC has resolved concerns of harmful interference by these operations on GPS devices.

The squadrons of Tampa Bay



*cordially invite the D22 District Bridge,
Squadrons and their guests to*

The 4th annual

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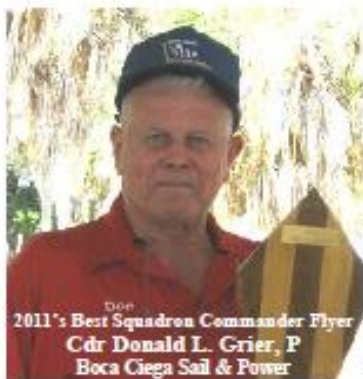
Sunday, 18 March 2012

Shelter 13, Fort DeSoto Park

www.pinellascounty.org/park/maps/color/amenities/FORTDESOTO.pdf

3500 Pinellas Bayway South, Tierra Verde, FL

For more information, visit http://tampaps.org/kite_flyin.htm



Don
2011's Best Squadron Commander Flyer
Cdr Donald L. Grier, P
Boca Ciega Sail & Power

- 0930 - Registration
Flyers & Kites
- 1030 - Kites Launch
- 1045 - Judging (until 1130)
- 1200 - PICNIC
- 1330 - Awards & 50/50

Camaraderie all day long!

FLYING* COMPETITION

Highest

Smallest

First Up

Best Squadron Commander Flyer

Most Spectacular Crash

* awards for kites FLOWN only!

Largest
Best Homemade
Prettiest

\$6 per person and a dish to share
guests under 12 are free

Hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments & beverages provided.

RSVP, Saturday, 10 March 2012, KITE FLY-IN & PICNIC

Contact: P/C Charlie Laye, AP
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Tampa, FL 33629-8171
charlie@laye.com
(c) 813.967.0516

Name(s)

Squadron

Number Attending

Cash payment is expected at the "door" and small bills are appreciated!

St. Patty's Day Weekend @ The Tampa Marriott

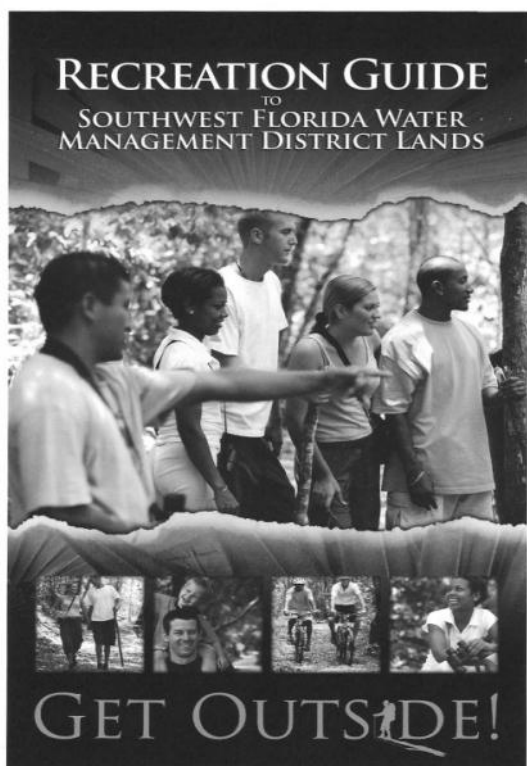
We have secured the Tampa Marriott Marina for the St. Patrick's Day Weekend, March 16-18, 2012. There are as of now 10 slips reserved for MSPS. There will be sign up sheet at the February 7th meeting. ALL potential attendees are encouraged to call Tony Sapp at Tampa Marriott Marina at (813) 314-1006 and provide their credit card information and secure their slip under the MSPS reserved allotment if they wish to ensure their inclusion. Additional slips may be available if the allotment is filled early enough.

Cancellations within 48 hours are acceptable. For the non-boaters wanting to attend the weekend or part just of it, hotel accommodations may be a problem. The Marriott had some room at \$269.00 a night but reported being booked up. Diana tried with an AAA membership and could have booked at \$208.00 a night.

The other currently available hotels in the area are as follows: (in order of proximity)

The Westin Tampa-Harbor Island \$175.00, (813) 229-5000.
Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk \$211.65, (813) 223-2222.
Marriott Courtyard Tampa \$189.00, (813) 229-1100

Non boaters wishing to participate are encouraged to call NOW and make your reservation. Most may be canceled on 24 hour notice but if not booked now there may not be any availability. Most of these locations may require a Taxi ride to the marina.



Recreation Guide available

Charlie Feldschau, JN

This issue has been expanded to 152 pages and includes descriptions and colorful maps of all the preserve areas.

The Guide is free and covers the district from Levy County to the north, and south to Charlotte, and from Gulf waters and east to Highlands County.

At-a-quick reference table (pages 150 and 151), the 54 recreational areas are listed. Clearly indicated are area opportunities for birding, dogs, hiking, bicycling, small boating, paddling, fishing, camping and restrooms. This quick lookup table is referenced to the district map on the following page 152.

For additional copies of this informative publication, call 352-796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476. The email address <Recreation@WaterMatters.org> can also be used.



The Safety Section

Lt. Don Tress, P

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safe@manatee-squadron.org

We are off to a strong start in 2012, we have a lot planned and a lot more in the works for this year. Go to the website and I am sure you will be able to find something that interests you. Volunteer, go to a C&R, join us for a boating activity, become a vessel safety inspector, or just socialize with friends and fellow boaters. In 2012 resolve to jump in and contribute to a fun and safe boating season.

Hope to see everyone at the COW in February, as it sounds like fun. Have some safe boating and see you soon.

The new safety Inspection stickers are here and distributed to all the boat inspectors. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. So let's see if we can get all of the boats in our Squadron a new safety inspection for this



Lt. Wilber Geiger, S

Took a stab at winter (if you can call this winter) fishing last week. This was also the first time I really have fished artificials in earnest. Mark Kalish is right, you can catch fish without live bait! We caught reds and flounder along docks in the ICW with Gulf shrimp on a jighead.

The Fishing Report

fish@manatee-squadron.org



Meet our new members

Lt/C Larry Beverage, P



Please meet Jay and Diane Sands shown above being sworn in at the January Membership meeting. Jay and Diane came to Florida in January of 2011 from Falmouth, Massachusetts on Cape Cod. They reside in the Inlets in Bradenton, but visit their home on Cape Cod every summer to reunite with family and friends. In addition to their home in the Inlets they recently acquired a 32' Chris Craft Cruiser (*Days Like This*) and are looking forward to boating on Florida waters.

Jay and Diane wasted no time getting involved. They have attended several meetings, C&R's, and took the ABC class. Diane will manage our Ship's Store this year while Jay will assist our Helm Station Editor. Welcome aboard Jay and Diane.

Where you there?

The 2009 Change of Watch held at the Bradenton Yacht Club. Pictured below/right - bridge officer accept their flags of office, Myles and Don are new to the bridge, Barb is starting her third year as Treasurer. Below/left - Past Commanders successfully past the flag to our incoming commander.



Sunshine News

Lt. Yvonne Beverage, P

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mike and Lori Cofrancesco as Mike's father passed away. Please keep them and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Lewis Dance from the Cape Coral Power Squadron as his wife, Patricia, passed away.

Ed Cornell is recovering from a stay in the hospital with pneumonia. Hope to see him out and about soon.

Cheryl Baker is recuperating from corrective foot surgery. Our good wishes are with her as she recovers.

Mariann Murphy-D'Alusio is recuperating from wrist surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Alice Varnadoe is home from the hospital after a bout with digestive problems. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to recover.

Please contact Yvonne Beverage if you know of someone that should receive a card. My phone number is 747-9832 and email LYB204@gmail.com.

Thanks!

SNACKS AND CLEAN-UP at our February 7th meeting will be provided by Judy Kreiling and Barb Calvin.

Thank you to Meredith & George Hammond and Linda & Bob Kelly for the yummy snacks at our January meeting.

Please check your calendar for your availability to help with snacks at our May 1st and June 5th meetings.



Our Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
FEB 7	1900	Business Meeting	Elks Lodge, Palmetto
FEB 11	TBD	Manatee Sail & Power Squadron C.O.W.	Pier 22, Bradenton
FEB 10-12	TBD	Boating Activity - All members invited	Twin Dolphin Marina
MAR 9	1000-1300	Just For Girls Fishing	Green Bridge
MAR 16-18	~	Boating Activity - All members invited	Tampa Marriott
MAR 30-APR 1	~	Seafood Fest	Downtown Bradenton
APR 13-15	~	D22 Spring Conference	Hyatt Sarasota
APR 20-22	~	Boating Activity - All members invited	Caladesi Island
MAY 11	1000-1300	Just For Girls Fishing	Green Bridge
SEP 4-7	~	USPS Governing Board Meeting	Jacksonville

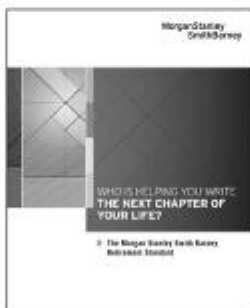
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Helmsman - 2011

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>Mike Stewart Larry Beverage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>Monique Gutierrez</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>Dona Bigham Carla Smith Jeff Gaus Bob Kreiling Bruiser</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>Juliette Whelan Marty Spencer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>Chuck Whelan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>King Barnard Nancy Warren</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>Nancy Sacarakis Charlie Bigham Gary Mink Barbara Boudrot Nelson Smith Jo Gaus Al Terry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>Alice Varnadoe Bruce Varnadoe Dianne Barnard Yvonne Beverage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>Dick Boudrot</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>Bob Gutierrez Judy Martorana Kathy Gee Charlie Feldschau Sue Terry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>Myles Gee John Warren</p> <p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>Bob Hintze Leann Hintze Bill Spencer Judy Kreiling</p>	<p>Helmsman: A Helmsman is “one who steers the ship”. The Helm Station is our monthly newsletter, and is one of the ways we communicate with our members and helps us steer our organization. It is also one of our largest expenses. To help us defray the cost of publishing this newsletter, we established the Helmsman Program.</p> <p>You can become a Helmsman for The Helm Station by contributing \$10 in honor of the month of your birthday. We will publish your name on The Helmsman Page and recognize your birthday during your birth month. Sign up in January to have your support listed throughout the year.</p> <p>If you paid to join the Helmsman Page (\$10/year) you are also eligible for a free classified ad in two consecutive issues. What a deal! Contact the editor to take advantage of this opportunity to clean out the old boat locker.</p>
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Yes! Sign me up.

I/We wish to join the 2010 Helmsman Program

Member Name

Birthday Month

Member Name

Birthday Month

Enclose a check made payable to MSPS in the amount of \$10 for one person, \$20 for 2

Mail your entry to the Treasurer.

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Our next Business Meeting

February 7th
1900

Palmetto Elks

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Palmetto, Florida 34220
941-722-6937

For directions please see our website:
www.manatee-squadron.org



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