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Coming Up Next:

FLARE-UP

Saturday July 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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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)

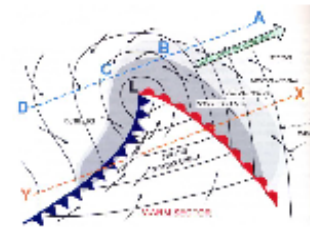
August 15, 2020

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)

July 13 to 15, 2020

BOAT HANDLING (Repl. Seamanship)

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

Happy 4th of July!



We are certainly living in a trying time...Covid-19 continues to run rampant, activists threaten to wipe out American history, and politicians are determined to divide the country in order to serve their own agenda.

We must take a moment this 4th of July to be thankful for what we do have...we can utilize social distancing, wash our hands frequently and wear that mask to help prevent infection by Covid-19. We can hold our heritage sacred and never forget what our forefathers had to overcome in order to build this great nation. We cannot allow a few to speak for the majority. We can take back Washington in the name of the people and not knuckle down to political “false news.”

Stand up and be proud of the United States of America and ALL the people who live here and hope to live here. We are Americans and live in the land of the FREE!

America's Boating Club - South Brevard continues to be active. Please see the events we have taken part in while conforming to directives by the CDC. We have events planned in July and August –I hope you feel safe in coming out and joining us.

Note the Nominating Committee request on Pages 12-13. If ABC-SB is to continue to serve our community, YOU will need to get involved, if even to just support our events.

See you on the water!!



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

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB – SOUTH BREVARD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES (BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON)

DATE: June 19, 2020

LOCATION: Via GoToMeeting online due to Covid-19 Stay-at-Home orders

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, Lt/C Monika Bradley, S

Members & Guests

Wally Jones



The meeting was called to order at 1902 by Cdr Marshall. May 10th minutes were accepted with modification noted (next meeting date is June 15th not June 19th).

Commander's Report:

Due to the requirements to Stay-at-Home unless essential business as mandated by the State of Florida, Brevard County, associations are not meeting in person.

The Board is meeting via GoToMeeting. Jim Merker has set up an account with them to allow up to 150 people to sign-in. The Board will move meetings to online using this software for the May (Hurricane Preparedness) and June (Boating Safety) meetings.

USPS News:

In light of the difficulties we're all experiencing during the pandemic, USPS headquarters delayed mailing printed dues invoices for June renewals until May 28, 2020, to allow members additional time to pay online. To renew online immediately, members can go to www.usps.org/dues/pay. They will need a certificate number, invoice number or PIN, which can be retrieved on the renewal page. The page also includes a link life members can use to renew their DAN Boater member benefit.

D23 News:

Sandy Schoonmaker from CBSPS will notify all district squadrons of those who take the USPS online ABC3 course so that squadrons can promote membership. We will recognize Ed LeCun (50th Merit Mark) at a future meeting when we can get together in person. D23 Fall Conference will be Oct 31, 2020 along with our Change of Watch at the Melbourne Yacht Club.

Secretary's Report:

BRSPS has 46 active members and 2 associate members. 13 renewals are due in June. Bette George did renew.

Kelly's Burger and Beer is open but at 50% occupancy so the meeting room cannot be used yet. Once the Governor allows 75% occupancy, they will reopen the meeting room. They asked us to call back later in June to see if Kelly's has gotten approval for meeting room openings.

The Short Sheet for June will talk about the upcoming events with instructions on how to load GoToMeeting on our computer devices. The Short Sheet will be sent out before the June meeting.

The **June 15 online General meeting** will be **Boating Safety, Part 1**. Stephanie Murphy will create this presentation from various sources and provide it to Jim Merker on Sunday night. Stephanie will use the presentation to write an article for Dragon Tales.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: LT/C STEPHANIE MURPHY, P**Secretary's Report Continued:**

The **July 20 General meeting** is expected to in person at Kelly's Burger and Beer and will be **Boating Safety, Part 2, the Vessel Safety Check**. Stephanie Murphy will create this presentation from various sources. Stephanie will use the presentation to write an article for Dragon Tales.



The **August 17 General meeting** at Kelly's Burger and Beer will be **an educational seminar on Radar**. Jim Merker will create this presentation from various sources. Jim will use the presentation to write an article for Dragon Tales. We also plan to have an "on-hands" radar session on the water.

Treasurer's Report:

L/C Monika Bradley provided balances for both savings and checking balances.

Motion to transfer all funds from the Squadron savings account to the Squadron checking account to avoid bank charges was made by Jim Merker, seconded by Stephanie Murphy. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Ernst asked about Tinker Murphy's WD40 article. Ernst would like to submit it to the Ensign. Tinker would prefer that his name not be published with the article because there are some avid WD40 users in the world. Can the article be submitted anonymously from our Squadron with the name of John Doe?

No news on Boat Parade.

The meeting was adjourned at 1935.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7:00pm on 14 July 2020 at BAAB or on-line. Next online (or in person) meeting for members will be 20 July Boating Safety, Part 2, Vessel Safety Check by Stephanie Murphy.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy, ABC-SB Secretary
10 June 2020

**JOIN US FOR JULY'S ONLINE SEMINAR
JULY 20, 2020**

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

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB – SOUTH BREVARD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON)

DATE: June 15, 2020

LOCATION: ON-LINE Membership Meeting via GoToMeeting



Exec Board Attending

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

Members Attending:

Bill Veit

The meeting was called to order at **1902** by Cdr Marshall. Pledge was led by Cdr. Marshall after Jim Merker brought up a graphic of a waving US flag.

This meeting presentation was “Safe Boating Basics -Part I.” Our Secretary Stephanie Murphy covered the basic topics you need to be aware of to keep both your boat and the people on it safe. Also covered are the basic responsibilities of the captain (in most cases that’s you) and local knowledge of the Brevard County, Florida boating area.

For those who missed the 2 prior seminars in May and June, see Page 12 for a list of the on-line seminars and how you may request a PowerPoint copy.

The 20 July General Meeting will be another on-line presentation by Stephanie Murphy called “Safe Boating Part II (Vessel Safety Checks).”

The meeting was adjourned at 2005.

Next General Membership Meeting will be held on our normal meeting night at 7:00 pm on 20 July online. Next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7:00pm on 14 July online.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy, ABC-SB Secretary
June 16, 2020



When you think you have seen everything!

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY SEO P/C Jim Merker, AP**Ed Department Report: (Extracted from June 9 ExCom Mtg Minutes)**

Next **On-The-Water** session from the last ABC class will be this **Friday, June 12**, with two students. Jim Merker checked out the boat (provided by Earl Gillespie) to ensure all is in working order.



The first Junior Basic Boating class of 2020 will be **June 22 – 24** at the Satellite Beach David R. Schechter Community Center. Teachers will be Ernst Hofmann, Shari Marshall, Bill Veit, Tinker Murphy, and Stephanie Murphy. John Pechar will handle refreshments. Class is limited to 25 students. We have to maintain social distancing, wear masks, wipe down chairs and tables, and, as usual, release students to their parents. Stephanie will pick up projector Jim Merker next week and ensure that a laptop is available for the presentation. Stephanie will bring spray cleaner, paper towels, and see about obtaining some masks and hand sanitizer.

We will blitz out notices to the local yacht clubs and marinas about the upcoming classes and get new class cards out to the boat ramps.

The **first Flare-Up of 2020** is set for **Saturday, July 11th** at the Eau Gallie Boat Ramp. Members who have a video camera (and tripod) are asked to video the event for sharing with Boater's Exchange and USPS. Jim Merker will send notifications to fire departments, police departments, and the US Coast Guard before each Flare-Up.

The **second Junior Basic Boating** class is planned for **July 13 – 15** and the **second adult ABC3 class** is planned for **15 August**.

A Boat Handling (replacing Seamanship) course has been postponed with a TBD date, but with a planned completion date by the end of November.

A Navigation Challenge/Man Overboard event is pushed to the Fall, hopefully in conjunction with the Cocoa Beach SPS. Jim Merker plans to have the Man Overboard dummy available to be seen at the July Flare-Up to help advertise this event.

We would like to have an Engine Maintenance class over the Winter. Bill Veit would like to become a Senior Navigator and is working with Ernst on classes necessary for this rating.

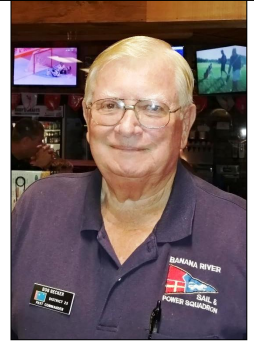
No news has been received from the USPS Educational Grant Department with regard to the grant application submitted by Ernst Hofmann for the cost of the signs placed at community boat ramps. The last two must be installed by the City of Melbourne. Ernst is talking to the City about the installation. We will also include the Turtle Sign from John Pechar to bring awareness to the turtle nests area beaches. The Squadron will absorb any minor costs associated with the addition of the turtle signs to our signs.

Remainder of June ExCom Meeting Minutes can be found on Pages 5-6..

**Remember, we do not just offer boating education –
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FROM THE SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: P/D/C Bob Becker, SN

STILL HOUSE BOUND?



STILL HOUSE BOUND?? GOING A LITTLE STIR CRAZY??

Now might be a great time to take advantage of the USPS Education Program.

Over the past 100 plus years your USPS organization has produced a set of education courses second to none. They are frequently updated to include the latest boating and technical information relating to each subject. Many of the courses are now offered via your computer! For example, here is a list of some of the USPS seminars. Members receive a 25% discount.

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[Boat Handling Under Power](#)
[Advanced Powerboat Handling](#)
[Anchoring](#)
[Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes](#)
[Sail Trim and Rig Tuning](#)

Facing the Environment

[Basic Weather and Forecasting](#)
[Hurricane Preparation for Boaters](#)
[Tides and Currents](#)

Techniques

[Knots, Bends, and Hitches](#)
[Paddle Smart](#)
[Trailer Your Boat](#)

Navigation

[Using GPS](#)
[How to Use a Chart](#)
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[Mariner's Compass](#)
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[Emergencies on Board](#)
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Cruising

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There are also courses available for everyone, and being cooped up might be just the time to take one or more of the above. If you are interested, please call P/C Jim Merker or P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann who will be very happy to assist you in registering for these educational opportunities.

Stay Safe...

P/D/C Bob Becker, SN Membership Chair

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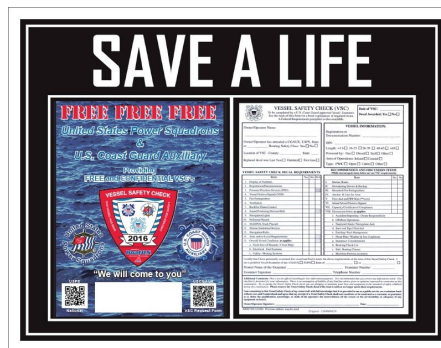
JULY MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR Open to ALL!

Monday, July 20, 2020
7:00—8:30 p.m.

“BOAT SAFETY: PART II—VSCs”

Presented by L/C Stephanie Murphy, P

Safe boating requires basic planning, organization, and thought. That includes making sure your “vessel” is safe for your planned activity. The **US Power Squadron** and Coast Guard Auxiliary have teamed up to provide a shared program of no cost, no risk, **vessel safety inspections**. Learn what is required in a VSC and how you can have one performed on your boat.



Please join the meeting from your
computer, tablet or smartphone

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/252811125>

Or Dial-In to:

1-872-240-3311 (Access Code 252-811-125)

On-The-Water Training ABC3



George and Nancy Swanson and Donald Trenkle joined SEO Jim Merker on Friday June 12 for their OTW training. This was delayed since their March ABC3 course due to Covid-19.

Use of an LED flare for night time visual distress signal was explained.



Nancy watching steering and shifting tips.



Jim commented that everyone successfully docked on their first attempt.
Right picture: George at the helm approaching the anchoring area.



Photos taken by Ernst Hofmann.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



SOUTH BREVARD

Bridge Nominations Are Open

Each year our members are asked to identify the leadership of the Squadron for the next year. Every member has the opportunity and responsibility to nominate any member who is believed to best be able to serve as an elected officer of the Squadron.

The time to make nominations is NOW. It is an important responsibility and not to be set aside or taken lightly. Those nominated, and if elected, mold the future of our Squadron.

The next page lists all the positions which are open on the Bridge, Executive Committee, and supporting committees. Please let Wally Jones, the Nominating Committee Chair, know whom you would like to nominate. You can return the form by email, US mail, or call Ed.

Every nomination must be accompanied by YOUR name. All nominations are held in confidence. The deadline for use of this form is **September 14**. The election will be held at the September Business Membership meeting on September 21.

If you are nominated, please seriously consider this opportunity to serve your Squadron. Please remember BRSPS is a volunteer organization and without members who are willing to serve, the Squadron can not exist.

Don't be bashful to nominate YOURSELF for any of the positions. There are several members who have held these offices for years and are **READY** and **ABLE** to help you in any way. If you would like a detailed description of any of the positions, please see the USPS website or contact Cdr Shari Marshall.

2020 Nominating Committee
J. Wally Jones
jjones611@cfl.rr.com
321) 877-9937

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SOUTH BREVARD

General Membership Nomination Form

Bridge Nominations:

- Commander _____
- Executive Officer _____
- Assist EO _____
- Administrative Officer _____
- Assist AO _____
- Education Officer _____
- Assist SEO _____
- Secretary _____
- Assist Secretary _____
- Treasurer _____
- Assist Treasurer _____

Executive Committee Nominations

- Four At-Large Members _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Financial Review Committee

- 1 Three-year Member _____

Rules Committee Member

- 1 Three-year Member _____

Nominating Committee

- 1 Three-year Member _____

The person nominating anyone for any position MUST sign this form: _____

Junior Basic Boating

June 22-24, 2020



Sixteen students, ages 11 to 14, attended our first 3-day class while observing strict social distancing, instructors wearing masks, and all refreshments served in sealed single serving. Fourteen passed the exam.



Instructors Stephanie and Tinker Murphy



John Pechar provided snacks

ON-LINE SEMINARS AVAILABLE

If you missed our May 18th or June 15th on-line General Membership meetings, you may request a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to view in the comfort of your own home.

May 18: This meeting presentation was "**Hurricane Preparedness.**" Our SEO Jim Merker presented a thorough talk about plans and activities that should be done pre-, during, and post-hurricane; topic is most appropriate three named storms have already occurred in the Atlantic basin.

June 15: This meeting presentation was "**Safe Boating Basics -Part I.**" Our Secretary Stephanie Murphy covered the basic topics you need to be aware of to keep both your boat and the people on it safe. Also covered are the basic responsibilities of the captain (in most cases that's you) and local knowledge of the Brevard County, Florida boating area.

Contact Cdr Marshall at shar44marsh@gmail.com to request a copy.

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**ABC-SB Members who
have a July Birthday**

Shari Marshall



Headquarters Resumes Normal Business Hours

June 26, 2020

Dear Sharilyn Dale Marshall:

USPS Headquarters staff has been working reduced hours due to COVID-19. We will resume normal business hours on Mon., June 29. Our office hours are M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thank you for your support while we continue to provide service to our members and squadrons while maintaining a safe environment for our staff. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Mary Catherine Berube
 United States Power Squadrons
 Executive Director



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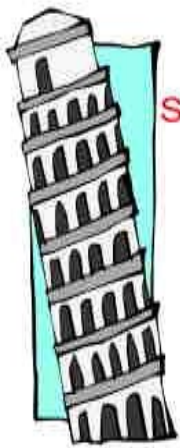




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UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2020

JULY		
11	FLARE-UP	1000 Eau Gallie Boat Ramp
13-15	JR BASIC BOATING	900 Schechter Community Center 1089 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 32937
14	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900 On-line Go-To-Meeting
20	ON-LINE SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS	1900 On-line Go-To-Meeting
AUGUST		
11	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900 On-line Go-To-Meeting or BAAB
15	ABC3 COURSE	900 Ascension Lutheran Church 1053 Pine Tree Dr, Satellite Beach 32937
17	ON-LINE SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS	1900 On-line Go-To-Meeting or Kelly's
SEPTEMBER		
6-13	ABC FALL GOVERNING BOARD	Hilton, Raleigh, NC