



The Tidings



San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron

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ACTIVITIES FOR

January, 2012

CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

- January 21st ABC Part 1 @ 8:30am
- January 20th Change of Watch 6pm
- January 28th ABC Part 2 @ 8:30am

WEEKLY EVENT

Every Tuesday

1100 - Luncheon at Matanzas Inn

OFFICERS

January 15th Excom. Meeting

San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Cordially invites you, your spouse or guest and your
Squadron members to our 43rd Change of Watch

Friday, 20 January 2012
1800 Social Hour (Cash Bar)
1900 Dinner and Ceremony
Music by Danny Albani

Helm Club at the
Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club
4425 S Landings Drive (McGregor S of College Pkwy.)
Fort Myers, FL 33919

Dress: Uniform A with Bow Tie or
Business attire suitable for the occasion

Reservations required by Thursday, 12 January 2012
Cost \$35.00 per person

From the SEO

Lt/C Charles Richardson, Jr. JN.

Greetings,

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season. I also hope you have resolved to take additional boating courses in the coming year. We are offering Seamanship and Piloting as well as our popular Local Waters and GPS classes. Check our website for more information on these classes. Local Waters and GPS are offered to the public, but there is no reason why you cannot take advantage of these excellent courses. We would like to have at least five students registered to conduct a class. Sign up soon so we can order the materials.

Gerry Blumenfeld has offered to teach Instructor Development this year. If you are interested let us know.

I am happy to announce that Melissa Butler will be Assistant SEO this year. Melissa is an experienced instructor and will do an excellent job and bring some fresh ideas to our education department. Ted Lawhill will be taking over our GPS class. Ted is already taking steps to up-grade and improve on this popular class. Bob Johnson has offered to help teach the ABC class. Doy McPhail our ACE Instructor has been asked by his employer to work on Saturdays which is the day we offer ABC.

We really need more of you to come forward and help with these classes. With the exception of Melissa and Ted, the same members have been doing all the work in our education department.

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Refer to the 2011-2012 membership directory for Squadron Organization chart, Addresses, Committee Chairs, Telephone Numbers, and Other Information

Mustang Survival's Recall of Inflatable PFD's

John Swenson, Squadron Safety Officer

Mustang Survival has issued a voluntary recall notice for two models of its inflatable personal flotation devices sold in the United States in 2011. Apparently the inflator mechanism in some units prevents full inflation, and the company has developed a fix for this, Continued on page 4 column 2

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Remember....."Self Education" and "Public Service" are two sides of our USPS Triangle. The third side is "Fraternal Boating Club". The first two sides make the third side all the better. Think about it!

See you in the classroom,

Charlie

Donate Your Boat?

Capt. Ted Schindler II

First it is important to know the reason I have written this article. I have had many of my clients ask me if it is a good idea to donate their car or boat to charity. Since this is the USPS, I will keep this brief article to boats. We have all seen the ads in boating mags, rags and more touting the ease and benefit of donating your boat rather than selling it. If you have had your boat for sale for a while, those ads can be rather seductive as they pick up your boat no matter what condition and handle all the paperwork and you get the tax deduction. How great is that?

Well, it may not be as great as you think. First to take advantage of a charity donation you must be able to itemize your taxes. Not a problem if you have a mortgage and other deductible expenses. If the boat donated is more than \$500 (guess dinghies may be less!) you can deduct the smaller of

- 1) The gross proceeds from the sale of the boat by the organization, or
- 2) The boat's fair market value on the date of contribution (There are rules boats that have appreciated so let me know when you find one of those boats!).

Okay, doesn't sound too bad, but read it again. For example you gave a \$10,000 boat to charity. That charity does not want to sit on the boat as they want they want cash just like you. So they sell it for, say \$5000.

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They then send you a Form 1098-C which must be filed for donations of this type with your tax return. This form states the \$5000 sold price which coincides with the above. You are feeling okay as you gave something to a bona fide charity, but then you do your taxes --- assuming you are in a 25% tax bracket, that donation saved you \$1250 on your income taxes. Hey wait a minute the boat was worth near \$10,000 and I am getting \$1250, albeit easy as they hauled it away and did the paperwork.

Let's look at another option- trade for a new boat and get an inflated price for your old boat, just kidding as we know you were getting out of boating anyway.

A real option is to sell the boat for a low price, almost give it away. Remember that guy who offered you \$5,000 for your \$10,000 boat and you told him to take a long walk on a short pier? Well call him back and maybe he will give you that \$5,000. You now have \$5000 in your pocket vs. the \$1250 from the donation. So feeling bad about not donating (maybe one reader out there)? Well you can give them as much of the \$5,000 as you want. Say you cut it in half, \$2,500 to charity and same into your pocket. Everyone should be happy now.

I am not for not donating money to charities so anyone who owns a boat should be able to donate something to the less fortunate. So if you have heeded the above advice, you can do both so put some cash in the charity kettle and some into your pocket.

This is a quick explanation of the tax code and is not meant to be all encompassing, please see your tax advisor for the complete story and how it applies to your personal situation.

Capt. Ted Schindler II
(wearing my Certified Financial Planner hat!)

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Ragone, Marie	1/10
Paul, Charles	1/11
Stechschulte, Patricia	1/14
Morris, Kenneth	1/16
Brawn, Kelli	1/23

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But the product has to be returned to a Mustang Survival factory in order to be inspected and repaired.

The model numbers affected are MD2010 and MD2012. PFDs with multiple white sewn-on safety labels on the back are not affected by the recall, nor are those units which have an MITö (Membrane Inflatable Technology) stamp (in black or color) above the CO2 cylinder.

Owners of the recalled PFDs can contact Mustang Survival's Customer Service Department for specific shipping questions at 1-800-526-0532 between 7:30AM and 4:30PM PST, Monday through Friday. Detailed information about the recall can be found on the company's web site at www.mustangsurvival.com/22lb-product-notice and on the USPS web site at www.usps.org/national/safety/PFD_Recall_Mustang_2011.pdf



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TIME TO RENEW YOUR BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP..... SEE BELOW



It's time to renew your booster membership for 2012

BOOSTERS FOR 2012

We have CONTINUED our "Booster" program again to support our squadron. To join, make checks, for \$5.00 per person payable to the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron and mail to:

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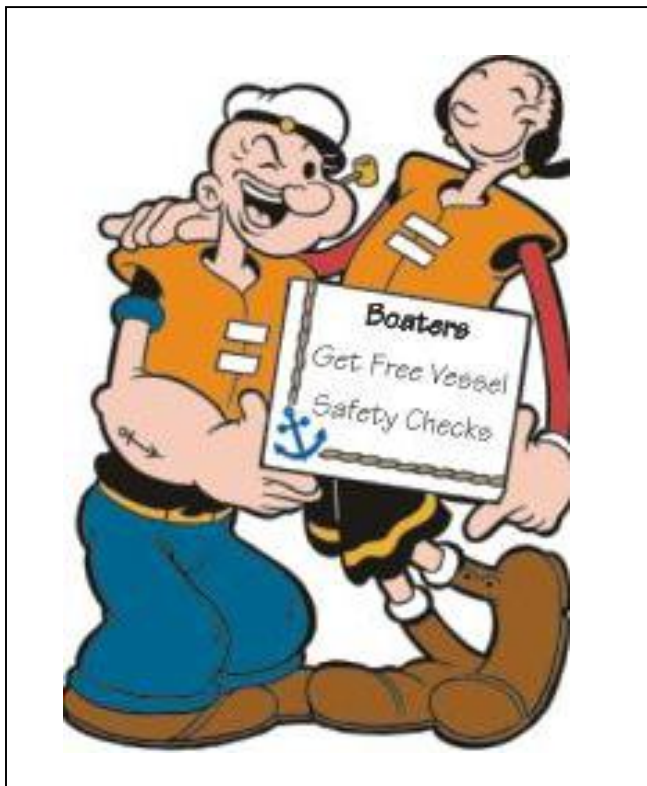
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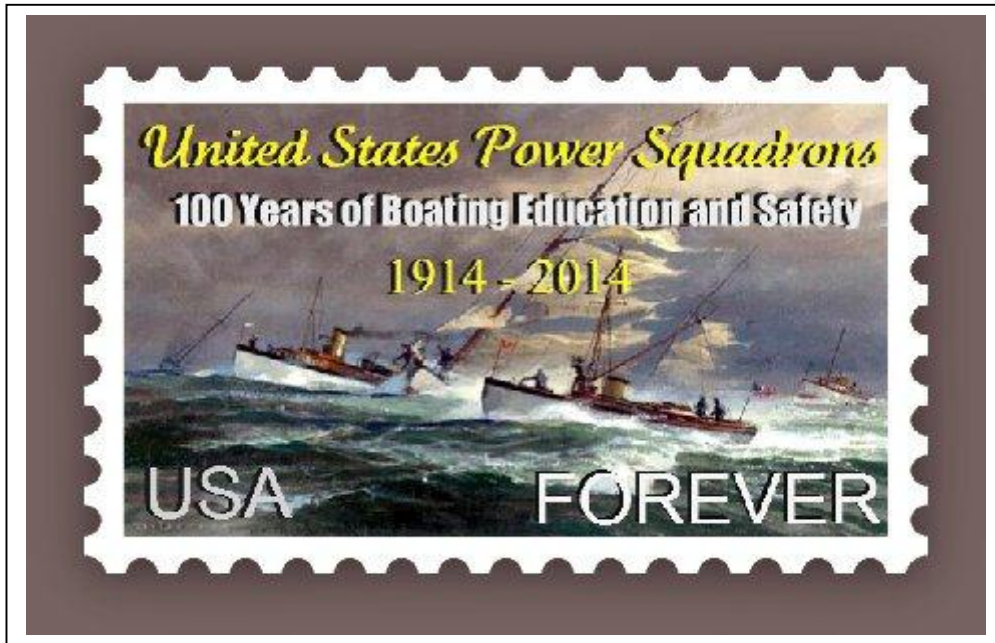
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D22 Power Squadron Leaders:

Further Support for the USPS Centennial Commemorative Stamp

Tis the season when congressmen are usually in their home districts and available to their constituents. To help you carry out such contacts, I am providing you with a concept for the Stamp as developed by P/C Marc A. Forlenza, Friday Harbor Power Squadron, D16.

To find contact information for your local congressmen go to:

<http://www.contactingthecongress.org>

Remember, you can download the attached items plus the application/history itself (which is too large to mass email) and a proclamation from all governors at the special website:

<http://www.usps.org/national/pr/Stamp.html>

Please share this information as broadly as possible among members.

Have a happy and joyful holiday season and hope your contact efforts are successful.

Thank you

R/C Greg Scotten, SN

Power Squadron Leaders:

For the last thirty months the Marketing/Public Relations Committee has worked to have a 1 February 2014 United States Power Squadrons Anniversary Commemorative Stamp issued by the US Postal Service. To meet the deadline we submitted our application on 15 January 2011. Unfortunately, certain employees of the Postal Service have been reluctant to proceed because they view USPS as "just another nonprofit." Yet, they recently honored the Boy Scouts of America

If you agree that our organization is deserving of such recognition, the next step is up to you. Congressmen and senators will be on recess in their home districts sometime during the next ten weeks. We urge you to visit with them or at least do a mass mailing to them, asking their support.

To assist you I have attached a copy of our application cover letter from the Chief Commander, a model letter which can be revised for local use, a list of congressmen on subcommittees that supervise the Postal Service, and a report of presidential letters and prominent endorsements for the stamp. In addition you can download these items plus the application/history itself and a proclamation from all governors at the special website:

<http://www.usps.org/national/pr/Stamp.html>

Our position is that USPS has a significant history begun at the urging of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, when Undersecretary of the Navy. That history has involved initiating national public recreational boating safety education, training Navy personnel during two World Wars, and creating significant ties to the US Coast Guard, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 941-833-0752 or gscotten@comcast.net.

Hopefully, your efforts will make this well-deserved national tribute happen.

Thank you

R/C Greg Scotten, SN ▲

SCBPS Events

San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron

January 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<u>26</u> Dec	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Jan
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	19:00 -21:00 Executive Committee meeting					
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
				Change of Watch	08:30 -12:30 ABC PART 1	
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
					08:30 -12:30 ABC PART 2	
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Feb	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
					08:30 -12:30 LOCAL WATERS/LOCAL CHART	