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Commander Edward Maxwell Jr., AP



As you read this, we should officially be in our new Education Center and beginning a new era for PRSPS. I thank all the volunteers who have worked to clean, build, supply and prepare the building for occupancy. We have worked hard to present the Squadron with a professional looking, state of the art, classroom setting that we will also be able to use for some social activities.

There will be a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on June 20, 2024 at 1730hrs. Details will follow but we hope for a large Squadron turnout to celebrate the opening of our new Education Center.

The Summer is upon us and people will be traveling to escape the Florida heat and to have fun family vacations. This will be the last PILOT until September and there will not be any business meetings in July or August. We will resume activities in September but there will still be a few luncheons and trips sponsored by the Social Activities Committee through the Summer. Be sure to watch your emails for updates.

The Education Department is anxious to get classes started so please consider taking an advanced grade class or an informational seminar this coming Fall. If there is a particular class you are interested in, please let the Education Department know and they will try to assist.

During the May Excom meeting we made an adjustment to the Standing Rules, Finance rule 8, usage of funds from the investment funds. This rule outlines the maximum amount of money that may be taken from the investment fund. The rule worked when we did not have a building, but we must now budget for the building expenses and have the ability to move funds as needed. We will need to look for new funding sources in the future and I will be looking for available grants. If you have any experience in grant writing, I could use some assistance.

We have also rewritten the budget to include the operating costs of the new facility. Costs will be up this year because our real estate tax exemption does not kick in until the 2025 tax year, but we will be fine and have projected that with watchful spending we have 10 to 15 years cash left and our investment in the building will be growing very fast in this booming economy.

See you at the June business meeting and be safe while having fun.

Ed Maxwell, Commander

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**The deadline for the
September 2024 Pilot
articles is Thursday,
15 August.**

**“Bill Bayer Memorial
Education Fund”**

Donations in Bill's name will benefit the Squadron's Education Program.

Donations will be used for classroom equipment and supplies, Outreach Programs to the community, and other education oriented projects or needs.

Donations may be sent to Treasurer Lt/C Deborah R. Frank, S, made out to PRSPS, with a memo reading “Bill Bayer Memorial Education Fund”.

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The Pilot's Deadline:

Members and Bridge are encouraged to submit material and photos with captions of squadron events, to the Editors by the 15th of the month or as requested by the Editors. All Articles should be written in Word, and sent as an attachment, not in the body of an Email.

2024

June

11 Hurricane & Boats Seminar EdCntr	1000
12 Hurricane & Boats Seminar EdCntr	1300
13 ExCom PRSPS Education Center	1900
15 Hurricane & Boats Seminar EdCntr	1000
18 Lunch Cruise- Lime Tequila Pt Char	1130
20 Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting EdCntr	1730
20 Monthly Meeting Education Center	1830
22 Coastal Clean UP—Bayshore Live Oak Park	0800

July

09 Babcock Ranch Eco Tour and Lunch Summer Break, no monthly meeting	1000
11 ExCom PRSPS Education Center	1900
13 & 20 Two Half-day ABC series EdCntr	0900

August

08 ExCom PRSPS Education Center	1900
16 Lunch Cruise—Twisted Fork Port Charlotte Summer Break, no monthly meeting	

September

11 Tamiami Tavern Lunch Cruise	TBA
12 ExCom PRSPS Education Center	1900
14 & 21 Two Half-day ABC series EdCntr	0900
18 Silver Tridents Beef O'Bradys	1130
21 Coastal Clean-up Bayshore Live Oak P	0800
24 Monthly Meeting Beef O'Brady's	1730

For more information see the Monthly Calendar on page 15

PGBC: Punta Gorda Boat Club

CHECC: Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center

EdCntr: PRSPS Education Center
21234 Olean Blvd #8 Port Charlotte, FL

TBA : "To Be Announced"



Executive Officer

Lt/C James E. Ayres, S



It was my Honor to attend the Punta Gorda City Council Meeting on 15 May 2024. We received a City of Punta Gorda Proclamation for Boating Safety Week. Starting on 18 May 2024 and running through 24 May 2024 America's Boating Club will shine the Spot-

light on Safe Boating Practices. As part of our role as the Peace River Sail & Power Squadron, operating under the monogram for National Recognition as America's Boating Club Peace River, one of the three parts of our mission is Boating Education and Safety. The City of Punta Gorda is a water based city and truly recognizes the necessity of Safe Boating Practices and has honored us with their annual Safe Boating Week Proclamation.

Under the Guidance of Commander Ed Maxwell, we are moving forward by leaps and bounds with our new Training and Education Center. Commander Maxwell and Squadron Building Manager, Sue Maxwell, have tediously supervised the revision of the unit features to develop a fantastic Training Center and Base of Operations for the Squadron. We are planning a Grand Opening in a few weeks and hope to have the May ExCom Meeting in our new facility.

As the Executive Officer of the Squadron, I had the Honor of presenting, Mar Spaulding, with her Life Membership Award on 14 May 2024. Mar and her husband, after sailing many tropical areas, sailed North Up the Gulf and landed at Burnt Store Marina, Punta Gorda, Florida to replenish supplies. This occurred in 1995 and they both never left for further adventures afar. Mar is now 90 years old and still full of vim and vigor living in Burnt Store Marina. Congratulations Mar on your Life Time Award.

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Educational Officer

Lt/C Elias R. Quintos, N



After much anticipation, the Marine Navigation course examination results are in. Our congratulations to the following members who passed with flying colors:

- Lt/C James E. Ayres, P
- Lt/C Deborah R. Frank, P
- 1/Lt Sandy McDonald, P

Nine students are taking the May ABC course and one so far in July.

My admiration goes to all who yearn to learn more for the safety of their crew and safety of others.

I have always tried to learn about what can be known about boating. Many years back, I watched again and again a videotape made by the US Power Squadron trying to soak in as much information. I started asking myself, "What would I do if this or that happened while I was out there on my own?" This then piqued my curiosity and lead me to seek more information, rewinding and fast-forwarding the videotape to the right sections. The content of the videotape was somewhat limited. It had exciting videos of boats in channels criss-crossing

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"BECOME A BETTER BOATER"

America's Boating Club Peace River Schedule to date:

ABC Two Half-Day 8hr Sat, 13-20 July
ABC Two Half-Day 8hr Sat, 14-21 Sept
ABC 4@2.5hr sessions 12hr Wed, 16 Oct—6 Nov

Hurricane & Boats Seminar
Thurs 11 June 1000 (10 AM)
Wednesday 12 June 1300 (1 PM)
Saturday 15 June 1000 (10 AM)

If you want a particular course to be taught in the next several months, you need to contact Elias and let him know of your interest.

Questions? Call 941-584-5993

Or contact:

SEO Lt/C Elias Quintos, N
at **education**

[@americasboatingclubpeaceriver.org](http://americasboatingclubpeaceriver.org)



Sunshine Committee Report

To all Members:

If you know that someone in the Squadron needs a Sympathy card, a Get Well card, or an Encouragement card sent from the Squadron, please email or phone Mar Spaulding at 941-629-4458 (cell) or 941-505-1135 (home phone).

sunshine@americasboatingclubpeaceriver.org





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Dean R. Sellers, P



The spring picnic took place 28 April at the Harbour Heights Pavilion with 40 members attending. Thanks to all those who assisted. It is with your commitment to volunteer that allows us to continue. The sandwiches, veggie and fruit platters were made by Farmer Joe's market in Cape Coral. A special thank you to Leona Burch for making this possible. Water balloon toss was fun with Patty Montorsi and Kent Lindow winning the top prize of not getting wet! The food, camaraderie, games and door prizes kept us busy. We were having so much fun even the flies decided to join us.

Many thanks to Sea Biscuit and American Beauty (aka Cindi Sanders & Joyce Sluzewski) for hosting the annual Kentucky Derby on 4 May at Beef O'Brady's. It was such a great event with a fun parade of hats and winning prizes handed out. The actual derby was a great event with an exciting finish. Congrats to those who won the hat contest and the race bets.

Our May lunch cruise on 16 May to Cass Cay will have taken place by the time you read this article. It is always fun to get together at the restaurant, but even better when you make it a day on the water by boating to it. At this writing, I am aware of at least 2 boats full of passengers that are going weather permitting.

As of this writing, we will have had the Open House on 21 May at our new building with light refreshments provided by many of our members. Many thanks to those that stepped up and volunteered to bring refreshments. This will be our first business meeting at the new facility.

Please plan to attend the official ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday 20 June from 1730-1830

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Secretary's Report

Lt/C Kris Ayres



Greetings fellow Squadron members!

Here we are already beginning the summer of 2024. This has been a busy and exciting year thus far for Peace River Sail & Power

Squadron with a myriad of activities from community service and District 22 events, to fun-filled activities enjoyed by many.

Most recently we enjoyed our annual picnic at Harbour Heights, brought together by Dean and Ann Sellers. Not only did we enjoy a great lunch and huge selection of desserts, we tested our expertise through the water balloon toss and our luck with the ever-present 50/50 raffle. Dean and Ann have set the bar high for hosting and planning events and we all should send kudos their way.

Following the picnic was the all-important annual Kentucky Derby Party held at Beef O'Brady's. Profound thanks to Joyce Sluzewski and Cindy Sanders for their hard work and being the best "bookies" in town providing our betting options. They put together a winning evening for all. Add in the Derby Hat competition and it was almost as good as being at Churchill Downs in person. Congratulations for "hatter" George and his wife, "milliner" Carol Musco for their winning champagne.

By the time this publication reaches you, I hope you had the opportunity to join your fellow Squadron members at the grand opening/first meeting in our new Educational Center on 21 May. We have many to thank for their hard work...from the purchase negotiations to the physical transition...for what will serve as an excellent backdrop for classroom growth, as well as

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Coming Up on 22 June 2024 at is the Squadron's Coastal Clean-up. Holding a steady course at the helm is Barb Cartwright. Give Barb a call at 941-286-9987 or E-Mail Barb at anchorstitch@aol.com and let her know you will be giving her a helping hand. Remember, 0800 hours, 22 June 2024, Bayshore Live Oak Park at 23157 Bayshore Road, Punta Gorda, Florida 33983 for Coffee, Dough-Nuts and your Pick-Up Tongs.

Regards & Fair Seas,
Jim Ayres S, XO - America's Boating Club Peace River

Semper Fi and Back the Blue

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with more details to follow - be watching your emails for updates. This is sponsored by the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce. Sandy Darna is the coordinator for this upcoming event. The June Business Meeting will commence after the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is completed.

Be on the lookout for information regarding upcoming events over the summer break. Remember to check your calendar! Highlights include 18 June Luncheon at Lime Tequila, 9 July Babcock Ranch Echo Tour, 16 August Luncheon at Twisted Fork, 11 September Lunch at Tamiami Tavern.

BoatUS Civic Service Award input

Each year BoatUS presents the prestigious Civic Service Award, an award that Peace River has won numerous times. To simplify record keeping, bridge officers and/or committee chairs are asked to complete a brief report on-line at <https://forms.gle/rKAPD8p98b8U3PjYA>

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to demonstrate rules of navigation, distance-speed-time relationship, compass bearing, anchoring, and boat handling in inclement weather. I knew then that I had to learn more, so I attended my first boating course and was surprised with the turnout. There was nothing like being in a class with others having the same interest and learning directly from those with more experience.

The excitement grew when I moved to Punta Gorda and saw that there was a squadron offering courses. I attended my first meeting where I was encouraged to take the advanced courses but hesitated when I found out that I had to take exams. The hesitation was brief because I thought it was important enough to learn for personal safety, safety of others, protection of property, foremost my boat, to go ahead. If I learned enough, I should do fine. Repetitive exposure and seeing others also trying to comprehend the information in class, and us "all being on the same boat", decreased my anxiety. Asking instructors about topics that were not clear and having illustrations in the classroom reinforced material learned at home. Eventually, I reached a stage when I said to myself, "I've seen this before" and then asked myself, "What else is there to know about this", and then went on further to learn more. Finally, at the conclusion of the course, the preparation for the exam was the exam itself. The questions and choice of answers in the exam were directly from the material covered in class and homework reading. You could almost anticipate and say to yourself, "They're going to ask something about this". Open book exam answers to the questions and how to work out the problems were somewhere in the syllabus in one form or another. The exams were to confirm that I had sufficient knowledge base that showed that I

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a meeting facility that we can call our own. Please mark your calendars for the official community wide Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting ceremony on 20 June at 1730.

I will be in Michigan from the 1st of June until mid-July, however, I will continue to contribute monthly and my counter-part, Assistant Secretary Heidi Rowe, will take the minutes of meetings in my absence.

I wish you a healthy, happy start to a summer that we can only hope will be slightly cooler than last year, with a fair amount of rain...in manageable increments...to help our drought ridden area, and more importantly, the lack of any huge storms.

Respectively,
Lt/C Kris Ayres
Secretary

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understood what was being asked and had mastered the course.

Curiosity is innate in all of us. One of my adages in learning is do whatever it takes to learn. No information is wasted. One never knows when you need that information to get yourself home safely someday.

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Lt/C Elias Quintos, N
SEO
Peace River Sail and Power Squadron D22

REMINDER FOR OUR "SEASONAL MEMBERS"

For our Peace River "Seasonal Members" that will be heading up north (or already there) for the Summer/Fall timeframe, please email Larry Mack at: ocean_mack@msn.com and provide me with your northern address and about when you will be coming back south so we can keep our mailing list current.

Pilot Newsletter Submissions

Members and Bridge Officers are encouraged to submit material and photos, with captions, of squadron events, to the Editor by the 15th of the month or as requested by the Editor.

An event without photos cannot be documented toward the National Civic Service Award. All Articles should be written in Word, and sent as an attachment, not in the body of an Email.



BASIC BOATING COURSE
INSTRUCTORS AND PROCTORS NEEDED

SEO Lt/C Elias Quintos, N

One of our squadron's primary purposes is to provide education about basic boating skills in our geographic area to experienced as well as novice boaters. Our squadron has been a leader in the number of classes provided each year in our district and we need to continue that tradition. Some of the presenters of our course have been doing so for as long as I have been a member of this squadron.

However, they need your help. Teaching methods have changed. New members desire other ways to be exposed to safe boating and newer approaches to presenting our important information.

I am asking for newer members of our squadron and transferees to join us as proctors and/or presenters this year. We present 17 different topic areas in each class, some of which involve hands-on student involvement that requires proctors to demonstrate and assist the students. The proctored sessions are often only an hour long and you do not have to stay for the entire half-day class unless you want to.

If you are interested, contact me at 941 916-0878 or either of my email addresses, quintosmd@comcast.net or seo@AmericasBoatingClubPeaceRiver.org and we can discuss how you can contribute.

BoatUS Distinguished
Civic Service Awards

These awards are given annually to Clubs/Squadrons in recognition of exceptional service, public boating safety education and service to the boating community. Help document our squadron's service by submitting reports of squadron community outreach, civic activities and events, and boating safety education.

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Calling All Past Commanders!

Silver Trident Association

The next Silver Trident Association Luncheon will be held at:

Beef O'Brady's,
1105 Taylor Rd. Punta Gorda

18 September 2024

Social 1130, Lunch 1130

Speaker: TBA

Contact Silver Trident Treasurer P/D/C George Musco, AP for your reservation: 941-391-2512, or email: GJMCLM@COMCAST.NET

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13 September

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June Birthdays

- 6 Jeane Anderson
- 9 Lois Daybell
- 14 Frederick Moore
- 21 David Obradovich
- 23 Robert Van Jones
- 25 Richard Nicholas
- 26 Frederick Watts
- 27 Rita Manley

If we've missed your birthday
please contact the Editors.



July Birthdays

5 Dennis Correll
8 John Sequino
15 Margherita Kniat
16 N. Richard Gronall
18 Stephen Carey
19 James Ayres
23 Tina Onuchovsky
30 Marie Ludvig
31 Marion Taylor



August Birthdays

1 Carlo Gargiulo
7 Mark West
9 Jerry Ciccone
11 Elliott Hartman
13 Juan Ruiz
17 Shirley Hart
22 Carol Musco
23 Sandy McDonald
26 Theodore Lonis
26 Dean Sellers
27 Ann Sellers
28 Patty Montorsi
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31 John Duplice



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June 2024

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August 2024

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Spring Picnic 28 April



Balloon Toss winner: Kent Lindow & Patty Montorsi



Kentucky Derby Party









Cass Cay Lunch Cruise 16 May





21 attended:

Louise Rea, Lee Brandt & Wendy Heath-Brandt, Kris & Jim Ayres,
Bob Springer, Sue & Ed Maxwell, Dean & Ann plus Mike Sellers,
Harold & Jeane Anderson, Cindi Sanders, Ron Jones,
Bob & Patty Montorsi, Carol & George (photographer) Musco.
And Joyce & Rick Sluzewski.

XO Jim Ayres receiving the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation from Punta Gorda City Council



Proclamation

City of Punta Gorda, Florida

Whereas, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary-Flotilla 98-Charlotte Harbor along with America's Boating Club Peace River and other alliances are joined in efforts to promote safe boating education for all; and

Whereas, boaters are encouraged to take a Safe Boating Course because uneducated and untrained boaters are five times more likely to die in a boating mishap. Real boaters take a safe boating education course; and

Whereas, drowning is responsible for 80% of all fatalities and 86% of fatalities were not wearing a life jacket. When submerged in water, quick location is essential. A personal locator beacon will direct rescue to within ten feet of its location. Real boaters wear their life vests and a personal locator beacon; and

Whereas, per State law, the helmsman is required to wear a safety lanyard to kill the engine if thrown overboard on boats less than 26 feet without an enclosed cabin. Real boaters install and use engine cutoff switch lanyards; and

Whereas, State of Florida Safety Statistics for 2023 rank Florida number one in boating accidents and fatalities with 23% of those accidents being a direct result of alcohol consumption. Real boaters don't drink and operate a boat.

Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, does hereby proclaim May 18 through 24, 2024, as

National Safe Boating Week

and urges everyone to take a safe boating course and follow all safety recommendations. A real boater is always prepared for the water.

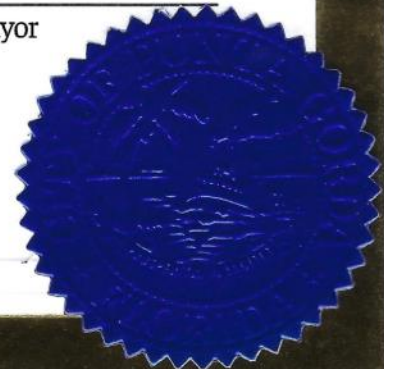
Passed and duly adopted in regular session this 15 day of May 2024.

City of Punta Gorda, Florida

Attest:


Lynne R. Matthews, Mayor


Sara Welch, City Clerk



XO Jim Ayres presenting Lt Mar Spaulding, S her Life Membership Plaque having earned 25 Merit Marks.



Open House at our new Education Center

We had Forty PRSPS members attend and a few family members.

Hello my fellow Peace River Sail and Power Squadron Members,

It was good to see many of you at the Grand Opening of our new EDUCATION CENTER, 21234 Suite 8, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 on 21 May. To those of you who did not attend, you missed a wonderful reception with Hors D'oeuvres prepared by several of our member to whom I and the rest of the attendees give a huge thank you as their items were delicious.

The location and space are great.

As you can see from the cover photo, we are now able to have our name and information posted as to who we are and what we do displayed to the public as they pass by. The student seating area is large enough to easily accommodate classes of 24 students thus we can also hold our America's Boating Course sessions here also.

You enter into an area faced with a beautiful mural and on your right are display cases with our awards; on your left is a display of celestial navigations tools up thru the ages and onward to the left is the Classroom student desk area. There is a spacious kitchenette with a full size refrigerator, sink, microwave oven, pod cup coffee machine, and an area with multiple electrical outlets for crockpots for when we have Chili Cook-off, Pot-Lucks, and Hors D'oeuvres nights. We must give thanks to the members who worked tirelessly to acquirer this location, get it remodeled, and set-up for the Grand Opening.

To add to the event, we had two new members from the May ABC3 Course that we swore in as new members: Bill and Jeannie Alexander.

Bill: ALEXANDER23@gmail.com 419-308-9721

Jeannie: JEANNIEALEXANDER41@gmail.com 330-620-1536

Our MuVIT Boating Simulator is setup and operational at its own desk.

I hope to see many of you in our Education Center in classes or at Meetings and gatherings as we move forward in our new permanent home.

Respectfully,
Larry Mack





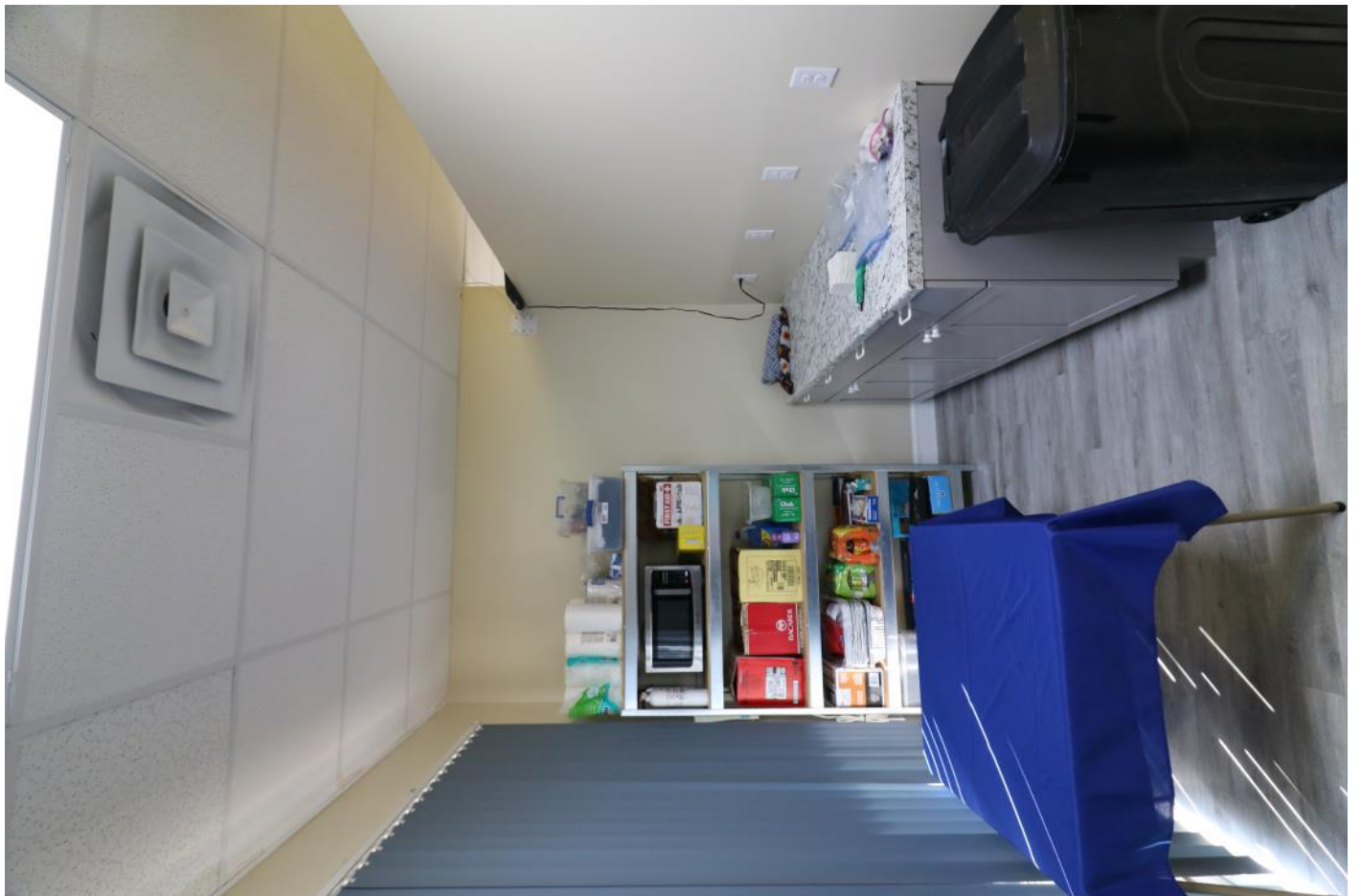


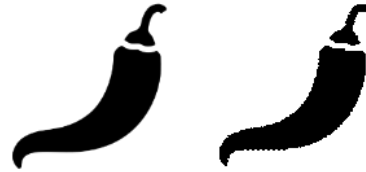






Cdr Ed Maxwell toasting the opening of our Education Center.





Join Your Friends
at the Mexican Lime Tequila Restaurant for lunch
on
Tuesday, 18 June 2024 at 1130
1978 King's Highway, Port Charlotte



RSVP to Louise Rea by
Friday, 14 June
Call or Text: 941-524-5138
or E:mail : louiserea@comcast.net



Summer Coastal Clean-up

**Where: BAYSHORE LIVE OAK PARK
23157 BAYSHORE ROAD
CHARLOTTE HARBOR, FL 33980**

Meet at the pavilion to right side of the playground along Bayshore Rd.

WHEN: SATURDAY, 22 JUNE 2024 at 0800 (8 AM)

Please call or email to let me know how many to expect so there is sufficient donuts, juice, and coffee. Shirts will be available to the first 20 who respond.

Barb Cartwright
941-286-9987 (cell, text)
anchorstitch@aol.com

Please take 1½ to 2 hours out of your early morning to spend time outdoors to help continue our commitment to the clean-up of Live Oak Park!

The next Coastal Clean-up will be Saturday, 21 September 2024.

Put it on your calendar now to **SAVE THE DATE.**



Babcock Ranch Eco Tour and Lunch

Date: Tuesday, 9 July 2024

Time: 1000 (10 AM) 90 minute tour.

Where: 8502 FL 31, Punta Gorda, FL 33982 800-500-5583

Cost: Adults (13-54) \$24, Seniors (55+) \$23, Children ages (3-12) \$16
Children (2 or under, Lap Children) Free

You can book our trip online or when you arrive on the day of the trip. There are no rain dates. Bring a poncho. Refunds will only be issued in the event of lightning.

Lunch after the trip will be at The Lakehouse Kitchen & Bar, 42860 Crescent Loop, Punta Gorda 33982. 239-567-7913 The restaurant is only five miles from the Eco Tour. Please call or text me after you have made your reservation for the Eco Tour and/or if you plan to attend our lunch.

Joyce Sluzewski 219-588-2489 joyssluzewski@gmail.com

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