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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Live or On-line
Kelly's Burgers & Beer

Monday, Nov 16, 2020
7:00—8:30 p.m.

“Seamanship Under Adverse Conditions”
by Ernst Hofmann



Seamanship is the ability acquired by a **seaman to pilot his vessel skillfully** under adverse conditions. This skill **involves understanding the boat, wind, waves, tides, currents, and geography.**

Come LIVE or
join the meeting from your
computer, tablet or smartphone

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

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Coming Up Next:



FLARE-UP

Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM

EAU GALLIE BOAT RAMP

Eau Gallie Causeway, SR 518

Hands-On Training
Shoot Aerials—Light Flares
Pop Smoke—Learn How Now
Before You Need Them

Bring your **expired**
pyrotechnic signaling
devices to this event



BASIC BOATING (ABC3)

Saturday, Nov 28, 2020; 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Only \$20.00

Topics covered: Basics of boat types and handling. Federal and Florida regulations Navigation rules, Aids to navigation, lights Communications, Water sports safety and rules. Trailering, Anchoring.

Hands on **On-The-Water** session.

The course meets FL state and NASBLA requirements for the Boater ID certification.

Bring your lunch—refreshments will be provided

At the Satellite Beach Recreation Department
1089 S Patrick Dr., Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Register at www.playsatellitebeach.org or in person Mon-Fri 8:30 AM— 5 PM



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October 8, 2020

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Jim Merker, AP

65th ABC-SB CHANGE OF WATCH

Saturday, October 31 at 12:30 pm



Cdr Jim Merker being sworn in by DC Ron Poland



The ceremony was done virtually, meaning DC Ron Poland used Go To Meeting and joined the group via the Internet on a large TV at the Bradley's home. Cdr Rick Schoonmaker of CBSPS also joined in. Not as warm a feeling as being live in person, but certainly a viable option during a pandemic.

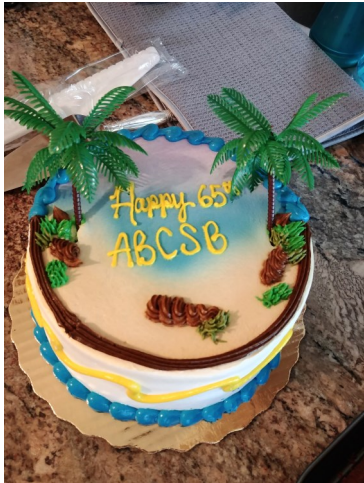


The 2021 Bridge being sworn in.



Wally Jones, Monika Bradley, Stephanie Murphy, Ernst Hofmann, Terri Friedlander, and Cdr Jim Merker

65th ABC-SB CHANGE OF WATCH



Thank you to Monika Bradley for opening up her home and making a GREAT Oktoberfest meal. There were many awards, gifts of appreciation, and good fellowship, all while keeping in mind social distancing.



FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY SEO P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN**Remembering the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm**

Our primary mission is Education and our motto ***We Do Not Just Offer Boating Education – We Provide Superior Boating Education*** has been around for a long time. Our Basic Boating ABC3 as well as Jr Basic Boating teach the rules and basic concepts. Occasionally, while boating in our local waters we see someone doing something unacceptable and we wonder ‘when harm will occur.’



However, there are several instances clearly finding fault with the seamanship of professionals. A tragic example is the collision of the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm at 11:10 PM on July 25 of 1956. The US Coast Guard publication *Proceedings*, Winter 2018, has an excellent review of how both vessels managed to collide with one sinking and a loss of 51 lives.

Both had been heading directly for each other at relatively high speeds and in foggy conditions, some 180 miles from the mouth of New York Harbor and SE of Nantucket Island. Each had the other on radar at different times, but contact was not maintained, and several theories place the blame on both ships. One theory is that the Stockholm’s helmsman allowed the ship to yaw considerably along its heading. Another suggests that Stockholm’s radar had been set at the wrong scale, allowing for the misjudgment of relative distance. Another theory and a possible result are that the Stockholm’s third officer misjudged the Andrea’s heading. Still some blame could be placed on the Stockholm’s captain who purposefully plotted his vessel’s voyage into a shipping lane encumbered with heavy oncoming traffic.

Conversely the crew of the Andrea Doria did not perform radar plotting that evening, the results of which would have compelled them to turn earlier. Moments before impact the second officer on



FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY SEO P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN

the Andrea Doria had left his post at the radio station to help the ship's captain determine the nature of faint lights seen off the bow - it was the Stockholm. Assuming the oncoming vessel would turn starboard well in advance, the Andrea Doria's captain ordered a four-degree leftward turn without starboard drift about 6 minutes before the collision. Yet despite his specific orders some significant drift to the right did occur. Minutes later the Stockholm's third officer ordered a further turn, this time to starboard which was completed just one minute prior to impact. Just at that moment the Stockholm made a fatal mistake. Upon gaining sight of the Andrea Doria, and hearing but not responding to its foghorn the third officer ordered a hard turn to starboard with the engines to run full astern. Andrea's captain saw the incoming vessel turning directly into his ship because of the Stockholm's maneuver. He ordered "hard to port" but the Stockholm struck the Andrea Doria aft and below the starboard bridge wing. Both ships then rotated in opposite directions, the bow of the smaller Stockholm appeared to be completely severed. Unlike the Andrea Doria it would not sink. Flooding had knocked out the Andrea's electricity and more than half of the vessel's lifeboats were destroyed in the collision. The boats on the port side could not be launched because its list was too great and those on the starboard side could only accommodate a portion of the 1700 passengers on board. The only way to get people into most of the few remaining lifeboats was to lower the empty boats into the water and then have the folks make their own way through the waves to them.

The rescue lasted 11 hours; however, heavy fog and nighttime made it difficult for them to find the Andrea Doria within a reasonable time. A total of 51 lives were lost and the Andrea Doria sank the following day on July 26 at 10:09 AM.

Lessons learned: Over-reliance on radar was a major culprit in this accident. This led to mandatory training for the use of radar becoming more systematized and widespread. Furthermore, approaching ships are required to hail each other by radio communications, but most significantly, such vessels are always required to make a starboard turn. It is notable that the employment of these very measures would have eliminated any possibility of the collision that sank the Andrea Doria.



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

FROM THE SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN; P/D/C/Bob Becker, SN

On-The-Water Opportunity

Have a love for boating but don't have a boat? Can you spare two hours a week? If so, the Satellite Beach Police Department Volunteer Marine Patrol might be for you. Yes, only two hours a week and you could be out on the water. The SBPD Volunteer Marine Patrol is looking for additional personnel. You do not have to be a resident of Satellite Beach, but you will have to pass a background check.



The Police Boat is kept behind the SB Fire Department on a boat lift. It is fully equipped with the proper Coast Guard safety items as well as other items relative to their mission: Patrolling the canals and Grand Canal within the SB City limits. Oh yes, you will have to complete a series of on-water boating exercises.

So if you have that boating desire but don't have a boat, can spend at least 2 hours a week and pass the background check, please call Barbara Holland at the SBPD 321-773-4400 for more info and an appointment to discuss the program.

The City supplies the boat, the equipment, the training, the uniform, a partner and the gasoline. Give Barbara a call.



The Marine Patrol boat is a 21ft 2000 Boston Whaler Justice purchased in part by a Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant administered by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. The is one serious tough boat made by Brunswick Commercial & Government Products. The motor is a 200hp Mercury 4-stroke purchased in 2010 in part by a Waterways Assistance Program Grant, funded by the Florida Inland Navigation District.

This boat is used to patrol the SB waterways, canals, and Samsons Island. Additionally, it is also used by the Satellite Beach Fire Department for fire and rescue services.

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2020 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Christmas Season is on the horizon and in spite of our best efforts we have not been able to conjure the right conditions for snow, ice and freezing temperatures to get you into the holiday mood...

But, do we have a **Christmas Boat Parade** to ignite the Season's Spirit on Saturday, December 19, 2020!

Three ways to enjoy the Parade:

1. Just decorate your boat and join it, or
2. Decorate your boat and register for the **Best Decorated Boat Contest**: \$150.00 cash prize for each of the three categories—Power under 30ft, Power greater than 30 ft and Sail unlimited size, or
3. View it from the Eau Gallie Causeway

Assemble at the north end of the canal at 5:30 PM

Parade starts at 6:00 PM

Detailed procedures will be given at a later date.

To register for the Best Decorated Boat Contests:

Please send the following information to:

BoatParade@ABCSB.org

First and last name

Complete address

Telephone and e-mail address

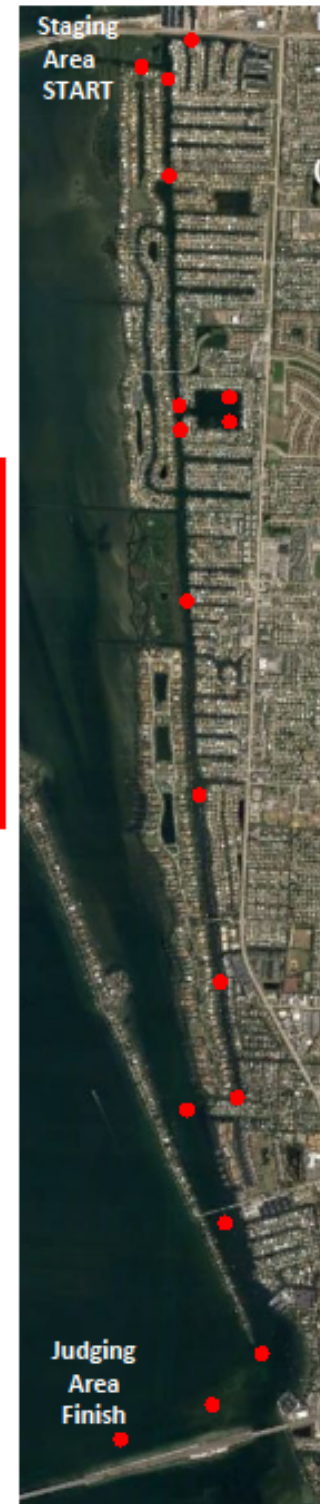
Boat type (power or sail)

Boat name and LOA



Registration Deadline is December 7

Questions ?? Call 321-220-7775



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**COME CELEBRATE
THE SEASON WITH US!**

ABC-SB Holiday Party

**Monday December 21
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?
Value \$15ish



98.5 The Beach Toy Drive
Bring one gift per person—for a boy or for a girl
Make a child HAPPY this year!



Food Pantry Drive
Donate nonperishable food items
to help those in
need.



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:** Oct 13, 2020**LOCATION:** Via GoToMeeting online due to Covid-19 Stay-at-Home orders**Exec Board Attending**

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S, 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

Members & Guests

Wally Jones, John Pechar

The meeting was called to order at **1903** by Cdr Marshall. Sept 8th meeting minutes were accepted.

Commander's Report:

The Executive Board continues to meet via GoToMeeting. Jim Merker has set up an account to allow up to 150 people to sign-in.

USPS

As the News from National comes in (usually via emails to the commander), the information goes into DragonTales. Currently there is no new news.

District 23

After the Fall Council meeting on September 29, D23 agreed to not have a live D23 fall conference and will do a virtual meeting. Jim Merker will work with D/C Ron Poland on setting up GoToMeeting for D23.

Cde Shari Marshall, Wally Jones, and Secretary Stephanie Murphy attended the memorial service for Associate Member Al Pappas.

The Satellite Beach Founder's Day Marketplace/Celebration was cancelled for 2020 due to Covid-19 due to the concern that social distance could not be kept. They will see us next year for the event.



Eleven 2020 Merit Marks were submitted to the Area Monitor on 9 October, approved, and sent to CC for approval. The new web-based merit mark system was used, and it was extremely effective.

Secretary's Report

BRSPS has 42 active members (Harpers did not renew) and 1 associate member. The Vecchios are past due for October. Adam Smith did renew. We began the year with 49 active members.

Kelly's Burgers and Beer is open but at 50% occupancy. Their meeting room will accommodate 10 people with social distancing. The September general meeting was held there as well as the current Boat Handling class. All is going well with the Covid-compliant accommodations.

The Short Sheet continues to report upcoming events with instructions on how to load GoToMeeting on our computer devices.

The October meeting is our Change of Watch on 31 October at the home of Joe and Monika Bradley, 1799 Freedom Dr., Melbourne, 32940. Lunch will be held at 11:30 and the **COW will begin at 12:30.**

Secretary will need to send virtual invites to D23 Cdr Ron Poland, Cdr CBSPS, Cdr SISPS. Planned Attendees include: Terri & Dan Friedlander, Joe & Monika Bradley, Shari Marshall & Wally Jones, John & Cathy Pechar, Ernst Hofmann, Steph & Tinker Murphy, Jim Merker.

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

Menu provided by the Bradleys, Murphys, and the Commander.

The 16 November General meeting at Kelly's Burgers and Beer will be an educational live/on-line seminar "**Seamanship Under Adverse Conditions**" by Ernst Hofmann.

The BRSPS Holiday Party is planned to take place at the Broken Barrel in Palm Bay on Monday December 21st, 2020 at 6:30pm. We will order off the menu as we did last year. The room we used last year was a good size to provide social distancing. We would like to do BOTH a Toy Drive & a Food Pantry Drive as well as gift exchange.

Treasurer's Report:

Monika Bradley provided Secretary Murphy the balances for both savings and checking accounts. An audit is scheduled for 15 Oct.

Ed Department Report:

A Boat Handling (replacing Seamanship) course continues thru October at Kelly's Burgers and Beer from 1830 - 2030. The On-The-Water (OTW) portion is planned for the first weekend of November (7th & 8th) with the new students on their boat (our second "Jump Start" program) and Wally and Stephanie on Earl's boat.

The second Flare-Up of 2020 will be **Saturday, November 21** from 1000 – 1130 at the Eau Gallie Boat Ramp.

The third 2020 ABC3 class is planned for **28 November** with Ernst Hofmann, Jim Merker, Tinker and Stephanie Murphy teaching and providing refreshments. This will be held at the Satellite Beach Community Center. Jim Merker will offer OTW training for those ABC3 students who want to attend.

Ernst and Jim Merker have been in contact with Bill Veit to have a Sail class and OTW session. Discussion regarding a seminar in Gaff Rig as opposed to full sail occurred.

We would like to have an Engine Maintenance class in **mid January**.

Ernst generated new Squadron course brochures, got them printed, and distributed to John Pechar who will fill the boat ramp card holders.

Other Business:

Boat Ramp Signs and Grants:

Hurray! We have heard from USPS Educational Grant Department, and our grant was approved! Congratulations to Ernst Hofmann for his perseverance. John Pechar helped Ernst with installing the boat ramp signs. We were asked to do a write-up in Dragon Tales featuring the grant process and include a sign installation pic.

Boat Parade: There were 106 emails sent out to previous Boat Parade participants and supporting organizations in the community; so far only 4 have registered. We are hoping for 20-30 registrations. There are 24 numbered signs printed and available, Jim Merker will send the Numbers on those signs to Ernst to give out to registrants. The Santa Claus/Judge's Boat has not sold, so may be available, or an alternate may be needed. John Pechar said his boat is available to use. Ernst continues to field all boat parade calls and inquiries.

Also discussed was creating a Facebook page to be used to promote the parade and other club events.

The meeting was adjourned at **1951**.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be at 7:00pm on **November 10**, 2020 at Kelly's will be **November 16**.

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

Tuesday
November 10th, 2020



Lunch & Learn
Webinar

How Fishermen are Helping
to Save Whales
with
Kim Sawicki



November Lunch & Learn Virtual Seminar "How Fishermen Are Helping Save Whales"

with Kim Sawicki

November 10, 2020

Noon to 1 pm

Held via Zoom Webinar

Register to receive the Zoom link

nicole@mrcirl.org

Learn "How Fishermen are Helping to Save Whales" with Kim Sawicki! Ropeless fishing has been described as what will likely save North Atlantic Right Whales from extinction. Many whales and other marine species become entangled in vertical ropes that help fishermen locate their pots/traps for retrieval. Kim Sawicki has been researching ropeless fishing gear not only to help save whales, but to help commercial fishermen maintain their livelihoods in the face of regulatory measures. Sawicki has been researching ropeless fishing gear not only to help save whales, but to help commercial fishermen maintain their livelihoods in the face of regulatory measures by the federal government. Kim will discuss how fishermen are assisting with the research and how their involvement could help save a critically endangered whale species.

If you are unable to register, we will be live streaming it through the MRC's Facebook page!

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Banana River Sail and Power Squadron, Inc.

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.



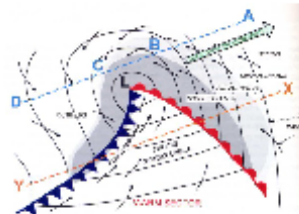
BASIC BOATING (ABC3)

November 28, 2020

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)

BOAT HANDLING (Repl. Seamanship)

Underway



- MARINE NAVIGATION
- ADVANCED MARINE NAVIGATION
- OFFSHORE NAVIGATION
- CELESTIAL NAVIGATION

**TO BE
TAKEN IN
SEQUENCE**



- CRUISING AND CRUISE PLANNING
- MARINE ENGINE MAINTENANCE
- HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR
- MARINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
- MARINE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
- MARINE NAVIGATION SYSTEMS



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Early 2021

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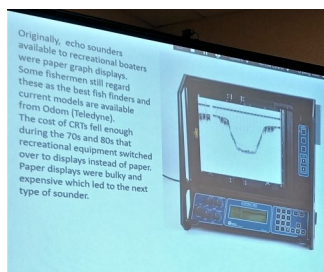
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RECENT ON-LINE MINI SEMINARS

If you missed our May 18th, June 15th, July 20th or Aug 17th or Sept 21 on-line General Membership Meeting and mini on-line seminars, you may request a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to view in the comfort of your own home.

- **May 18th: “Hurricane Preparedness”** SEO Jim Merker presented a thorough talk about plans and activities that should be done pre-, during, and post-hurricane; topic is most appropriate since three named storms have already occurred in the Atlantic basin.
- **June 15: “Safe Boating Basics -Part 1”** 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.
- **July 20: “Safe Boating Basics-Part 2: Vessel Safety Checks”** 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 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.
- **Aug 17: “Radar Basics”** SEO Jim Merker showed that you don’t need to be an Electrical Engineer or a PhD to use a Radar device, and it’s not just for large ships. We will have a practical discussion around the underlying mechanics, what makes it work, why you may want one, and touch on some key considerations when looking into an installation.”
- **Sep 21: “The Skinny of Depth Finders”** Tinker Murphy describes the value and function of hand-held depth finders to deck mounted chart plotters/fish-finders.



Contact Jim Merker at 321-604-9342 or jm@piratesplay.com for a FREE copy.

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Banana River Sail & Power Squadron
has received

\$105.49
as of August 2020



All charities have received

\$215,721,458.97
as of September 2020



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

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**Sam Ashdown
Anita Carbone
Betty George**

**Brittany Bailer
Terri Friedlander**

**Chief Commander**

C/C Mary Paige G. Abbott, SN-IN
District 22 America's Boating Club Sanibel-Captiva
Phone: 239.395.9409 Cell Phone: 239.246.9687
mpgabbott@gmail.com

20 October 2020

MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE!

Following are highlights of some of the actions and activities that your Board of Directors and headquarters have completed and are working on for you. Please share this information with your committee members, districts, and squadrons.

BOD and HQ Updates:**1. Membership Is Job One!**

1. Membership as of Oct 1: 21,356. Highlights include New members: 196; Late Renewals: 170; Reinstatement: 16; Non-Renewals: 266; Deaths: 29; Net Gain: 87. This is the second month for net gains (August had a net gain of 237).
2. Kudos to Districts 4, 11, 14, and 20 had zero non-renewals this month and Districts 1, 23, 28, and 30 had only one non-renewal. Keep up the good work! The BEST renewal method is personal contact as VC Ralph Bernard has emphasized. Districts are stressing Renewals to the squadrons because they *know* their members. Please continuously review the squadron member dues status, make contact with members in arrears and those coming up for renewal. Need help? Search the national website, check out the National Membership Committee pages, and more.
3. We are investigating automatic dues renewal and other ways to simplify the renewal process for our members.

2. Treasurer's Report for period ending August 31 (unaudited): Net Operating Deficit (\$114,386.95). The two main sources for revenue are down: New Member & Renewal Dues by approx (\$80k) and Net Sales from Educational & Ship's Store by approx (\$46k). A 'positive' is that unspent Travel Expenses are approx \$67k. The outlook for year-end (only 6 weeks away) is darn close to breakeven.

1. We need everyone's help in increasing membership renewals and to support the Ship's Store.
 2. Regarding educational sales, we look forward to squadrons adapting to using blended learning techniques as offered through the EDU Dept, continue with the NASBLA-approved ABC3 virtual classroom extension and helping return educational course sales to 'normal' levels.
- 3. Online Courses Update:**
- These do not compete with squadrons, but complement the squadron offerings and serve the online Cyber Squadron members. Online offerings have kept our members and the public engaged in our educational programs during the pandemic as national, state, and local health safety guidelines limited F2F and group contact. Expansion of the offerings is in process.

1. ABC3 online courses sold as of Oct 4: 1818 nationally (998 full year 2019). NOTE: squadrons conduct approx 6,000 ABC3 classroom courses annually. The total national market for a basic boating course is approx. 500,000 with about an even split between online and in-classroom delivery methods. There is significant opportunity for expansion of teaching students by the squadrons.
2. BoatUS Online Seminars sold as of Oct 4: 755 (455 estimated full year 2019)
3. Virtual Classroom: new in 2020, first offered week of May 17. Sales as of Oct 4: 383
4. SBA PPP Loan Status: We qualified to use the EZ Form to apply for full PPP/SBA Loan forgiveness. The forms have been completed and submitted to our bank; we are seeking 100% forgiveness. The bank will review the completed forms, verify that we have fulfilled our obligation to the bank and then send the paperwork to the SBA for their review and decision. While it would be great to take this obligation off the books by November 30th, our fiscal year-end, that may be unrealistic given we are working with the government. You will be kept informed!
5. 2021 Budget: The National Treasurer and the Budget Director have completed the 2021 Budget. The Finance Committee will review the budget, make recommendations, and present it to the BOD for acceptance. I have been asked why all the steps? The Budget is sent to the Finance Committee before presenting it to the BOD for acceptance then to the Governing Board for approval. Consider it this way: the Budget Committee collects information on the intended *expenses* of the national organization whereas the Finance Committee projects forecasts for *revenues*. Thus the Budget Committee submits the 'wish list' and known expenditures for the upcoming year and Finance tells them whether or not there will be income to cover it. Make sense? This process may be different from the way the squadrons and districts develop budgets. Check the Operations Manual for more information on organizational procedures.
6. Insurance Items:
 1. Communicable Diseases have not been covered in our policy and that translates to the current COVID 19 pandemic. If held in person, all squadron classes, activities, and meetings must follow all local, state, and national guidelines for health safety. Participation is an option and everyone should feel free to choose what is best for them. Be diligent!
 2. National insurance coverage: annual insurance rates will be increasing for 2021. National bears the expense in order to protect all members, squadrons, and districts when conducting USPS/ABClub approved business and educational classes. At this time, we have no plans in the 2021 Budget for a dues increase to cover the additional costs. We will update you at the 2021 Annual Meeting.
7. Websites: Please verify that your squadron and district websites are ADA-compliant. If not, then you have the potential for a lawsuit. The IT Committee created templates which are compliant: Standard Squadron Site (SSS) and the Standard District Site (SDS). Contact ITCOM for assistance or more information.
8. SAVE THE DATES:
 1. Tuesday, December 1: Giving Tuesday, A worldwide non-profit fundraising event. The United States Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club will participate this year!
 2. 2021 Annual Meeting & Governing Board: February 14-21, 2021. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Marriott Sawgrass Resort.
 1. Hotel reservations may be made from the National Meetings site: https://www.usps.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=1310 The room rate is the same as last year: \$174/night plus a discounted daily resort fee of \$12.50 which includes self-parking (regularly \$25/day).
 2. Meal and event information is being finalized this week.
 3. 2021 Fall Conference & Governing Board Meeting: August 29-September 5, 2021. North Hills Raleigh Hilton Hotel.

- 9. Kudos to the National Meetings Committee for renegotiating both 2021 national meetings contracts. With their persistence USPS/ABClub has zero room night commitments and no Food & Beverage requirements to meet. Thank you R/C Arlene Anderson and V/C Ralph Bernard for outstanding work!
- 10. Learning Centers Update: Florida is Open for Business. We are gearing up for a "re"start Oct 30-31 with weekly OTW Classes at Harris Chain of Lakes in Tavares, FL. Cost is \$395 per student for the course. The BOD approved spending \$1000 for Facebook advertisements at \$100/week for 10 weeks. This effort is coordinated through the HQ Communications Director. The funds are an allocation from the BOD Restricted Fund which supports special projects and more.
- 11. Ship's Store: a new procedure is in place for ordering logo items by the Certified Instructors and Vessel Examiners. Four times a year there will be a two-week window for ordering shirts directly from our supplier through a link on the Ship's Store webpage. This will allow better pricing because of batch ordering plus the order will be drop shipped to the purchaser's address thus saving inventory costs and shipping & handling fees. Thank you, R/C Claire McDonald!

Did You Know?

- 1. Some squadrons and districts are dipping into their savings and either paying their members' dues at renewal or reimbursing them for this past year. One squadron commented that they did not provide anything for their members that cost anything thus they didn't need the dues monies.
- 2. Life Members, those who don't pay annual dues, have contributed more than \$25,000 to the organization thus far this year. We thank you!
- 3. 2020 FALL CONFERENCE WENT VIRTUAL! If you missed attending the sessions offered by the departments and committees, you can access the recorded sessions [here](#): Or copy and paste this address into your browser https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=36

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas as the journey together continues.

Mary Paige

Mary Paige Abbott
Chief Commander

"The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way."
Marcus Aurelius

2020 MERIT MARKS

Cdr Sharilyn Dale Marshall, Banana River

Your Merit Marks submission #8222 has been reviewed by the Chief Commander, and is now complete. The results will be processed by HQ shortly.

Submission type: Accepted
Organization: Banana River
Year: 2020
Monitor: Creighton C. Maynard Jr. (tamc55@icloud.com)

Thank you,
United States Power Squadrons



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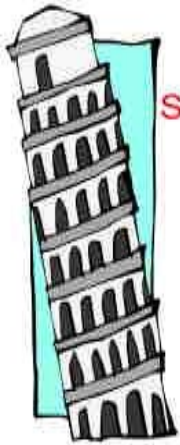




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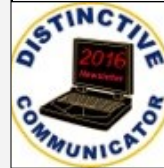
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NOVEMBER			
7	SATELLITE BEACH FOUNDER'S DAY	1000	Schechter Community Center CANCELLED 1089 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 32937
10	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	On-line Go-To-Meeting
16	GENERAL MEMBERS MTG	1900	Kelly's Burgers and Beer AND on-line Go-To-Meeting
21	LAST FLARE-UP of 2020	1000	Eau Gallie Boat Ramp
28	ABC3	900	Schechter Community Center 1089 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 32937
DECEMBER			
8	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	On-line Go-To-Meeting
19	CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE	1800	North end of Grand Canal, Satellite Beach
21	HOLIDAY PARTY	1830	The Broken Barrel Tavern 4700 Babcock St NE, Palm Bay 32905
JANUARY 2021			
12	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	On-line Go-To-Meeting
18	GENERAL MEETING	1800	Kelly's Burgers and Beer AND on-line Go-To-Meeting