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Sawgrass Marriott Resort
1000 PGA Tour Blvd.
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082
800-457-4653
904-285-7777

Hotel Web Site
Meeting Registration
Airport Shuttle

2020 Annual Meeting Almost All New

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Here we are preparing the final details for the upcoming Annual Meeting and it’s a new location so we will be learning things together. Watch for those wearing a ribbon with "C/C Aide" printed on it because they will assist you with things like how to get there from here inside and outside the hotel & conference center including places like where is Starbucks, the restrooms, the elevators, where to walk the dog, parking, and more.

Speaking of new location, I urge you to take the time to explore the Marriott Sawgrass grounds and beach; they are a visual feast as well as a respite from the meetings! And to help you learn about our new venue, sign up on site for the Scavenger Hunt, which will be a fun way to explore the area and win some sort of prize (FYI: a small participation fee will be collected at sign-up).

Tour the TPC Sawgrass Golf Course for FREE - do this now because The Players Championship is played March 10-15. Then you'll recognize the holes and commiserate with the players about the challenges the course doles out.

Another FREEBIE is going out to the Beach Club. Even if it is breezy (it is winter in the south, too), a stroll on the beach is always cathartic! So pack a windproof jacket and get outside when you can!

Not only do we have a new location, we have a new agenda so don't assume you know where to be when and which day! For instance...

New Days & Times for Events:
The Keynote Breakfast is THURSDAY, February 12th. Award-winning author Robert Macomber returns to educate and engage us; he was our inaugural Keynote Speaker during our 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2014. Pre-registration is required and rest assured he will entertain us! In fact, he's making another presentation later in the morning; check the agenda for time and place.

Life Members ... an awesome group of members who have not only paid their dues for the past 25 years, they have volunteered their time and talent to earn 25 merit marks. Come celebrate their achievements at a LUNCHEON on THURSDAY, February 12th. Join National, District, and Squadron officers in providing recognition and thanks. Pre-registration required.

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With extraordinary amenities and a terrific location, Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa offers an unforgettable destination for work and play. The hotel is in Ponte Vedra Beach, just a short distance from Jacksonville. It is right next door to the famed TPC Sawgrass golf club, and guests enjoy exclusive privileges with the complex; play a round and take a lesson while you’re here. Modern rooms, suites and family-friendly villas boast every imaginable comfort, and many feature balconies or terraces. Elsewhere at the resort, you can enjoy a swim at one of the pools or a treatment at the spa. Take a short complimentary shuttle ride to the redesigned Cabana Beach Club, with direct access to Ponte Vedra Beach. Dine on delectable American fare at one of seven restaurants and lounges. For events, the resort features 63,731 square feet of accessible indoor/outdoor venue space and close proximity to Jacksonville make this a memorable destination for any gathering.

Ground transportation from Jacksonville airport

SUPER SHUTTLE (Shared ride up to seven passengers)

Marriott Discounts Available

Spa service 10%
Restaurants: 15% (with name tag)
Friends Night - a new dinner theme for THURSDAY night. It is casual with cash bar, open seating, and a plated dinner of Short ribs & other goodies. So come take a break from a full day of meetings and rendezvous with your fellow members including the Board of Directors and national officers. There will even be games. Pre-registration required for the fun, food, and Friends Night.

FRIDAY plays host to ALL Department Luncheons. All national, district, and squadron officers, committee members, and general members are invited to join one of the four (4) luncheons. Following are the national departments and the committee areas assigned to them; your district or squadron may be organized differently so join the luncheon that suits you best: (BTW: Want to volunteer at the national level? I guarantee there is a committee that would welcome your help!)

  Educational Department: All DEOs, ADEOS, SEOs, and ASEOs invited plus all instructors and assistants for all of the public and member courses, seminars, and hands-on training.
  Executive Department: Cooperative Charting (geodetic and nautical), Environmental Committee, Marketing Committee, National Meetings, Public Affairs (MOUs, public relations, government & partner relations) and Safety Committee with Vessel Safety Examiners & Checks, Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program, and more.
  Administrative Department: Membership recruiting & retention, Member Involvement, Member Benefits, Boating Activities, and Squadron Support & Development committees

Be sure to come down to the SATURDAY Governing Board meeting early so that you can pick up your voting card (if you haven't done so ahead of time) and mingle with your friends prior to the opening ceremony. There may even be coffee or tea to enjoy.

Award Recognition will take place during the SATURDAY Members Luncheon. Note that some Awards will still be presented during the Saturday Governing Board, but the majority will be recognized during the Member Luncheon. We will be notifying all Award prospects in advance so that plans can be made to attend. Pre-registration is required.

Get ready to close the Annual Meeting week at the SATURDAY evening Gala, a formal affair to kick-off the 2020 watch year. Join the new national bridge and officers for a lovely dinner with assigned seating and entertainment, The Gatlin Show. Recommended attire is Uniform A with bow tie for men, evening gowns for ladies; as always appropriate attire for this formal affair is, well, also appropriate.

Some Things Remain the Same
While there are event changes galore, as the above listing shows, be aware that some things remain the same. THURSDAY is a day chock full of open committee meetings, some seminars, and mostly opportunities to learn and be heard. (Note that an Open Meeting may include a lot of committee work so do not be offended if you are asked to limit participation as a non-committee-member). District Commanders & Executive Officers will have their all-day session

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FRIDAY is a day of open seminars, hands-on learning, and a preview of the Saturday Governing Board meeting issues. Friday night continues with the First Timers Reception (by invitation) and the District Meet & Greets which are open to all.

Whew! Lots going on. I know I did not cover everything so take a look at the Preliminary agenda (remember it is subject to change), the Event Registration, and Hotel Reservation sites. I hope to see YOU there.

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas,
Mary Paige

The comprehensive meeting agenda is available on the National Meetings Committee web page. For the most current schedule of meetings and events, go to:

MEETING AGENDA
Visit the Ship’s Store

Follow the signs to the Ship’s Store in Ponte Vedra and see what’s new. We’ll have garments and gifts galore for your favorite America’s Boating Club friends. And remember, you are your own best friend! Be the first to wear our elegant America’s Boating Club ladies scarf or jaunty nautical stripe hoodie. Gentlemen, rival your favorite sea captain in our slick men’s rain jacket. Need a change of watch gift? How about a fun, new mousepad or an America’s Boating Club cap? Are you looking for a great deal? Visit the sale tables to stock up on even more. We can’t wait to see you there.

Ship’s Store Hours
Thursday, 13 February—9:00 am until 4:00 pm
Friday, 14 February—7:45 am until 4:00 pm
Saturday, 15 February—7:45 am until 10:00 am

What to Wear?

Monday—Casual
Tuesday—Casual, logo shirts
Wednesday—Casual, logo shirts
Thursday—Casual, logo shirts
Friday—Uniform L: Favorite sports team logo shirt or similar
Saturday—Daytime, Uniform G: White short sleeve open neck shirt, black trousers
Evening Men—Uniform A: with bow tie or other formal attire
Ladies—Gowns or other formal attire
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Painting With A Twist

Let’s Paint the Town!

Gather your friends and let’s paint! Enjoy your own brought beverages and snacks while getting step-by-step instruction from the Painting with a Twist team. This event is for all levels of artists – beginners to advance – and we welcome groups of friends as well as singles! We will meet as a group at the hotel and then get rides to the location (cheaper): Uber or ABClub members. Price includes all painting and supplies at Painting with a Twist, Ponte Vedra. Max 40 people

Time: 1:00PM – 3:45PM

Cost: $30 no discount rate.

The St Augustine Distillery

The venue for our evening tour and dinner is located in The Ice Plant, a 1907 building which is part of the Lincolnville Neighborhood on the National Register. Bus departs hotel at 1700 for St. Augustine.

Limited to 60 people.

NOTE: Please contact Vincene Aquilato (click here) if you are in need of ADA transportation assistance. ("Click Here" should open a new email addressed to Vincene Aquilato <antarvin@hotmail.com>. If it doesn’t, please send her an email directly.)

Time: 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

Cost: $92.00  Price until 10 January 2020 $88.00
Activities

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Scenic Cruise

Scenic Cruise of St. Augustine Waterways aboard Victory III.
Depart Marriott by bus at 0930 and travel to St. Augustine.
Following Cruise explore and enjoy lunch on your own in downtown St. Augustine.
Bus will depart for Marriott at 1500.

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Time: 9:30 am–3:00 pm
Cost: $65.00 Price until 10 January 2020 $60.00

Golf Outing at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

Plan on arriving the Annual Meeting early for a fun, inexpensive golf scramble at a beautiful course not too far from Sawgrass. The recently renovated Jacksonville Beach Golf Club will host our group on Wed, Feb. 12 starting at 1230. Please respond ASAP to Dawn Eckhart if you are interested in playing. More details to follow including registration, transportation, club rentals, etc.

Email interest to DAWN ECKHART (dawneckhart94@gmail.com)

NOTE: Based on the number of responses received, Dawn will handle the arrangements and price at a later date, after you contact her directly

Time: 12:15 pm-4:00 pm
Cost: To be determined
Thursday, February 13, 2020

Keynote Breakfast

"Salty Superstitions" - A Lighthearted Look at the Culture of Sailors and Ships At Sea

ROBERT N. MACOMBER has been the recipient of the Patrick D. Smith Literary Award, the American Library Association’s W.Y. Boyd Literary Award, a Silver Medal in Popular Fiction from the Florida Book Awards, and a host of other accolades over two decades. He has earned rare experiences like being Distinguished Lecturer at NATO HQs [Belgium], and, for ten years, was invited into the Distinguished Military Author Series, Center for Army Analysis [Ft. Belvoir].

When he’s not writing, researching, or on one of his extensive journeys, Mr. Macomber lives on Pine Island, on the same SW Florida coast where he grew up. For relaxation, he enjoys sailing among the more remote islands near his home and cooking the exotic cuisines from his novels.

NOTE THE KEYNOTE BREAKFAST DATE IS THURSDAY
AND NOT FRIDAY AS IN PAST

Time: 7:30 am-8:45 am

Cost: $43.00  Price until 10 January 2020 $38.00

Friday, February 14, 2020

Spa Seminar

Take time to relax and enjoy this special SPA DAY which includes an explanation of types of skin, and the benefits of professional vs. home care regimen. How diet plays a role in our overall health of our skin. Hands on activity in which everyone will be able to participate and go through the process of a Refresher Facial by Cleansing – Exfoliation – Toning – Moisturizing and Protecting your skin.

Each step will be covered as it is being performed so that everyone understands the importance of healthy skin.

Time: 9:30 am-11:00 am

Cost: $30.00  Price until 10 January 2020 $25.00
Vernon’s Restaurant
- Signature restaurant
- Farm to table ingredients, fresh seafood, chops and an enviable wine list
- Brunch buffet offering a wide selection of sweet and savory items

Alice & Pete's Pub
- Family-friendly pub and sports bar
- Features traditional comfort food, along with games and TVs

American Gator Club
- Dine al fresco overlooking the tranquil lagoon and 13th hole at The Stadium Course

Sharkey’s
- Located at the resort’s Cabana Beach Club
- This seasonal cafe serves burgers, sandwiches and beverages

Starbucks®
- Coffee beverages, treats and more
- Pick up a snack

Great Room Lobby Lounge
- Sip a glass of wine or relax with a creative cocktail
- Bourbon Bar Menu, with hand-crafted drinks and appetizers

Soothies Café
- Soothies offers a variety of healthful, energizing drinks, smoothies and salads
1. **Aqua Grill** has established itself as one of the Beaches finest restaurants. Expansive menu and seemingly endless choices of eclectic cuisine.  
*Phone: 904.285.3017*  
*Hours:*  
- **Lunch:** Mon-Sat 11:30am – 2:30pm, Sun 12:00pm – 2:30pm  
- **Dinner:** Sun-Thu 5:00pm – 9:30pm, Fri & Sat until 10:30pm  
- **Lounge:** Sun-Tue 11:30am – 1:00am, Wed-Sat until 2:00am  
- **Tapas Happy Hour:** Monday - Thursday from 4-6 PM in the bar.

2. **Caffe Andiamo** Features a menu of traditional Italian cuisine with a continental flair.  
*Phone: 904-280-2299*  
Open seven days a week from 11:00 am till 10:30pm

3. **Metro Diner** serves comfort food with flair.  
*Hours:*  
- Sun – Thurs: 6:30 am – 8:30 pm  
- Fri & Sat: 6:30 am – 9:00 pm

4. **Nona Blue Modern Tavern**  
*Phone: (904) 834-7549*  
*Hours:*  
- Mon-Thurs: 11am to Midnight  
- Sun: 10am to Midnight  
*Full Menu:*  
- Mon-Thurs: 11am to 11pm  
- Sun: 10am to 10pm

5. **Trasca & Co. Eatery** handcrafted sandwich, pizza, salads and more, fast-casual setting  
Breakfast daily, from 8-10:30am. Menu includes vegan and vegetarian items, and a focus on whole grains and whole foods  
Grab & Go items from KC’s Kitchen are now available during business hours, and include ready-to-eat salads, Trasca dressings and sauces, and family meals for 2 and 4. Items are also available for pre-order.  
*Phone: 904.395.3989*  
*Hours:*  
- Mon-Thurs: 8 am—8pm  
- Fri & Sat: 8 am—9 pm