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Another Successful Flare-Up; Masks and All (see Page 10-11)

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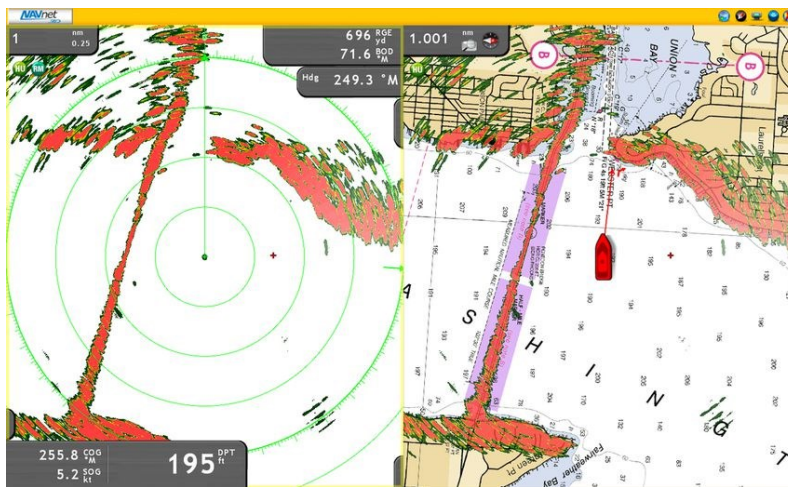


AUGUST MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR
Open to ALL!

Monday, August 17, 2020
7:00—8:30 p.m.

“Radar Basics: How and Why?”

Presented by P/C Jim Merker, AP



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Location will be announced later
Depending on Covid-19 status

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

NEW Merit Marks System!



Beginning with the 2020 year, Merit Marks will no longer be submitted via DB2000. They will be done through the member web site. Only the Cdr, XO, or MM Chair whose names are entered in OD2 can create a spreadsheet or Word document and copy and paste into the new system when it's available.

User information (Squadron names and prior MM info) will be available to allow people to 'Play' for a short period of time, after which the database will be cleared. DB2000 passwords will no longer be used. More information will follow periodically. I have played with it, and it is a marked improvement over what was used in the past.

USPS (ABC) Fall Conference Cancelled

If you were planning on going to Raleigh, NC for this meeting scheduled for Sept 8-13, think again.

Your USPS Board of Directors needed to cancel the conference because of the following reasons:

- The Governor of North Carolina dictates that only 10% of any room space may be utilized after August 31. A room which normally holds 50 people will be permitted to have only 5.
- The Hilton Hotel corporate office now will not allow any large events until after the end of this calendar year. The North Hills Hilton Hotel has been downsized from 160 to 30 employees.
- The North Carolina Humanities Council, the keynote speaker provider, has cancelled all existing speaking engagements until further notice.
- The hotel no longer has the capacity to host any group meals; will only offer a snack bar.

USPS regrets any inconvenience this have have caused. Be safe, smart, and healthy.



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:** July 14, 2020**LOCATION:** Via GoToMeeting online due to Covid-19 Stay-at-Home orders**Exec Board Attending**

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

**Exec Board Absent**

P/D/C Robert Becker

Members & Guests

Wally Jones

The meeting was called to order at 1905 by Cdr Marshall. June 9th minutes were accepted.

Commander's Report:

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

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

USPS News:

To renew membership online, members can go to www.usps.org/dues/pay. They will need a certificate number, invoice number or PIN, which can be retrieved on the renewal page. The page also includes a link which life members can use to renew their DAN Boater member benefit.

Merit Marks are being moved to a new reporting system. DB2000 is also going to be replaced. More information will follow when it becomes available.

D23 News:

A 100-year USPS Anniversary flag and stand was given to Cdr Marshall by Valerie Dietrich. Bill Fehr was DC at the time and has stored the flag. DC Ron Polland asked that the flag be given to the current DAO.

Secretary's Report

BRSPS has 41 active members and 2 associate members with the nonrenewals of the Bradleys, Carbones and Ed Wrasmann. Monika Bradley said she paid her dues.

Kelly's Burgers and Beer is open but at 50% occupancy. Their meeting room will accommodate 10 people with social distancing. August may be our first in-person meeting, and RSVPs may be necessary.

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

The July 20th online General meeting will be **Boating Safety, Part 2, Vessel Safety Checks**. Stephanie Murphy will create this presentation from various sources and provide it to Jim Merker on Sunday night. Stephanie will use the presentation to write an article for Dragon Tales.

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

The August 17th General meeting is expected to be in person at Kelly's Burgers and Beer and will be an educational seminar, **Radar Basics: How and Why?** by Jim Merker. We also plan to have an "on-hands" radar session on the water.

The September 21st General meeting at Kelly's Burgers and Beer will be an educational seminar "**The Skinny of Depth Finders**" by Tinker Murphy. An article will follow for Dragon Tales.

Treasurer's Report:

L/C Monika Bradley provided numbers for both savings and checking balances. A \$300 deposit was made from the City of Satellite Beach for the Jr. Basic Boating June class. We receive about 70% of the funds that the students pay for the class (Jr BB is \$20). We also received \$11.92 from Amazon Smile.

Savings account funds have not been transferred to our checking account due to bank office access limitations due to Covid-19.

No news has been received from the USPS Educational Grant Department with regard to the grant application submitted by Ernst Hofmann for the cost of the signs placed at community boat ramps. The Squadron will absorb any minor costs associated with the addition of save-the-turtle information to our signs. We planned to spend \$977 for 5 sign installations, but the cost will only be \$462.

No update on Boat Parade.

The meeting was adjourned at **1947**.

Next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7:00pm on **11 August 2020** at BAAB or Online. Next online (or in person) general meeting for members will be **17 August**.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy
ABC-SB Secretary
21 July 2020

Aug 17th Meeting "Radar Basics: How and Why?"

You don't need to be an Electrical Engineer or a PhD to use a Radar, 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."



FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY SEO P/C Jim Merker, AP**Ed Department Report: (Extracted from July 14 ExCom Mtg Minutes)**

The first Junior Basic Boating class of 2020 was held **June 22 – 24** at the Satellite Beach David R. Schechter Community Center. Teachers were Ernst Hofmann, Shari Marshall, Bill Veit, Tinker Murphy, and Stephanie Murphy, with help from Valerie Dietrich. John Pechar handled refreshments. There were 16 students, of which 14 passed.



The second Junior Basic Boating class was held on **July 15 – 17** at the Satellite Beach David R. Schechter Community Center. Teachers were Ernst Hofmann, Shari Marshall, Bill Veit, Tinker Murphy, and Stephanie Murphy. John Pechar handled refreshments. There were 21 students, of which 19 passed.

Both classes were limited to 25 students. We had to maintain social distancing, wear masks, wipe down chairs and tables, and, as usual, release students to their parents. Tinker Murphy provided his laptop; Ernst Hofmann provided projector. Stephanie and John provided spray cleaner, paper towels, disposable masks. Monika Bradley provided some masks and gloves for grading papers.

The first Flare-Up of 2020 was **Saturday, July 11th** at the Eau Gallie Boat Ramp. Ten members and guests participated. Jim Merker will send notifications to fire departments, police departments, and the US Coast Guard before each Flare-Up. The 2nd FlareUp will be held on the second or third weekend of November.

The second **ABC3 class** (first was held in March prior to start of Florida state quarantine) is planned for **15 August** with Ernst Hofmann, Jim Merker, Tinker and Stephanie Murphy teaching and the Murphy's providing refreshments. Jim Merker will follow up with On-the-Water training for those ABC3 students who want to attend.

We were contacted by a St. Cloud boat owner who would like a Jump Start session. The ExCom decided that anyone wanting Jump Start will need to take the ABC3 class followed by On-the-Water including a Vessel Safety Check of their vessel. If the VSC check is passed, then we will do the Jump Start on their vessel.

A Boat Handling (replacing Seamanship) course is planned with a start in October to be finished by December 2020 and may be held at Kelly's Burgers and Beer.

A Dragon Point Navigation Challenge/Man Overboard event will be held the **2nd weekend in September**--the weekend after Labor Day. We will invite Cocoa Beach SPS to be involved.

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

Bill Veit would like to become a Senior Navigator and is working with Ernst on classes necessary for this rating.

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

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we provide superior boating education!**

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

Life goes on through this COVID crisis, and YOUR Banana River Sail and Power Squadron (America's Boating Club South Brevard) needs you more than ever.

Being that we are all somewhat tied to our homes and not out as much as we have been in the past, this is a great time to take a USPS educational course, take a seminar, attend the squadron social and educational activities, and help your fellow boating members by volunteering for one of the leadership positions.

Yes, there are many things YOU can do to assist YOUR Boating Club. Our current officers will be up for election within two months. They have faithfully dedicated their time and effort to running the club. Now it's time for new leadership. Many of YOU, our loyal members, have new ideas, and we certainly can use you in a leadership role. Step up to the plate and let our commander know that you want to Lead. It does not take a great deal of time. And now with the virus condition we are living in, and not being as involved in other social activities as in the past, this might be a good time to get active.

You say, you don't have a boat; that does not matter. Many of your fellow members no longer have a boat but do have a desire to learn more about boating. USPS has so many great courses/seminars, many not requiring classroom attendance but can be taken over the internet. Let P/C Jim Merker know of your educational interest, and he will assist you on finding a course to take.

If America's Boating Club of South Brevard is going to remain in business, we **NEED YOU** now!

P/D/C Bob Becker, Membership Chair



Volunteers are paid in six figures...
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FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: LT/C STEPHANIE MURPHY, P

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

DATE: July 20, 2020

LOCATION: ON-LINE Membership Meeting via GoToMeeting



Boating Safety, Part 2, Vessel Safety Checks

Presented by Stephanie Murphy

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**SBB-Part 2
Vessel Safety Checks
Introduction**

- Vessel Safety Checks
 - Background
 - Who performs it?
 - What's the benefit?
- VSC
 - What does it entail?
- Common Sense
 - Prudent mariners would also carry these items not required by USCG
- Wrap up
 - How can arrange for a VSC on my boat?

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**SBB-Part 2: Vessel Safety Check
What does it entail?**

- Section 3 continued:
 - Visual Distress Signals
 - Flares (unexpired)
 - Strobe light (with fresh batteries)

Non-pyrotechnic VDS
Flares are NOT required if you have BOTH of these:

Day Time 	Night Time
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Recommended in addition:
Orange smoke flare

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**SBB-Part 2-VSC
How can I arrange a VSC on my Boat?**

- We've covered the requirements of the Vessel Safety Check.
- To arrange for a VSC on your vessel call the number below or contact your Marina Dockmaster to call and arrange several inspections in one day
 - Call 321-220-7775 and leave a message
 - The review takes about 15 - 20 minutes.
- Having a great boating experience starts with preparedness and common sense and YOU!

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If you missed this presentation and would like a copy emailed to you, see page 16 for how to order. If you would like to have a VSC, please call 321-220-7775 and leave a message. The ABC-SB VSC examiners will be happy to help!

FIRST 2020 FLARE-UP

Saturday, July 11, 2020

Eau Gallie Boat Ramp



**Preparation—keeping
in mind safety!**

**Thanks to Palm Beach SPS
(Ken Peters & Pat Naulty)
for their donation of a
bucket full of flares.**



**Thanks to Don Kadlac from
Sebastian Inlet SPS for
supporting our event...**



FIRST 2020 FLARE-UP

Instruction and demonstration by SEO Jim Merker



We had an assortment of pyrotechnic marine flares: hand-held signal flares, orange smoke flares, and 12-gauge aerial flares. It was too windy to try parachute aerial fares. Also demonstrated were non-pyrotechnic flares, such as orange day-signal flag, electric LED distress signal, and



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UPCOMING COURSES

COURSES ON DEMAND: Select from the list and please let us know what course you would like to take and we will schedule it. Minimum class size is five. Let us know at Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org.

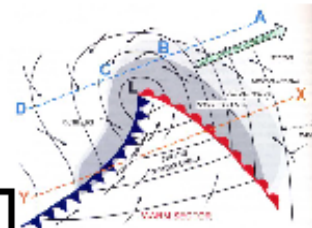


BASIC BOATING (ABC3)

August 15, 2020

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)

BOAT HANDLING (Repl. Seamanship)



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

TO BE
TAKEN IN
SEQUENCE



- CRUISING AND CRUISE PLANNING
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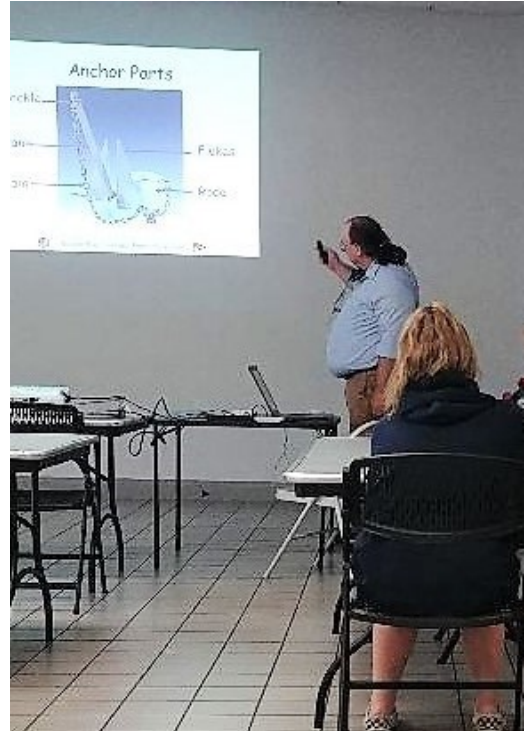
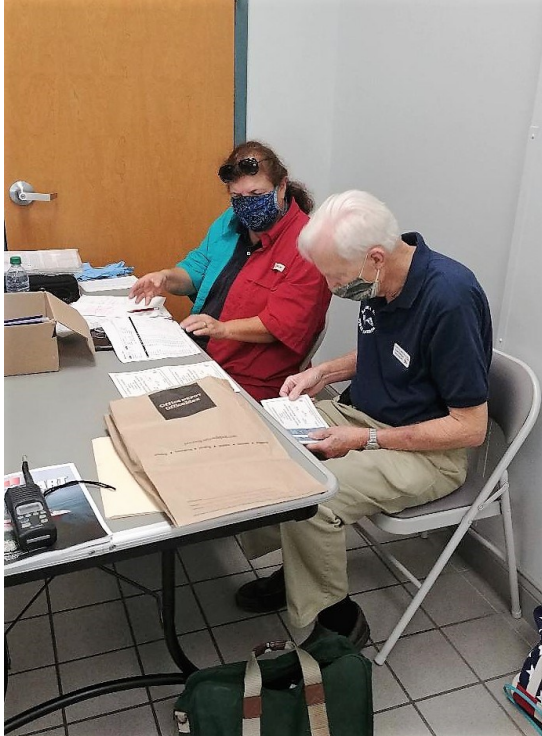
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Junior Basic Boating Class

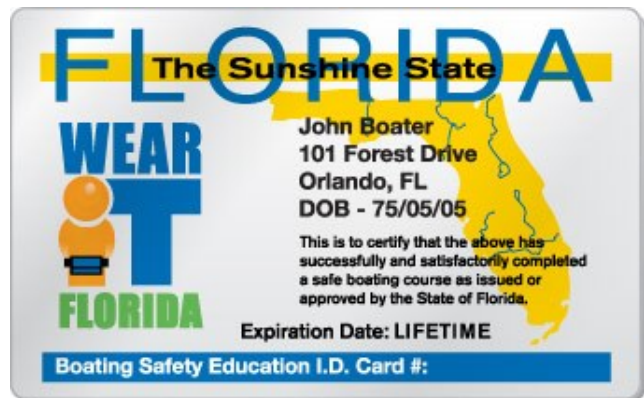
July 13-15, 2020



ABC-SB awards prizes for high scores in JrBB. A 90 and above score earns a free Type 4 throwable PFD with the BRSPS logo attached. A score between 85 and 90 earns a free waterproof cellphone pouch.

Four students scored over 90 and ran us out of our throwable PFDs! An additional 3 students received the free waterproof cellphone pouches. So the students paid attention, and the instructors played their part in providing excellent instruction!

Instructors Tinker Murphy (above) and Stephanie Murphy and Ernst Hofmann (left side). 21 students took the 3-day class, and 19 passed and received their Florida Boating Safety ID Card.





Bridge Nominations Are Open

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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: _____

ON-LINE SEMINARS AVAILABLE

If you missed our May 18th, June 15th or July 20th on-line General Membership meeting, you may request a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to view in the comfort of your own home.

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

June 15: This meeting presentation was **“Safe Boating Basics -Part 1.”** Our Secretary Stephanie Murphy covered the basic topics you need to be aware of to keep both your boat and the people on it safe. Also covered are the basic responsibilities of the captain (in most cases that’s you) and local knowledge of the Brevard County, Florida boating area.

July 20: This meeting presentation was **“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.

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Andrew Bailer

Bob Becker

David Carbone

Nancy Layton



Chief Commander

C/C Mary Paige G. Abbott, SN-IN

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07 July 2020

MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE

Following are highlights of actions, discussions, and decisions made during the past month; please share this information with your committees, squadrons, districts, and members.

1) 2020 Fall Conference: As of today the event remains on the calendar for Wednesday, September 9 through Sunday, September 13. As stated previously, we are constantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation, discussing the status weekly, and comprehending alternatives. Watch for updates especially where to find uploaded presentations, join a conference call and more!

a) The current schedule of events is posted on the website:

<https://www.usps.org/php/reservations/documents/202006131640340.2020FallRaleighAgenda05222020.pdf>

b) The June issue of the Fall Conference Newsletter and more is available, too:

https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39

2) BOD Actions

a) MMSI Update: The MMSI program oversight has been moved to the National Safety Committee (Executive Department) from the Educational Department. We are awaiting the final revision needed to reinstate the MMSI service of online assignment for members and non-members. America's Boating Club will again offer this service at NO CHARGE once reinstated. You will be notified when it is accessible.

b) SailAngle Status: The MOU relationship and service has been officially terminated effective June 30, 2020. All national sites referencing SailAngle are being deleted. We ask that all squadrons and districts do likewise.

c) VSC/VSE Update: Due to ever-changing directives and the national scope of this program, please consult the National Safety Committee webpages for the most up-to-date information regarding member involvement with Vessel Safety Checks, whether virtual or live or other: <https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12900/12900-vessel-safety-check>. Keep in mind that each USCG District works independently and therefore each USCG District could have a different set of directives as it pertains to conducting a VSC. Also, take the time to distinguish between USCG District numbers and our USPS/ABClub District numbers - trust me it can be confusing if you are in a hurry to sort information.

d) Travel Reimbursement Policy Update: The Travel Reimbursement policy has been updated as it pertains to the use of frequent guest awards points, frequent flier points and similar programs. The information is on the National Treasurer's webpage and in the Operations Manual (G6).

<https://www.usps.org/images/secretary/opman/opsmanag.pdf>

e) National Awards: this section of the Operations Manual is now current. Please review Appendix C at

<https://www.usps.org/images/secretary/opman/opsmanac.pdf>

Chief Commander Message Continued:

3) Cost-savings Implemented: Due to the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic our revenues are down and therefore we are "attacking" both variable and fixed costs. Following are some of the steps taken with more to come:

a) Headquarters Initiated:

i) The Ensign will be sent to all members electronically rather than printed starting with the final issue of 2020. Currently published only four (4) times per year due to costs, going electronic saves the printing and mailing costs while allowing for innovations in member communications, such as more current information and increased contact.

(1) 2020 printing & mailing savings per Issue: \$14,000

ii) Personnel: staff hours reduced due to the corresponding work reductions then reinstated for the duration of the awarded SBA Payroll Protection Program loan.

(1) SBA PPP Loan secured which is paying our headquarters staff during the allotted time span. We are examining the personnel requirements for the remainder of 2020 and projecting needs for 2021.

iii) Recurring costs like utilities and other services are being reviewed and changed for monthly savings. These may be smaller savings opportunities, yet it all adds up.

b) Travel Expenses

i) Due to the travel restrictions and directives imposed by states and local agencies, all but five (5) District Spring Conferences were changed to virtual conferences or other. Of those five, the majority of Chief Representatives did not submit for travel cost reimbursement. Those budgeted travel reimbursement funds not used this year are a "savings".

ii) Travel reimbursement to national meetings is a very large annual expense which needs to be reduced now and more fully for 2021. In the interim...

(1) I ask each member volunteer eligible for reimbursement to attend a national meeting to voluntarily forego reimbursement for hotel and travel this year

(2) I ask each district to financially support the attendance at national meetings of at least the District Commander and the District Educational Officer. If you need to know what amount to budget for 2021 then please contact the National Budget Officer Joe Gatfield (joe@wmmconstruction.ca).

Thank you in advance for your fiscal support!

I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July and that our CPS-ECP friends and Canadian members enjoyed Canada Day on July 1st. I found it a bit disheartening to have both of those days pass like any other day of late. I miss those chance encounters with strangers and friends alike, the sharing of a smile or laugh (cannot see those while wearing a mask), a reassuring pat on the shoulder, and so much more.

Stay safe, smart, and healthy: wear those face masks when in public, practice best hygienic practices, and maintain social distancing.

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas as we continue this unplanned journey together,

Mary Paige Abbott

Chief Commander

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

Nelson Mandela



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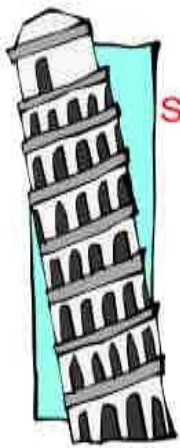




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UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2020

AUGUST

11	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	On-line Go-To-Meeting
15	ABC3 (Adult Basic Boating)	900	Location TBA
17	ON-LINE SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS	1900	On-line Go-To-Meeting

SEPTEMBER

8	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	On-line Go-To-Meeting or Live
12	NAVIGATION CHALLENGE & MOB	1000	Dragon Point on Indian River
21	ON-LINE SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS	1900	On-line Go-To-Meeting or Live

OCTOBER

13	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	On-line Go-To-Meeting
19	ON-LINE SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS	1900	On-line Go-To-Meeting
31	D23 FALL CONFERENCE AND ABC-SB CHANGE OF WATCH	Noon	Melbourne Yacht Club 1202 E. River Drive, Melbourne 32901