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Safe, Fun, Boating Starts Here!

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Summer Boating Events

All have great pool areas!

June 11 - 13

Clearwater Yacht Club Marina Stay

(Looking for a co-host)

CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

BRADENTON YACHT CLUB

July 16 - 18

Bradenton Yacht Club Marina Stay

August 20 - 21

Twin Dolphin Marina Stay

Twin Dolphin Marina

See page 7 for details

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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:

Jim Greenhalgh - tbskjim@gmail.com
Al Lima - bosbyshelllima@gmail.com
Bob Zewski - bobzewski@yahoo.com
or

Our new chair:

Jeff Eckhart at jeffeckhart41@gmail.com or 727-295-5920

Contact Jeff 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.

You can bring your own shirt to have the logo embroidered.

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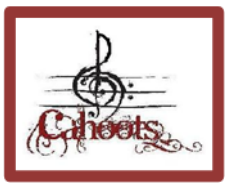
Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Cases

2021 Fall Conference

Friday, October 8, 2021:

am - Squadron Officer Meeting
pm - District Council Meeting

Enjoy a fun evening with Dinner followed by Cahoots playing a blend of classic rock, blues, and tunes from the 60s and 70s!

Saturday, October 9, 2021:

Roundtables - Luncheon - District Conference Meeting

???? Chinese Raffle ???? Chair needed!!!

contact
Myles Gee or Sandy Krupa for info

Hotel Rates:

Four Points Sheraton –$109.00 - 941-637-6770

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Springhill Suites - $99.00 – 941-347-4224

Watch your email for details as they are set

Commander
Cdr Connie Beckman

Those of you who missed the May general meeting missed an exciting speaker from the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, an outstanding Mexican dinner and the fun of greeting old and new friends.

Let me first talk about the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP). Despite its urban setting, Tampa Bay hosts a wide variety of habitats –– from freshwater springs and subtropical hardwood forests to beaches and extensive seagrass beds. Tampa Bay is home to more than 200 species of fish and some of the most diverse colonial waterbird nesting populations in North America. It's hard to believe we get to enjoy all this on our boats.

Protecting and restoring Tampa Bay is a team effort guided by many organizations, including the TBEP. There are Bay Mini-Grants given to community groups in the Tampa Area. If you can think of something that our Squadron could help improve in the bay area, bring it to the Executive Committee, and we'll try for a grant of up to $5,000 to do it.

Our June meeting will be our last meeting until September. We will be celebrating our founding date of June 15, 1939, giving out awards, enjoying the music of Farley Compton and more surprises. ***Please join us to celebrate our 82nd birthday!.***

We want to thank Fran Lima for stepping up to be our new Chaplain and Jeff Eckhart for being our new Vessel Safety Chair. Sandy and Tom Krupa did resign from their positions, not because they no longer want to help us, but sadly (for us) they are moving to Cleveland. Needless to say, they will remain in our hearts and their talents will be missed.

Note from Editor:

Tom & I want to thank everyone for their friendship and support the last 27 years
We've had many good times and will cherish our memories.
We will miss you, Sandy & Tom

Education Officer
Lt/C Robert Cox, Jr

Summer is here, even if the calendar says it is Spring. I know many of you have been on the water enjoying the warm weather and for the sail boaters the winds have given us some great sailing weather, albeit a bit choppy for fishing. Also, as many colleges have let out, there seems to be more traffic at the beaches with both the roads and airports showing several folks escaping the north and mid-west for our exceptional climate and excellent water activities. As the weather is getting warmer, remember that summer thunderstorm, lighting and rain will become a regular occurrence. Always keep a weather eye out and don't get caught on the water in a storm. We are only a few weeks away from the official start of hurricane season, so stay plugged into the local weather stations and NOAA for updates and tracking through the season. Remember, you normally have a week or more to get ready for the arrival of the storm. Just go ahead now, think about your hurricane plan, and prepare to 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 the 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; go to https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/hurricane-preparation

During the past two months, our education program has scored some real success with our ABC2 class graduating 19 students with several scoring 100% on the test. We also gained 14 new members from the class, giving us a 82% conversion rate from the class (highest in recent years). Big shout out to Jeff Eckhart and his instructors for doing another excellent job. Not to be outdone, we had great turnouts at our final two seminars for the Spring season with Suddenly In Command taught by **Al Lima** and Basic Weather & Forecasting Seminar, taught by **Bruce Rodgers** with 21 students in attendance***. Well done to both.***

As summer is soon to be upon us, we will take a break until August, so everyone enjoy your summer of boating and travel, but let's get the work out about the Fall schedule listed below:

ABC Courses : start August 23 and October 18
On Board Emergencies Seminar: September 21
Advanced Piloting (AP): start September 2
Weather: start September 15
Boat Handling (S): start November 3
Celestial Navigation (N): start November 3

We are looking at adding several seminars and a Marine Navigation Course to the Fall schedule. Drop me a email if you have any preferences about seminars or courses you would like to see at robert.emmett@yahoo.com.

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.

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 Robert Morris, AP

This is the time of year that the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) and NOAA's National Weather Service partner up with many boating organizations to promote fun and safe boating.

National Safe Boating Week this year started on May 22 and ran thru May 28. Many activities took place during this time — free vessel safety checks were offered at various marinas and launch ramps thru out the country by the USCG Auxiliary and the US Power Squadrons (Americas Boating Club). **If you missed getting your vessel inspected, you can schedule a free vessel safety check by contacting one of our examiners listed on page 2 of this newsletter.**

To start things off, May 21 was "*Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day",* a fun way to remind boaters the importance of wearing a life jacket while on the water.

NOAA urges boaters to consider the impact the weather on boating. After an initial announcement on VHF channel 16, the U.S. Coast Guard broadcasts coastal forecasts and storm warnings on VHF channel 22A to help keep us informed of local conditions.

Until next time, have a safe and fun boating season.

A Walk on the Beach Saturday, July 17

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

To 'prepare', we meet at 8am to enjoy the amazing menu of 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

Here we are into June!

We are still moving along with Vessel Safety Checks (VSC). May 22 started safe boating week and we will have approximately 75 or so completed! So, if you own a boat and still have not signed up for a VSC, do it soon! We are still looking to expand our vessel examiner "fleet"; so, if you are up for the challenge, please give Jeff Eckhart a call to start the process to become a VSC examiner.

I also want to put in a plug for safe boating. Recently, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (Division of Law Enforcement) released their 2020 Boating Accident Statistical Report (myfwc.com/law-enforcement/). In the highlights of this report, Florida is at the top of the 10 states with the highest number of boating accidents: 679. (California follows with 324). Florida has the largest number of Registered Vessels: 935,742, followed by California with 813,953. In addition, Florida had an approximately 14% increase in Reportable Boating Accidents from 2019 to 2020! According to the report, boating education is critical in reducing the number of accidents, and that safe boating is a choice!

The Sea Scouts conducted another beach cleanup at Pass-a-Grille Beach on May 15. This is another worthwhile event that helps our community; please volunteer if you can for the next clean up!

Check out our Facebook page (**America's Boating Club - St. Petersburg**) for seminars, classes, and other events that are posted! We have been working on expanding the America's Boating Club St Petersburg presence in the Tampa Bay boating community.

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

So, go out and have a great Summer!

Treasurer
Lt/C Kathryn Considine

2021 Donations YTD - $487.74

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

The donations are composed of:
* memorials for deceased members
* by members to offset expenses
* our 50/50 at General Meetings
* general donations made to the squadron
* End-of-Year Giving Program

Thank You!

If you are making a donation, please remember to designate the use you prefer — education fund or operating fund.

Secretary
Lt/C Michele Kennedy

A BIG THANK YOU

I would like to send a huge THANK YOU to Sandy Krupa for the tremendous job she has done as editor-in-chief of the Force 12. Her dedication to the SPSPS to ensure the publication was prepared and submitted to members has been exceptional. While we have not received a volunteer to be Sandy's "relief", as no one can "replace" her, we do still have faith that someone will come forward to volunteer their time and skills to ensure we have future issues. Thank you again, Sandy, for all your hard work and dedication.

Also, thanks to Dawn Eckhart for agreeing to take minutes at the May General Meeting.
I do so appreciate it.

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

Lunch Bunch

1st Thursday of each month

June 3, July 1, August 5

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

Host /co-Host Needed for this (and other) Boating Events

June 11 - 13

Come for the weekend by boat or for dinner by iron dinghy

It really is easy - here's what you do as Host:

YOU get to plan the event - date, time, place, activities.

Write up a small 'schedule' to publicize event.
Work with marina or location regarding reservations / dockage.
Write up a small 'schedule' to publicize it. Keep a list of participants.

Contact Gene Sicard at adminofficer@boating-stpete.org to discuss

BRADENTON YACHT CLUB

July 16 - 18

Come enjoy a relaxing weekend

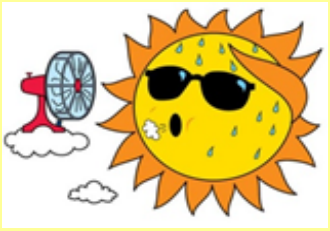
We have space reserved along the wall for 6 boats.
Plan to arrive Friday, gather for dockside cocktails with pot luck dinner (or go into the Club).
Enjoy relaxing pool time on Saturday, followed by Dinner in the Club.

Bradenton Yacht Club is an easy drive for members to iron dinghy down to join us on Saturday.

Reservations a must! Sign up at the June Meeting or contact
Bob Cox at 813-566-2576 or robert.emmett@yahoo.com

Did you know August 20th is National Summer Cool-off Day?

I didn't – if you join SPSPS for the August Boating Activity
you will be sure to beat the summer heat!



Where: **Twin Dolphin Marina** When: **August 20-22**

Twin Dolphin is located in downtown Bradenton on the Manatee River
GPS coordinates 27° 29' 57.2244" N and 82° 34' 19.0956" W.

Dockage: $3.00/ft plus tax & electric.

We will have a Meet & Greet Friday evening; fun activity Saturday afternoon;
covered dish event on Saturday. *Boaters and Iron Dinghy attendees welcome!*

Reservations are a must! Sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting. Or you can contact
Sue Tokarz – SITokarz@aol.com; (727) 535-7870 or (727) 244-7933

June Dinner Meeting

Founder's Day

Tuesday June 8

Isla Del Sol Yacht & Country Club
6ooo Sun Boulevard, St Petersburg

Social - 5:45
Dinner Served - 6:15

Pig Roast

Whole Roasted
Suckling Pig with sauces
Island Style Cole Slaw
Oahu Style Potato Salad
Corn on the Cob
Baked Beans

Pineapple upside down cake

$28.00 or $27.00 if paid with cash or check

Email your reservation to:

reservations@boating-stpete.org

Reservation deadline is
Thursday, June 3

Administrative Officer
Lt/C Gene Sicard

Our May Meeting was a complete success, we had a great turnout! Aside from our delicious Mexican themed menu, our guest speaker Joe Whalen from the **Tampa Bay Estuary Program** presented information about the TBEP program and evidence to date of the Piney Point Discharge. A very interesting evening-we must have to have him back for future updates!

June 8th meeting, will feature our **Founder's Day Pig Roast**.! ..Yum!

We are planning to honor and roast the Krupa's, everyone's favorite couple! Also, we have secured the talents of the guitarist/entertainer Farley Compton who performed two years ago. Remember to make your reservation by Thursday June 3rd.

Boating & Social Activities:
The June 6 paddleboard event has been cancelled, Els Wiemken, who was hosting, injured her shoulder, we wish her a speedy recovery!
The next activity will be June 11-13 will be at Clearwater Yacht Club. Please indicate your intentions and email genesicard@gmail.com.

Our advertising in the Florida Mariner and Facebook posts have really helped to get the word out We had a good turnout for the May meeting and had a full house for our **Marine Weather Seminar. Spectrum News 9 TV** ads will start in July and run thru October. Stay tuned!

We will be taking a break in July and August, next meeting will be on Tuesday September 7.

Welcome to **Kevin Houck,**
who was pledged in as a member at the
May Meeting.

Kevin scored 100% on his
Boating Course final!

He became the first member to receive our "New Member Kit".

Recognize Kevin's Name?
He is Cory-Jeanne Houck Cox's brother,
Bob Cox's brother-in-law
And
Don Houck's son!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

P/D/C Thomas Krupa

June 14th Flag Day

June 15, 1939 Founder's Day

June 20th Father's Day

How do I respond to other writers who accuse me of plagiarism? Their words, not mine.

Babies are such a nice way to start people.

4,153,237 marriages last year; not to cause trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

"Psychic wins lottery!" A headline you'll never see.

We are prisoners of our phones.
That's why they're called "Cell Phones".

Despite the rising cost of living, it remains popular.

Why did Kamikaze Pilots wear helmets?

Next time you wave, use all your fingers.

So – you're telling me a shrimp fried this rice, a flea runs this market and this garage is on sale?

You know there are a number of things I can never know, places I can never go, people I can never be; that's ok because I know friends like you. . .

Chaplain's Corner

P/D/C Thomas Krupa

Born into this world – rays of hope
appear because you are aware
that a special friend is near.
Your plea for help is the guidance
your friend can offer.
You can see clearly because of the
beam in the lighthouse shining from
your friend's heart.
When you try a new project and falter,
you know where to look for
encouragement to see you through.
Be thankful for your friend as you walk
side by side – hand in hand.
Looking up above to my special friend,
"My Dad" – I say thank you. . .

"Happy Father's Day to all who are/ were there to guide and protect"

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Calendar of Events

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 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				

SUMMER	Time	Event	Location	Contact

No meetings or classes scheduled til September
See various areas in this this issue for upcoming events
and watch for details via email

June, July and August Birthday Greetings

June:

1 - Clara Poffenberger
2 - Trina Espinola
12 - George Pownall
18 - Gene Hammond
19 - JoAnn Chamberlain
23 - Karen Lieberman
26 - Shelia Moore
27 - Paul Jaynes
27 - Zhenyu Shou
29 - Kevin Anello

July:

1 - Glenn Dobos
3 - Linda Albrecht
7 - Jossette Malti
7 - Kit Dabney
9 - Anna Pesce
15 - Isabel Hanna
25 - Laura Albee
25 - Scott Albee
29 - Bryce Rodgers
31 - Marty O'Bryan

August:

1 - Barchan Rodgers
1 - Sandy Thursby
3 - Cory Jeanne Cox
4 - Patti Joseph
6 - Jan Keller
7 - Ken Beckman
7 - Bill Hooper
9 - William Siviter
11 - Don Houck
12 - Andrew Ingle
12 - Louis McBride
14 - Lisa Piazza
15 - BL Dabney
15 - Seth Hurd
15 - Carol Segundo
18 - Mason Bell
18 - Bob Cox
19 - Dawn Eckhart
22 - Els Wiemken
24 - Charlie Ellins
27 - Ron Hersch
28 - Linda Jane Parson

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

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

FEB 2022 EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

7 days: February 27 – March 6, 2022

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(727) 403-0406 to join our group on this new, exciting cruise!

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Captiva's South Seas Plantation

Theme: KISS — Keep it Safe, Sailor

Watch for Details

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