

PEACE RIVER PILOT

Peace River Sail & Power Squadron - A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons® - District 22



**Former PRSPS Commander, R/C Ronald Jones, AP
being sworn in as District 22 Commander by
P/C/C Craig Fraser, SN-CN**



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Commander Edward Maxwell Jr., AP



AND THE WINNER IS...US! The D/22 Spring Conference and annual Change of Watch was held 12 & 13 April in Punta Gorda. Our Squadron served as host and assisted in the set up and tear down to the bi-annual event. Our own P/C Ron Jones, AP was elected and sworn in as the new D/22 Commander for 2024 and 2025. Nineteen Squadron members attended the Change of Watch and welcomed Ron

to his new position. We are all proud of his accomplishment and the prestige his new position bestows upon our beloved Peace River Squadron. In addition to Ron's new position, I was elected to serve on the D/22 Nominating Committee for the next three years and I hope to see many Peace River faces showing up in the District 22 ranks in the near future. There are always positions open and in need of volunteers.

At the general meeting on Saturday afternoon, several awards were presented and Peace River won our share! The "FORT MYERS & PEACE RIVER PUBLICATIONS & GRAPHIC" trophy was presented to the "Peace River Sail and Power Squadron" for the fourth year in a row. The trophy is presented to the squadron having the best publication and best graphics combined as judged by the D/22 Publications Committee. I accepted the award on behalf of the Squadron and the past Editors, Carol and George Musco, who were in attendance. The award was presented to us by the Past Chief Commander Craig Fraser, who was representing the Chief Commander at the festivities.

In addition, the Squadron Received National recognition and awards for:
2023 Honor Roll membership in The USPS Educational Fund. We have the longest history in D/22 on this Honor Roll, with 41 consecutive years.
2023 Distinctive Performance for Websites.
2023 Distinctive Performance for Publications.

It was an honor to accept these awards for the Squadron membership. My personal appreciation to all who worked on the various committees that generated this recognition.

Building Update: We are flying along and expect to be using the facility by the May ExCom meeting. When all the decorating and the windows are done, there will be a formal Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for all to attend. In addition, Our 21 May Business meeting will be held at our new Education Center. Details to follow.

The annual Picnic will be held on 28 April at Harbour Heights Park. This will also be the Annual Merit Mark Celebration so please plan on being there. Details were emailed to you from Harold "Nick" Howard on 14 April. If you ignored the notice or accidentally erased it, contact Dean Sellers or me for details. You are encouraged to bring your favorite adult beverages and a dessert plate.

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If you are bringing that special sweet treat, please call Ann Sellers so we know what is coming and have room to display them.


The Kentucky Derby Party is approaching on 4 May at Beef O'Brady's in Punta Gorda, so mark your calendars. Details are enclosed elsewhere in the Pilot.

Be safe, have fun and bring in new members. If you are a snowbird, see you in the fall. If you are a full timer, see you at a summer activity!

Ed Maxwell, Commander

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Just a friendly reminder...

**The deadline for the
June 2024 Pilot
articles is Wednesday,
15 May.**

Ships Store Items for Sale

Our Burgee \$23.00 

Front License Plate \$3.00 

New "America's Boating Club" white Name Tags are now available with magnet backing - \$13.00. 

Face Masks with America's Boating Club Logo. \$6.00 

Official Squadron Polo Shirts are available with the new "America's Boating Club" logo -\$32.00. Your name on the front is extra.

If you would like to purchase a squadron item
Contact Squadron Ships Store Officer
Lt Larry Mack, SN, at [ships_store@
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"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".

Your donation is tax deductible.

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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

May

- 04 Kentucky Derby Party Beef O'Bradys 1700
Contact Cindi Sanders 765-721-1818 or
Joyce Sluzewski - 941-639-2009
- 09 Excom Meeting PRSPS Education Center
21234 Olean Blvd #8, Port Charlotte 1900
- 11 & 18 ABC Two-Half-day 8hr PGBC 0900
- 15 Silver Trident Meet. Beef O'Bradys 1130
- 16 Lunch Cruise Cass Cay Burnt Store 1130
Contact Carol Musco - 941-391-2512
- 18-24 National Safe Boating Week
- 22 Boat Handling Course commences
- 23 Marine Navigation Course commences
- 21 Business Meeting, Open House and 1730
Hors d'oeuvres at PRSPS Education
Center 21234 Olean Blvd #8 Pt Charlotte
- 25 Hurricane and Boats Seminar PGBC 1000

June

- 13 ExCom PRSPS Education Center 1900
- 18 Lunch Cruise- Lime Tequila Pt Char TBA
- 22 Coastal Clean UP-Bayshore Live Oak Park
- 25 Business Meeting Beef O'Bradys, PG 1730

July

- 11 ExCom PRSPS Education Center 1900
- 16 Babcock Ranch Eco Tour and Lunch TBA
Summer Break, no monthly meeting

August

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

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



We are into May 2024. Hot Days, Cool Nights and great boating weather. With May comes **Boating Safety Week**. Starting on **18 May 2024 and running through 24 May 2024** America's Boating Club will shine the Spotlight 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**. **Community Service** and a **Boating Fraternity** complete the other legs of our three legs of our mission. As ***America's Boating Club Peace River*** we will receive a Proclamation and Public Recognition for the role we play in furthering Training of Boaters and Boating Safety, from the City of Punta Gorda. I will send out a Flyer on the May Date as soon as the City Council defines their meeting date. A good showing from our Squadron never hurts our Image and makes the City Council aware that we Care and are Proud of our Mission.

On Friday, 12 April and Saturday, 13 April 2024, District 22 held the D/22 Spring Conference here in Punta Gorda, at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. *Our Own Past Commander, Ron Jones, AP, is now the newly elected D/22 Commander and now takes the Helm of the D/22 Region which consisting of 15 Squadron's here in Southwest Florida.*

Under the Guidance of **Commander Ed Maxwell, AP**, **We** are moving forward by leaps and bounds with our new Training and Education Center. **WE** have acquired a Building (part of the building) at the Central Plaza Condominium Plaza located at 21234 Olean Boulevard, Port Charlotte, Florida 33952, Unit #8. **WE** are in the process of making, the Unit, the Training and Education Center for our Squadron. **Commander Maxwell, AP and Squadron Building Manager, 1/Lt Sue Maxwell**, have

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Educational Officer

Lt/C Elias R. Quintos, N



Seeing our new Education Center, I am proud being a regional member of Peace River Sail and Power Squadron in its 52nd year anniversary, and a national member of the United States Power Squadrons in its 110th

year anniversary. As America's Boating Club members, we voluntarily contribute our time and efforts into the educational, social, and community programs promoting boating safety and awareness in our community. We are fortunate to have dedicated instructors teaching, and enthusiastic students learning topics related to boating skills, broadening our horizons, allowing us to fully enjoy being out on water feeling the breeze and sunshine.

We recognize and applaud all students who persistently challenge themselves to learn more. Our congratulations to the following certificate recipients for their successful completion of these advanced courses.

Marine Electrical Systems

- David Burch, P
- Willard Kelchner, N
- Suzanne McGee
- Lt/C Dean Sellers, P

Marine Communications Systems

- F/Lt Urbain LeClerc Jr, P

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"BECOME A BETTER BOATER"

America's Boating Club Peace River

2024 Education Course Schedule to date:

- ABC Two Half-Day 8hr Sat, 11-18 May
- 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

Advance Grade courses commencing on:

Boat Handling Wed, 22 May

Marine Navigation Thu, 23 May

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](mailto:education@americasboatingclubpeaceriver.org)

[@americasboatingclubpeaceriver.org](mailto:education@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



Thank you to everyone who attended the St. Patrick's themed dinner meeting in March. Katie Rose from the Eyes on Seagrass was our guest speaker, and she gave a phenomenal presentation. The squadron was able to donate \$100 to the great work that they

continue to do with the University of Florida extension projects. The food that was prepared by Hometown Grill, was great and the desserts donated by members were awesome. I can't say enough about what great team members we have in this group. Please continue to share your ideas on how we can improve upon with the meals for upcoming events.

Speaking of an upcoming event: it's our annual Spring Picnic. This will be held again at the Harbour Heights Pavilion from 1300 – 1600 (1-4pm) on Sunday, 28 April. The cost is only \$10 a person and will include sub sandwiches with fixings this time. If anyone wants to donate their time or a dessert, speak to Ann who is assisting with coordinating this project. There will be some cool centerpieces that will be given away this time around. Be sure to sign up early and bring your family and friends to this fun event.

A flyer with the details and sign up link is located in this newsletter

I am still working on the boating project I have been speaking about for the past couple of months. If you have not received an email from me and you have a powerboat, please contact me. This is an open forum for the boaters to be able to communicate with each other for meet ups. This is the group that can decide if we have boating as a squadron activity. Rick Sluzewski had sent out information to this power boating group about the eyes on seagrass project. This is *our* boating group, and the ones that can get out on the water to participate. Unfortunately, only one boat out of this group has volunteered. When Tom Rowe gets back in town and resumes the

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Secretary's Report

Lt/C Kris Ayres



Greetings Peace River Squadron members.

Here we are in mid-April already. It is most certainly true that the older we get, the quicker the time passes. It seems like just yesterday that we greeted the leprechauns, counted

the leaves on green clovers, hoped for the pot of gold, and had a great time together at the Punta Gorda Boat Club celebrating "national" St. Patrick's Day with our traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. (It is a national day my friends, as on 17 March everyone is Irish!) Shout out to Patty and Robert Montorsi for the delicious, and beautifully decorated cupcakes.

April has proven to be another jam-packed month for Peace River Squadron members. On 6 April, Barb Cartwright spearheaded our squadron's ongoing Coastal Cleanup presence at Bayfront Park. 10 April found us together at Snook Haven for lunch and a Myakka River boat tour. 12 – 13 April represented the spring District 22 conference, and even more importantly, the installation of our own R/C Ron Jones AP, as the new District 22 Commander. We salute Ron and wish him much success as Commander; let's all give him great support throughout his tenure. 20 – 21 April Home and Garden Show at the Punta Gorda Conference Center affords our squadron the opportunity to show the attendees who we are as a local organization, and the opportunities and education that the United States Power Squadron organization provides to not only boaters, but non boaters as well. If you haven't already signed up for a shift on Saturday or Sunday, please sign up for a two-hour session now. Our presence at events such as this counts. Our final April event will be the upcoming annual picnic at Harbour Heights Park on Sunday, 28 April from 1300 until 1600. This gathering is always popular and our finale for the summer months. Please sign up and let's have a great turnout.

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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 and General Membership Meeting in our new facility.

Thank You to those dedicated members who participated in the Spring Home & Garden Show. If you missed this Show Booth, **You** can participate at our Show Booth(s) and Talk Boating, Talk about where are you from, Talk About joining our Squadron, dedicated to Safe Boating and Boater Education. Be a Diplomat for *America's Boating Club Peace River*. All you need to do the next time around is Volunteer for the Home & Garden Show, The Boat Show, the Veteran's Day Parade and/or the Christmas Parade by simply calling or texting me at **313-701-7166** or E-mail to the following: xo@americasboatingclubpeaceriver.org or jamesayres877@yahoo.com.

As a final note, the **MUvit Boating Simulator**, which we now own, was a great hit at the Home & Garden Show. We are going to incorporate this Video Boating Simulator into our training programs. Come on Ya'll, let's get involved in Squadron Activities.

Regards & Fair Seas,

Jim Ayres S, XO - *America's Boating Club Peace River*

Semper Fi and Back the Blue

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Co-op charting project, we will again be coming to this group to ask for on the water participation. If you need help with **anything** about boating on these waters, please contact me.

The communication committee has had success with our latest members. Their email notices are being recognized and responded to. I am hoping some of these newer members will join us at any of our upcoming events. These gals give a lot of their time in compiling upcoming monthly events and reach out to the new members making them feel welcomed to our squadron. Well done ladies!

We have now taken possession of our new building, the Education Center. It has been decided that the building manager will be under the Administrative officers department. 1/Lt Sue Maxwell AAO, (our new building manager) and I went over to have a meeting with the HOA president. She asked about what rules and or regulations the HOA may have, and if there is anything we need to be aware of. It was a very good conversation with a good exchange of thoughts. Sue is also now the vice president of the HOA.

Sue is keeping me informed on the remodeling status of the new building. That status changes by the day.

The business meeting for Tuesday 21 May will be held in our new building and will be an open house. This will be a first look for most of you, so we hope you will attend. We will be serving light refreshments at this meeting provided by the squadron.

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.

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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As I look at the myriad of events during April, not to mention the previous months, I would be remiss if we didn't offer a big Thank You to Dean and Ann Sellers for their hard work and dedication in planning so many successful events for our Squadron. They are supreme event planners and highly regarded members.

Commander Ed Maxwell AP took possession of our new educational "headquarters" on 1 April. This is an exciting time for our squadron and this property will provide us with a phenomenal location in which to provide classes, meetings, and occasional events. If you haven't had the opportunity to stop by, please do.

At the 11 April ExCom meeting, Sue Maxwell was nominated and approved as our Squadron's Building Manager. This is a new position to us and will fall under the AO; job description including prerequisite skills, responsibilities, and length of term are being worked on and will be made available to members. Sue has a background in business building management and is currently, and actively involved with renovations including painting, flooring and all other necessities to make our Educational Center ready for classroom activity. Information on the Grand Opening will be sent out to all members as well as the media.

It was brought to my attention as a "newbie" secretary that there were some minor typos made within the January meeting minutes. Those typos will be corrected and included within my files, however, because they were approved as written, they cannot be approved again. When you receive the minutes, please pay careful attention to everything written, and let me know as quickly as possible...before approvals...and I will make the necessary adjustments.

Respectively,
Lt/C Kris Ayres
Secretary

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Sail

- Lt/C James Ayres, S

Having just finished their last class, we are waiting for Marine Navigation results.

Registration is open to those interested in advanced courses in Boat Handling which starts on 22 May and Marine Navigation beginning on 23 May. In addition to receiving their certificates, students who pass these courses will earn advanced grades, and will most likely be among the first students using our new classroom. I have invited those who recently received their ABC certificates to register soon.

Four ABC courses are being offered and start on 11 May, 13 July, 14 September, and 16 October. Eight students have enrolled so far.

As summer approaches and waters around us become warmer, protect the boats that are an integral part of our lifestyle and learn more about Hurricane Preparation for Boaters, a two-hour seminar on 25 May.

We are inviting all to let us know if they want to attend additional courses. Our instructors are eager to teach. This is a direct link to register for existing courses.

<https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/find-a-class-near-you?zip=33950&range=10>

Lt/C Elias Quintos, N, SEO

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.

Click on the link: [Civic Service Activity Report Form](#)

WHAT IS ABC?

ABC IS AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE!

The course gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets most states' boating education requirements. Our in-person boating course includes a comprehensive introduction to boating, covering boat types, boat engines, boat selection and more.

Currently scheduled America's Boating Course classes are scheduled at the PUNTA GORDA BOAT CLUB

If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in the ABC class, have them contact our Educational Officer Lt/C Elias Quintos, N at education@americasboatingclubpeacriver.org or call 941-584-5993 for more



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

15 May 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

Deadline for reservations is 10 May.

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P/C Galen Price, SN
Lt/C Gregory Wise, SN

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May Birthdays

- 3 Wendy Heath-Brandt
- 5 Carolyn Perkins
- 6 N. Thomas Rowe
- 8 Greg Wise
- 12 Joann Goldstein
- 13 Harvey Goldstein
- 14 Betty Campanella
- 16 Richard Weber
- 17 Heidemarie Rowe
- 18 Janet Reynolds
- 20 Michael Soscia
- 21 Michael Onuchovsky
- 24 Lorie Rice
- 25 Thomas Christman

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



Kentucky Derby Party

Who: PRS&PS very own Cindi Sanders "Sea Biscuit" and Joyce Sluzewski "American Beauty" will be hosting our party.

What: 150th Kentucky Derby Race, televised live from Churchill Downs, Louisville, Kentucky.

Where: Beef O'Brady's Restaurant, 1105 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

When: Sat, May 4, 2024, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, 6:45 PM Post Time for the race.

Cost: Price of your dinner (and mint juleps) Betting on the horses-optional but fun. \$5 per bet.

Hat Contest: For Ladies and Men. Prizes for winners.

RSVP: TEXT to Cindi Sanders 765-721-1818 or cesanders343@aol.com

This will be a fun time.



Our New District 22 Bridge

As shown in above photograph, Left to Right.

DEO	D/Lt/C	Myles Gee, SN-IN	Manatee
DAO	D/Lt/C	Roxanne Fox, S	Sarasota
DTreas	D/Lt/C	Casey Considine, JN	St Petersburg
DSec	D/Lt/C	Louis McBride, P	St Petersburg
DXO	D/Lt/C	Wilfredo Lopez, P	Sarasota & PRSPS Associate
DCdr	D/C	Ronald Jones, AP	Peace River



District Commander Ronald Jones. AP
 being congratulated by
 Past Chief Commander Craig Fraser, SN-CN
 upon swearing him in as D/22
 Commander
 13 April 2024
 D/22 Change of Watch
 Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference
 Center



P/C/C Craig Fraser, SN-CN with the D22 Past District Commanders who attended the D/22 Spring Conference and Change of Watch and current D/22 Commander Ron Jones, AP .
(left to right).

P/C/C	Craig Fraser, SN-CN			
P/R/C	Kenneth Beckman, SN-CN	2003-2004	2004-2005	St. Petersburg
P/R/C	Gregory Scotten, SN	2009-2010		Peace River
P/D/C	W. Richard Littrell, JN	2011-2012		Lakeland
P/D/C	George Musco, AP	2013-2014		Peace River
P/R/C	Myles Gee, SN-IN	2014-2015		Manatee
P/R/C	Constance Beckman, SN	2015-2016		St. Petersburg
P/D/C	Edward Reiss Jr., SN-CN	2019-2020		Marco Island
P/D/C	Samuel Bonilla, AP	2020-2021		Ft Myers
P/D/C	Clifford Schmidt, JN	2021-2022		Manatee
P/D/C	Gene Burson, JN	2022-2023		Marco Island
R/C	Ronald Jones, AP	2024-2025		Peace River

Volunteers Needed
Earn your Merit Mark for 2024

Sue Maxwell - Committee Chairman

The Life Jacket Stand Committee has several openings for volunteers to maintain a stand near them. It only takes one to two hours to keep the stands up and running and to earn a Merit Mark for your service.

If you are interested, please call or text Ed Maxwell at 561-252-2056. Leave a message and I will quickly return your call. This is an enjoyable way to see some of the local waterfront while performing your civic duty. Thanks.

Editor's Comments

Pilot Cover Boat Photos

We are in need of high quality color photos of our members' boats for the Pilot Newsletter. If you are a member whose boat has not appeared in the Pilot, please send us a photo of your pride and joy. We would love to publish your boat on the front cover.

Your Editing Team

PRSPS Members attending the District 22 Change of Watch 13 April 2024 with P/C/C Craig Fraser in the rear, behind George Musco:
Ron Jones, Urbain LeClerc, Marcia Ling, George Musco Carol Musco, Kris Ayers, Jim Ayres, Anne Sellers, Greg Scotten, Dean Sellers, Ed Maxwell, Susan Maxwell, Betty Campanelli, Galen Price, Marie Ludwig, Sandy Darna, Greg Wise, Wilfredo Lopez, Ron Ludwig, Lupez, Jeane Anderson, and Harold Anderson



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Education Green Lunches Tan Dinners Purple Meetings Black Events/Shows Red Cruises Blue Parades - Maroon</p>			1	2	3	4 1630 Kentucky Derby Party
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12	13	14	15 Silver Tridents	16 Cass Cay Lunch Cruise	17	18 ABC Two-half-day 8hr 2nd day 0900 PGBC National
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Lunch Cruise to Cass Cay Restaurant Burnt Store Marina

Join us at 1200 on Thursday, 16 May 2024
For lunch by the water at Burnt Store Marina,
3200 Matecumbe Key Rd. Punta Gorda
Come by Boat or Car!

Please RSVP to:
P/D/Lt/C Carol Musco, AP.
941-391-2512 or email:
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Deadline: Friday, 10 May.

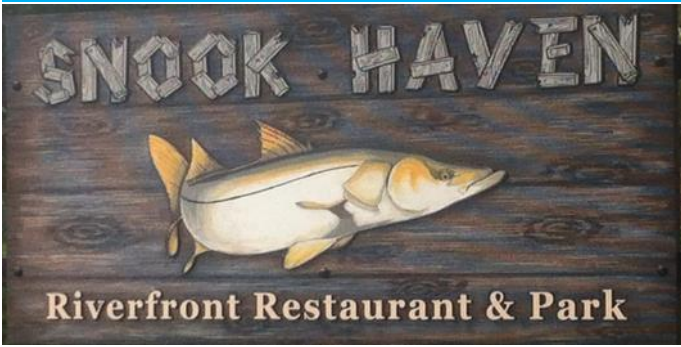


Directions: US 41 south to Burnt Store Rd., turn right and drive 10
miles south to main entrance to Burnt Store Marina.
Tell the guard at the front gate you are going to the Restaurant.



Eleven members participated Saturday, 6 April at Bayshore Live Oak Park:
(back row) Rick Gornall, Urbain LeClerc Jr., Bob Rice, Greg Wise, Joyce Sluzewski, (front row) Lorie Rice, Diane Gornall, Barb Cartwright, Cindi Sanders,
(Lower photo) Patty and Bob Montorsi with Joyce Sluzewski





Eleven members attend our SNOOK HAVEN lunch cruise, they were: (page 18) Dean Sellers, Cindi Sanders, Bob Springer, Lee Brandt & Wendy Heath-Brandt, (page 19) Marcia Ling, Ed & Sue Maxwell, Bob Montorsi, (page 20) Patty Montorsi, Joyce Sluzewski, and Dean Sellers.









WELCOME TO OUR NEW BUILDING
 Tuesday 21 May 2024
 Open House / Business Meeting

Cost: No cost to members

Where: Our new home 21234 Olean Boulevard Port Charlotte, Fl	When: Tuesday 21 May 2024 1730- Social 1800- Refreshments/Meeting	Attire - Casual with name badges
Program: Join us at an Open House for our new building during our monthly meeting.		Menu: Light refreshments/drinks provided by the squadron

Please RSVP by no later than 14 May 2024 on your availability. We need this number in order to purchase refreshments. You can also [RSVP On-line - Click Here](#)

If unable to RSVP online, please contact Ann Sellers at annsellers1@juno.com or 309-236-5851.

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