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**BANANA RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON ACTIVITIES  
YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS**

**JULY GENERAL MEETING**



Monday July 15

6:30 Social 7:15 Program

**Kelly's Burgers and Beer**

**650 North Wickham Road**

**Melbourne, FL 32935**

**See Page 13 for more Info**



**JR BASIC BOATING**

July 15, 16, 17

9 to noon

**Satellite Beach Recreation Center,**

**1089 S. Patrick Dr**

**Satellite Beach 32937**

**See Page 3 for more Info**



**MARKER 36 CORN ROAST**

**Sat July 13, 2019**

**11:00 to ?**

**Christenson's Boat Landing**

**5355 US 1**

**Grant-Valkaria, FL 32949**

**See Page 10 for more Info**

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**TWO COURSES - - -  
- - - FOR TWO AGE GROUPS**

- 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>JUNIOR BASIC BOATING</b> Ages: 11 to 17 years. Fee \$20 <b>July 15 to 17, 2019 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM</b> Held at the Satellite Beach Recreation Center, 1089 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, FL 32937. Learn the basics of boat handling, safety, navigation rules, government regulations and water sports. 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. Taught by the Banana River Sail and Power Squadron. <b>To Register Contact:</b> Satellite Beach Recreation Center at <b>321-773-6458</b></p>	<p><b>BASIC BOATING (ABC3)</b> August 17, 2019; 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM <b>Ascension Lutheran Church</b> 1053 Pinetree Dr Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937 <b>Only \$20.00</b> <i>Bring your lunch, refreshments served</i> Topics covered: Basics of boat types and handling Navigation rules Aids to navigation, lights Federal and Florida regulations Communications Water sports safety and rules Trailing, Anchoring The course meets FL state and NASBLA requirements for the Boater ID certification. <b>Registration and payment required by August 12 at www.banariversps.org Or Call 321-220-7775</b></p>
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Shari Marshall, AP**

## Happy 4th of July!



First, I would like to explain the reason for combining our July and August issues of Dragon Tales. Summer is a very popular time of year for vacations, mainly to escape the heat of central Florida, but also to enjoy the beautiful scenery and waterways “up north.” Wally and I will be off to Denmark and the Baltic Sea area during much of July and August. Other members of your Bridge will also be traveling, so handing off the newsletter next month will not be easy to do. Your September issue will come out the end of August as usual!

Please check the calendar on page 28 for upcoming events in July and August. The program for the August 19th General Membership meeting is in the works, and you will receive updates as to the speaker and program in early August.

Check out page 16 for more information about the Navigation Challenge and Man-Over-Board event scheduled for August 31. More information will be sent out in early August, but be sure to place the 31st on your calendar NOW!

I am looking to meet anyone in the central Florida area who has completed America’s Great Loop, a jaunt of several thousand miles around the eastern half of the United States (including the Atlantic and Gulf Intracoastal waterways, the Great Lakes, the Heritage Canals of Canada, and a whole passel of our country’s inland rivers and waterways). Several of our ABC-SB members have expressed an interest in doing this trip, and we would love to hear from local Loopers! If you know of anyone, please contact me.

PLEASE do not forget the Marker 36 Corn Roast on Saturday, July 13. I will have my pontoon boat at the Christenson’s Boat Landing in Grant to help ferry folks the short distance to the island. That should make it a safe and easy transport. More information is on page 10. Hope to see ALL of you there!!

**May you ALL have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!!**



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

### BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES:

**DATE:** June 17, 2019

**LOCATION:** Kelly's Burger and Beer, Melbourne

#### Exec Board Attending

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; P/C Don Kadlac; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P; P/C James Merker, AP; Lt/C John Pechar, P; Lt/C Gail Wall, P

#### Exec Board Absent

P/D/C Robert Becker, SN; Lt Harvey Inventasch, S; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S

#### Members Attending: 12

Visitors: 1 Presenter Rob Downey

The meeting was called to order at 1930 by Cdr Shari Marshall. Pledge was led by Lt/C John Pechar, P

Rob Downey, Directory of Sailing Education at the Melbourne Yacht Club spoke about the Importance of Junior Sailing.

#### Commander's Report:

Cdr Shari Marshall provided the following report. Ed Wrasmann has volunteered to lead the Nominating Committee. Please expect a call from Ed as he may be performing this function via phone since he is at his summer home in Missouri now.

The Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday 12 October at the Melbourne Yacht Club. We will determine if the affair will be catered or we will have a potluck. There are kitchen facilities, but we cannot cook there.

We will have a separate November and December meeting.

USPS Governing Board meeting will be in Louisville, KY September 8-15.

The Commander has a new email address. Please use this one for all BRSPS communications.

**Shar44marsh@gmail.com**

#### Executive Officer Report:

Lt/C Don Kadlac provided the following report. Don will start work on the BoatUS grant for five new signs for the southern Brevard County boat ramps for which Ernst Hofmann is getting replacement prices.



#### Admin Officer Report:

Lt/C Gail Wall provided the following report. The annual Corn Roast will be 13 July at Marker 36. Pickup will be at the Christenson boat ramp.

A Navigation Challenge / Man-Overboard Exercise will be held at the end of August in conjunction with the Cocoa Beach SPS.

We are offering a Boating Safety Poster Contest to the Junior Basic Boating class on 6/24 – 26 with posters turned into the Satellite Beach Rec Center on Friday 6/28. ABC-SB will provide poster board, crayons, and instructions.

#### Ed Department Report:

P/C James Merker provided the following report. The June 22<sup>nd</sup> Basic Boating class is going to be cancelled since only 2 people have signed up.

There will be two additional Basic Boating (ABC3) courses (8/17, 10/26) and two Junior Basic Boating classes (6/24-26, 0900-1130; 7/15-17, 0900-1130).

We will be performing Vessel Safety Checks on 29 June at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club to allow all students who passed the previous VSC course to perform supervised inspections and attain their certification.

We were requested to have another FlareUp this year. Jim has been getting calls from people who missed the 1 June Flare Up. It was suggested we have one in the southern end of the county for a change.

#### Secretary's Report:

BRSPS has 54 active members and 2 associate members.

Get Well / Thinking of You cards were passed around for members: Bette George, Patty

### Meeting Minutes Continued:

Becker, George Ammon, and Dick Peoples. Additional cards were sent to Ed and Jeanne LeCun.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer sent donations in memory of Mayford Pence and Clara Ross to USPS Educational Fund from ABC-SB.

The Squadron-sponsored Annual Christmas Boat Parade will be on 21 December. Work is progressing on schedule.

A new projector was bought for classes which will be used for the first time at the Jr. Basic Boating class on 24 -26 June.

The meeting was **adjourned at 2045**.

Each month we will have a raffle of a gift basket initially donated in May by Gail Wall who won it at the D23 Spring Picnic. If you are a winner, you may take what you want from the basket, but you need to put other items into it for the following month. Tickets are \$1.00 / each. Wally Jones was the winner in June.

Next General meeting will be held at 6:30pm on July 15, 2019 at Kelly's Burger and Beer, Melbourne.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on July 9, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy,  
BRSPS Secretary  
June 19, 2019

## SPEAKER AT THE JUNE MEETING

### "Importance of Junior Sailing"



Rob Downey reviewed the MYC program of classroom instruction (3 hours) and beginning sailing instruction (12 hours) over a three week period. Classroom instruction includes knots and safety. A manual from US Sailing is used. The class has a prerequisite that the student must be able to swim 50 yards. The cost is \$245, although MYC members can get a discounted rate of \$175. The next class is June 29<sup>th</sup> and the website address is [www.mycsailing.com](http://www.mycsailing.com). There are several levels of sailing certification. Mr. Downey was positive about generating a symbiotic relationship with the ABC-SB group as both groups could work together to have juniors gain more experience in both sail and power boats. We will let students at our classes know about the availability of sailing lessons from MYC.

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

The Educational Department has had a busy June this year, starting with our annual Flare Up, an adult Basic Boating Course and a Junior Basic Boating Course. I want to extend a huge thanks to everyone who has helped to make each of these events the success that they were! Without our core cadre of volunteer facilitators and instructors, there wouldn't be much of an Educational Department. I can't thank you all enough!!



The Flare Up had a very good attendance, with members from Cocoa Beach, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Melbourne Yacht Club participating. We even had some repeat customers from last year show up. It turned out to be a beautiful morning to burn and shoot stuff. Now, word seems to be getting out that this is a fun and educational event, and we have been fielding requests for a second Flare Up this year. I am currently eyeing Saturday, 24 August with 7 September as an alternate. Watch for a flyer to come out in July with the final details.

We had four students attend our adult Basic Boating Course this month. They were a very interactive class, with lots of questions and discussions. Even though two of the students came in with very little knowledge about boats, the lowest test score was a 93% and the highest 97%. This was also Jose Nunez's inaugural class as a co-instructor, very well done!

Rounding out the month, we had our second Junior Basic Boating Course at the Satellite Beach Recreation Center. Thank you Ernst Hofmann, Stephanie Murphy, Tinker Murphy (also inaugural class for both Murphy's), Valerie Dietrich and John Pechar for ensuring that these classes were a success! Of the 15 students who were signed up, one elected to return for the July series, and 12 completed and passed the exam with a high score of 92% and an average score of 89.5%. Simply Outstanding!!

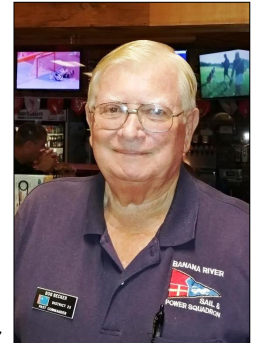
Coming up this summer, we have the third Junior Basic Boating Class 15-17 July and the next adult Basic Boating Course on 17 August. Please help us to get out the word!

Lastly, Gail and I will be hosting a practical exercise in navigation and boating safety on 31 August at Dragon Point. Gail is coordinating Man Overboard Drills to test your close quarters boat handling abilities. You will be attempting to rescue a pumpkin in distress! At the same time, I will be putting on the Dragon Point Navigation Challenge, giving you a chance to do some dead reckoning navigation in the Indian River. There are sure to be plenty of seats so that our boat-less members, like me, can participate. Watch for further details in July!

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

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

One of the many benefits one has as a member of the USPS is that of meeting fellow members, both from our own squadron and those of other squadrons in the area.



When I lived up on Long Island and was a member of the Captree Squadron, we were very involved in what was called, Inter-Squadron activities. The squadron to our immediate east, Great South Bay, and to our immediate west, Jones Beach, joined together to form an Inter-Squadron alliance. We held many events together from dinner dances to picnics, from raft-ups to summer vacation cruises, to navigational contests to teaching the USPS Educational Courses. On any boating season weekend you would find a mixture of the three squadron's burgees among the boats rafted together in one of the many coves on Long Island's south shore. We swapped sea stories and if you had a boating or educational course problem there would be several voices heard with answers to the problem. Yes, we were almost like a "Band of USPS Brothers."

It certainly made for enjoyment as a USPS member.

Our Bridge Officers are working to achieve the same Inter-Squadron activities down here in our boating area. Each year we are joining forces with Cocoa Beach and Sebastian Inlet SPS in various on and off water events. This opens up a great forum for meeting fellow members from these two squadrons for fun and games and solving boat problems also. I am sure you will be seeing more and more of the three squadrons working together.

Well summer is here. If you have a boat hopefully you are getting out on the water. Look for other squadron burgees while you are boating. I still see way too many boats in storage in the various boat yards. I realize not all are USPS members but some must be. With our wonderful water way system here in Florida and our bright sunny days, what can be nicer than a day or more on the water!!

**Have a GREAT, SAFE Summer.**





## IN MEMORY OF P/C CAROL CARBEE, SN



Carol passed away on June 24, 2019 quite unexpectedly. She and John were married for 59 years, lived in Palm Bay, and sailed "Sweet Caroline" for many years.

Carol joined USPS and BRSPS in 1989, was a Life Member, serving as Commander in 1991 and earning 28 merit marks throughout the years. She personally passed all of the USPS core and advanced courses attaining the grade of Senior Navigator. She began teaching courses for BRSPS in 1992. She was indeed a main stay in the Squadron's Education Department. Carol also was active at the USPS District 23 level. She will be very much missed.

The family of Carol Carbee would like everyone to know that there will be a Mass in Carol's honor at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (3050 N. Hwy A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903) on Monday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m. Her ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden at the church immediately following the service. Ammen Family Cremation & Funeral Care of Palm Bay is handling the arrangements.



# **BRSPS CORN ROAST MARKER 36 ISLAND**

**July 13, 2019  
1100-?**

The Corn Roast will be held at the north island at Marker 36. We want **ALL** members to attend - so if you are without a boat, please park at Christenson's Landing boat ramp in Grant. The boat ramp has substantial parking and our water taxis should be able to load and unload easily and safely.

So – boat or no boat, we HOPE to see everyone at the picnic!



## **MENU**

Corn, of course  
Hot Dogs, Buns, mustard, etc.  
Cold carbonated drinks, water



We will provide utensils, plates, cups, napkins and such.  
Please think about **bringing a dessert**, and any other type of **beverage you wish to consume** – beer comes to mind.

Everyone attending is also asked to bring their own folding chair and small cooler or their beverages.

Any member who has a boat and would like to serve as water taxi, please contact me.

**RSVP by July 8**  
**to Gail Wall, [gail.brsps@gmail.com](mailto:gail.brsps@gmail.com) or 321 327-2785**

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF 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 Ed Wrasmann, 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 13**. The election will be held at the September Business Membership meeting on September 16.

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.

Ed Wrasmann  
2019 Nominating Committee Chair  
wras@fidnet.com  
(573)953-0570  
1950 Carmel Ct, Rolla, MO 65401



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## **JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Monday, July 15 2019**

**Social 1830  
(6:30 p.m.)**

**Speaker  
(7:15 p.m.)**

**Kelly's Burgers and Beer  
650 North Wickham Road  
Melbourne, FL 32935**

**SPEAKER: Rich Wellman**

**TOPIC: "BLOWN AGROUND"**

**A Marine Travel Log - A Rescue Adventure in the Berry Islands**

Rich took the USPS ABC course back around 1980 and several American Sailing Association courses including navigation and off-shore cruising. In the past, he belonged to the South East Sailing Association, Seven Seas Cruising Association, and spent 10 years from Feb 2003 to June 2013 on a 40 ft sail boat. He has sailed between the southern Bahamas and the Canadian Maritime's covering over 50,000 nautical miles in that time frame.

### **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!**

# Flare UP and Eau Gallie Ramp Cleanup

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Eau Gallie Boat Ramp



Instruction was led by SEO Jim Merker. Attendees came from Cocoa Beach SPS, US CG Auxiliary, Melbourne Yacht Club, people who came last year, and a couple of curious folks off the street.



Flare Up continued

Attendees practiced with hand-held flares, pistol flares, and smoke flares.

Cleanup supplies provided by Keep Brevard Beautiful...thank you!

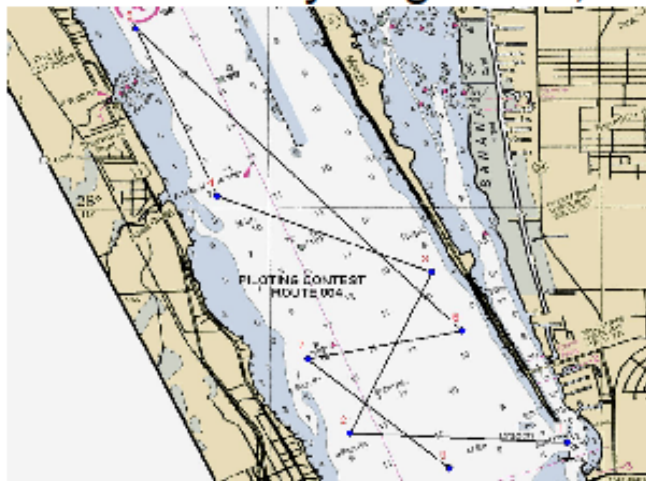


# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF SOUTH BREVARD



## Dragon Point Navigation Challenge

Saturday August 31, 2019 at 8:00-11:30 AM



Think you can  
pilot a course without  
a GPS or Plotter?

Give it a try!

### General Rules

- Travel A Course & Mark The End To Learn How You Did
- Only Use Your Compass, Boat Speed & Visual Clues
- For Rules & Registration, Check Our Website
- Registration Closes 24 August



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## 2019 LIONFISH FEST

**Sunday, June 23**

**By Stephanie Murphy**

Tinker and Stephanie Murphy attended the 2019 Lionfish Fest on 23 June sponsored by a host of businesses in Sebastian, Florida. The purpose of the festival was to raise awareness of the major ecological disaster caused by lionfish.

The belief is that kind-hearted home aquarium keepers who no longer wanted to keep their pet lionfish decided to return them to the ocean instead of returning them to the store where purchased (similar to our current constrictor snake problem in the Everglades). Lionfish, which can grow up to 18-inches across, have no natural predators in the tropical waters of the Atlantic. Whole reefs are being swarmed by these nasty, but pretty fish. Their sting is, well, stinging! It's a paralytic for smaller fish and can be a nasty sting to humans. They tend to only sting humans when frightened or cornered usually by accident.

On Sunday 23 June, there was a sponsored lionfish fishing contest with trophies for Most Caught (not awarded since there were only 2 teams participating), Smallest Fish Caught (121mm: 4.75 inch), and Largest Fish Caught (393 mm: 15.5 inch). The two teams caught 201 lionfish! Lionfish have to be speared or individually netted, and obviously handled carefully!

Restaurants are coming up with lionfish recipes, but the majority do not have lionfish on the menu since the lionfish have to be hand-caught (labor intensive thus high cost) with the supply being erratic. Our only hope to saving our local fish environment is to come up with a way to quickly catch many of these fish and then a simple way to clean them.

We parked at the Riverview Park on US 1 in Sebastian where Sebastian's craft fairs are normally held. An old-fashioned trolley dropped us off right in front of Capt. Hiram's Resort where the Festival was centered. Upon going thru the Sandbar entrance, we found our Pre-Paid Ticket pickup table. Showing our receipts, we were given VIP lanyards that included a food ticket, one drink ticket, a Lionfish Fest 2019 t-shirt, and a nice souvenir card advertising the Lionfish Festival. The VIP ticket was well worth the \$50 we paid as we found out we went to the head of the food line! We were eating within 15 minutes of getting off the trolley at 1pm.

There were six different restaurants (Mobay Grill, Capt Hiram's BlackFins, The Wave at Costa d'Este, Indian River Estates, Chelsea's Market on Cardinal, and Ono Luau) who had come up with a variety of ways to cook lionfish. The event was well organized. There was a "best food" contest: the food ticket had each vendor with a color block that matched the color of the paper plate the food was served on. We knew we loved the black plate and the green plate best which turned out to be the BlackFins at Capt. Hiram's and the Mo-Bay restaurant (the winner of "Favorite Lionfish Dish"). We plan on visiting those two again!

As we left the gathering, we noticed that the people who were on the trolley with us coming in were still about 20 minutes from getting their food in the "non-VIP" line, so they had been waiting in the line for at least 50 minutes by then! We were back in our car just over an hour after we started on the trolley! Amazing!

We would recommend this to all who want to try lionfish. The website for the festival is [www.SebastianLionFishFest.com](http://www.SebastianLionFishFest.com), and they also had a Facebook presence. Try it in 2020!



## East Coast Sailing Association

**Sat June 22, 2019**

The ECSA invited all sailors in the Space Coast area to join them at Grills Riverside for the annual Summer SAILstice. This event is designed to help sailors the world over join in celebration of sailing, during the northern hemisphere's longest daylight of the year – The Summer Solstice.

A Blessing of the Fleet happened at 3:30 p.m., with dinner any time after 4 p.m. Grills set up tables under a tent on the south side of the restaurant.

At the Summer Sailstice event, ECSA celebrated the best of sailing with their members, new, and potential members. Everyone was **encouraged to invite new folks**, whether they are beginners or 'old salts'. Cdr Shari Marshall and Wally Jones joined in with the festivities.



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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](mailto:Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org).

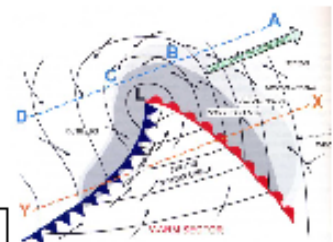


**BASIC BOATING (ABC3)**

**August 17, 2019**

**Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)**

**July 15— 17, 2019**



- BOAT HANDLING (Repl. Seamanship)
- MARINE NAVIGATION
- ADVANCED MARINE NAVIGATION
- OFFSHORE NAVIGATION
- CELESTIAL NAVIGATION

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TAKEN IN  
SEQUENCE**



- CRUISING AND CRUISE PLANNING
- MARINE ENGINE MAINTENANCE
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## CLIMATE CHANGE, CHANGING FISHERIES: Florida and the Caribbean



### **Brown Bag Lunch Ted Moorhead Lagoon House Tuesday, July 9, 2019 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

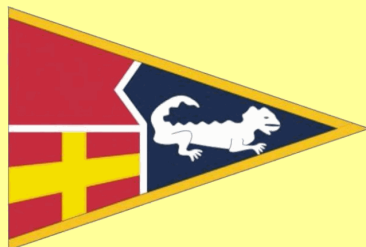
Join us for a Brown Bag in which we take a look at the diverse effects on coastal waters and fisheries from climate change, and how they are being documented in the Southeast U.S. and Greater Caribbean. Warming surface waters are causing various changes including the shift of some fisheries to the north as well as the loss of coral habitats to bleaching events. Ocean acidification is also changing the larval development processes of both fishes and the prey they depend on. Other challenges are also present, yet, we are in the early stages of understanding what these processes mean for the future. This presentation will cover the basics of: a) oceans and climate change; b) what we know

The event is free, so bring your friends and family! Register by contacting MRC.

**Marine Resources Council 3275 Dixie Hwy NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905 (321) 725-7775**

## BRSPS BURGEE ON SALE

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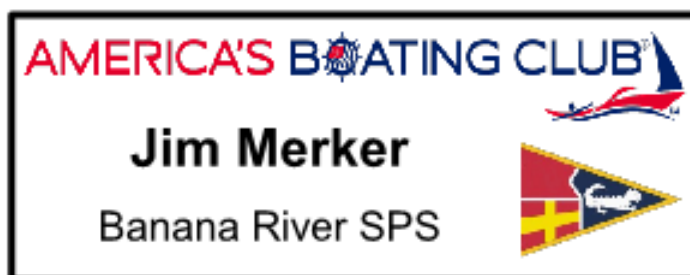
**PRICE \$20.00**

Limited number available

Make check payable to BRSPS and mail to:  
Monika Bradley, Treasurer  
1520 Independence Ave, Melbourne FL 32940  
Melbourne, FL 32940

## ORDER YOUR NEW NAME BADGE NOW

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## NEWS FROM NATIONAL

To: All D/Cs, R/Cs, and Cdrs

June 27, 2019

Subject: America's Boating Club Plan Going Forward

Greetings to all from your board of directors.

When we identified America's Boating Club® as a brand two years ago, it was the beginning of an effort to make USPS more familiar to boaters everywhere and to facilitate advertising a name more recognizable and friendly to the boating world. The responses to this change have been very positive, and we truly appreciate all that squadrons have done to promote our new identity.

Efforts to that end continue with round two of national advertising this year and continued development of our America's Boating Club website. There have been more developments internally as well, especially in the Educational Department:

- We have begun the process of "modularizing" our courses so that students can focus on their areas of interest rather than have to take a long, sometimes redundant, course that taxes their limited time. Our old "all or nothing" approach has run its course.
- We have placed new emphasis on online courses and seminars, recognizing that learning needs to be available when it's convenient for the student
- Renewed efforts to promote on-the-water training are taking place including our new Learning Centers for members and the public.
- Jump Start has been very popular and is a good way to reach potential members while providing hands-on training.

With all the new and progressive things going on, our organization remains the same. In August of last year, I asked the national Planning Committee to focus on a plan to modernize our organization. In short, to formulate a model that will not only keep up with, but also facilitate the improvements in our approach to educating today's boater while providing a welcoming environment to new members.

The transition plan included is the result of a concerted effort to construct the plan, and there are many significant changes to USPS/ABClub presented. [Download the National Planning Committee Strategic Transition Plan Outline.](#)

The board has formally adopted this plan as a path to shape our future organization, and we ask that you pass it on to all members of your committees and squadrons for careful review. **Your input is very important!** We would like to have your comments by August 31 so that we will be prepared to discuss them with you in Louisville, Sept. 9-15. Please submit your comments using the form at <https://forms.gle/a34ezhGQzeTI3BTp8>.

Thanks, and best regards,

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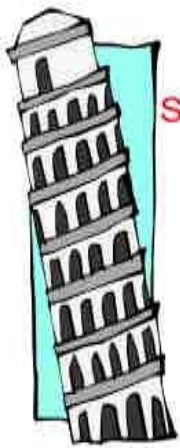
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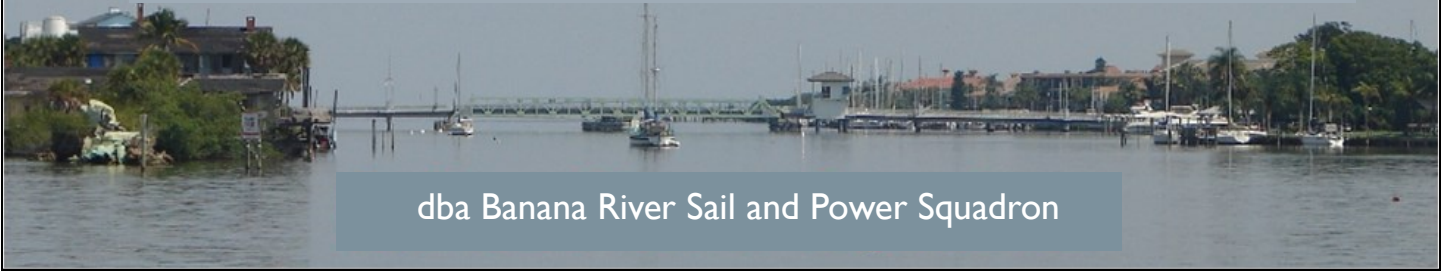
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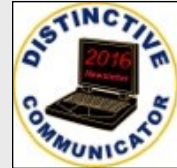
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<b>JULY</b>			
9	<b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b>	1900	<b>BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937</b>
10	EAST COAST SAILING ASSOC MTG	1900	Satellite Beach Civic Ctr 565 Cassia Blvd, Satellite Beach 32937
13	MARKER 36 CORN ROAST	1100	Christenson's Landing Boat Ramp 5355 US 1, Grant-Valkaria 32949\
15	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	1830	<b>Kelly's Burgers &amp; Beer</b> <b>650 N. Wickham Rd Melbourne 32935</b>
15-17	JR BASIC BOATING	900	Satellite Beach Recreation Center 1089 S. Patrick Dr. Satellite Beach 32937
24	MYC LUNCHEON	1130	MYC 1202 E. River Dr, Melbourne 32901
<b>AUGUST</b>			
13	<b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b>	1900	<b>BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937</b>
17	ABC3	900	Ascension Lutheran Church, <b>1053 Pinetree Dr</b> <b>Indian Harbour Beach 32937</b>
19	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	1830	<b>Kelly's Burgers &amp; Beer</b> <b>650 N. Wickham Rd Melbourne 32935</b>
31	NAVIGATION CHALLENGE/MOB	1100	Meet at Pineapple Park Fishing Pier, next to Eau Gallie Library
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
8-15	USPS GOVERNING BOARD MTG		Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY