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By Ernst Hofmann

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JR BASIC BOATING

April 2-4, 2018 0900-1200 Satellite Beach Recreation Center



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Saturday April 7, 2018 at 11:30 am SQUID LIPS, Melbourne



APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, April 16, 2018 Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:15 pm BEEF 'O' BRADY'S

3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne 32935

See Page 9 for more Information

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AMERICA'S BATING CLUB BANANA RIVER SPS

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 18, 2018

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)

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

Report on March Activities

I had the honor of representing the BRSPS at several events this month..

Wednesday, March 7



Melbourne Beach. Ed Wrasmann, who visits from Missouri for the winter. joined Gail Wall and I. Great food, great view.. Join us in April at Squid Lips on the 7th!

Saturday, March 10



Tony and Nancy Adams, John Pechar, Wally Jones, Ed Wrasmann, Jim Merker

And I helped move BRSPS Supplies and teaching aids



From the storage unit in Satellite Beach to our new unit at Mini U Storage in

West Melbourne (1/2 the monthly rate!). "Many hands make light work" Thanks to all.

Sunday, March 11



Wally lones and I attended the Change of Watch of the Sebastian Inlet SPS at the Vero Beach Yacht Club. Cdr Ronald Ray, IN took over command from P/C Charmaine Brayton, S. Look forward to working with SISPS this year!

Friday and Saturday, March 23-24

Dave and Lucy Hixenbaugh, Gail Wall, Jim Merker, and Wally Jones and I attended the District 23 Spring Conference at the LPGA Holiday Inn in Daytona Beach. See pages 20-21 for several pictures of this great event. Thanks, Lucy, for Chairing the D23 Spring Conference!

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

I would be remiss if I did not start out my first report by thanking and congratulating Ernst Hofmann for his spectacular job at the helm of the Education Department! Our Commander has detailed all the awards that our squadron received from District 23 for outstanding educational achievements on page 10. Thank you, Ernst!



Your squadron has recently entrusted me with responsibility of Squadron Educa-

tional Officer, and I have graciously accepted. Ernst will be staying on as ASEO and helping with the execution of our many programs. As I start to wade through all that Ernst has been doing and begin formulating my own goals and plans, I urge you as members to let me know what you want to see. This is your squadron, and I am here to serve your needs along with the general boating public.

The first **ABC3** class of the year had ten students, all but one passed the exam and the highest grade was 97% achieved by three students. The class was taught by Harvey Inventasch, Ernst Hofmann, and myself. The On-The-Water sessions will again be taught by Earl Gillespie.

Jr Basic Boating will be taught April 2-4 for ages 11-17 at the Satellite Beach Recreation Department (321-773-658).

Any other courses will be scheduled according to your interest - take advantage of our **COURSES ON DEMAND** option. The minimum class size is five. Our courses are open not just for members; feel free to recruit friends to further their boating education. You can find the complete list of courses, a total of thirteen, at www.bananariversps.org

ABOUT DREAMING AND LIVING

Back on July 15, 2013 during our monthly meeting, Don Bosley was in charge of the program relating his fascinating 12-year circumnavigation, a good part single handed, on his 38 ft. sloop. Sadly, P/C Ken Peters informed us that Don passed away recently. In Don's **Afterthoughts**, reprinted below, he reflects on what many of us dream about but only a few manage to experience.

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

Check our website <u>www.bananariversps.org</u> for more information.

Don crossed the bar this morning (March 13, 2018)

At Fiddler's Green, where seamen true When here they've done their duty The bowl of grog shall still renew And pledge to love and beauty.

Afterthoughts By Don Bosley (1927-2018)



From 1981 to 1993, I lived the dream of a lifetime: 12 years aboard my own boat, circumnavigating the world!

I think about it every day and I'm so glad that I had the opportunity and took it, when I did.

My advice to others: **GO NOW!**

I saw beautiful places, met interesting and different people, enjoy the freedoms that few have the luck to experience and proved that I can survive through many difficult circumstances.

All my childhood's imagination could not have foreseen the wonderful life I lived aboard *Sunchaser* for so many years.

Returning to '*normal life*' was not easy - but it had its own rewards too. Now, I am lucky enough to live in a lovely home on a canal in Florida, with *Sunchaser* moored at my pier and my Rhoda is still taking great care of me.

I sit in my *money chair*, reading books about investing in the Stock Market and playing bridge and right there, I can see her yellow sail cover glowing brightly as ever.

As we get older, we are less able to cope with the physical endurance required of a sometimes grueling and difficult adventure. But I have spoken to many people who dream of such a future and never get to do it, as other daily tasks get in the way.

Many start planning but never leave the pier – their list of *things to do* is too long to complete. I hate to tell you, but that list never gets shorter!

Take plenty of spare parts and keep doing that list along the way!

Get started and : GO NOW!

Often my mind drifts back to those beautiful places and exciting moments of my cruising days, but I have many new projects to start in the next stage of my life and new goals to set. I can still lose myself in dreamland, remembering the many times I raced my dinghy home across the waves, climbed aboard, raised the anchor, unfurled the sails and set off for ports unknown and exciting new experiences.

So remember my advice – if you have a dream and have the chance to follow it: **GO NOW!**

Sail away on a beautiful white sailboat with yellow-edged sails.

And take a beautiful, brave young lady with you!

Good sum up of Don by Tim Robson. "I'm sorry to hear but I also don't know of many people who have lived a fuller 91yrs. For me, he is the model of always keeping a smile on your face and finding the best in a situation."

Submitted by P/C Ken Peters, SN

FROM THE SQUADRON SECRETARY: Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P

BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES:

DATE: March 19, 2018 LOCATION: Beef 'O' Brady's, Melbourne, FL

Exec Committee Attending

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; Lt/C Gail Wall, P; P/D/ Lt/C David Hixenbaugh, SN; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt/C John Pechar, P; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P; P/C James Merker, AP; Lt Harvey Inventasch, S

Exec Committee Absent

P/D/C Robert Becker, SN; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN

Guests

Cassie Warthen and Kerry Stoms from the Satellite Beach Recreation Dept; Past XO Don Kadlac and wife Kathy from Sebastian Inlet SPS.

The meeting was called to order at 1917 by Cdr Shari Marshall. Pledge and blessing were led by P/D/Lt/C David Hixenbaugh, SN.

Ernst Hofmann presented Certifications of Appreciation to Cassie Warthen and Kerry Stoms of the SBRD which provides advertizing and coordinates attendance lists for all three sessions of Jr Basic Boating. In addition, the team coordinates the annual Samsons Island Open House that BRSPS participates in.

Wally Jones introduced speaker, Rob Mulligan. Mr. Mulligan presented an introduction to Navy Submariners and the purpose of the Submarine USS Louisville, a Los Angeles class submarine.

Commander's Report:

Cdr Marshalll reviewed BRSPS activities for the month including distribution of the 2018 Roster

via e-mail. If there are any corrections, please notify her. The Commander attended the COW of the Sebastian Inlet SPS at the Vero Beach Yacht Club on March II. They are part of



District 8 which runs from Sebastian to Key West with 14 Squadrons. She also attended the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando on Feb 24-25. She encouraged everyone to attend the D23 Spring Conference coming up on March 23-25.

Admin Officer Report:

Lt/C Gail Wall reviewed upcoming events and requested help with making them a success. There will be a Raft Up on 30 March in Sebastian. April 7th is our next monthly "Lunch on the 7th" at Squid Lip's, Eau Gallie Causeway at 11:30. The BRSPS float rehab is set for 14 Apr.. Please come out and nail, screw, and paint up our float so it will be ready for future parades! April 28th is another Raft Up in Sebastian. May 19th begins Safe Boating Week! Remember that the Flare Up & Eau Gallie Boat Ramp Cleanup will occur along with additional safety briefs. May 12th is the District 23 Picnic at Sand Point Park in Titusville! Last year's was very festive and will only cost \$5/person! Our first Parade will be the Melbourne Memorial Day Parade on 26 May. We need volunteers for many of these activities. Please contact Gail to help.

Ed Department Report:

P/D/LtC Ernst Hofmann announced that James Merker will be our new SEO. Ernst will continue as ASEO. Jim spoke about the Waypoint Challenge being setup for June. More details about this will follow, but observers will be needed for each participating boat, so plan on a nice boat ride that day!

Secretary's Report:

Lt/C Stephanie Murphy stated that there are currently 63 active members and I associate member.

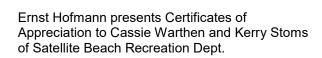
Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer P/D/Lt/C David Hixenbaugh reported the balances in the checking and saving accounts.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2047.

Next General meeting will be held on April 16, 2018 at Beef 'O'Brady's at 3030 Lake Washington Rd., Melbourne. Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 10, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy **BRSPS** Secretary March 25, 2018





Rob Mulligan, US Navy, addressing the members.

Cdr Marshall with Don and Kathy Kadlac from SISPS

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 16, 2018

Social 1830 (6:30 p.m.) Meeting 1915 (7:15 p.m.)

BEEF 'O' BRADY'S

3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne

Speaker: Rodger Pszonowsky Topic: Saving the Sea Turtles



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!**

D23 SPRING AWARDS

At the awards segment of the D23 Spring Conference Business Meeting, Cdr Shari Marshall had the honor of accepting several 2018 D23 awards including:

USPS Educational Fund Certificate of Merit (donation to USPS for every member in BRSPS x 30 years)

The Squadron Improvement in Education Award (highest percentage of members completing the combined courses of Seamanship, Piloting, AP, Engine Maintenance, and Weather)

The Elective Course Award (highest percentage of members achieving elective course awards)

The Pick Vidal Public Relations Award (Squadron which excels in its Public Relations program coverage of special events)





P/C Earl Gillespie, P received The Arthur Buswell Award for 2018. This award is given to recognize that person who, in the opinion of the judges, has been most helpful in promoting activities of his/her squadron. Throughout 2017 Earl prepared press releases, conducted the Annual Flare-Up, taught Jr Safe Boating, graded other exams, taught On-The-Water sessions, and helped judge the decorated boats in the Christmas Boat Parade.

Great Job, Earl!

These are all testimonials to the outstanding work done by our Educational Department. Kudos go to Ernst Hofmann for his dedication as Assistant SEO and to the many members who help teach classes, take courses, help with set up and take down of classrooms, and those who go out and promote what we do for the community!







D23 Annual Picnic I2 May 2018 Sand Point Park, Titusville, Florida

Hosted by: Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron

KAYAK RACE

For the first time, the D23 Picnic will include a Kayak Race to replace the Cardboard Boat Race, discontinued for lack of participation.

Using the attached entry form, entries must be received by 30 April 2018. There is no fee for participation. The squadron asks that cancellations are received no later than 05 May 2018.

In case of inclement weather, all entrants will be notified via email by 11 May 2018.

FORMAT

There will be two race events:

One person kayak

Two person kayak

The number of persons in the boat will be the determining factor, not the size of the boat.

COURSE

The course will start and end at the same marker at the southern end of the course. Rowers will be required to race to the northern course marker, successfully going around the marker, before rowing south to the staring marker.

The course will run parallel 100 feet off the seawall in water depth of approximately 4 feet.

The winner will be adjudicated by the District Commander who will be located on shore at the finish line.

Ties may result in a run-off.

RULES

All boats will be inspected for sea worthiness

Boats may be fiber glass, wood, or inflatable kayaks (no home- built boats)

All participant must be squadron members as indicated by membership number on the application form. No non-member spouses or children.

All boaters are required to wear USCG approved life jackets

Rescue boats will be on the water in case of emergency

No interference with other boaters will be allowed.

Boaters must sign in by 1000 for race starts at 1030 and 1045 respectively.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category.

	D23 Annual Picnic I 2 May 2018 Sand Point Park, Titusville, FL KAYAK RACE ENTRY FORM - <u>ONE PERSON BOA</u>					
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PHONE:	EMAIL					
SQUADRON:	Membershp #					
NAME #2						
ADDRESS:	CITY:					
PHONE:	EMAIL					
SQUADRON:	Membershp #					
Submit by 30 April 2018 Complete form and send to: P/C SANDY SCHOONMAKER, SN, 403 Berwick Way Melbourne, FI 32940 Or Email Schoon67@cfl.rr.com						

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FLARE-UP

Saturday May 19, 2018 at 10 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





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THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: P/D/C George Ammon, SN

Please be aware that George has been transferred from rehab to assisted living. He is now at Riverview Senior Resort, 3490 Gran Ave, Palm Bay 32905. It is located off US I at Malabar Point. Phone number is 321-312-4555, Ext 6215. A call or a visit would c ertainly cheer him up.



Be advised that Anne Merritt, Past Commander of Titusville Sail and Power Squadron and wife of District 23 P/D/C Roy Merritt passed away on March 22. BRSPS sends its thoughts and prayers to Roy and their family.



I want to thank all those people who keep in touch with their friends and fellow members. We look forward to seeing all of you at future meetings.

If you know of any special needs of any of our squadron members, please contact me at (321) 773-2426.

Another Successful ABC3

March 17, 2018

Ascension Lutheran Church in IHB

Ten students took the all day ABC3 course in March. Nine of them passed with several scores in the 97-95% range. Thank you to Ernst Hofmann, Jim Merker and Harvey Inventasch for taking time out of their very busy lives to teach these adult students. The On-The-Water segment of ABC3 will begin on Saturday, April 14 under the direction of Earl Gillespie.





Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall

November 2, 2017 - In conjunction with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kidde announced a recall to replace certain Kidde fire extinguishers. The replacement program was initiated because certain fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to activate, posing a risk of failure to discharge. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard. The product recall involves two styles of Kidde disposable fire extinguishers: plastic handle fire extinguishers and plastic push-button fire extinguishers.

Affected Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles

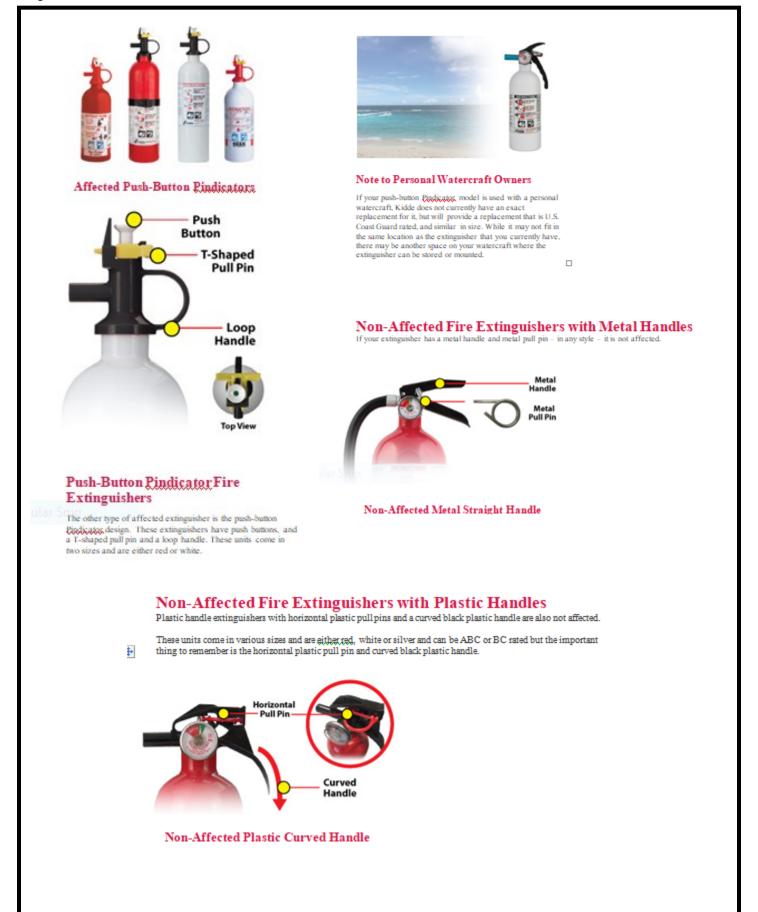
There are two styles of fire extinguishers included in the recall: certain plastic handle fire extinguishers and push-button <u>Pindicator</u> fire extinguishers.

If the extinguisher has a gauge, the first thing to look for is a vertically oriented pull pin that is either fixed with two connections or hanging with a single connection.



Certain affected fire extinguishers also have a straight plastic handle.







Summary: This product recall involves two styles of Kidde disposable fire extinguishers:

- Plastic handle fire extinguishers
- Plastic push-button fire extinguishers

This Recall does not include Kidde Professional or Badger branded fire extinguishers. Units with metal handles/valve assemblies are not included in the recall.

- <u>Read the Full Announcement on the CPSC Website</u> (Opens in a new browser window)
- Frequently Asked Questions (Opens in a new browser window)

Follow These Steps:

 View the following links to determine if you have an affected model:

 Plastic handle fire extinguishers: <u>Open to view the Fire</u> Extinguisher ID Guide (Opens in new browser window)

 Push-Button Fire Extinguishers: <u>Open to view the Fire</u> Extinguisher ID Guide (Opens in new browser window)

2. If you believe that you may have an affected model, before continuing, also use the Fire Extinguisher ID Guide (link above) to locate and collect your Model Number, Serial Number, and Date Code (if applicable). The Date Code is a 10-digit number printed on the side of your fire extinguisher, near the bottom Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture, and these five numbers are what you will need to proceed.

3. When you are ready to proceed, select your unit from the list below. Note: If you have a push button model used on a personal watercraft such as a JETSKI®, be sure to select the personal watercraft option.

4. If you believe that you have an affected extinguisher installed in an motor vehicle (or RV), or are a motor vehicle (or RV) dealer, please select your unit from the list below. To complete the replacement process you will need to have the VIN number of your vehicle. If you have additional questions, please call 1-855-262-3540.





Recall Identification Guide

<u>Kidde 2017 Fire Extinguisher Recall</u> <u>Video Identification Guide</u> <u>(US and Canada)</u>

News From National



"DO-A-CANOE"

The Safety Committee has initiated a campaign requesting Vessel Examiners seek out CA-NOE/KAYAK RENTAL paddle craft outlets for Vessel Safety Checks. This should be considered an excellent source of promoting "America's Boating Club[®]".

Recreational paddle craft establishments benefit from displaying the United States Coast Guard approved Vessel Safety Check decal on their rentals by making the public aware of their annual vessel safety check compliance.

For additional information on Rental, Club, Association Outlets, VSC inspection procedures, Required Equipment, Recreational Boating Statistics and Paddle Craft web sites please explore these suggested idea's and links. Thank you.

- 1. National, State, County, and City recreational parks
- 2. Your local Paddle Craft, Power Boat, and Sail rental companies
- 3. Your Squadron Canoe/Kayak club.
- 4. Sailing and Paddle Craft schools/clubs.
- 5. Recreational Boating Associations.

6. There is a treasure chest of information which can be obtained from "America's Canoe Association" (ACA) www.americancanoe.org For your state's ACA locations/event refer to the main page on the upper right click-on "Community" then click on State Director Program.

7. For Paddle Craft VSC inspection procedures and needed equipment refer to the form 7012A (<u>forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7012A.pdf</u>).

8. Recreational Boating Statistics refer to (<u>www.uscgboating.org</u>). From main page click on "Statistics."

- 9. Web search Paddle Craft/Canoe/Kayak.
- 10. Web search (<u>WWW.USNWC.ORG</u>) U.S. National Whitewater Center.

April 2018



Registration and Welcome



Hospitality Suite Friday evening-lots to eat



Dinner before Trivia Friday evening



Dave and Ed Kydd



Deb and Gail



Captains of the High Seas!



Scoonmakers and Lucy



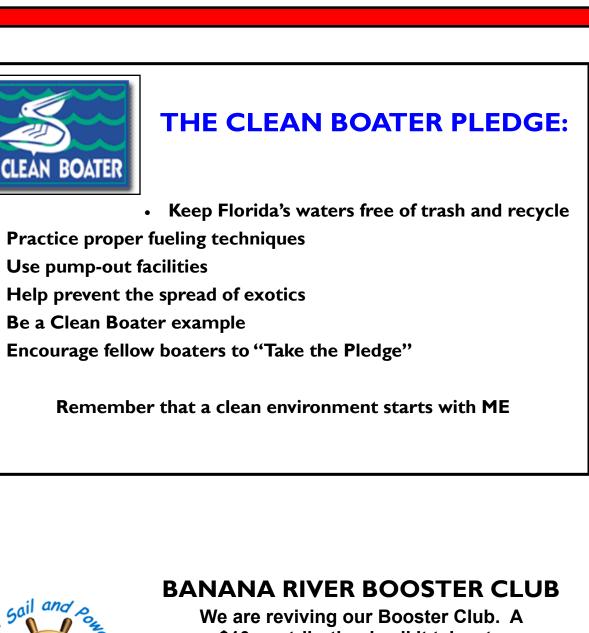
Lucy, Shari, Gail, Dave, and John



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2018-19 District 23 Bridge



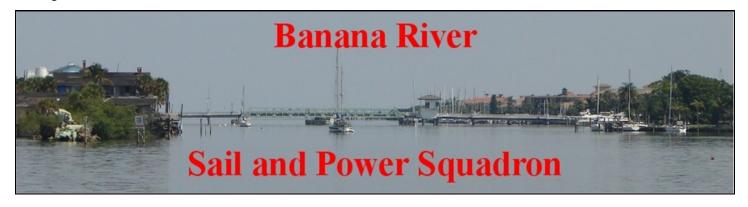


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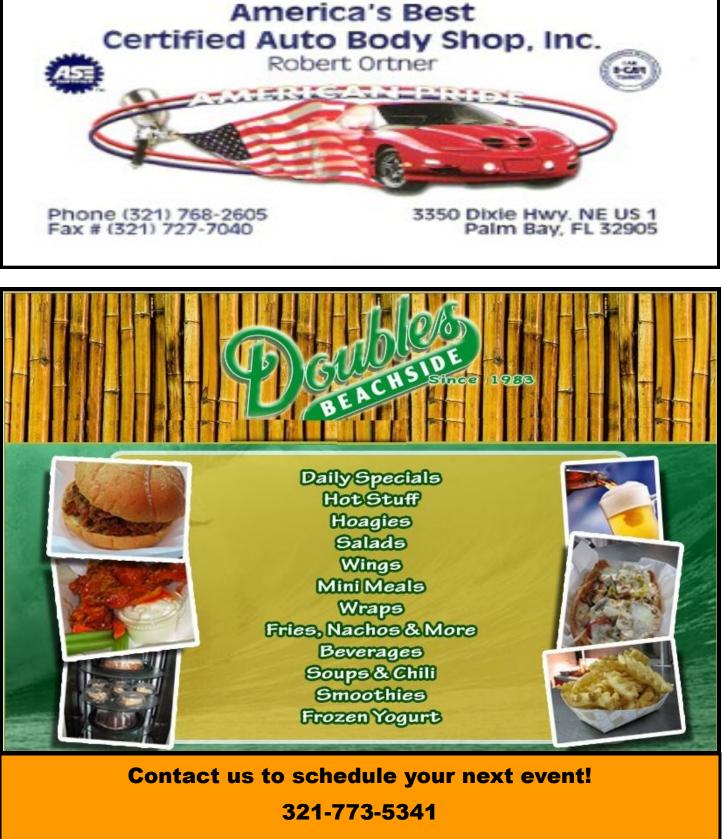


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UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS - 2018

APRIL

| 2-4 | JR BASIC BOATING | 900 | Satellite Beach Recreation Center |
|-------|------------------------------------|------|--|
| 7 | LUNCH ON THE 7th | 1130 | Squid Lips, 1477 Pineapple Ave, Melbourne |
| 10 | EXECUTIVE MEETING | 1900 | BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach |
| 14 | REFURBISH THE FLOAT | 1000 | Jim Merker's Home, 2470 Arizona St, West Melbourne |
| 14-15 | INDIAN RIVER NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET | 1000 | 7955 58th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32967 |
| 16 | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING | 1830 | BEEF 'O' BRADY'S |
| | | | 3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne |
| 28 | RAFT UP SEBASTIAN NIGHT SOUNDS | 1900 | Sebastian Inlet State Park, Hwy AIa, Sebastian |
| | | MAY | |
| 7 | LUNCH ON THE 7th | 1130 | TBD |
| 8 | EXECUTIVE MEETING | 1900 | BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach |
| 12 | D23 SPRING PICNIC | 1000 | Sand Point Park, Titusville |
| 19 | FLARE UP & EAU GALLIE RAMP CLEANUP | 1000 | Eau Gallie Boat Ramp |
| 19-25 | NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK | | |
| 21 | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING | 1830 | BEEF 'O' BRADY'S |
| | | | 3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne |
| 28 | MAN OVER BOARD EXERCISE | 1000 | TBD |
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