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GENERAL MEETING

Mon Jan 20, 2020

Kelly's Burgers & Beer

650 N. Wickham Rd

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**America's Boating Club
Annual Meeting 2020**

9 Feb-15 Feb, 2020

Ponte Vedra FL 32082



WD40: Friend or Foe?

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UPCOMING COURSES

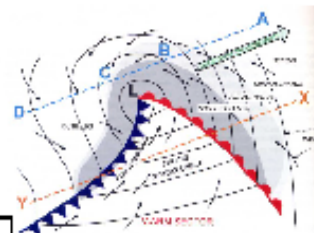
COURSES ON DEMAND: Select from the list and please let us know what course you would like to take and we will schedule it. Minimum class size is five. Let us know at Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org.



BASIC BOATING (ABC3)

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)
March 16, 17 and 18, 2020

BOAT HANDLING (Repl. Seamanship)



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

2020 RESOLUTIONS!



Be it resolved that America's Boating Club of South Brevard (BRSPS) will strive to meet the needs of its membership.

Based on the proposed Strategic Transition Plan for America's Boating Club (USPS), the following items have been considered and implemented by your Bridge. It is hoped that these measures will simplify our operation and promote member involvement:

- Advertise/market our new name, ABC-SB, so that the community understands what we are and what we do.
- Continue to offer varied educational opportunities to members and the public.
- Continue to offer service projects within our community (clean-ups, parades, booths at fairs).
- Continue to offer fun and informative monthly gatherings.
- Promote more on-the-water events and activities for all types of boats, kayaks, etc.
- Relax requirement to fill offices and chair committees (work collectively and utilize member skills as needed).
- Allow members to use grades and ranks as descriptors if earned, voluntarily.
- Allow members to wear uniforms voluntarily but encourage more casual attire.
- Conduct meetings in a more simplified manner-carry out business but keep it short and sweet.
- Reduce the number of Bridge positions and/or consolidate positions (work collectively).
- Utilize mostly electronic form of communication.

If there is something I have left out, feel free to contact me. This is YOUR club, and your Bridge hopes you feel comfortable and inspired to participate in club activities.

To each of you a **HEALTHY and HAPPY NEWYEAR!!**

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

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB of SOUTH BREVARD

DATE: December 16, 2019

LOCATION: Broken Barrel Tavern, Palm Bay, FL

HOLIDAY PARTY HIGHLIGHTS



Dinner and Gift Exchange





Bradleys to deliver toys to Toys for Tots

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY SEO P/C Jim Merker, AP

Welcome to 2020! I hope you all are having a great holiday season!

We've started making plans to have another active year for the Education Department. To that end, I really want to hear from YOU. Is there a class or seminar which you would like to see offered this year? How about something hands-on like the flare-up or man overboard drills? Maybe something we haven't done recently such as a fire extinguisher demo, first aid, or CPR certification? While a large part of our education is geared towards the general public, I want to ensure that we are keeping our members engaged and satisfied.



I'm also still looking for an interesting/fun project or two which we can spend a couple Saturday mornings working on and learning about. In the past, we have rebuilt the suspension and bearings on the float and torn down a couple of outboards to see the innards. So, if you think of something we can setup/demonstrate, diagnose, fabricate or modify, please let me know. Those of you who have taken an engine maintenance class or attended a previous project know that I have lots of toys...I mean tools...which I just need an excuse to take out.

For the first half of the calendar year, I have already identified the following events to be offered:

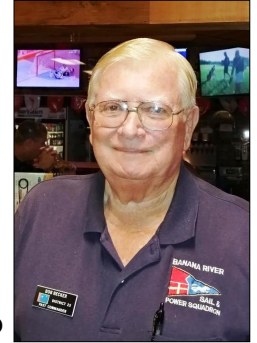
- Adult Basic Boating: 14 March
- Jr Basic Boating: 16-18 March
- Boat Handling: 16 April for 8 weeks (Tentatively set for Thursdays)
- Dragon Point Navigation and Man Overboard Challenges: April
- Flare-Up: Safe Boating Week in May with Coast Guard Auxiliary and possibly June at Eau Gallie Boat Ramp

We are looking for volunteers to help as instructors and/or facilitators, so please let Ernst or myself know if you are available. More details will be forthcoming.

**Remember, we do not just offer boating education –
we provide superior boating education!**

FROM THE SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: P/D/C Bob Becker, SN**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

2019 is now history, and we look forward to this New Year and a new year of boating and club activities as America's Boating Club of South Brevard.



As we begin the year, this is the time to reflect on some of our America's Boating Club 2019 activities.

There was the usual Holiday Boat Parade down the Grand Canal although a week late due to bad weather. Canal residents start calling and asking what the date is for this event as early as July and August. I have been here in the Satellite Beach area for some 34, and the Boat Parade was here before I came. It is an event many residents look forward to and plan their holiday parties around the parade.

As usual we have held several ABC3 sessions along with several other USPS courses. Our national headquarters has or is in the process of rewriting many of these courses to bring them up-to-date. And thanks to P/C Earl Gillespie for his ABC3 on-the-water demonstrations.

Our Change of Watch brought us our Bridge Officers for this year. These are members who stepped forward to run the club based on ever changing items from USPS National. We still have a few open positions, and if you have the time and inclination, we sure can use your talents.

And don't forget the club's Holiday Party, corn roast and guest speaker program to mention just a few of our yearly activities.

What are our wishes/resolutions for the new year? More members, more members participating in club activities, and more new ideas. It sure would help our club. Remember it's YOUR CLUB.

There are many boaters in our boating area who should be advised of who we are and what we can offer to boaters. Let's make one of our New Year Resolutions that we will bring in new members during 2020. It will enlarge our club and make boating safer.

**Looking forward to our members having a safe and enjoyable
2020 America's Boating Club of South Brevard year.**

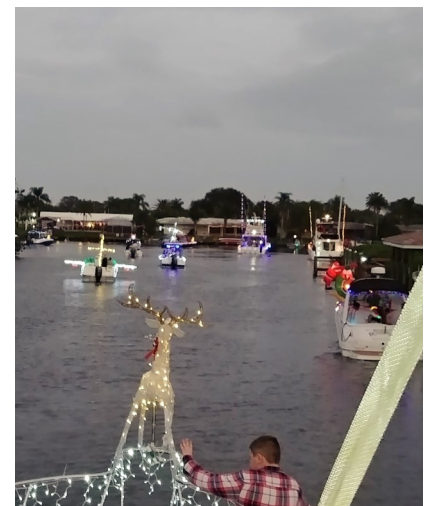


2019 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

December 28, 2019



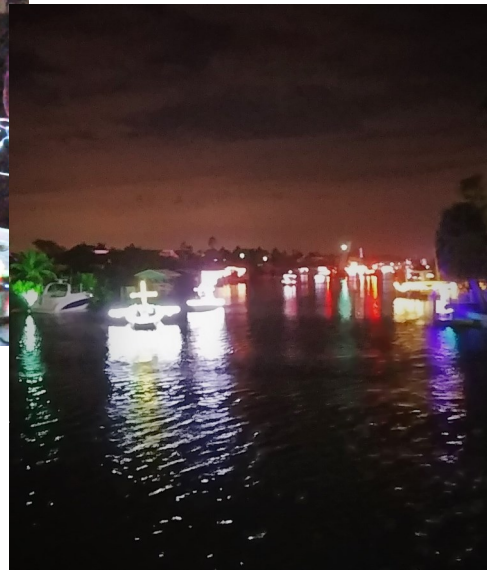
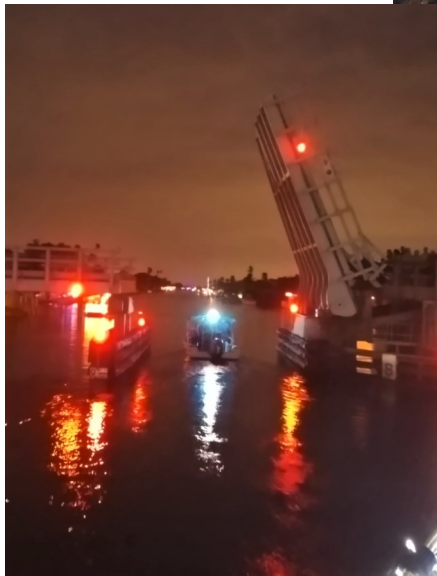
Bill and Darlene Giers coming aboard. Valerie Dietrich, Bill Fehr and Earl Gillespie join the Giers. Valerie, Bill Giers and Earl were Best Decorated Boat Contest judges.



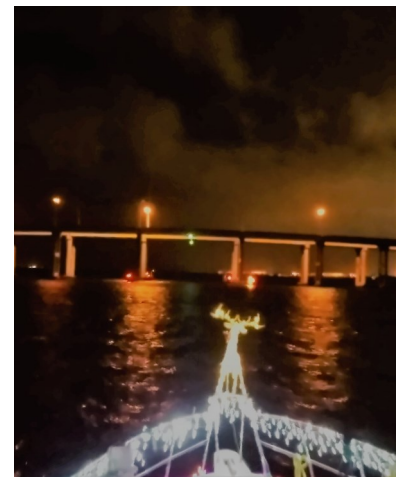
Approaching the Eau Gallie Cswy. More parade goes passing thru Mathers Bridge. At 5:50 judge's boat arrived at staging area at north end of the Grand Canal.



Parade began at 6:00 led by the Satellite Beach Police boat.



**Lansing Island Bridge
Parade enters Lake Shepard
Last pic is heading back to
Melbourne Harbor at 9:30**





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

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PROGRAM: Award Presentation for Best Decorated Boat Contest

We will hear from the captains and crew about their designs and how they created their award winning boat decorations.



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!**

On-The-Water Training ABC3

**Saturday, December 7
Eau Gallie Boat Ramp**



Earl Gillespie reviews launching, docking, anchoring, and general boating safety and operational procedures with Juliette Bailer, recent graduate of the October 28 ABC3 Class.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Bailer Family
Juliette, Andrew and Brittany



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**BRSPS Members who
have a January Birthday**

Anne Cope
Wally Jones
John Pechar

Bruce Hess
Tinker Murphy



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 Callisto* for in-depth details:

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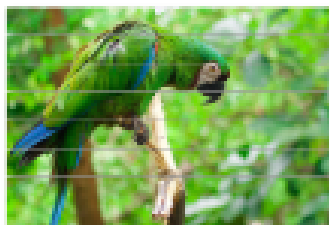
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If you are thinking of joining with us, please do so soon as the vessels fill up early. Should you like to see how a charter voyage is planned, tell us that you would like notification of planning sessions both live at HQ or online with *GoToMeeting*.



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VICE COMMANDER'S LOG: NOV 2019
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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 and Spa – To make your reservation go directly to the USPS/ABClub booking site at: <https://book.passkey.com/gt/216953943?gtid=a65b76d2f29701c23cb73728ecd09938>

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

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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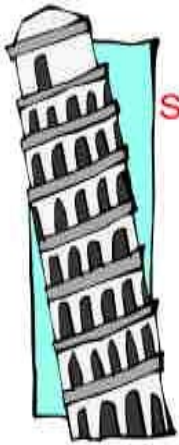




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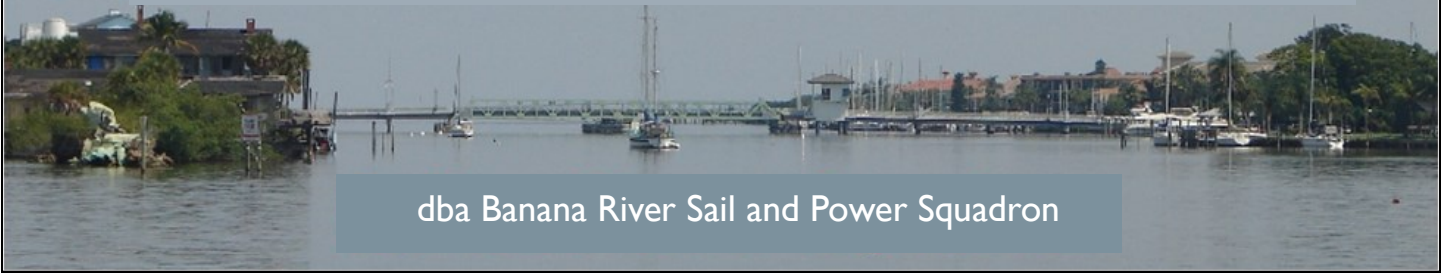
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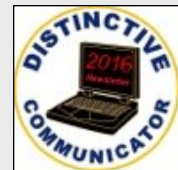
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UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2020

JANUARY 2020			
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 650 N. Wickham Rd Melbourne 32935
FEBRUARY			
8	COCOA BEACH SPS COW	1100	Port Canaveral Yacht Club Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
9-15	USPS ANNUAL MEETING		Marriott Sawgrass Resort and Spa Ponte Vedra, FL 32082
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MARCH			
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21-22	D23 SPRING CONFERENCE		Daytona Beach, FL