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# TALES

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April 2021



Sea turtle nesting season is here. Officially, the season begins March 1 for the Atlantic coast of Florida, so these endangered species once again will be on Brevard County beaches.

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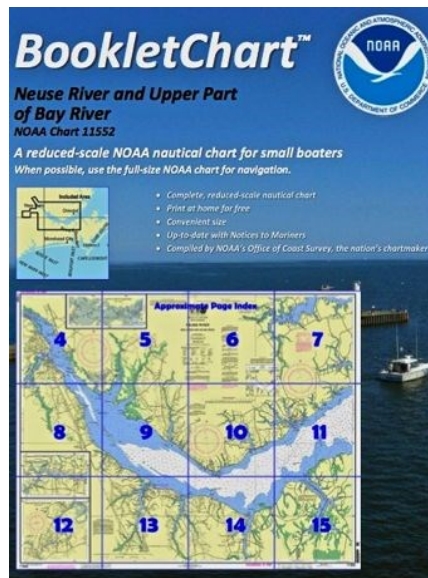
**APRIL 2021 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Live or On-line**  
**Kelly's Burgers & Beer**

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

**Order off menu at 6:30 pm—Program: 7:30-8:30 pm**

**“How to Print Charts from the NOAA Website”**

**By Cdr Jim Merker**



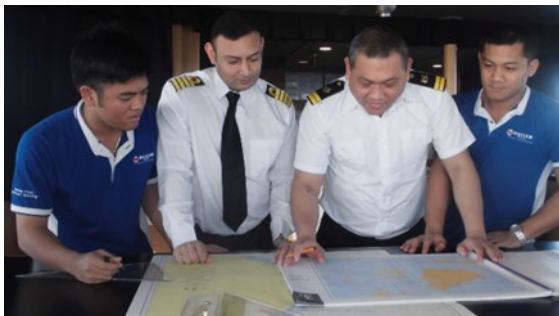
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## NOAA Begins Four-Year Transition to Phase Out Printing Paper Charts



Seafarers gathered around the chart table reviewing the plan with the captain and navigation officer (file photo)

BY [THE MARITIME EXECUTIVE](#) 03-01-2021 07:53:19

Two years after announcing its intent to begin the phaseout of paper nautical charts, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has officially begun the effort to sunset one of the most basic of tools for all mariners ranging from captains of giant ocean-going vessels to the recreational boaters. NOAA is transitioning exclusively to electronic navigation charts.

Dating back to the 13th century and the invention of the magnetic compass, chart making evolved into an art. The original maps were drawn on a flat plane not taking into account the curvature of the earth, but by the 17th century, the modern concept of Mercator projection charts was developed to adjust for the shape of the earth. The failure to keep charts updated and obstacles that led to groundings or collisions, however, was frequently cited by mariners as the causes of accidents.

Citing the benefits of quicker and easier updates to increase marine safety, NOAA announced in late 2019 the start of a five-year process to end traditional paper nautical chart production. The process for selecting the individual charts to be phased out will initially be based on the volume of sales or downloads, and in regions with improved NOAA electronic navigational chart coverage. Notification will be included with each chart as the final version is released and the cancellation of all traditional paper and associated raster chart products is expected to be completed by January 2025.

The chart selected to kick off the transition is for Lake Tahoe, which straddles the California and Nevada border and is popular with recreational boaters. Officially, it is chart 18665 and the latest iteration includes a note in the lower left corner of the chart which says that it is the last paper edition and it will be canceled six months later on August 26.

While NOAA is sunsetting its traditional nautical chart products, it is undertaking a major effort to improve the data consistency and provide larger scale coverage within its electronic navigational chart product suite.

Over the next four years, NOAA will work to ease the transition to electronic products by providing access to paper chart products based on electronic data. The online NOAA Custom Chart tool also enables users to create their own paper and PDF charts from the latest NOAA ENC data.

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- Born after Jan 1, 1988???
- Want to operate a boat 10 HP or more???
- You will have to earn the **FL Boating Safety ID Card.**



<p><b>BASIC BOATING (ABC3)</b>  <b>Ages: 18 and over</b>  <b>August 14, 2021; 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM</b>  <b>Only \$20.00</b></p> <p>Topics covered:  Basics of boat types and handling  Navigation rules Aids to navigation, lights  Federal and Florida regulations  Communications, Trailering, Anchoring  Water sports safety and rules  The course meets FL state and NASBLA requirements for the Boater ID certification.  <b>On-the-water session</b> covering pre trailer launch; hands-on basic boat handling, anchor deployment and retrieval; casting off and docking.</p> <p><b>Held at:</b>  Satellite Beach Recreation Center,  1089 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, FL 32937</p> <p><b>Register <a href="http://www.playsatellitebeach.org">www.playsatellitebeach.org</a></b>  <b>or call 321-773-6458</b></p>	<p><b>JUNIOR BASIC BOATING</b>  <b>Ages: 11 to 17 years.</b>  <b>June 7 to 9, 2021</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>July 13 to 15, 2021</b>  <b>9 AM to 11:30 AM</b>  <b>Only \$20.00</b></p> <p>Learn the basics of boat handling, safety, navigation rules, government regulations and water sports.</p> <p>Attendance at the 3-day course and passing the test is required to obtain the Boating Safety Education ID card, required by FL State Law to operate a boat with 10 HP or more.</p> <p><b>Held at:</b>  Satellite Beach Recreation Center,  1089 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, FL 32937</p> <p><b>Register <a href="http://www.playsatellitebeach.org">www.playsatellitebeach.org</a></b>  <b>or call 321-773-6458</b></p>
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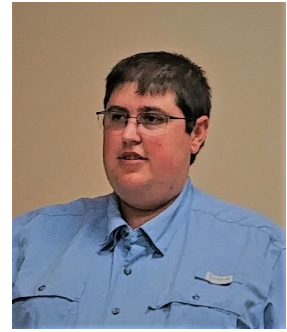
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Jim Merker, AP**

## Coast Guard: Vessel kill switches required by law starting next month

by [Erin O'Brien](#)

[12:00 PM EST, Thu March 11, 2021](#)



WASHINGTON — Boaters operating vessels under 26 feet long will be required to use an engine kill switch beginning next month, officials said.

The United States Coast Guard announced the new requirement after the law was passed by Congress.

Engine kill switches considerably prevent runaway boat incidents and the deadly threats they pose. An engine cut-off switch is usually a lanyard-style cord that attaches to the person operating the vessel. If a person were to accidentally fall out of the boat, the tension of the lanyard would immediately shut off the motor.

Wireless cut off switches have been developed and are also approved for use. These use an electronic fob that is carried by the driver and senses when it is submerged in water, and automatically shuts off the engine.

Each year the Coast Guard receives reports of recreational boaters who fell out of or thrown from their boats. These incidents have lead to injuries and deaths.

Most of these incidents end with the boat in gear with no one in control, leaving the operator stranded in the water as the boat continues straight or it circles the person in the water — eventually hitting them, often with the propeller.

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

New Kill Switch Law Continued:

Runaway boat situations put the ejected operator, other people on the water, marine law enforcement and first responders in serious danger.

An overwhelming majority of boats have a kill switch system set up, USCG officials said. So, this new requirement simply obligates recreational boaters to use the safety features already present on their boat.

Here is the official law:

Section 503 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 required manufacturers of covered recreational boats (less than 26 feet in length, with an engine capable of 115 lbs. of static thrust) to equip the vessel with an ECOS installed as of December 2019. Owners of recreational vessels produced after December 2019 are required to maintain the ECOS on their vessel in a serviceable condition. It is recommended that recreational vessel owners regularly check their existing ECOS system to ensure it works, following manufacturer's Instructions.

Section 8316 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 requires individuals operating covered recreational vessels (less than 26 feet in length, with an engine capable of 115 lbs. of static thrust; 3 HP or more) to use ECOS "links." Using the ECOSL is required only when the primary helm is not within an enclosed cabin, and when the boat is operating on plane or above displacement speed. Common situations where ECOSL use would not be required include docking/trailering, trolling and operating in no-wake zones.

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Boaters are encouraged to check the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information on this new use requirement and other safety regulations and recommendations: <https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/Engine-Cut-Off-Switch-FAQ.php>

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

### AIR TRAVEL AND INFLATABLE PFDs



So, you are planning a flight to do some out of the ordinary boating. Once the logistics of getting there and back have been settled, you start mulling the dilemma of just using the bulky ones offered by the charter outfit or “do we take our inflatable PFDs”? The answer for the latter is yes, but you will have to do some checking, because you have two hurdles to overcome: Transportation Security Administration and your airline.

**First the TSA** – will you get a Yes or No order during check in? Go to this website, which gives you an extensive list of items - it seems that if it something which is made it is listed alphabetically in one of the 48 TSA pages:

<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/whatcanibring/all> or  
<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/whatcanibring/all-list>.

They provide Yes or No or Question Mark answers with explanations.

Item	Carry on bags	Checked bags
<p><b>Life Vest</b></p> <p>You may bring a life vest with up to two CO2 cartridges inside, plus two spare cartridges in your carry-on or checked bag.</p> <p>You may not transport CO2 cartridges without the associated lifejacket.</p>	<p>✓Yes</p>	<p>✓Yes</p>

The key item to enter or search for is Life Vest – it does not recognize Inflatables, Life Jackets, PFD. Of course, it is not the Life Jacket per se that creates the problem – it is the cartridge with the propellant:

<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/whatcanibring/items/co2-cartridge-life-vest>

### CO2 Cartridge for Life Vest

**Carry On Bags:** Yes (Special Instructions)

**Checked Bags:** Yes (Special Instructions)

“You may bring a life vest with up to two CO2 cartridges inside, plus two spare cartridges in your carry-on or checked bag.

Even if an item is generally permitted, it may be subject to additional screening or not allowed through the checkpoint if it triggers an alarm during the screening process, appears to have been tampered with, or poses other security concerns. The final decision rests with TSA on whether to allow any items on the plane. You may not transport CO2 cartridges without the associated lifejacket.”

**Next, your Airline:** Just because you got past the TSA does not mean that you are home free. Make sure that you check with your airline days ahead of your departure to determine what they allow and forbid, also for the return trip.

For both TSA and airline it is a good idea to be as transparent as possible: Whether you will be checking your bags or using your carryon for the PFDs, put them in your bag at the top of everything, open the Velcro, unfold the PFD and expose the cartridges, attach a sticker with “cartridges”

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

### **AIR TRAVEL AND INFLATABLE PFDs continued**

arrow pointing toward each. Do the same for any but nearby spare cylinders. On top of the PFDs place a sheet of paper, on which you have printed in large font the TSA logo, website and description that they are allowed in your luggage.

Of interest are also these related items but check the battery requirements and stipulations.

[Emergency Position-Indicating Radiobeacons \(EPIRB\)](#)

- **Carry On Bags:** Check with Airline  
**Checked Bags:** Check with **Airline**

[Navigation GPS](#)

- **Carry On Bags:** Yes  
**Checked Bags:** Yes

### Use the Right VHF Channels

VHF Channels	Purpose
06	Ship to Ship Safety
09	Alternate Calling Channel
13	Navigation Safety – ship to ship, locks, bridges
16	Calling, Emergency, Distress
22A	Use only when directed by Coast Guard
68, 69, 71, 72, 78 70	Working Channels for Recreational Boats Digital Selective Calling (DSC)
WX1, WX2, ... WX9	Weather (Receive Only)

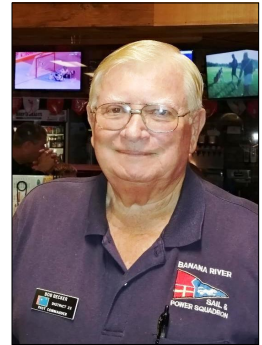
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**FROM THE SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN; P/D/C/Bob Becker, SN**

## An Angelic Experience?

The following is a true story: Growing up, I can remember my mother telling me that I had a guardian angel who was watching over me. I often thought about said person and never had any reason to doubt the angel's existence.



Back several years ago my wife and I purchased a 32 ft Trojan flying bridge sedan cruiser from a yacht broker on Florida's west coast. On the appointed day we were to take possession of the vessel, my wife and my brother drove over to Engelwood, FL where the boat was docked and prepared to move her to the east coast of Florida. Upon leaving the dock we only traveled a mile or two to a marina as it was getting dark and we were going to spend the night there. The next morning after gassing up, studying the charts for the west coast ICW we headed south to the Lake Okeechobee waterway across Florida.

The Trojan had twin engines, and when we had the boat surveyed the engines ran just fine. But now south-bound on the west coast ICW, it seemed every time we changed the throttle settings, the right hand engine would die out. But pressing the starter button brought the engine back to life. I had practically no engine experience having never taken the **USPS Engine maintenance course**. My brother who had a little more engine knowledge guessed we had water in the right gas tank and that the first time we needed fuel we would add a can of water absorbent.

We made it south to Ft Myers and onto the Okeechobee waterway and stopped just before the first lock to spend the night and gas up. We added a can or two of water absorbent. The next day we took off for the lake crossing but experienced the same engine problem. While it was a pain in the neck, we managed to get across the waterway to the west side of Lake Okeechobee and into a marina. After speaking to the marina's mechanic, he said he would look at the problem in the morning as it was getting late in the evening. My brother, my wife and I enjoyed a good dinner at a local restaurant and settled in for a good night's sleep aboard. During the night I had a dream. Someone was telling me to lift the starboard engine hatch and while peering down at the engine I would find a black box on top of the engine. My engine trouble was in the black box. Waking the following morning and remembering the dream, I mentioned it to my brother. He kind of laughed it off, but I thought we should give it a try. We did lift the engine hatch and there was the black box as part of the engine. Opening the cover I could see that there were two wires just barely touching a binding post. It was obvious that changing the throttle created a bit of engine vibration causing the wires to vibrate and for a moment separate. I cleaned the wires and made them fast. We continued the trip to the east coast ICW and up to the PAFB yacht club where we were to dock the boat *without any more engine problems*.

Was my guardian angel watching over and helped solve the problem? Your guess is as good as mine, but I remembered what my mother had told me though many years ago. It was an angelic experience. By the way, I did sign up for the Engine Maintenance course shortly thereafter.

## 2021 EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN

### March 15-17 JR BASIC BOATING



Four students age 11-17 attended our Jr Basic Boating three-day class held at the Satellite Beach Recreation Center. All passed the final exam and received their Florida Boating Safety Education ID card.



Stephanie Murphy



Tinker Murphy



Valerie Dietrich

### ABC3 for adults was held March 20

There were also four adults who took and passed the all-day ABC3 class.  
That makes 8 BETTER BOATERS ON OUR WATERWAYS!!

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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](mailto:Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org).



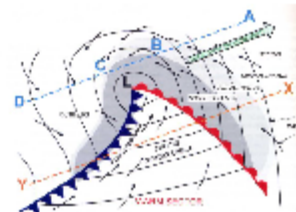
**BASIC BOATING (ABC3)**

August 14, 2021

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)

June 7, 8 and 9, 2021

BOAT HANDLING (Repl. Seamanship)



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

TO BE  
TAKEN IN  
SEQUENCE



**TWO-HOUR HANDS-ON SEMINARS**

Apr 10: OUTBOARD AND WATER PUMP REBUILD

Apr 17: BASIC ENGINE DIAGNOSTICS  
Evaluate an antique and determine its viability

Apr 24: CARBURETOR CLEANING  
Inboards and outboards, lawn mowers, weed eaters



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## **ENGINE MAINTENANCE SEMINAR #1**

**Saturday, March 27**

### **Outboard and I/O Lower Unit Maintenance and Dissection**

Jim Merker and Wally Jones replaced the water pump and impeller on a 2006 Honda 60 hp motor. A new kit was purchased which included all the parts needed for the repair.



## **ENGINE MAINTENANCE SEMINAR #2**

### **Carburetor Cleaning**

**April 10**

Unlock the mysteries of carburetors, among the highest maintenance items for many items, from weed-eaters & lawn mowers to outboards & inboards. With the advent of ethanol based fuels, when we let any gasoline engine sit for a prolonged period of time often the first thing to stop working is the carburetor, so we will tear some down and show how to clean/rebuild them.

This seminar will be roughly two hours, exact time to be determined. If interested, please contact Cdr Merker at 321 604-9342 or [jm@piratesplay.com](mailto:jm@piratesplay.com).





## Saturday, March 6

The Marine Resources Council hosted (2) Rain Barrel Workshops During Downtown Melbourne's 5th Annual Botanical Fest at the 1900 Building Parking Lot, downtown Melbourne. Representatives of MRC explained the importance of diverting rain water runoff from the Indian River Lagoon and how installing rain barrels can be a win/win for both the environment and personal lawn and garden care.



MRC offered the opportunity for attendees to take home their own 55-gallon rain barrel after the workshop, for a fee of \$55 (City of Melbourne offering a \$50 rebate with proof of purchase).



**Did you know** that a 90 square foot section of roof can fill a single 55-gallon rain barrel within the first inch of rainfall?

Wally Jones and Shari Marshall chose to buy and install this rain barrel to help

**Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution**



**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:** March 9, 2021**LOCATION:** Via GoToMeeting online due to Covid-19 concerns**Exec Board Attending**

Cdr Jim Merker, AP; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S; Lt Wally Jones, S; P/C Shari Marshall, AP; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P

**Exec Board Absent**

P/D/C Robert Becker, SN

The meeting was called to order at **1900** by Cdr Merker. A quorum was present. Motion made by Stephanie Murphy and seconded by Monika Bradley to accept the Feb. 9, 2021 meeting minutes; passed.

**Commander's Report:**

USPS

The USPS Annual Meeting in Ponta Vedra February 15-27 was held virtually. Monika Bradley tuned into the Treasurer's section. Shari Marshall tuned into the awards session, including the following announcements: ABCSB (BRSPS) have 2 members who reached their 25<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark this year. Both Ernst Hofmann and William Veit received their Life Member Certificates, and we thank them for their service to the Squadron! Both the Dragon Tales (produced by Shari Marshall) and the ABCSB Website (produced by Adam Smith, Jim Merker, and input from Ernst Hofmann) received Communication Recognition Awards. Bravo to both our public outreach mechanisms.

D23

A virtual D23 Spring Conference Meeting is planned for March 24<sup>th</sup>. District awards and election of the 2021 Bridge will be carried out. The D23 Picnic is still scheduled for April 17.

**Secretary's Report**

BRSPS has 40 active members and 1 associate member. The March program will be Stephanie Murphy presenting **What's in the Kitchen...er..Galley**, about equipping a galley. The April program will be Commander Merker presenting "**How to Print Charts from the NOAA Website**" as NOAA is no longer going to provide printed charts.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Monika attended the USPS Treasurer's online meeting. It went over IRS Form 990 submissions. When Monika went to the current IRS site, the format had changed from the one covered and she had to regenerate basic data. She got the form submitted properly for ABCSB (BRSPS). The combination of Checking and Savings accounts was reported. We received \$17.54 from AmazonSmile! The Squadron is financially stable for at least another 2 years with this amount of money. There are no outstanding bills.

**SEO Report:**

Hands-on Engine Maintenance/Outboard Teardown is scheduled for 27 March, 10 April and 17 April at Cdr Merker's home in West Melbourne.

A Sail Course is still planned for sometime this year, taught by Bill Veit.

JBB: Next Jr Basic Boating class is set for March 15 – 17. Teachers will be Tinker & Stephanie Murphy, Valerie Dietrich, Bill Veit, and Ernst Hofmann, with John Pechar assisting with setup and teardown and grading tests. Currently there are five (5) students signed up. The dates for the summer JBB classes are one on June 7-9 and one on July 12-14.

ABC3: Next ABC3 class is planned for March 20. There are five students registered. The dates for the rest of the year at the Satellite Beach Rec Center are August 17<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Becker's students (discussed last month) are going to attend the 20 March ABC3.

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

### Boat Parade

Ernst Hofmann is working with Bob Moore to send out an online Christmas Boat Parade Survey using SurveyMonkey to get feedback from the parade participants. It will be interesting to see the results.

### Old Business:

The Storage Unit has been turned back in. Wally Jones, Shari Marshall, Jim Merker, and Stephanie Murphy moved all the items that we were keeping at various locations to Jim Merker's home and garage to be stored. Stephanie Murphy took two boxes home (PFDs that needed ABCSB/BRSPS emblems sewn on and a box of water bottles with ABCSB/BRSPS stickers to hand out at the next JBB classes). Thank you for all involved in the effort! Cost Savings: \$650/year.

Cdr Merker asked everyone to think of fun events to hold this upcoming year so that we can all enjoy our boating friends.

The 2021 ABC-SB Calendar was reviewed and events updated. We talked about having a Corn Roast in June and an Oktoberfest in October. Flare-Ups are set for June and November.

All Board Members: Please send your hours spent in service and a description of the work provided each month to Ernst Hofmann, MM Chair.

We continued the discussion of an alternative level of membership on the local level, not requiring USPS membership.

Commander Merker suggested that we email all prior students and boat parade participants to include the Short Sheet inviting them to our functions and encouraging this alternative membership.

Also discussed was a yearly (\$30) subscription fee for local members. This was tabled for now as monitoring all this would increase the workload for a bridge member, which bridge member to be determined.

Discussion was held about these participants taking USPS classes, but that level of

participation is no different than any other non-member taking a USPS course, exams are still requested, etc.

Cdr Merker suggested a donation basket be set up at all seminars/programs/activities requesting donations to offset the Christmas Boat Parade expenses.

New ABCSB distribution address for Secretary to send out the emails, established ([ABCSB.BRSPS.Secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ABCSB.BRSPS.Secretary@gmail.com))

### New Business:

Discussion ensued regarding using USPS seminar slide and materials for future meetings—to cover approximately 30 minutes. In addition, it was suggested we ask Freedom Boating and 321Boating to come speak via GoToMeeting about the services they provide to the community. We have received several inquiries from area boaters about these “boating clubs.” It was agreed that it was a good idea, and further discussion will nail down the dates.

The meeting was adjourned at **2000**.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be at 7:00pm on **April 13**, 2021 via Go To Meeting.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy,  
ABC-SB Secretary  
9 March 2021



Stephanie Murphy's presenting at March 15 Meeting, "What's in the Kitchen...er...Galley"



Help Connect Our Youth To The Lagoon!



MRC  
**Lagoon  
 Castaway  
 Summer  
 Camp**

We are **BEYOND** excited to announce that the MRC is expanding and enriching our youth summer camp experience in 2021! We will be offering four different week-long camps that will be delivered twice over the 8 weeks of summer break.

These camps are designed to engage youth aged 8-12 in experiential learning with more hands-on, feet-wet activities that connect them to the Lagoon like never before! Session topics will focus on animals from micro to massive, investigations into the earth and sky, and the past, present, and future of life on the Lagoon!

**Camp Dates are Listed Below:**

Session 1: June 7 -11

Session 2: June 14 -18

Session 3: June 21 - 25

Session 4: June 28 -July 2

Session 5: July 5 - 9

Session 6: July 12 -16

Session 7: July 19 - 23

Session 8: July 26 - 30

Please check out the Lagoon Castaway Summer Camp Schedule and Registration Process online: <https://savetheirl.org/education/summer-camp/>



# WORD JUMBLE LIST

Take each word or set of words and unjumble to create Types of Emergencies or Hazardous Conditions that can occur on your boat (hopefully NOT!) from the USPS Boat Handling course, Emergencies On Board portion.

Example: OTAB BOAT

	JUMBLD	UNJUMBLD
A	LISINLOCO	
B	THEAR ACKTTA	
C	GLINNTHGI KREITS	
D	TRACUFER	
E	ROGGUINND	
F	BROANC EXIDNOOM	
G	SNECSKAISES	
H	PSINCGAIZ	
I	ETHA EKROTS	
J	GEINEN SOLS	
K	GIKINNS	
L	UDEFLO LEPROLERP	
M	DEGLEBIN	
N	TRADINHODEY	
O	REVESE ATHREWE	
P	GRINETES SOLS	
Q	RIFE	
R	NURB	
S	ON LAICTREELC ROPEW	



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## WORD JUMBLE ANSWERS

EMERGENCIES ON BOARD TERM JUMBLE ANSWERS  
 A. Collision B. Heart Attack C. Lightning Strike D. Fracture E. Grounding  
 F. Carbon Monoxide G. Seasickness H. Capsizing I. Heat Stroke J. Engine Loss  
 K. Sinking L. Fouled Propeller M. Bleeding N. Dehydration O. Severe Weather  
 P. Steering Loss Q. Fire R. Burn S. No Electrical Power

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy



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**Banana River Sail & Power Squadron**  
has received

**\$157.67**

as of March 2021



**All US charities** have received

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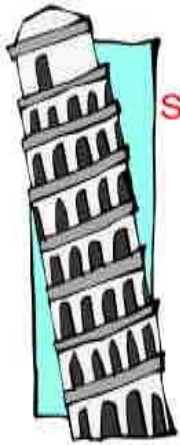




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## 2021 ABC-SB CALENDAR

Month	Day	Event	Location
<b>April</b>			
	10	Engine Maintenance Seminar	Cdr Merker's home
	13	ExCom Mtg	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a>
	17	D23 Spring Picnic	Bing's Landing, Palm Coast
	19	General Membership Mtg	Kelly's 650 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne 32935
	24	Man-Overboard Training	Eau Gallie Boat Ramp
<b>May</b>			
	11	ExCom Mtg	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a>
	16-23	National Safe Boating Week	
	17	General Membership Mtg	Kelly's 650 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne 32935
	22	Flare-UP & EG Boat Ramp Cleanup	Eau Gallie Boat Ramp
<b>June</b>			
	7-9	Jr Basic Boating	Schechter Community Ctr, 1089 Patrick Dr, Sat Beach
	8	ExCom Mtg	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a>
	19	Picnic	Spoil Island in Grant
	21	General Membership Mtg	Kelly's 650 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne 32935
<b>July</b>			
	12-14	Jr Basic Boating	Schechter Community Ctr, 1089 Patrick Dr, Sat Beach
	13	ExCom Mtg	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a>
	19	General Membership Mtg	Kelly's 650 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne 32935
	24	Navigation Challenge	Dragon's Point

August			
	10	ExCom Mtg	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a>
	14	ABC3	Schechter Community Ctr, 1089 Patrick Dr, Sat Beach
	16	General Membership Mtg	Kelly's 650 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne 32935
	29-9/5	USPS Fall Governing Board Mtg	Raleigh, NC
Sept			
	14	ExCom Mtg	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a>
	20	General Membership Mtg	Kelly's 650 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne 32935
		D23 Summer Council Mtg	Teleconference
October			
	12	ExCom Mtg	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a>
	16	Change of Watch	Home of Monika and Joe Bradley
		D23 Fall Conference	TBD
November			
	?	Sat Beach Founders Day	Schechter Community Ctr, 1089 Patrick Dr, Sat Beach
	9	ExCom Mtg	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a>
	15	General Membership Mtg	Kelly's 650 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne 32935
	20	ABC3	Schechter Community Ctr, 1089 Patrick Dr, Sat Beach
		Fall Flare-Up	Eau Gallie Boat Ramp
December			
	14	ExCom Mtg	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a>
	18	Christmas Boat Parade	Grand Canal, Satellite Beach
	20	Holiday Party	TBD

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## UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2021

### TIMES FOR EVENTS IN APRIL

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 10 Engine Maintenance Seminar #2 | 1000 Cdr Merker's home workshop  |
| 13 ExCom Mtg                     | 1900 <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/760362061</a> |
| 14 ECSA General Membership Mtg   | 1900 Satellite Beach Civic Center 565 Cassia Blvd  |
| 17 D23 Spring Picnic             | 1000 Bing's Park, Palm Coast   |
| 19 General Membership Mtg        | 1830 Kelly's Burgers & Beer  |
| 24 Man-Over-Board Training       | 1000 Eau Gallie Cswy Boat Ramp   |

**SEE YEARLY CALENDAR FOR MORE EVENTS**

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