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DO’EM NOW!!

GET YOUR’S NOW!!

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Our sixty-second Change Of Watch was a great success thanks to all of those that attended and SPECIAL THANKS to all of our Squadron Members that pitched in and worked to make it happen. Take a look at the photo coverage of this event here in this month’s INLET.

We are now looking forward to an event filled and exciting new Watch Year for our Squadron. The meetings for the month of March have been arranged and the planners are working on activities for several events coming up in the future months. Additional information will be covered in Event Flyers to the membership.

We had good Bridge and Squadron member representation on February 13th and 14th at the USPS National Meeting. The following Bridge Officers and members were in attendance at this event: Cdr John Russo, P, Lt/C Tim McGarr, P, Lt/C Gordon Bloom, SN, Lt/C Julie McGarr, S, P/Lt/C Bob Kunath, SN, P/Lt/C Carol Kunath, P, P/Cdr Bob Eppinger, P, Brooke Eppinger, Joyce Bloom, Lydia Russo. The attendees had the opportunity to see the ESD video that our Squadron members participated in the making of with the heading up by Bob Kunath. The video was shown for the first time at the National Meeting. The most important event at the National Meeting was the USPS National Change of Watch with the installation of the first woman Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbot, SN and she was from our District 22. !!!

We had six Squadron member students and one guest student in our Cardiopulmonary (CPR) Class on February 20, 2020 at Venice Fire Station #53. The Class instruction was provided by two Venice Fire Department life saving Specialists.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

07 Bob Keown 10 Don Parrish 11 Walt Konig 14 Tim McGarr
16 Lynn Chick 23 Karel Ellis 26 Bill Soule 29 Joe Miller 31 Jim Tranter

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Now it is official. I’m your new Executive Officer for this new Watch Year. It was good to see all of you at the Change of Watch to commemorate the installation of your new Bridge. Now, the work begins. We will participate in the Shark’s Tooth Festival again and then we have the District Spring Conference in Punta Gorda. We can use your help in each event. On the day of the Fishing Tournament we are needed to help get the Special Olympians registered and assigned to a vessel, make sure that each one has his or her own safety equipment installed and most important to make sure they are having fun. For our new members, there will be coffee, donuts and water available dockside for all participants and helpers. It would be great if all our members would wear their Squadron shirts that day as a sign of our commitment to this event. After the boats depart, there is a lull in the action and it is requested that we return to MarineMax before noon to help get the Olympian’s off the boats, get their catches organized for the judges to observe and then move the group into the showroom for lunch and presentations. This is one of the most moving parts of the day and should not be missed.

I’m working on setting up some Cruise & Rendezvous events for the coming year and I could use your help in two areas. One, if you could be the host or hostess of one of our C & R’s and receive phone reservations and tally up the numbers so we can then prepare the restaurant or place of interest for the proper size of our group; and Two, could you come up with some ideas and suggestions to visit. Give me a call to share your thoughts about these events. Please leave a message and I will get back with you. 941-493-2837 (home) 941-525-7811 (cell) stilenraille@verizon.net

May 16 to May 22 is Safe Boating Week and we will be participating again this year. I will arrange for the City of Venice to issue a Proclamation for SAFE BOATING WEEK. This Event is held at City Hall and after the Mayor makes the Proclamation, I will offer a short dissertation and thank the City for all its work in promoting Safe Boating. I encourage all of our Squadron members to be present in the Chambers that day to show your support for our Safe Boating cause. As this date gets closer, I will post more notices of the event.

Tim’s Thoughts For Today:

Whether you think that you can, or that you can’t, you are usually right.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deer Tractor.
We have a full schedule of AMERICA'S BOATING COURSES scheduled for 2020 and are offering 4 courses through June. Here is a listing of the next courses that will be held at the Waymire Training Center, 1450 Lucaya Ave. here in Venice.

We are pleased to report that the February AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE had eleven students and they all did very well on the final exam. Two families were represented. My thanks to Lt/C Tim McGarr, P and 1/Lt John Densler, AP for partnering in the teaching of the one day class. Thanks also to Susan Parrish, AP for presenting the benefits of Membership in AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB and to the other Squadron members who were able to greet the students.

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ADVANCED COURSES: Boat Handling/Seamanship course is scheduled for Thursdays March 5th through April 9th evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM at the Waymire Center. Please register by calling 508-495-2999.

SEMINARS: Lydia Russo has arranged for the following two free Seminars at MarineMax from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM: On March 21st KAYAK SAFETY by P/C Peter Roach, AP & March 28th NEW ELECTRIC SHOCK video and a GREAT LOOP TRAVEL presentation. Please call Lydia Russo, at 941-220-3626 for your reservations.

On March 4th, Lt/C Tim McGarr, P and 1/Lt John Densler, AP will join the Alameda Boat Club to present issues in Navigation and on Managing Emergencies.

Our MANY THANKS go to Sue Ellen Findley, S for her patience in entering the student information and printing the America’s Boating Course Certificates. This was made difficult due to problems with the National Website.
The Venice Sail & Power Squadron is looking for a dedicated member to fill the Administrative Officer position on the SQUADRON BRIDGE. The member volunteer for this position should have good communication and organizational skills, have a strong confidence in his or her abilities, have a CAN DO attitude and the ability to work with other Squadron Members and the general public. If you would have an interest in this organizational service opportunity, please contact Cdr John Russo by phone or email for details or questions regarding this officer position; 914-629-5263 or Jrcrafts43@gmail.com. All contacts from applicants for the position will be held in strict confidence.

Brooke Eppinger
P/C Joe Hughes, AP
Sue Ellen Findley, S
P/C Susan Parrish, AP
P/C Bob Eppinger, P
Bob Hoffman, AP
Lt Andre Spalvins, AP
P/C Lynn Chick, P
Cdr John Russo, P
Lt Don Parrish, SN (Photo)

HEY, IT’S JUST US AT POP’S SUNSET GRILL

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LOOKING IN
AT OUR 2020 CHANGE OF WATCH

Venice Sail & Power Squadron Members, District 22 Bridge Representatives, D22 Squadron Members, Honored Guests

ANNOUNCEMENT
OF
DISTRICT
OFFICERS
&
SQUADRON
BRIDGE
OFFICERS

Cdr Bob Eppinger, P
Brook Epping
D22 Lt/C Peggy Reese, SN
D22 Cdr Ted Reese, SN
Joyce Bloom
Lt/C Gordon Bloom, SN

Lt/C Susan Parrish, AP
P/D/C Don Parrish, SN
Lt/C Sue Ellen Findley, S
1/Lt John Densler, AP
Lt/C Adrey Rice, P
Bob Young
Lydia Russo
Cdr Elect John Russo, P
ANOTHER LOOK IN
AT OUR 2020 CHANGE OF WATCH

District 22 Commander
Ted Reese, SN

Announces The Newly Installed
Venice Sail & Power Squadron 2020 - 2021 Bridge

Sue Ellen Findley, S, Receives
The Commander’s Cup Award

Installed Commander John Russo, P
Shares His Remarks And Message

Lt/C Gordon Bloom, SN Receives A Special Service Award From D/Lt/C Sam Bonella, SN

PASSING OF THE COMMANDER’S FLAG CEREMONY WITH NEW CDR & 10 PAST COMMANDERS ATTENDING
D/C Ted Reiss, SN will lead

**Officer Training for ALL 2020**

Squadron Commanders, Executive Officers, Administrative Officers, Educational Officers, Secretaries and Treasurers

Important up-dates and information for all new or repeating Bridge officers

**Saturday, 7 March**  
Sarasota Power & Sail Squadron Building  
2814 Hyde Park Street, Sarasota, FL 34239-3227

**Saturday, 14 March**  
Fort Myers Power Squadron Building  
3145 Royalston Avenue, Ft. Myers 33902

Registration at 0930 - Program 1000 thru 1500

Registration deadline **Tuesday, 3 March** -- Please no cancellations after that date.

RSVP to District Secretary Lt/C Peggy Reiss, JN at peggy.reiss@yahoo.com,  
call 239-213-8686 or mail this portion to Peggy Reiss, 339 Columbus Way, Marco Island 34145.

Lunch may be paid at the door with $ 5.00 Cash or a Check payable to D22

Name:___________________________________________________________________

Name:___________________________________________________________________

Squadron ___________________________ Officer Position:_______________________

Phone:______________________E-mail:_______________________________________
VENICE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
ST PATRICKS DAY DINNER PARTY
SUNDAY MARCH 15TH, 2020
5:00 PM AT BELLIAO CLUB HOUSE
COST - $6.00 per person

MENU
CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, POTATOES and CARROTS, etc

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE

Please contact Lydia Russo at 941-220-3626  lydia1944@gmail.com

RSVP
By: Wednesday March 11th, 2020
2020 Spring Conference
Reservation Form

Saturday, 4 April - Keynote Luncheon - $16.00

Choice of:

Chef's Salad: Crisp Romaine and Iceberg Lettuce, Ham, Turkey, Swiss and Cheddar Cheese, Hard Boiled Eggs, Cucumbers, Red Onion with Choice of Ranch or Italian Dressing.

Or

Pork Carnitas Tacos: Two Tacos filled with Mojo Rubbed Pork, Lettuce and Cotija Cheese served with side Guacamole, Sour Cream and Pico de Gallo, House Salad with choice of Ranch or Italian Dressing.

Served with freshly baked rolls and butter, iced tea and ice water, cookies served family style

Coffee available on request

Number Salads @ $16.00 ________ Number Tacos @ $16.00 ________

Saturday, 4 April – Change of Watch Dinner

Choice of:

Sirloin Maitre D Hotel: Pan Seared 8 oz. Center Cut Sirloin with Parsley and Garlic Herb Butter - $42.00

Or

Lemon Pepper Atlantic Salmon: Broiled on Cedar Plank, with Fire Cracker and Citrus Aioli - $42.00

Or

Vegetarian Strudel: Wrapped in Puff Pastry, Golden & Drizzled with Dijonnaise Creamy Garlic - $24.00

Served with Creamy Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Capri Veggie Blend, House Salad with choice of Ranch or Italian Dressing, Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter

Freshly Brewed Iced Tea and Ice Water – Coffee Station

Ice Cream Sundae Station!

Number Sirloin @ $42.00 ______ Number Salmon @ $42.00 ______ Number Strudel @ $24.00 ______

TOTAL amount of check payable to “D22” enclosed $__________

Mail to: Jeane Anderson, 3191 Matecumbe Key Road #407, Punta Gorda, FL 33955
Phone: (941)575-9776 / Email: jeaneyanderson@embarqmail.com

Name with rank and grade: __________________________________________________________

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Your 1st D22 Conference? ________ Medical Dietary Restrictions only ______________________

SQUADRON: ______________________________ E-MAIL ________________________________

PHONE: ___________________________ No Reservations or Cancellations after 21 March 2020, please.
Spring Conference Roundtable
Information
to help plan your day

Weather Seminar — 1/Lt Timothy McGarr, P - both sessions—Myakka 2 – fee $15 or $25

We will cover various weather terminology and phenomenon and how we can apply this knowledge for a safe and happy voyage. It will not make participants TV weather reporters.

Preregistration required – butlerm@wabash.edu!

0900 – 1015

Education – DEO, D/Lt/C Jack Nason, SN and ADEO, D/1st/Lt Melissa Butler, SN – Myakka 1

Come get the latest updates on Education from the National Meeting in Ponte Vedra. Bring your ideas for the year ahead.

Emergencies on Board – Lt Edward Bauer, S - Peace River 1

Review from Boat Handling course: This review and discussion will focus on one of the 6 modules in the revised Boat Handling Course (previously Seamanship). The material covers vessel related emergencies, medical emergencies, and emergency communications. This is an overview of the course material and not for credit.

Co-Op Charting – D/Lt James Strothers, SN - Peace River 2

Entering 2020, the Cooperative Charting Program has undergone some major changes from the previous program. Currently, there are three sub-programs under the Cooperative Charting Program heading: Nautical, Geodetic Recovery and the new Marina Surveying. Changes include the items to report, how to file the reports and how credits are issued. All previous contributors to Co-op Charting as well as those wishing to get involved in the community service program should plan to attend this Roundtable.

10:30 – 11:45

District 22 D/C Town Hall Meeting – Myakka 1

Led by D/C Ted Reiss, SN and V/C Ralph Bernard, AP, National Administrative Officer

Updates from National on many topics to include the latest from DANBoater. Bring your questions.

How To Setup and Use a GPS Chartplotter – Lt Carl Thieme, SN – Peace River 1

What are the different GPS chartplotter set up options and suggested settings for safe navigation? How do you establish, change, store and identify waypoints? Getting there ---- creating and modifying routes for safe navigation. Limitations and issues arising from on-the-water use of GPS Chartplotters. Key factors to consider prior to purchase.

"Doing the Great Loop" – P/C William Knudsen, JN – Peace River 2

Brief definition and pictorial view of America's water trade routes
Basic preparation and requirements After the Euphoria dissipates, what to expect
Actual scenes from a segment of the trip (Power Point Presentation) Sights seen from the water only
Q and A session
Again... We Are in Our Business
To Serve You And Your Friends
Just Give Us A Call Or Stop By
And Let Us Know If We Can Be Of Service
**To YOU**

* SPACE AVAILABLE *
Please Call 941-408-8591 for details

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Newsletter Needs Your Member Input And Support

#1. We need your boating subject articles and/or photos for publication. This will help to keep your fellow members informed regarding your activities. 
#2. We need you as a financial BOOSTER to help off-set the costs of producing and distributing the monthly newsletter. So, please feel free to contribute articles/photos to the Editor, Don Parrish by e-mail to donandsusanp@msn.com or mail to 853 Wood Sorrel Ln., Venice, FL 34293. Please make your check payable to Venice Sail & Power Squadron (minimum $10.00) and mail to Lt/C Audrey Rice, Treasurer, 1175 Caples Street, Englewood, FL 34223.

Many thanks in advance for your continued help and support of our Squadron Newsletter!!
## Calendar of Events

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