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**HOLIDAY PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE**

**Mon Dec 16**

**The Broken Barrel Tavern  
4700 Babcock St NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32905**

[See Pages 7-8 for more Info](#)



**2019 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE**

**Sat Dec 21**

**Start Time 6:00 pm  
North End of Grand Canal**

[See Page 9-10 for more Info](#)



**GENERAL MEETING**

**Mon Jan 20, 2020**

**Kelly's Burgers & Beer  
650 N. Wickham Rd  
Melbourne, FL 32935**

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# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF SOUTH BREVARD



## UPCOMING COURSES

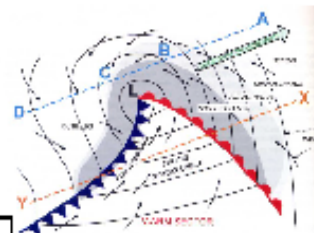
**COURSES ON DEMAND:** Select from the list and please let us know what course you would like to take and we will schedule it. Minimum class size is five. Let us know at [Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org](mailto:Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org).



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**FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Shari Marshall, AP**

# PREPARING FOR THE PARADE!



One of the biggest events in Melbourne/Satellite Beach each year is the Grand Canal Christmas Boat Parade—this year on Saturday, December 21.

Participating in the parade may be a lot of fun, but getting your boat ready takes weeks of planning, finding “good buys” in local stores and the internet, and having friends and family help decorate. No matter how many lights and wreaths you have, you still need to switch to LEDs so you can hang more lights. Even though the boat looked pretty good last year, new inflatables and pre-lit figures will add a NEW touch to railings and bimini. Even though the “all white theme” looked great before, this year calls for MORE color. Even the grandkids decided the 2-foot reindeer were too small, so the hunt was on for a brightly lit 5 footer...

It all about the holiday season, good wishes, merriment, and family time together.

Please join members of ABD-SB and the many families along the Satellite Beach Grand Canal for this year’s Christmas Boat Parade.

**See you on December 21!!!**



Hauling boxes and checking bulbs !!



Mending last year’s inflatable!

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: LT/C STEPHANIE MURPHY, P

### AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB –SOUTH BREVARD MEETING MINUTES:

**DATE:** November 18, 2019

**LOCATION:** Kelly's Burger and Beer, Melbourne, FL

#### Exec Board Attending

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN;  
P/C James Merker, AP; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P;

#### Exec Board Absent

P/D/C Robert Becker, SN; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S; P/  
C Edmund LeCun, JN

**Members Attending:** 4 (G. Wall, J. Carbee, W. Jones, J.T. Murphy)

**Three guests:** John and Monia Yust, Eugene Mathews, who attended the November Flare-Up.

The meeting was called to order at 1940 by Cdr Shari Marshall. Pledge was led by Cdr Marshall.

The program for this meeting was a presentation on the Great Loop.

John and Monia Yust gave an interesting presentation entitled, Our Adventures in the Great Loop, centering around the purchase of their boat, the pathways taken (and why), and some of their adventures over their nine-month journey. The talk was extremely interesting including facts on how to get thru locks, key stopping points, the channel marking in certain areas, provisioning, and the Great Loop Society. The Yusts provided an 11" x 17" map of the route they chose. Both were given a Certificate of Appreciation for their presentation.

#### Commander's Report:

District 23 will have a December 7<sup>th</sup> ad hoc meeting to discuss changes to the United State Power Squadron's Strategic Plan. A representative from each Squadron needs to attend this meeting in Daytona Beach Shores.

The USPS Annual Meeting will be held in February at Ponte Vedra, FL.

#### Executive Officer Report: NA

#### Admin Officer Report: NA

#### Secretary's Report:

ABC-SB currently has 45 active members and 2 associate members.

A Get Well card was circulated for Judy Hofmann. The card will be sent to Judy.



Ernst will submit a grant application to Boat US for the cost of the signs placed at the 4 Brevard boat ramps once receipts are submitted.

We participated in the November 2nd Satellite Beach Founder's Day Parade and celebration. The float was appreciated by the crowd. We handed out many brochures in the booth advertising the Flare-Up, the Christmas Boat Parade, and upcoming Squadron courses.

The December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be our Holiday Party. Please bring a wrapped present for a Yankee Trader exchange and an **unwrapped toy** for the 98.5 *The Beach* toy collection. Members will order off the menu at The Broken Barrel Tavern, Babcock St., Palm Bay.

Remember that the Boat Parade is December 21! Volunteers needed.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Monika Bradley provided via email figures for savings and checking account balances.

#### Ed Department Report:

The last ABC-3 class of 2019 was presented on October 26 with three instructors (E. Hofmann, J. Merker, JT Murphy). All eleven students passed with a high grade of 93%. On-The-Water instruction is being arranged thru Ernst Hofmann and Earl Gillespie. John Pechar provided refreshments. John Pechar and Ernst Hofmann set up the classroom on the Friday before the class.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Flare-Up of 2019 was November 16. It was a cool and breezy day with nearly a dozen participants.

The first Jr. Basic Boating class will be held in March 2020. A Boat Handling (replacing Seamanship) course is planned for April 2020.

Everyone's participation in teaching is greatly appreciated. It takes a village to put on superior boating education.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: LT/C STEPHANIE MURPHY, P**

**Boat Parade Report:**

Ernst Hofmann stated that the Boat Parade is on schedule for December 21, 2019 with 14 people have registered for the Best Decorated Boat Contest. Bob Moore has offered to stream the parade on YouTube and possibly do a video interview which could be posted prior to the parade.

There was a brief discussion about the BRSPS/ABC-SB Facebook page.

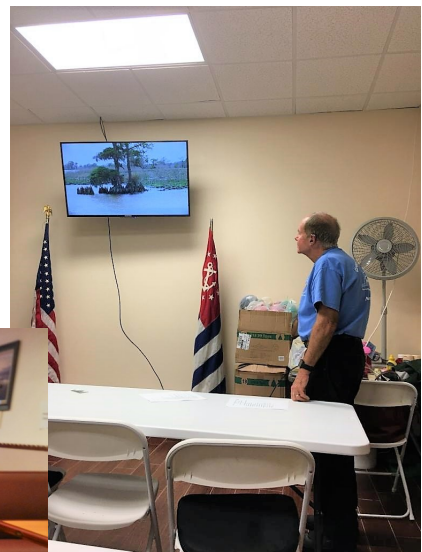
The meeting was adjourned at 2055.

Next general meeting will be the Holiday Party held at 6:30 pm on **December 16, 2019** at The **Broken Barrel Tavern, Babcock St., Palm Bay**. Next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on **December 10, 2019** at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy,  
BRSPS Secretary  
25 November 2019



Monia Yust recalling her favorite marinas,



John Yust detailing Aids to Navigation along their route.



Certificates of Appreciation were awarded.



**COME CELEBRATE  
THE SEASON WITH US!**

**ABC-SB Holiday Party**

**Monday December 16**

**6:30 pm Social**

**7:15 Dinner**

**(Order off the menu)**

**The Broken Barrel Tavern**

**4700 Babcock St NE**

**Palm Bay, FL 32905**

**RSVP by Dec 14 to**

**Monika Bradley**

**mbradleycpa@aol.com**

**360 286-1399**

**Friends and Family Welcome!**



## ABC-SB HOLIDAY PARTY

### WACKY GIFT EXCHANGE

What do you have hiding in your closet?  
Bring a wrapped gift—Value \$15ish



### 98.5 The Beach Toy Drive

Bring one unwrapped gift per person—for a boy  
or for a girl.  
Make a child HAPPY this year!







## TIME TO START PLANNING FOR THE CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

### BEST DECORATED BOAT CONTEST.

We appreciate everyone's past interest and participation and hope that you will be able to add to this year's fabulous display.

To participate in the Best Decorated Boat contest we would like you to register, display the number that we will provide you and go past the Judge's Boat at the Eau Gallie Causeway. Once again we have engaged a photographer who will be taking pictures along the Grand Canal to also be used by the judges in the selection of the Best Decorated Boats.

We will provide periodic updates for the registrants.

Any questions – please feel free to contact me.

Ernst Hofmann  
Assistant Education Officer



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF SOUTH BREVARD



Banana River SPS

**2019 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE**  
Saturday, December 21, 2019 starts 6:00 PM



## Our Major Community Service Project

The parade starts at the upper end of the Grand Canal and will be lead by the Satellite Beach Patrol boat followed by the Santa Claus boat. It will proceed south, circling Lake Shepherd clockwise, continuing southward, exiting the Grand Canal into the Banana River. Then, proceed south past the Mathers Bridge keeping close to Merritt Island. At Dragon Point head southwest and go past the Judge's boat on your left, ending the parade and disbanding.



**Participation in the Parade is FREE and registration is not required**

**There is no fee for the BEST DECORATED BOAT CONTEST**

**But you need to register:**

A cash prize of \$150 will be awarded to the best decorated boat in each of these categories:

**Power Boat 31 feet LOA and over**  
**Power Boat 30 feet LOA and under**  
**Sail Boat—any length.**

To register please send the following information to:

**hofmanneg@gmail.com:**  
First and last name  
Complete address  
Telephone  
e-mail address  
Boat type (power or sail)  
Boat name and LOA

**Registration Deadline is Dec 9**

**Best viewing location:**

North-East side of Eau Gallie Causeway, SR 518 in Melbourne, FL

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## **JAN 2020 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Monday, Jan 20, 2020**

**Social 1830**

**(6:30 p.m.)**

**Speaker 1715**

**(7:15 p.m.)**

**Kelly's Burgers and Beer**

**650 North Wickham Road**

**Melbourne, FL 32935**

### **PROGRAM: Awards for Best Decorated Boat Contest**

Cash awards will be given to the best decorated boat in three categories:

Power under 26 feet - Power over 26 feet - Sailboat (any length)

Captains and crew will describe what motivated their designs, how long it took to decorate their boats, and who all helped in the project.

### **MEETING TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

If you are a member and need transportation to and from the Squadron General Meetings you are invited to call **Shari Marshall, 734-347-2992** who will gladly make the arrangements for you. There is no charge and no reason needed other than the desire to have a great evening with fellow Squadron members. **Call now and don't miss out!**

# SATELLITE BEACH FOUNDER'S DAY EXHIBIT & PARADE

Saturday, Nov 2 at Schechter Community Center



John Pechar, Stephanie Murphy, Jim Merker and Don Kadlac set up the booth



Stephanie, John and Cdr Marshall greet the public and hand out course material.



### FOUNDER'S DAY PARADE cont'd





# Grenada Bound

Many of our Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron crew have a charter planned for April 9th through 17 in Grenada. We hope that many of you will consider joining with us for this adventure. So please contact us soon, before all the good vessels and crew slots are taken.

#### Crew:

USPS members who like fellowship and an opportunity to learn hands-on with marine-maritime expert (s) or, if qualified, an opportunity to skipper a vessel with USPS crew.

Vessel(s): Cat or Monohull sailing vessel(s)

Costs: (distributed evenly among the captain and crew)

For a 7-day, 6-night voyage the cost for the vessel will be about \$100.00/day/person

- Air fare from MIA to Grenada and return \$600.00/person
- Arrival mid-afternoon - sleep aboard (no local hotels required)
- Departure mid-afternoon - vessel return NLT 1100
- Provisioning for meals aboard with some dinners ashore - \$?
- Local Customs & Irritation - \$?

Please contact any of the below-listed *Crew Callists* for in-depth details:

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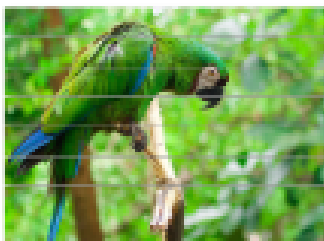
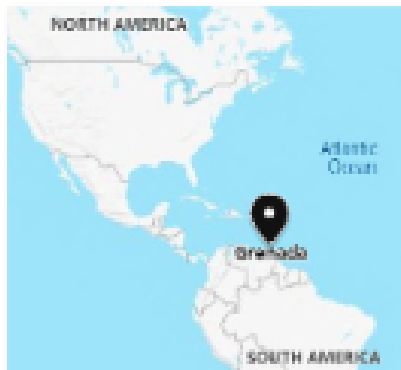
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If you are thinking of joining with us, please do so soon as the vessels fill up early. Should you like to see how a charter voyage is planned, tell us that you would like notification of planning sessions both live at HQ or online with GoToMeeting.



## The Ultimate Fun and On-The-Water Training!



## FLARE-UP #2

November 16—Eau Gallie Boat Ramp



Earl Gillespie led the safety and usage instruction relative to the different types of flares and emergency signaling devices. Jim Merker assisted. There were 12 attendees. The weather was cool and wind brisk—but the enthusiasm was HOT!



## FLARE-UP #2 con't





# Vessel Safety Check – Jet Ski

## Saturday, Oct 26, 2019



Jim Merker supervises Tinker Murphy doing a jet ski VSC (owner Sherrie Morgan)



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

### **BRSPS Members who have a December Birthday**

Lloyd Anderson  
Kathy Kadlac  
Lonnie Pruitt

Monika Bradley  
Ken Peters  
Bill Veit

## On-The-Water Training

Three ABC3 graduates take to the water to learn first hand how to handle a boat. Earl Gillespie reviews safety features, docking, mooring, and proceeding under way.

Students were Linda Weisrock, John Taormina and Joseph Montemurno.





**VICE COMMANDER'S LOG: NOV 2019**  
**MARY PAIGE ABBOTT, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**2020 Annual Meeting: Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa**  
**1000 PGA Tour Blvd, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082**  
**February 9-15, 2020**

**2020 Annual Meeting Hotel and Event Discounts: January 10, 2020**

Marriott Sawgrass Resort – make your reservation now! Go directly to the USPS/ABClub booking

site at: <https://book.passkey.com/gt/216953943?gtid=a65b76d2f29701c23cb73728eccd09938>

Annual Meeting Events – Register Now. Discounts expire on January 10, 2020. Meal reservations and event registration now open! [https://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetinginfo.php?mtg\\_id=37](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetinginfo.php?mtg_id=37)

Registration Fee now INCLUDES continental breakfast on Saturday, February 15, so come join your fellow members for some pre-Conference coffee & conversation.

Keynote Breakfast with Guest Speaker Author Robert Macomber is THURSDAY, February 13, 2020

Life Members Recognition is now a Luncheon scheduled for THURSDAY, February 13, and combined with the DC/DXO Luncheon (you all should be there). New and current Life Members all invited.

Department Luncheons are all scheduled for FRIDAY, February 14. Join your respective departments.

Awards Presentations will be SATURDAY, February 15, during the Members' Luncheon. Be there!

**DC/DXO Workshop at the Annual Meeting: Sawgrass 2020:**

The work started at the ABClub Conference: Louisville 2019 continues! Specifically how to **transition the District model and connect the role of Districts to the vision of ABClub**. *Your input is critical and requested. Plan on attending the DC/DXO Meeting & Workshop Thursday, February 13, 9am-4pm!*

The DC/DXO Luncheon will be combined with the Life Member Recognition and held on Thursday, February 13, 2020. Don't forget to sign up to attend!

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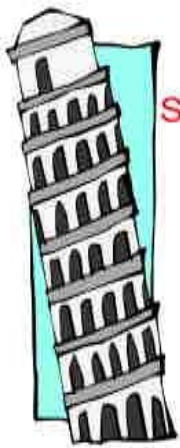




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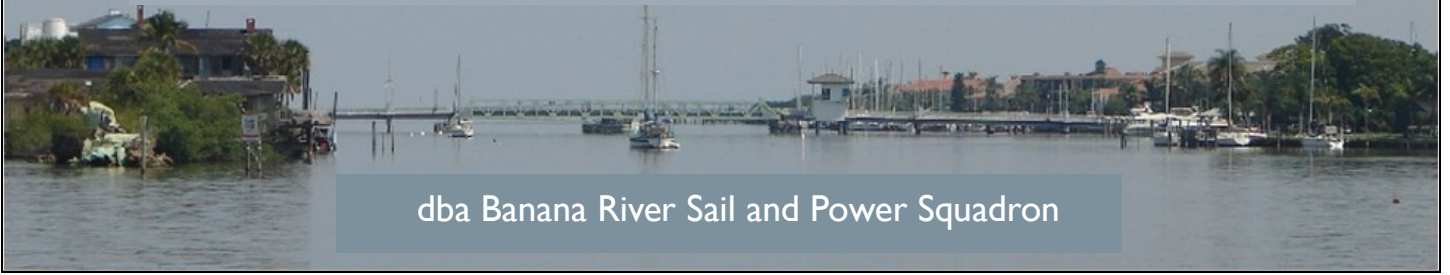
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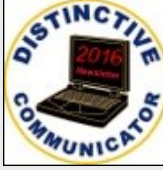


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## UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2019

### DECEMBER

- |    |                       |      |  |
|----|-----------------------|------|--|
| 7  | D23 SPECIAL MEETING   | 1000 | Red Lobster, Daytona Beach   |
| 10 | EXECUTIVE MEETING     | 1900 | BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937                    |
| 16 | HOLIDAY PARTY         | 1800 | The Broken Barrel Tavern<br>4700 Babcock St NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905 |
| 21 | CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE | 1800 | Grand Canal, Satellite Beach 32937                                 |

### JANUARY

- |    |                            |      |   |
|----|----------------------------|------|---|
| 11 | D23 WINTER COUNCIL MG      | 900  | Location TBD, Daytona                                       |
| 14 | EXECUTIVE MEETING          | 1900 | BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937             |
| 20 | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING | 1830 | Kelly's Burgers & Beer<br>650 N. Wickham Rd Melbourne 32935 |

### FEBRUARY

- |      |                            |      |   |
|------|----------------------------|------|---|
| 9-15 | USPS ANNUAL MEETING        |      | Marriott Sawgrass Resort, Ponte Vedra, FL                   |
| 11   | EXECUTIVE MEETING          | 1900 | BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937             |
| 17   | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING | 1830 | Kelly's Burgers & Beer<br>650 N. Wickham Rd Melbourne 32935 |