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Changes in Meeting Format

Several big changes are taking place in how the Annual Meetings are organized.

We are orienting the meetings toward more participation by the membership.

We are trying to organize the meetings in a way that is more convenient and more interesting for the squadron and district members to be a part of the meetings.

EXPO is moved to Friday and we have moved most of the business meetings to Wednesday and Thursday, leaving Friday clear for big activity in EXPO all day Friday. Other activity around EXPO should keep a crowd flowing in EXPO.

Our EXPO has the goal of increasing revenue and cutting expenses while giving the members a venue where they can talk directly to committee leaders, partners and vendors.

Our vendors pay \$400 to rent booths. In order to make it worth their time coming, they need to see a great turnout at EXPO.

Also, note that on Thursday we have added a gala awards reception and dinner instead of the rather mundane Friday awards meeting. The entire membership is invited to attend and support their squadron or district or individual award winner. This adds pride and shows the high priority we give



to awards.

Outside guest speakers will be invited on Friday morning to speak.

We are working on having a lunch and refreshment area near the EXPO displays to attract and hold member activity to the EXPO area.

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- Check USPS.ORG
- Sign up for meal events.
- Don't miss Thursday night Awards Dinner.
- Support New Life Members.
- Welcome First Timers.
- Come to GB and support your district.

Our Target Is To Sell More Booths for EXPO

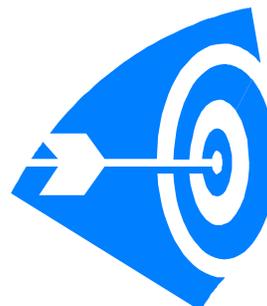
Our EXPO Chairman is Mark Gathings. Mark coordinates all aspects of EXPO. Guess what? It is a year-round job.

Mark has to develop vendor mailing lists (not easy to get through spam blockers) do cold calls and make contact with our vendors and partners to sell

booths at our EXPO.

He needs your help to provide him contact information on potential paying customers to buy EXPO Booths.

Contact Mark at:
mark@gathings.org
415 609 4789



Register on Time

OK USPS, time to get registered for Jacksonville. We are lagging behind as I checked today.

It is so easy to register on line and you get your receipt right away.

Go to www.usps.org and from the home page click on "click here for more information". Follow the prompts, have your credit card ready and you can zip right through the registration.

There are a lot of events so early registration helps us not get overloaded and guar-

antees that you get a seat at the event.

Think you have plenty of time? Well the holidays are coming up and the working days are short to get everything planned and prepared. You should register even if you don't sign up for activities.

The good tours are the St Johns River Keeper Tour and the Fernandina Beach Tour.

Also, don't forget the new Thursday night Awards Reception and Dinner. You certainly want to be there to cheer your new

life member, squadron and district on when they receive their awards. These events, as well as the various luncheons and the Saturday night banquet, are all on the registration form.

Save money by registering on time. See the registration form for information.



Time is shorter than you think. Register now on www.usps.org.

Check The Web Site For Annual Meeting Information

We put the agenda on the web site so everyone can see what the plan is as it is developed.

The general plan is to have most of the business meetings and committee meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. The Awards will be presented on Thursday night at a new gala Awards Reception and Dinner. EXPO will be all day on Friday. The meet and greets will be on Friday night. Saturday will be the Gov-

erning Board Meeting and Annual Meeting. Members Luncheon and Ladies Luncheon, will be on Saturday during the noon hour. Saturday night will be the Banquet.

There is something for everyone. No reason not to come. Look at the Jacksonville Agenda on the web site and plan ahead what you wish to attend. If you just want to come and schmooz at the EXPO, feel free. Welcome.

Check the national web site for the agenda in Jacksonville.

New Life Members

The New Life Members Reception will be held on Thursday, 17 January 2013 at the Hyatt Riverfront Jacksonville, in Jacksonville, FL at 1830 (6:30 p.m.) in the Grand Ballroom 5 Foyer. New Life members will receive their awards at that reception. There will be a cash bar. New Life Members will receive two free bar tickets. A stage will be in place to facilitate the presentation of awards. This will be a photo



Reception and Awards Dinner

opportunity, also. The dinner will follow. Awardees can attend the dinner if they want to. It would be nice to also go to dinner, but attending the dinner is not mandatory to receive the award. This is an upgrade of the recognition provided in the past.

The Awards Dinner following the reception will be a gala affair. The intention is to put a little needed "kick" in the awards

program. Recognition of what you have accomplished should be a feel good event not an after thought. Let's have a ball! Celebrate!

It will be a sit-down dinner from 1930 to 2230. The National awards for squadron and districts will follow dinner. Blue blazers (tie optional) or your desired evening attire.

100th Anniversary 2014



At the USPS Board of Directors Meeting in Detroit, VC Robert Baldrige, SN discussed plans to celebrate USPS' 100th Anniversary in 2013 and 2014. He noted that the 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee is planning a gala celebration starting with the 2013 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville. He encouraged districts and squadrons to coordinate events involving their local community and other boating organizations.

V/C Baldrige discussed the special 100th anniversary ensigns that will be given to

each district at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville. Details can be found at www.usps.org/100.

To recognize our 100 years of service, a special 100th anniversary ensign will be presented to each district at the 2013 USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, 17-20 Jan. The district commanders will proceed from the Annual Meeting with their district's ensign. The presentation will go something like this: All 33 district ensigns will be lined up behind the stage and under the large ensign on the wall on Saturday at the

Annual Meeting. Each district commander will be called up to receive his/her district ensign. The ensigns will be retained by the district commander for presentation ceremonies with their squadrons at their own locations. Squadrons are asked to design streamers to attach to these special ensigns. Ordering information is available on the 100th anniversary website: www.usps.org/100 under downloads. Districts are encouraged to hold ceremonies throughout their area at which squadrons will attach their streamers to the district ensign.

Bring Your District To Jacksonville

Make no mistake about it. District Commanders need to be in Jacksonville to receive the district flags. Please try to give this a priority because the 100th Anniversary only comes around once.

Not only would we like to see 100% of the D/C's there, but why not 100% of the squadron Commanders. That would be a first, I am sure. Why not encourage all Squadron Commanders to come. It would be nice to see every district seat filled.

Seats are provided for each district. It is customary for D/C to sit on the end seat and the bridge next and fill with the other officers. There is always adequate seating. Other than the row of district seats, there is open seating. Local sponsoring district sits on the first row and others in succession.



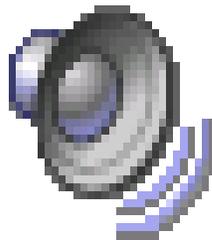
"District Commanders Need To Be In Jacksonville To Receive Flags"

Jacksonville Squadron And 23 Furnish Local Support

D 23 and specifically Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron is enthusiastically working to be good hosts at Jacksonville 2013.

Their big event is teaming up with several squadrons to host the Joint District Hospitality.

If your district wants to participate and save money and



Read this announcement if you want fun on Friday.

logistics of transporting "stuff", join in with this group. They pool a small amount of money and purchase the "refreshments", etc., jointly. Last year, the house was packed and the food was good and the crowd was lively and stayed 'til the wee hours.

This is a lively bunch. Con-

tact Pat Small (904) 707- 5920 or Barbara Erickson (425)476-1097.

You don't have to take my word for it. Ask anyone who was there. It was the best party in the house.

Avoid the rush. Other districts are being added as we speak.

Don't miss the fun!



Good Places To Eat In Town That The Locals Know

Every time we go to a new town, we like to know where the locals like to go to eat. These are usually the best if you are willing to venture out.

Here is my secret list:

Desert Rider \$ Breakfast and Lunch

217 N Hogan St (904) 353 5654

Olio Market \$ Lunch

301 E Bay Street 904 356 7100

Village Bread Café \$\$ Breakfast and Lunch

2 Independent Drive (904) 682 7244

13 Gypsies \$\$ Lunch and dinner

887 Stockton Drive (904) 389 0330

B.B.'s Restaurant \$\$ Lunch and Dinner

1019 Hendricks Avenue (904) 306 0100

Matthew's Restaurant \$\$\$ Lunch and Dinner

2107 Hendricks Avenue (904) 396 9922

Boat Operator Certification

Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron is conducting a Boat Operator Certification (BOC) event for both Inland Navigator (IH) and Coastal Navigator (CN). The On-the-Water Demonstrations (OTW) are scheduled just prior to the Annual Meeting. The IN event is scheduled for 12 Jan. 2013 at 0800. The CN event is scheduled for 13 Jan. at 0800. Both events will run for 8 to 9 hours each. A fee of \$25 is being charged to cover fuel and other expenses.

Members pursuing certification MUST have a BOC Passport to record their progress and a valid picture ID. It is important for members to keep a passport and for squadron certifiers to keep back up records of these events until entered in the data base.

Jacksonville is also conducting a "Practical On the Water" (POTW) seminar on 20 January 2013. See Flyer.

Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron is giving OTW training before and after the Annual Meeting



EXPO Is A Communications Tool for Members

Best use of your time is EXPO.

What is EXPO? EXPO is a tool. It is a communications tool to talk face-to-face with members and leaders of the various departments and committees in USPS. It is informal and non-threatening in which you can ask any question in a conversational tone and get answers. We will have booths with most of the committees present. The

Committee booths will be staffed by knowledgeable people who know the answers or who know how to get the answers.

We will have outside vendors and partners from other boating organizations and agencies who can help solve your squadron or district interests and problems.

Nothing like eye-ball to eye-ball contact. Share your views and make suggestions.

EXPO also takes on a social atmosphere to meet old friends and acquaintances from across the country.



Come Back Again To Jacksonville

Remember the beautiful waterfront in the City of Bridges.

The warm breezes blowing through the palm trees. The boats lazily cruising the St Johns River. The joggers tip toeing along the river and the smell of the bar-b-que being smoked for lunch in the nearby restaurants.

Forget all of the worries of the winter snow in January and come on down to the Sunshine State and enjoy. It will be good to see old friends again and meet new ones.

We will be staying at the Hyatt Jacksonville Riverfront, again.

Come and relax with us as we get the business of USPS done.

Florida is calling.

Hotel is located at :

225 East Coastline Drive,
Jacksonville, FL 32202



Missed First Aid Training? Try Again

The American Heart Association's Heart-saver First Aid with CPR and AED Training includes:

First Aid Basics. Calling for Help and First Aid Kits. Medical Emergencies.

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Environmental Emergencies.

Bites and Stings, Snake Bites, Poisoning

Special Medical Concerns and Emergencies for Boaters.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive an American Heart Association Course Completion Card in CPR & First Aid. These certifications are acceptable by the USCG for anyone wishing to get their Captain's License and the USPS for BOC Certifiers.

8 a.m. Wednesday, Grand 3.

"Catch First Aid Training In Case You Missed it last time."

Getting From The Airport

Airport Shuttle

\$20.00 for the first passenger \$8.00 for each additional.

Go Shuttle (904 353 8880), Takes 20 minutes. Transports passengers between Jacksonville International Airport and the hotel. The Shuttle is available daily from 5 A.M to 12

A.M. Please schedule your return trip to the airport 24 hours prior to desired departure.

Taxi Cab

Checker Cab (904 345-3333) Pick-up from Jacksonville International Airport is \$29.00 and \$7.00 each additional passenger.



Jacksonville In House Projects



Thursday, January 17, 9-11 A.M. **Art Project**

Join your USPS friends for an 'in hotel' time of art, fun and Pat Harmon will guide you in producing a nautical your choice of color and style. Pat has proven her skill at after a class with Pat. "We had such a great time and made a lovely item also". We guarantee you will enjoy yourself. Class size is limited to 15 People. Cost \$25.00

..... sociability. Local North Carolina artist, themed treasure for your home. Choose from several pictures to paint in previous a USPS activity. "I cannot believe I really did this" one member said

Friday, January 18, 9-11 A.M.

Sign up for a second session of the Thursday activity. Class size is limited to 15 People. Cost \$25.00 to cover materials.

Thursday, January 17, 10-11:30 A.M. **Make a Bracelet!**

This is another offering for those wanting to stay in the Hotel. Want to learn how to make a bracelet with USPS friends?? Join USPS D5 member Danee Marmelstein and busy crafter, for an hour and half and see your skills emerge. She will show you how to string the beads and attach a clasp. She'll assemble the tools and kits beforehand, from there on, your talent comes out.

Space is limited to 20 people. Cost \$25 includes materials needed.

Friday, January 19, 10:30-12 A.M.

Sign up for a second session of the Thursday activity. Class size is limited to 20 people. Cost \$25.00



[To Register go to www.usps.org/php/reservations](http://www.usps.org/php/reservations)

United States Power Squadrons
www.usps.org

100th Anniversary Kick-off



▶ **USPS**
EXPO 2013 at Hyatt Regency
Riverfront, Jacksonville,
Florida
Friday, January 18, 2013.

**Order your booth now to avoid
the sellout ! To get started, contact:
mark@gathings.org,**

\$400. for 10x10 booth, \$800.



It all begins in Jacksonville

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Dress code

Sun.–Tues., 13–15 Jan.

USPS casual or other appropriate attire

Wed.–Thurs., 16–17 Jan.

USPS polo or other appropriate attire

Fri., 18 Jan.

USPS polo or dress shirt and tie with blazer or other appropriate attire

Sat., 19 Jan.

Daytime Uniform F

Men: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt with black four-in-hand tie, black uniform trousers, black belt (if worn), black socks, black shoes, or other appropriate attire

Ladies: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt, black skirt or slacks, black crossover tie, black shoes, black purse (if carried) or other appropriate attire

Evening USPS Blazer with tie and any color shirt or other appropriate attire

Getting there

Despite Jacksonville's size, you'll find the city easy to navigate and transportation plentiful. All major airlines service Jacksonville International Airport, and if traveling by car, you can reach the city from I-95 south or north or I-10 east. Nearby St. Augustine, the nation's oldest city, is a must-see for tourists, and if you have time, take a drive along Florida's east coast beaches. Those docking their boats in the St. Johns River will find a marina two miles away with shuttle service to and from our meeting hotel.

Airport transportation

Go Airport Shuttle provides service between the airport and the hotel from 0500 to 2400 daily for about \$20 each way. Please call 904-353-8880 or visit goairportshuttle.com to schedule service; departures must be scheduled 24 hours in advance. Taxi service from the airport with Checker Cab is \$29 for one to two people and \$7 for each additional person. Rental cars are available at the airport, and hotel parking is \$10 per night. Valet parking is also available.

Plan your stay

Situated on the St. Johns River, the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront has 963 guest rooms equipped with high-speed Internet service. Our meeting hotel is located at 225 E. Coastline Drive; to reach the hotel switchboard call 904-588-1234. The hotel staff has already welcomed us, a sign of the southern hospitality you'll receive in this cosmopolitan city.

Things to do

USPS-planned tours include a day tour of Fernandina Beach, a golf outing at Hyde Park Golf Course, and a St. Johns River Keeper day tour. Sign up and learn more at usps.org/jph/reservations. In historic St. Augustine, you can shop all day at the factory outlets and then enjoy the sights during a horse-drawn carriage ride from Avalon Carriage Service. Jacksonville offers a variety of entertainment, including Adventure Landing and Shipwreck Island Water Park, Budweiser Brewery, Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, Jacksonville Landing, Dave & Buster's, and the Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art. Jacksonville offers shopping galore at The Avenues mall, Regency Square Mall, St. Johns Town Center and the historic San Marco area. Jacksonville has 70 golf courses, including the Slammer and Squire at World Golf Village, where you can also visit the World Golf Hall of Fame. Ponte Vedra Beach is just a few miles away.

Reserve your room

Reserve your room at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront for \$132 per night using reservation code BPOW by calling 888-421-1442 or visiting <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/usps2013>.

Support USPS activities

During the meeting, show your support for the Social Activities Committee by bidding on your favorite homemade treasures and other items donated by USPS members by purchasing tickets and placing them in the appropriate boxes. A portion of the proceeds goes to support USPS programs.

Jacksonville

USPS 2013 Governing Board 16-20 Jan.

ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION >> Reserve online at usps.org/php/reservations

Rank	First	MI	Last	Grade	Cert. No.
Rank	First	MI	Last	Grade	Cert. No.
Address	City	State	ZIP	Squadron/District	
Home phone	Cell/Office			Dietary restrictions?	
Email address				First time attending a national meeting?	

Be sure to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting to help USPS officially kick off its 100th anniversary celebration.

Wednesday, 16 Jan.

0900-1500 Fernandina Beach Tour

Join USPS friends for a tour of scenic Fernandina Beach, the oldest continuously occupied city in the U.S. See the historic train depot and Flinch State Park. Enjoy a day on your own, shop, tour and have a delightful lunch. Don't forget to stop at the candy store to pick up some of your favorite candies from way back when. You'll return to the hotel full of sea lore. Tour is limited to 50 people.

Quantity _____ @ \$45 before 15 Dec. (\$48 after) Total _____

1000-1500 Golf Outing at Hyde Park Golf Course

You'll board a shuttle bus at 0900 from the hotel for a 1000 tee time at an 18-hole former PGA course only 20 minutes away. Both men and women are invited. Bring your own clubs or rent them at the course. Ticket price includes green fees and bus transportation to and from course; club rental is extra. Stay for light lunch on your own at the 19th hole.

Quantity _____ @ \$48 Total _____

Thursday, 17 Jan.

0900-1500 St. Johns Riverkeeper Tour

Board the *Water Taxi* near the Hyatt for a historical and ecological cruise on the St. Johns River with St. Johns Riverkeeper, a charter member of the Florida Conservation Coalition. During the cruise, you learn what is currently being done to protect the river. Stop for lunch on your own before returning to your hotel. Tour is limited to 40 people.

Quantity _____ @ \$45 before 15 Dec. (\$48 after) Total _____

1830-2230 Life Member and Squadron/District Awards Reception and Dinner

Enjoy an indoor party with a traditional sit-down dinner and cash bar. New life members will be recognized during the reception, and squadron and district awards will be presented after dinner.

Quantity _____ @ \$40 before 15 Dec. (\$44 after) Total _____

Saturday, 19 Jan.

1100-1400 Ladies Reception and Luncheon

Your circle of USPS friendships will widen as you enjoy a lovely lunch together. As you enjoy music from the '50s and '60s provided by the Social Activities Committee, try to guess who the various entertainers are in real life.

Quantity _____ @ \$35 before 15 Dec. (\$38 after) Total _____

1200-1400 Members Luncheon (cash bar 1200-1230)

Enjoy lunch with fellow USPS members and guests.

Quantity _____ @ \$30 before 15 Dec. (\$35 after) Total _____

1830-2200 USPS Senior Prom Reception and Banquet

Get ready to rock around the clock to the music of the Now and Then Band. Vintage prom dresses from the '50s and '60s, crinoline skirts, and wrist corsages make a comeback. Enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests.

Quantity _____ @ \$54 before 15 Dec. (\$56 after) Total _____

Meeting CD

This must-have CD contains presentations, handouts and PowerPoint slides from all committee meetings. Pick up CDs at activities registration desk along with your tickets.

Quantity _____ @ \$5 Total _____

Total quantity tickets & CDs: _____ Total amount due: \$ _____

RV Information Visit usps.org/ic/highwaymariners.

Tickets Reserve tickets at usps.org/php/reservations using a credit card or mail form and check made out to 2013 Annual Meeting to USPS Headquarters, P.O. Box 30423, Raleigh, NC 27622. For more information, call 757-357-6319 or email arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com.

Activity reservations must be secured or postmarked by 31 Dec. 2012. After 31 Dec., call or email for instructions. Refund requests made after 31 Dec. will be honored only if the tickets are resold. All tickets must be picked up at the member activities registration area no later than one hour before the event, except for social luncheon, members luncheon and banquet tickets, which must be picked up by 1000 Saturday, 19 Jan. 2013. Agenda and additional details may be found at usps.org/php/reservations.

Our meeting hotel is the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Using group code **EP0W**, reserve online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/usps2013> or call 904-588-1234 or 888-421-1442 to request the USPS rate of \$132 plus tax per night.



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DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
0	02 Feb	Fort Lauderdale, Florida		4:00 PM
1	03 Feb	At Sea		
2	04 Feb	Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
3	05 Feb	San Juan, Puerto Rico	1:00 PM	11:00 PM
4	06 Feb	St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
5	07 Feb	At Sea		
6	08 Feb	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
7	09 Feb	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	7:00 AM	



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Suite	from \$1,879.00
Taxes (Additional)	\$120.69

Prices are per person, double occupancy, and are subject to availability. Fares in US Dollars. Non-discountable amount is included. Taxes are additional. All information on this communication is subject to change.



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United States Power Squadrons® Boat Operator Certification Skill Demonstration



Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron, is hosting 'Boat Operator Certification' on-the-water demonstration by candidates on 12 & 13 January 2013 at Lamb's Yacht Center 3376 Lakeshore Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32210.

Inland Navigator activities will be conducted on 12 January 2013 at 08:00

Coastal Navigator activities will be conducted on 13 January 2013 at 08:00

Event Details:

[Lamb's Yacht Center](#)
3376 Lakeshore Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32210



January 12, 2013 Inland Navigation

January 13, 2013 Coastal Navigation

Information contacts:

Bud Newton (904) 737-8341 Email:
bud_break@comcast.net

Pete Foster (904) 797-6707 Email:
petefoster@bellsouth.net

\$25.00 fee (includes boat fuel)

Boats provided by Jacksonville Freedom Boat Club

Prerequisites:

1. BOC Passport is required for each level applied for.
2. IN On the Water (OTW) (not certification) must be completed before CN OTW.

If you desire both IN & CN, you will need IN on 11th and CN the 12th. Prior registration is required, spaces are limited.

Registrants will receive information regarding participation.

But hurry! Spaces are limited.

We hope to see you there!



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Editorial

This newsletter's purpose is to inform the readers in the squadrons and districts about what takes place at the national meetings, to encourage them to participate more fully in these meetings, and to realize the importance of their participation to the success of USPS.

No matter what anyone says, if these meetings fail to be viable and meaningful to the grass root member, the organization can not survive. Contrary to the belief of some, these meetings are not just for bridge members or a chosen few, but for everyone. They are the engine of motivation for all.

Getting There

Our meeting is at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Address is 225 East Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Jacksonville is reachable from the north and south by using I-95.

From the west, use I-10 E. From the mid-west, use I-75 S and link to I-10 E.

I-95 comes right into downtown Jacksonville. I-10 also comes right into downtown Jacksonville.

The Hyatt is located on the northern bank of the St Johns River.

From south, take the Main Street Bridge to Independent then a block and a half to south on N. Market and follow Coastline to the Hyatt on your left.

From north, take Water to Independent to N. Newman to Coastline to hotel on your

left.

To avoid anxiety, just set your GPS to the Hyatt address and let it direct you there.

If you come by boat, use the Metropolitan



Park Marina. It is operated by a member of our Jacksonville Squadron . **Jim Suber is the Dockmaster. Contact Jim at 904 630 0839.** The marina is about two miles from

the hotel. The marina has 78 slips and can handle boats up to 80 feet.

If you come by boat, there is a shuttle that runs on a schedule to and from the hotel.

The Marina is fully equipped with all of the hook-ups and conveniences possible. Give Jim Suber a call.