Force 12

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2 St Pete members joined the 2021 District 22 Bridge

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Color copies of Force 12 can be found at:
http://boating-stpete.org/spsps/resources/

Schedule your 2021 inspection!

The decal indicates that your boat has the required safety equipment.

Feel free to contact any one of St Pete Squadron's dedicated inspectors directly:

Jeff Eckhart - jeffeckhart41@gmail.com
Jim Greenhalgh - tbskjim@gmail.com
Al Lima - bosbyshelllima@gmail.com
Bob Zewski - bobzewski@yahoo.com
or
Tom Krupa at tskru@outlook.com
or 727-422-1380

Contact Tom if interested in joining the 'team'!

Ship's Store

Show that you are a proud member of our Squadron by flying our burgee on your boat and wearing a squadron shirt.

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We also have Squadron license plates!

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Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Cases

April Meeting

The following award was presented:

P/Lt/C Jacque D'Louhy
Received her Life Member Award

Melissa Oelschig and Nancy Whiting
were pledged in as our newest members

The Italian Dinner was 'HUGE'

Most members were seen
taking home leftovers

Two dinners for the price of one!
and
The ice cream sundaes were yummy

Commander
Cdr Connie Beckman

You've heard of the theory of evolution! Only the *adaptable* -- not the strong -- survive in this world. America's Boating Club/St. Petersburg is no exception. The Executive Committee is trying to steer our organization in new directions by providing different programs but we need YOUR ideas and input. Our organization needs to be fueled by the membership in order to grow and change.

In simple terms, "***SPSPS needs you"!***

How can you help us?
You can:

a) Join us at our General Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. (The business meeting is short, the food is good, and the speaker informative).
b) Become a Vessel Safety Examiner. (Vessel Safety Checks are done on powerboats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, and paddle craft).
c) Take one of our courses or seminars
d) Help with our ABC course in August
or
E) Become a committee member.

Currently, we are looking for members to help with member involvement, help with the Force12 Newsletter, the phone committee, and boating activities. We promise never to ask you to take charge of an entire committee (unless you want to), and we will help you along the way.

Note from our Commander:

If you know who said "**I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious"**,
be the first to email me with the correct answer and I will buy you a drink at
our next General Meeting.

(EXCOM members not eligible)

Education Officer
Lt/C Robert Cox, Jr

As I pen this update, I have just returned from the District 22 Spring Conference and Change of Watch in Punta Gorda. It was great to see the turnout and care taken to provide participants a safe and educational conference. On the Education front, National has expanded their on-line course offerings and e-books. I would recommend everyone take the time to visit the National webpage and familiarize yourself with the offerings at https://www.usps.org/memb-home.

Summer is quickly approaching and I am sure you have noticed the increase of traffic both on the highway and on the water. The weather is getting warmer and summer thunderstorms, lighting and rain will become a regular occurrence. It goes without saying, but I will say it anyway, keep a weather eye out and don't get caught in or on the water in a storm. Also, hurricane season begins in June and will run to November, albeit NOAA is talking about extending the season. The good news is you normally have a week or more to get ready for the arrival of the storm. I suggest you go ahead now, think about your hurricane plan, and prepare for appropriate action when required. Do not wait to buy your supplies when the storm is heading our way, but stock up now on the extra line to secure your boat, water and food to survive without power. If you want to learn more about prepping your boat for the a hurricane, National provides an online seminar that you may find helpful at https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/hurricane-preparation.

As summer is soon to be upon us, we have an excellent **Basic Weather & Forecasting Seminar (Marine Weather) scheduled for Monday, May 3**. With our summer weather often changing, I highly recommend everyone consider attending this seminar.

Our next ABC Course will begin Monday, August 23 -

registration is done thru our website boating-stpete.org

Remember safe boating and education are the hallmark to having fun on the water; we are here to serve you and the local boating community.

Cheers,

Bob Cox, SPSPS SEO

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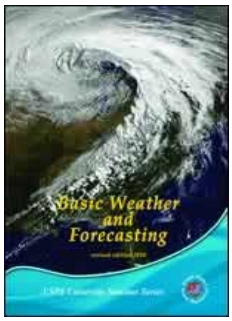
May Seminar

Basic Weather and Forecasting



Monday, May 3
7:00pm

St Pete Sailing Center

School will then be out until September

AMERICA'S BOATING CHANNEL™

An excellent resource for boating information is provided at Americas Boating Channel

https://americasboatingchannel.com/

Check out the Boating app at

Boating App from America's Boating Club

https://americasboatingclub.org/app

Safety Article

By P/D/C Bob Morris, AP

The following article was written by Nancy Maddy, editor of the Buoys from the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron. We liked it so much that she kindly agreed to let us share it with you. Stay safe.

EVEN EXPERIENCED BOATERS CAN RUN INTO TROUBLE!

The Suez Canal, one of the world's busiest and most important waterways, was gridlocked for six days after a giant container ship ran aground in the canal.

Even experienced boaters can run into difficulties and it helps to know what to do when trouble strikes. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced boater, America's Boating Club® has a course or seminar created just for you! Our goal is to help you build your powerboating skills to make your time on the water not only fun but also safe and rewarding.

A Walk on the Beach
Saturday, May 15

Come enjoy a one hour walk / beach cleanup starting at 9 am at the south end of Pass-A-Grille Beach. Gloves and bags are provided or bring your own.

To 'prepare', we meet at 8 am to enjoy the amazing menu at Skyway Jacks on 34th Street for an early breakfast.

Contact Stf/C Louis McBride for more info at louismcbride219@outlook.com.

The beach cleanups are hosted by Sea Scout Ship Ballyhoo 912 every other month

Executive Officer
Lt/C Fred Hauck

Hello squadron mates!

The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) season is in full bloom! Tom Krupa reported that we have conducted 51 VSCs so far this year! He expects another dozen or so during May's safe boating week! So, if you own a boat and still have not signed up for a VSC, let's do it soon! We are looking to expand our vessel examiner "fleet"; so, if you are up for the challenge, please give Tom a call to start the process to become a VSC examiner.

A repeat from last month — a new safety requirement concerns new engine cut-off switch guidance from the Coast Guard:

"Boats under 26 feet manufactured after 2018 with a 3 hp or larger motor are required to have the engine cut-off switch installed by the manufacturer and users are required to use it beginning April 1, 2021 when operating over displacement speed and without an enclosed cabin." The link to April's America's Boating Compass has more details on this requirement. Go to boatingcompass.org

Check out our "Suddenly in Command" ad in the Florida Mariner issue #930 (page 27)! The Florida Mariner eBook (themariner.com) We have been working on expanding America's Boating Club St Petersburg presence in the Tampa Bay boating community. The next issue (#931) will advertise our "Marine Weather" seminar! Check out our Facebook page (**America's Boating Club - St. Petersburg**) for seminars, classes, and other events that are posted!

Hope to see you at our Tiki Hut on May 29!

Remember, we have the entire Florida coastline as our water playground!

So, go out and have a great May 2021!

Treasurer
Lt/C Kathryn Considine

2021 Donations YTD - $452.74

These donations help with the printing and distribution of the Force 12 and our electronic communications.

If you are making a donation, please remember to designate the use you prefer!

Please support the businesses who have their information in our newsletter

We hope you use the goods and services of the businesses listed. When using the business, please thank them and let them know that you saw their card in the Force 12.

If you know of anyone who would like their card published, please have them contact our Treasurer

For those who desire to come by sea to the Memorial Day BBQ, the closest marina is the Westshore Yacht Club.
Westshore Yacht Club | Westshore Tampa Marina (westshoreyachtclubfl.com)

27° 52' 53.976" N 82° 31' 52.572" W
Contact Zach Riso, General Manager of the marina, at 813-831-7002/Cell 410-818-8120

Secretary
Lt/C Michele Kennedy

Help Still Wanted

Minutes from the March meeting were posted at the April General Meeting. There were no changes and the minutes approved.

For the *Force 12* to continue, we really need a volunteer to take over as Editor-in-Chief from P/D/Lt/C Sandy Krupa, P.

Sandy's last issue will be the June issue. That means, we need a replacement editor **now** so that he/she may work with Sandy when she puts the June issue together in May – the sooner the better, however.

If you have this talent or just want to volunteer your services to do this, please contact me at michele.kennedy@verizon.net and/or Sandy at tskru@outlook.com as soon as possible.

MEMORIAL DAY ~~BBQ~~

WHEN: **Saturday, May 29**
TIME: **2:00pm with dinner around 3:30pm**
WHERE: **Fred Hauck and Michele Kennedy's House**
5918 South 6th Street
Tampa, FL 33611

RSVP a must as there is a 20 member limit
813-402-2219

Sides and desserts appreciated if you would like to contribute!

Some St Pete Members at the District Conference

May Dinner Meeting

Tuesday May 11

Isla Del Sol Yacht & Country Club
6000 Sun Boulevard, St Petersburg

Social - 5:45
Dinner Served - 6:15

Mexican Dinner Menu:

Garden Salad with Margarita Dressing
Staff served warm Tortillas
with individual Salsa

Cilantro lime grilled chicken with
Avocado and corn relish
Refried Beans and Mexican Yellow Rice

Fried Churros Topped with Chocolate drizzle

$28.00 ($27.00 if paid with cash or check)

Email your reservation with choice of entree to
reservations@boating-stpete.org

Exciting news…

Our Speaker is Joe Whalen
of Tampa Bay Estuary Program

He will present :
an overview of their program and how they impact our boating community.
AND
an update on the Piney Point issue and its impact on our Tampa Bay waters.

Should be a very informative update on what's really happening in our local waters.

TBEP TAMPA BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM

Administrative Officer
Lt/C Gene Sicard

There is interesting growth happening with ABC St. Petersburg. We have seen our recent classes and seminars filled to capacity. How are we doing this…our new look and marketing strategy seems to be attracting the attention we desire, and I would like to thank all involved with their donation of time and expertise to make this happen!

Our Facebook presence is also growing weekly and along with our new print advertisements in the Florida Mariner, we hope this will spawn new membership that we need!

Coming in July…
our first Television ads will air on Bay News 9 .

The Bridge is also working to duplicate the success of ABC Sarasota's "Back on Board" program……Stay tuned!

Boating event News:

- Our Gulfport raft up on March 27th was a great time! 5 boats and one Wave Runner attended. Much fun was had by all.
- April 24th will be our next on-water event, "The Hospice Cup Regatta", sponsored by Fran and Al Lima.
- Our April 13th Italian night dinner was delicious, and was punctuated by the return of Fred's Ice Cream Bar…yum!
- Fran Lima was our guest speaker outlining our May 22nd Egmont Key on-water activity.

Best to all!

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, May 6

Portofino's Italian Restaurant

5035 34th Street S, St Petersburg
(Publix Shopping Center)

Join us for camaraderie

Please let P/C Marilyn Van Goey know that you plan to attend in order to allow the restaurant to make CDC arrangements

mvangoey@tampabay.rr.com
Or 727-501-5345

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

P/D/C Thomas Krupa

May

5 - Cinco deMayo 9 - Mother's Day
15 - Armed Forces Day

**We grew up with Bob Hope, Steve Jobs and Johnny Cash.
Now there's No Hope, No Jobs and No Cash.
Please don't let
anything happen to Kevin "Bacon".**

**Science test question " what is hard water?"
My answer = "Ice".**

**Applying for a job – "position desired?"
answer - "Near a window".**

No magnifying glass? Click on your camera app then pinch and zoom.

Think like a "Proton" --- always positive.

**My goal in 2020 was to lose 10 pounds –
only have 14 more to go.**

Thief broke into a home last night searching for money - owner got up and searched with him.

If you ever get an e-mail about pork-ham-salt and preservatives --- don't open it. It's Spam.

**Don't follow the masses – sometimes
the "m" is silent.**

**What goes up and down but never moves?
The "stairs".**

When an artist has trouble finding inspiration – he draws a blank.

Spring is the most beautiful time in Florida – license plates change back to Florida colors.

And – lead me not into temptation – oh who am I kidding, follow me, I know a short cut.

Chaplain's Corner

P/D/C Thomas Krupa

***You came into this life of mine and brought much.
A friendly, bright hello,
an endearing smile, that special hug
and a shared joy I never knew.
You helped me live each day without a thought of fear.
I'm glad you came into my life;
a friendship is now ours.
As we traveled through the seas of life,
through sunshine and showers -
ready to take on whatever life might send our way.
It matters because you are my friend –
and - I'm thankful for the day
you came into my life.***

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Calendar of Events

May	Time	Event	Location	Contact
May 3	7:00pm	Basic Weather Seminar	St Pete Sailing Center	Lt/C Bob Cox
May 5	6:30pm	EXCOM Meeting	St Pete Yacht Club	Cdr Connie Beckman
May 6	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, 34th Street	P/C Marilyn Van Goey
May 9		Happy Mother's Day		
May 11	5:45pm	Monthly Dinner / Meeting	Isla Del Sol Yacht Club	Lt/C Gene Sicard
May 15	9:00am	Beach Clean-up	Pass-A-Grille Beach	Stf/C Louis McBride
May 21		***Wear your Life Jacket to Work Day to begin Safe Boating Week***		
May 22		Day Trip to Egmont Key		Lt Fran Lima
May 22 — 28		**Safe Boating Week**		
May 29	2:00pm	Memorial Day BBQ	Home of Lt/C Fred Hauck & Lt/C Michele Kennedy	

June	Time	Event	Location	Contact
June 2	6:30pm	EXCOM Meeting	St Pete Yacht Club	Cdr Connie Beckman
June 3	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, 34th Street	P/C Marilyn Van Goey
June 6		Paddleboard/Kayak	Weedon Island	Els Wiemken
June 8	5:45pm	Monthly Dinner/Meeting	Isla Del Sol Yacht Club	Lt/C Gene Sicard
June 11—13		Clearwater Yacht Club Boating Event		TBD
June 20				

May Birthday Greetings to:

1st – Georgia Binns 5th – Robert Russell 9th Jacque D'Louhy

14th – Bob Morris 15th – Casey Considine

21st – Gail Poffenberger 22nd – Mark Riordan and Nancy Whiting

26th – Bill Shivers 27th – Jeanette Erb 29th – Bob Springer

You are invited to join a special group event for members of

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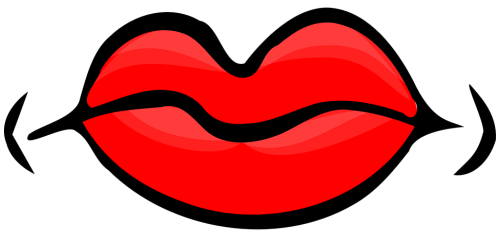

Save the Date
District C & R—November 5 — 7, 2021
Captiva's South Seas Plantation

Theme: Keep it Safe, Sailor

Watch for Details

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