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The District 23 Spring Council has come and gone. I would like to thank those of you who filled in for me at the Spring Conference in my absence. Now we, as a squadron, must join together to host the D23 Fall Conference. In order for us to succeed, we must use every resource available to us. Our most important resource is you, the members of Ponce de Leon Inlet Sail & Power Squadron. Please offer your assistance whenever asked to volunteer.

As those who are close to me know, I am passionate about Boat Operator Certification (BOC). I believe that this is the future of USPS. Last year I shared my experience in Tavares completing the On-Water-Training for the Inland Navigator Certification. In February I was able to return to Tavares and certify some members of the Daytona Squadron for their On-Water-Training.

Late last year I was one of 12 BOC Advanced Certifiers invited to attend BOC Training School in Bluffton, SC. The school is put on to train BOC Advanced Certifiers to become BOC Certifier Trainers. The current trainer levels are Inland Navigator (IN) and/or Coastal Navigator (CN).

After checking in to the Candlewood Suites Thursday afternoon, we met in the conference room at 1700 to be briefed on the schedule of events over the next 3 days. Friday morning 0800 came very quickly. The goal for the day was to train CN and CN Trainer candidates. We spent 4 hours in the classroom viewing and discussing a CN power point presentation. The On-Water-Training involves following a preplotted GPS route (which was done at home before the school date using starting, anchoring, and ending waypoints with assigned coordinates). We were asked to add 2 waypoints before and 2 waypoints after the anchoring site. Somewhere after the anchoring the trainer would cover the GPS and you were to complete the course using dead reckoning.

The next 4 hours were spent at the dock and on the water. We met at the Chechessee River dock where we discussed and demonstrated knots and bow aft spring line departures as well as docking. On to the course we went to follow the GPS route. Having never really followed a route before, I managed to stay on course remarkably well. The same was true for my dead reckoning skills. This was the most fun part of the entire course.

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In the past couple of articles I have written about LIFE JACKETS. Just having done a vessel safety check, I feel another article is necessary.

As I approached the boat, which was on a lift, the chrome frame for the canopy sparkled in the sunlight, the boat deck was clean, and this should go well. Wrong.

The PFDs were all in a carry-on bag stored under the boat's deck. As I pulled the bag out, water dripped from the bag they were in. I opened the case and it was almost like opening a stocking on Christmas morning. I found the following:

1. Four brand new PFDs in their original wrapping: Two were too wet to be of any use.
2. One throwable: This also had absorbed water. Not readily accessible.
3. Flares: These are not required when boating on ICW - but they were soaked.
4. Hand held air horn, still in original wrapper: Boat horn worked fine.
5. Fire extinguisher, in workable condition, but not readily available.

I was told that the boat had recently been used and the live well circulation system had clogged which might have lead to the water problem. However, one can see that having everything in the carry-on bag, which the owner leaves on the boat, was not in good condition. This would not be apparent until an emergency and then it would be too late. PLEASE check your safety equipment and be sure it is in good condition and ready to use when needed. Having a vessel safety check one day doesn't guarantee everything will be okay the next time you go boating. Do your own safety check before you leave the dock.

I used to leave my PFDs on the boat, but found that sometimes they were damp. So they are now kept in the house. When going boating the person gets a PFD that is numbered, adjusts it, and takes it to the boat. He now knows the PFD fits and which one is his.

I just renewed my boat registration and there was a reminder notice from the Florida Wildlife Commission. You must notify their Department within 30 days if you get rid of your boat for any reason. DO NOT rely on anyone to transfer the title for you. You could be held responsible if the boat is later found abandoned, sunk or derelict.



Squadron Education Officer
P/C Robert D. Johnson, AP

Here I sit this morning preparing my monthly article and thinking about doing some seasonal maintenance on my boat and the darn heat just came on. Where the heck did the warm weather go?

This past Wednesday night ASEO 1/Lt. Paul Yeaton, P, and I gave a Seamanship re-exam to Sue Slifkin and Roger Bushnell. The exams were mailed back to HQ yesterday and now we await the results.

Seven students, three from Harris Chain, took the Mariner's Compass Seminar under the extremely able instruction of P/C Don Woods, AP. Not only was he an excellent teacher, but we also found out that he has an expansive history in boating from larger cruisers to the smallest inflatable. We enjoyed listening to his stories from his boating days as he took his boat to the Bahamas and around Florida itself. Thank you Don for volunteering and to Cdr Will Benny, SN, and 1/ Lt Paul Yeaton, P, for supporting the class.

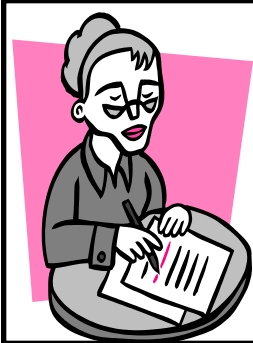


Mariner's Compass Seminar

On 26 March we will present a seminar on Anchoring at the MDC building on Sandpiper Dr. at 0900. A little further down the road, April, we will present another seminar on Radar. Call me at (386) 756-1094 or Paul Yeaton at (386) 409-9339 if you have any interest in either of these classes.

There has been no interest in the Engine Maintenance class so I have put it on the shelf for now. If anyone has any interest in any class please call me. Make your next cruise a safe one, take an advanced or elective course.

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We welcome your comments on this edition of the EnLIGHTener and your contributions to the May edition. The deadline for all material is Sunday, April 17.



**Administrative Officer
P/C Elaine Reichert, AP**



The weather was crisp as three boats turned into two and then into zero and the land cruisers took over! By 1100, the sun was strong and the early morning chill had disappeared. We had 36 turn out for the delicious luncheon and to enjoy being at the beautiful Halifax River Yacht Club. See you all next year!! Please see the photos of this event on Page 7.

April Boating Activity

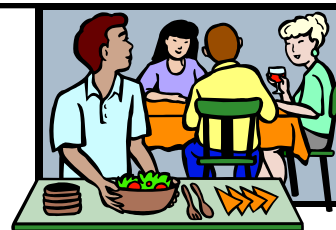
Our Chef Larry is gearing up to bring us his special stew and on Spaghetti Island, no less, which is located in Government Cut just after the crossover and close to the land turn you make to head down to J B 's. Join us at 1100, bringing dishes to share that complement the stew, chairs, swim suits and whatever makes the day comfortable for you.



No Boat? Just let us know and we will try to find you a ride on a member's boat.

April General Meeting and Dinner

We will be at the New Smyrna Beach Boat and Ski Club off of the North Causeway in NSB on 28 April 2011 for our General Meeting and Dinner.



- Time: 1800 Social, 1845 Dinner
- Cost: \$12 per person
- Uniform: G or appropriate attire
- Menu: Pauline Lockwood's famous Jambalaya (chicken, sausage, rice)
Soda provided (Please bring your own choice of supplemental beverages).

We welcome Michell Woulard from the Interpretative Division of the National Parks System, assigned at present to the Canaveral National Seashore, as our guest speaker. She will bring us up to date on what the future holds for the Park and the current work going on. We have been hearing some loud noises going by our house - sounds as if airboats are invading. What is the answer to why they are present? Construction, grass trailers - seems as if a lot is going on at the Park.

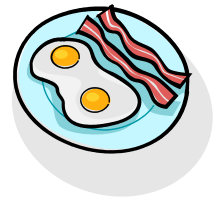
Have you ever taken advantage of the numerous programs offered at the Park?

Reservations: Calling Committee - P/C Linda Allen, SN, chair, (386) 423-1945



Breakfast at Goodrich's, 254 River Drive, Oak Hill: 6 April at 0830.

We hear that it is well worth a trip to Oak Hill as the establishment is under new management and their breakfast has been recommended by Squadron members. Let's find out!! While you are down that way, you might want to go down to Seminole Rest as it is a pleasant walk along the river and gives a glimpse into "the good old days" when families came to enjoy our summers.



Come and join the breakfast bunch at the following dates and places

- 4 May:** Mom's Home Cooking, 1201 N Dixie Freeway, NSB
- 1 June:** Ruthy's, 618 W. Canal St., NSB
- 6 July:** Lighthouse Café, 1500 S. Dixie Freeway, NSB
- 3 Aug:** Jason's Corner, 135 Canal St., NSB
- 7 Sept:** Ruthy's, 618 W. Canal St., NSB
- 5 Oct:** Manny's, 3318 S. Atlantic Ave., NSB
- 2 Nov:** Holiday Inn, 1401 S. Atlantic Ave., NSB
- 7 Dec:** Golden Biscuit, 223 Canal St., NSB

**No reservations
required**

Note: The dates are firm and the time is always 0830. The locations are subject to change due to conditions beyond our control. Please check future editions of the EnLIGHTener for revisions. Also, email reminders will go out before each breakfast.

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After dinner, at 1900 we met for NEO Bob Sweet's Advance Powerboat Handling presentation. For those who had not completed their Seminars requirement for CN Certification, the evening continued at 2100 with the Anchoring Seminar.

On Saturday morning 0800 came even quicker than the day before. Saturday's goal was to train IN and IN Trainer candidates. We spent 3 hours in the classroom with the IN power point presentation before heading off to the dock. After more docking and spring line demonstrations we boarded 17' and 18' power boats and certified each other on the IN course much like the previously described Tavares course. This course was set up on Hazzard Creek. Upon completion there were some role play demonstrations on the dock which showed how important preplanning is to operating a vessel. Some were able to perform their flare and aerial flare skills demonstration before heading off to dinner. At 1700 we were presented the Mariners Compass Seminar followed by the Rules of the Road Seminar at 1900.

On Sunday morning 0800 brought lots of rain and changes in our plans for the day. With no On-Water-Activity available we were given the challenge of presenting 9 slides of Bob Sweet's PowerPoint presentation to everyone including our C/C, NXO, both ANEO's, and NEO Bob Sweet himself. By 1400 we completed BOC Training School and headed home. What an experience I had...challenging, fun, very rewarding. If you get a chance to participate in BOC, I know from experience you will be glad you did!

Yours in safe boating,
Cdr. Will

Executive Committee Meeting

14-April
NSB Boat & Ski Club 1900
All members are welcome.

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March Boating Activity and Lunch at the Halifax Yacht Club



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It is too big (1.5.Gigabytes) to download or email but you may obtain a copy of this DVD by emailing a request to Lt Ken Courage, S. (kcourage@ufl.edu).



Squadron Birthdays in April

Paul Reichert (April 20) has the distinction of being the only Squadron member that was born in April. Happy Birthday, Paul!

Here's a question for the math wizards in the Squadron. Assuming 72 members, what is the probability that only one member would have a birthday in April?

(Answer next month)

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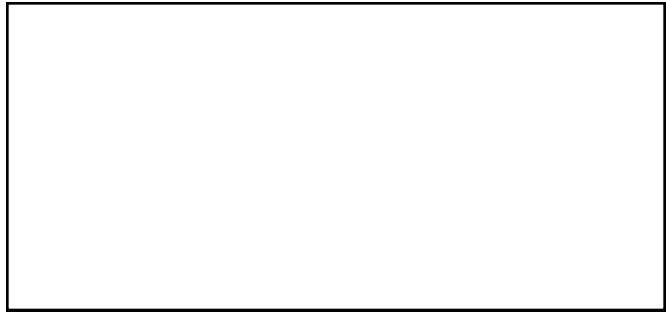
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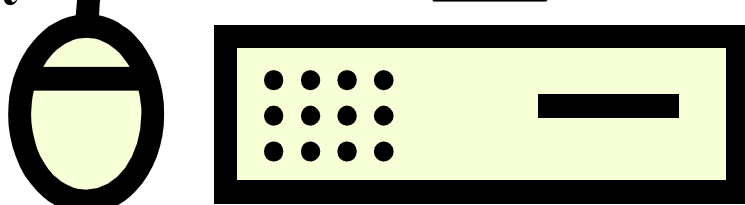
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