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FALL DISTRICT 22 CRUISE AND RENDEZVOUS
(see page 9 for additional information)

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB/ST PETERSBURG RETAINS THE GOOD NEIGHBOR TROPHY!

Due in part to the money that our members donated, Meals on Wheels will be able to continue serving over 600,000 each year to folks over 60 in Pinellas County.

Executive Director David Lomaka sends out a big *Thank You* to our Squadron!

The crew and donors all went above and beyond to make our Squadron shine.

The light wind made for a smooth and delightful day out on the race course for all aboard S/V Jade. The entire crew went the extra mile with glasses of rum, a few beers, great food, and wonderful camaraderie!

Again, on behalf of the Meals on Wheels, Thank You!

October Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, October 12th

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

Social - 5:45pm
Dinner Served - 6:15pm

Presentation by SEA SCOUTS

SEAL Leadership Program

Main Course: Herbed Chicken
Dessert: Key Lime Pie

$28.00 or $27.00 if paid with cash or check

Email your reservation to:
reservations@boating-stpete.org

DEADLINE:
Thursday, October 7th

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 - jeffeckhart41@gmail.com or 727-295-5920

Please 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.

We also have Squadron license plates or how about a Squadron bag/satchel?

Contact Douglas Townes at det949@mindspring.com to place your order or see him at our General Meetings. ***(see article, page 8)***

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

Beach Clean-up
Saturday, November 20th

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 S for an early breakfast.

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

Fall Schedule of Classes

	Start	Day	# of Weeks	Cost with Book Members/ Non-members	Sharing Book Members/ Non-members
ABC COURSE					
ABC4	Oct 18	Mon	7	$ 45.00	$ 20.00
ADVANCED COURSES					
Boat Handling (S)	Nov 3	Wed	5	$ 60.00 / $ 95.00	$ 20.00 / $ 40.00
Celestial Navigation (N)	Nov 4	Thu	14	$170.00 / $210.00	$ 30.00 / $ 50.00

October Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact
Oct 6	6:30pm	EXCOM Meeting	St. Petersburg Yacht Club	Cdr Connie Beckman
Oct 11	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, 34th Street	P/C Marilyn Van Goey
Oct 11		Columbus Day		
Oct 12	5:45pm	Monthly Dinner/ Meeting	Isla Del Sol Yacht Club	Lt/C Gene Sicard
Oct 15-17		Boating Event	Clearwater Yacht Club	Peter Losi
Oct 18	7:00pm	ABC4 Course	St. Petersburg Sail Center	Lt/C Bob Cox
Oct 31		HALLOWEEN		

Boating Events

October 15 - 17 Clearwater Yacht Club *(see page 9)*

November 20th - Fall Kick-off Cruise *(see page 4)*

November Calendar of Events

	Time	Event	Location	Contact
Nov 4	6:30pm	EXCOM Meeting	St. Petersburg Yacht Club	Cdr Connie Beckman
Nov 5	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Portofino's, 34th Street	P/C Marilyn Van Goey
Nov 10	5:45pm	Monthly Dinner/ Meeting	Isla Del Sol Yacht Club	Lt/C Gene Sicard
Nov 11		Veterans Day		
Nov 15	9:00am	Beach Clean-up	Pass-A-Grille Beach	Stf/C Louis McBride
Nov 20	5:00pm	Fall Kickoff Cruise	Emerson Point Preserve Pavilion #1	P/C Al Lima, AP
Nov 25		Thanksgiving		

October Birthday Greetings

7 - John Tokarz
8 - Gerrianne Russell
12 - Donald Grier
13 - Nancy Shivers
15 - James Scott
16 - Julie Scott
22 - Evie Eibach
22 - George Fiber
24 - Carol Jurca
25 - Norma Morris
27 - Dennis Reynard
27 - Stefanie Stevenson
31 - Casey Dobiesz

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, November 4th

Portofino's Italian Restaurant

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

Join us for the 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

Executive Officer
Lt/C Fred Hauck

HELLO SQUADRON MATES!

Here we are into October 2021!

Yep, we had to cancel last month's meeting/dinner. We had a quorum, but we were short of the minimum number of meals required of breaking even (30) by Isla Del Sol. I believe many of our members are seriously concerned with the increase of the COVID-19 infection rates, especially with the Delta variant, and rightfully so. Our own Commander, Connie Beckman, fell ill with the Delta Variant. I am happy to report that she is on the way to recovery.

We will still plan to hold our October Dinner/Meeting on Tuesday, October 12th. Isla Del Sol will continue to implement their COVID protocol. We hope that this will help alleviate, or at least minimize, your fears. In addition, the Sea Scouts will provide a presentation on their **Sea Scout E**xperience **A**dvanced **L**eadership **Training** (**SEAL**). So, please make plans to join us.

Check out our Facebook page (**America's Boating Club - St. Petersburg**) for seminars, classes, and other events that are posted. If you live in south Pinellas County and have Spectrum Cable, check out our ads on Spectrum Channel 9. We have also been advertising the squadron, upcoming courses, and seminars in the *Florida Mariner* and the *Gulfport Gabber*. We have been working on expanding the America's Boating Club St. Petersburg presence in the Tampa Bay boating community.

Remember, living in Florida we have the entire coastline as our water playground year-round. So, go out and have a great October 2021!

Treasurer
Lt/C Kathryn Considine

2021 Donations through August - $649.43

These donations were: 1) to help with the printing and distribution of the Force 12 and other electronic communications, 2) memorials for our members who have passed, 3) made by a member to offset expenses, 4) from our 50/50 at our General Meetings, 5) from general donations made to the squadron, or 6) from our 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

As the year draws closer to the holidays and we all become busier with gatherings of family and friends, I appeal to you again to volunteer your time to serve either as Secretary for the upcoming year or as Editor of the *Force 12* - both of which I am stepping down from performing once we have the Change of Watch 2022.

I am sure the Bridge would appreciate any and all volunteers to take over these responsibilities. It certainly has been an interesting couple of years. For those interested in volunteering, please contact Al Lima at bosbyshelllima@msn.com or 813-230-5751.

Education Officer
Lt/C Robert Cox, Jr

As I sit here and pen this Squadron Educational update, Fall is in full swing, which for Tampa Bay means the weather is a bit cooler. The days are sunny with afternoon (or early morning) rain showers; not to mention we still have a month or more of hurricane season. But the good news - boating weather continues to be good, and the sailing winds are here again, not to mention the excellent fishing that continues in our local waters. The new challenge is watching weekend football games and still getting on the water with the kids.

Our Fall classes are underway with ABC 3 class filled with 17 students, Advance Navigation Class, 5 students, and Weather Class with 13 students. The chart below highlights the remaining classes for the Fall.

	Start	Day	# Weeks	Cost with Book (Members/Non-)	Sharing Book (Members/Non-)
ABC Course					
ABC4	18-Oct	MON	7	$ 45.00	$ 20.00
Advanced Courses					
BOAT HANDLING (S)	3-Nov	WED	5	$ 60.00 / $ 95.00	$ 20.00 / $ 40.00
CELESTIAL NAVIGATION (N)	4-Nov	THU	14	$170.00 / $210.00	$ 30.00 / $ 50.00

The Draft 2022 Training Calendar, which is on the next page, will be published shortly on the Squadron Website as we are excited about getting back to a full training schedule next year. I continue to look for any input as to what you would like to see listed on the training schedule that I may have missed; so if you have any preferences about seminars or courses you would like to see, send me an email at bob_cox_spsps@yahoo.com.

Fran Lima teaching the ABC3 Course

As a reminder, an excellent resource for boating information is provided at Americas Boating Channel https://americasboatingchannel.com/. Also, the ABC app for your phone is an excellent resource and free for all to use. USPS created this phone app with links to several resources and boating educational and safety resources now placed conveniently at your fingertips for ready reference and ensured to enhance your safe boating experience. Check it out at Boating App from America's Boating Club https://americasboatingclub.org/app

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.

Safety Article
by
P/D/C Bob Morris, AP

Starting the beginning of this year, NOAA raster nautical charts are being “Sunsetted” and the process will be completed in 2025.

“There is a growing need for ever more detailed nautical charts. This is driven by several factors, including larger ships now entering ports and transiting channels with the tightest of under keel clearances – requiring more precise depth information, the greater adoption of (in some cases, the requirement for) use of digital charts, electronic navigational systems, and GPS – requiring greater positional accuracy. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the

Safety (continued)

Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) require nearly all commercial ships on international voyages to use ENCs for navigation. The U.S. Coast Guard has allowed commercial ships on domestic voyages within U.S. waters to use ENCs in lieu of paper nautical charts since 2016. At the same time, the use of traditional paper nautical charts is decreasing. Sales of NOAA print on demand paper nautical charts have dropped more than 50% since 2010.

Guided by these trends, NOAA initiated a program to sunset its traditional paper nautical charts and the corresponding raster chart products and services. This enables focusing resources on improving the coverage and content of the digital chart format that is used throughout the world for navigation, the electronic navigational chart (ENC). Since 2010, subscriptions for individual NOAA ENC charts provided by Regional ENC Coordinating Centers (RENCs) have quadrupled. (The RENC concept was developed by the IHO to ensure that ENC data complies with international standards and to coordinate the distribution of ENCs from producing nations to data users.)

ENC data is produced by scores of other countries and used by mariners around the world. In addition to the Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) equipment that the IMO requires large vessels to use to display ENC data, ENCs can now be used in many electronic chart display, chart plotter, mobile app, and GPS systems used by other professional and recreational mariners. These are clear indications that ENCs are already an important part of marine navigation and that they are the foundation upon which future marine navigation systems and other marine related data are being built."

You can keep up to date by going to https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov and selecting "Future of NOAA Charts."

That's it for now; safe sailing and Have Fun on the water.

DRAFT 2022 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

	Start	Day	# Weeks	Cost with Book (Members/Non-)	Sharing Book (Members/Non-)
ABC Course					
ABC1	24-Jan	MON	7	$ 45.00	$ 20.00
ABC2	21-Mar	MON	7	$ 45.00	$ 20.00
ABC3	29-Aug	MON	7	$ 45.00	$ 20.00
ABC4	24-Oct	MON	7	$ 45.00	$ 20.00
Seminars					
HOW TO USE A CHART	25-Jan	TUE	1	$ 30.00 / $ 40.00	$ 15.00 / $ 20.00
USING GPS	22-Feb	TUE	1	$ 30.00 / $ 40.00	$ 15.00 / $ 20.00
USING VHF/DCS MARINE RADIO	22-Mar	TUE	1	$ 30.00 / $ 40.00	$ 15.00 / $ 20.00
SUDDENLY IN COMMAND	19-Apr	TUE	1	$ 30.00 / $ 40.00	$ 15.00 / $ 20.00
HURRICANE AND BOATS	26-Apr	TUE	1	$ 30.00 / $ 40.00	$ 15.00 / $ 20.00
BASIC WX & FORECASTING	17-May	TUE	1	$ 30.00 / $ 40.00	$ 15.00 / $ 20.00
ON BOARD EMERGENCIES	20-Sep	TUE	1	$ 30.00 / $ 40.00	$ 15.00 / $ 20.00
Advanced Courses					
MARINE NAVIGATION (P)	27-Jan	THU	10	$ 75.00 / $110.00	$ 20.00 / $ 40.00
CRUISE PLANNING	16-Feb	WED	9	$ 60.00 / $100.00	$ 20.00 / $ 40.00
BOAT HANDLING (S)	31-Mar	WED	5	$ 60.00 / $100.00	$ 20.00 / $ 40.00
OFFSHORE NAVIGATION (JN)	17-Mar	THU	13	$ 95.00 / $150.00	$ 25.00 / $ 45.00
ADVANCED PILOTING (AP)	8-Sep	THU	10	$ 60.00 / $100.00	$ 20.00 / $ 40.00
WEATHER	21-Sep	WED	8	$ 60.00 / $100.00	$ 20.00 / $ 40.00
CELESTIAL NAVIGATION (N)	3-Nov	THU	14	$170.00 / $210.00	$ 30.00 / $ 50.00

Associate Member
P/C Douglas Townes, SN

Squadron Store

So, what is "new" in the Squadron's store for the fall? While you were having a great summer, the Squadron Store decided to add a selection of bags to the store inventory. Two of the bags are high quality bags by Land's End and a third bag is a "briefcase" type bag.

The messenger bag is a great bag to store and carry all your important Power Squadron training materials or other organizational needs. This bag is made with a sturdy 600-denier polyester fabric that's built for the long haul. This bag features an organizer under flap for four pens and six identification (ID) or business cards, plus a zippered pocket and an open pocket. The roomy main compartment has two flat pockets in front and a media pocket on the inside with a convenient headphone port opening for your ear buds. You'll find another zippered pocket on the flap, an ID window on the back, a cell-phone pocket on one side, and a mesh water bottle pocket on the other. A riveted webbing handle and an adjustable, removable padded shoulder strap make it easy to carry. There's a key clip and snap buckles for the flap, too. Size: 13" x 16" x 4".

The next two bags are Land's End bags. Many of you are already familiar with the quality of a Land's End bag. The long traditional white canvas bag is what Land's End has famously referred to as the "Boat and Tote" bag. Some of you said the white shows smudges too easily, so I ordered the same bag in a dark blue. From the heavyweight canvas to the reinforced handles to the double-stitched seams, nothing compares in quality to the Land's End Boat and Tote. These are still crafted in Maine, one tote at a time. Several of you said you wanted a bag that your "stuff" does not fall out of so these were ordered with the "zip top" feature. These are roomy "large" size bags at approximately 2,124 cubic inch capacity. They measure 15"H x 17"W x 7"D and come with 8" handles.

All these new bags come embroidered with the St. Pete Power Squadron logo.

The cost of these bags is $30 for the messenger and $60 for the Boat and Totes. They will be available for purchase starting with the October General Meeting.

Show your pride and support for the St. Pete Power Squadron and purchase one (or two) of these bags.

2021 Fall Conference

Friday, October 8, 2021:

0900-1200	Registration Desk Open Squadron Bridge Officer Meeting
1200-1300	Lunch on your own
1330-1400	Registration Desk
1400-1600	District Council Meeting
1715	Social
1800	Dinner
1830-2030	Live Music by Manatee Squadron Members – *Cahoots* ♫

Saturday, October 9, 2021:

0800-0900	Coffee and Pastry
0900-1145	Seminars/Roundtables
0900-1200	Registration Desk Open
	Lunch Speaker – Liz Schmidt, US National Water Safety Plan
1300-1330	Registration Desk Open
1330-1600	District Conference

Hotel Rates:

Hotel rates are good for 1 day prior and after the conference

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

Springhill Suites - $ 99.00 - 941-347-4224

Watch your email for additional information

Dress: squadron shirt with slacks, shorts, or skirt

District 22 Cruise and Rendezvous

Although this event was canceled, since there were boaters who kept their reservations, the decision was made to keep the Sunshine Seafood Party on Saturday, November 6th.

October Boating Event

CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

Where: ***Clearwater Yacht Club***

When: ***October 15-17 Weekend***

Come by sea or land; there is space for 6 boats

Friday:
3:00 - Arrive by boat
5:30 - Happy Hour at the Tiki Bar and Food

Saturday:
12:00 - Pool Time / Games
5:30 - Dinner at the Club
8:00 - Ghost Stories/Drinks/ Dessert on the Boats

Sunday:
9:00 - Brunch / Depart for Home

RSVP:
Peter Losi, Loseas13@gmail.com, 631-804-3457

Yacht Club Members and Non-Members can pay the club directly for meals and dockage.

Please support the businesses who have their information in our newsletter

We hope you use the goods and services of the businesses listed in this newsletter.
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, Casey Considine.

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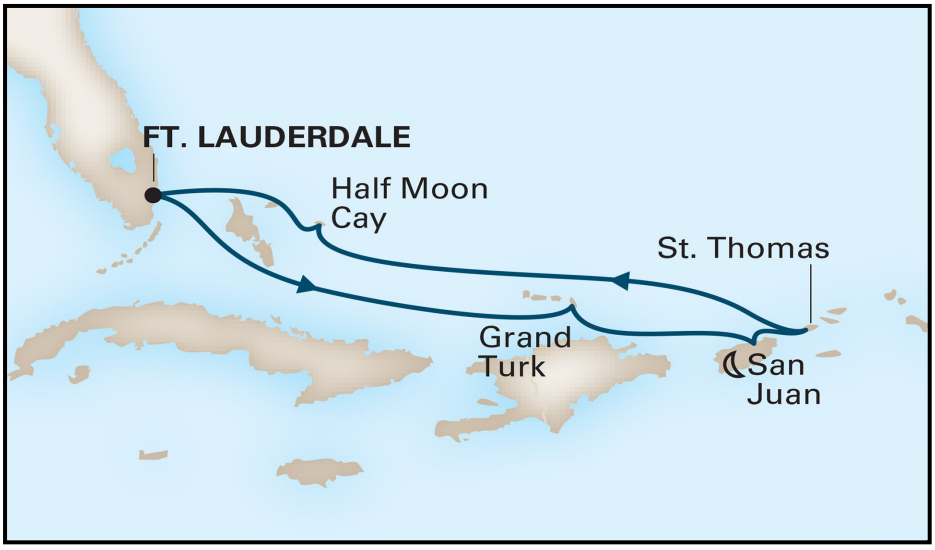

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