



CITIZENS FOR FLORIDA'S WATERWAYS

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President's Letter

2013! How did that happen?

I wasn't paying attention to the time and it definitely has gotten away from me, how about you?

It seems like it was just July and we were out on the water enjoying the summer sun.

The nice thing about living in Florida is that we don't have to "Winterize" our boats and put them away for the winter. We have been enjoying the nice warm winter we are having since it allows us more time for boating, now if we could just get the wind to cooperate!

We have a lot of exciting events coming in the next few months and I hope to see you all out there enjoying all that our area has to offer.

We are starting to gear up for our Annual Marine Flea Market at Harbor Town Marina and would love to see you there, whether it's by volunteering to work, or just coming out to shop. Stop by the CFFW Membership tent and say "Hi" and meet some of your fellow members.

Enjoy safe boating, see you on the water! ❖

Barge Canal, Restricted Operations

The following is from a COE Jacksonville District Notice to Navigation.

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, CANAVERAL HARBOR, FLORIDA

1. Canaveral Lock Closure: The Canaveral Lock will be partially closed for upcoming repairs to the South Chamber Guide Wall. The existing West End of the South Guide Wall has suffered a structural failure and the remaining portion is in very poor condition due to age. A contract is expected to be awarded in the next few weeks to replace the Chamber Guide Wall. As part of the agreed upon restrictions during commencement of the work, the lock will be opened for vessel traffic, one lockage each direction from 6:00 am - 7:00 am and 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Monday - Friday, and normal operating conditions on the weekends. There are no exact dates for when the construction will begin and a new Notice to Navigation will be issued when the final dates are determined. It is estimated that the construction will begin in October, 2012 and completed in approximately 6 months. The Lock Master at Canaveral Lock is Mr. Mike Mannhardt and the phone number is (321) 783-5421. ❖

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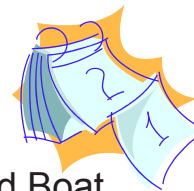
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Please Mark Your Calendars!

Please call Kelly Haugh at 321-449-0827 for more information.



- » **1/28/2013 - CFFW Board Meeting:** Kiwanis Island Boat Ramp Building, 6 pm. Open to the public. Contact Kelly Haugh at (321) 449-0827 for more info.
- » **3/4/2013 - CFFW Board Meeting:** Kiwanis Island Boat Ramp Building, 6 pm. Open to the public. Contact Kelly Haugh at (321) 449-0827 for more info.
- » **3/23/2013 & 3/24/2013 - 16th Annual CFFW Marine Flea Market:** Harbor Town Marina, Sea Ray Drive, 8am to 4pm (both days). Free Admission, Free Parking. ❖

Merritt Island Christmas Boat Parade

Kim Johnson

Luck was on our side Saturday evening, the running of the 27th annual Merritt Island Christmas Boat Parade. The temperatures were pretty cool but not freezing, the wind was calm and the skies were clear. The colored lights from the boats reflected off of the glass-like water to form a picture perfect Christmas Card scene. The Sykes Creek Causeway was lined with cars filled with people hoping to catch a glimpse of the decorated boats. Sixty eight captain's and their crews came out to join in the festivities and show off their decorating jobs. You could see the excitement in the faces of the spectators and participants alike.

Kim Gaier from Marine Max had assembled a cast of seasoned judges that hail from Brevard County! First place for the best decorated boat goes to Bob Woody, second place was Saul Hornung and third was Michael Roberts. The most uniquely decorated boat was Ed O'Donnell. Congratulations to all.

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Ask A Friend To Join CFFW

Citizens For Florida's Waterways Boat Safe Reimbursement Program

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If you would like to receive reimbursement for the class fees charged by the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron, you can attend a CFFW meeting, present your certificate of completion, and receive your reimbursement.

CFFW funds are limited, and we do have a finite amount of money in our scholarship fund, so it is on a first come, first served basis, and as noted above this is for the Basic Safe Boating class only.

You can visit our website at www.cffw.org or www.savefamilyboating.com for the location of our events and meetings.

You may also contact Kelly Haugh CFFW President at 321-449-0827 for more information.

Enjoy safe boating! ❖

Merritt Island Christmas Boat Parade

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A special thanks goes out to our parade leaders: Sheriff's Deputy Gary Anderson, Mark Stamates, and our Grand Marshall Rick Rescott. I'd also like to thank Marine Max for the West Marine gift certificates, CFFW for the prize merchandise and money, and Catalina Isles/Skylark Homeowners Association for the prize money. I'd like to thank all the captains, crews and spectators who always make this one of the most enjoyable Christmas season traditional events. Hope to see you next year. ❖

Piloting Course Now Available to Non-Members

of the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron

Members,

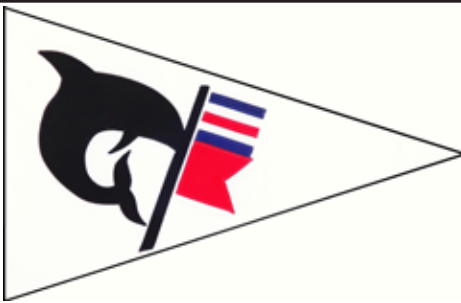
This is a rare opportunity to take advantage of the training offered by the Sail and Power Squadron that is normally **ONLY** available to members. This is probably the best source of live coastal boating instruction you will ever have the opportunity to participate in.

The principles, concepts, and techniques provided to you along with the added sharing of experience and discussions only available in a live classroom setting are invaluable. This course covers and explains all the information on navigation in your GPS and on the paper charts. While it may not offer specific operational guidance for your particular GPS unit, it will teach you a lot more about what the information and capabilities your unit provides and how to use them piloting your vessel in any coastal waters.

You will learn about navigational aids (markers), depth, ranges, compass offsets, course plotting, visual aids to navigation and distance approximating, current and tide affects. Let's put it this way: after taking the course, you may not use the information everyday, but it will provide you with the background to improve your understanding of the concepts and your confidence as a captain.

I took this course in the early 90's and have greatly benefited from the knowledge and experience. It is especially useful when venturing into new areas, like your next trip to the Keys, Bahamas or just a bit farther than you've ventured from home. ❖





**Cocoa Beach Sail
& Power Squadron**
www.CBSPS.com



Contact: Lt. Louis Harlow

Dated: 10 December 2012

Phone: (321)243-4869

The Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron (CBSPS) will offer the Piloting Course covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation for the recreational boater. The course teaches plotting using GPS as a primary navigation tool but also includes traditional course plotting so the student will be able to safely navigate if the GPS fails. During the weekly class sessions the students will do hands on exercises on plotting with both GPS and dead reckoning techniques.

The classes will be held on Mondays starting 28 January 2013, at the Cape Canaveral Hospital, classroom D, 701 W Cocoa Beach Cswy (Rte 520), Cocoa Beach, FL, 32931, from 7 to 9 PM for about 10 weeks.

The cost for the class is \$92.00. This includes the instruction manuals, the Weekend Navigator, a CD and an invitation to one of our General Membership meetings. Students who accept and pay for membership will receive a rebate of \$31.00. Students, sharing the manuals, pay \$102.00.

Interested persons can send an email to ChairAdvanced@cbmps.com or use our website form at www.cbmps.com, under Boating Education to register.

Learn more about the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron at www.CBSPS.com

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Volunteers Needed!

It's time for the 16th Annual CFFW Marine Flea Market on March 23rd and 24th, and we need your help!

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help set-up, tear-down or work the event, please contact Kim Rouse at kimrouse02@yahoo.com.

We also have posters available -- If you have a business where you could display one, please call Sandy Reynolds at 321-543-7532 to arrange for pick up.

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Go Green with These 21 Simple Steps to Cleaner Boating

CFFW is working to help boaters, anglers, and other user groups understand how they can be better stewards of the natural resources they enjoy. We do this by sharing practical ideas, proven best practices, and information on laws and regulations. We want you to go out and enjoy boating, but also take care of our natural resources while you are out there. Our goal is to help equip you with the information that you need to be a caretaker of the environment. After all, those of us that enjoy the water have a significant vested interest in its health, as well as the health of all the fish and other animals that live in and around our waters.

Stash Your Trash

1. Reduce the amount of packaging and plastic you take aboard.
2. Put a sturdy trash container on your boat.
3. Obey the law-always keep garbage on the boat for onshore disposal or recycling. Keep all trash on board while boating in inland and coastal waters.
4. Establish a boat rule that no trash gets thrown overboard-even apple cores and cigarette butts.
5. Leave the water and marina cleaner than you found it-carefully pick up trash left by others.

The Scoop on Poop

6. Use onshore restrooms before leaving shore.
7. Obey the law-keep untreated sewage out of all coastal and

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inland waters.

8. If your boat has a head, equip it with a USCG-approved Marine Sanitation Device: Type I, II or III.

9. Use enzyme deodorizers for holding tanks and portable toilets.

Stop the Drops

10. Know how much fuel your tanks hold and don't top off!

11. Make sure anyone fueling the boat knows which deck fill is for fuel.

12. Use oil absorbent pads to catch drips while handing the fuel nozzle between the dock and the boat.

13. Fill up your trailerboat's gas tanks while the boat is on the trailer, not in the water.

Maintain Your Boat

14. Regularly scrub your decks with fresh water and a brush to reduce the need to use heavy cleaners.

15. Try to do large cleaning and maintenance jobs while the boat is out of the water.

16. Ask your marina or underwater diver to recycle used zincs

17. Use a hard (non ablative) anti-fouling paint if you plan on scrubbing the boat bottom while in the water.


Here Fishy, Fishy...

18. Keep only those fish that you will eat today.

19. Practice catch and release techniques to ensure the survival of those fish you toss back.

20. Use circle hooks.

21. Wet hands or gloves before handling fish you will release. ❖

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Fuel Efficiency and Alternative Fuels

Fuel Efficiency

With ever rising fuel prices and concerns over fuel supplies, boaters are paying attention to the efficiency of their engines now more than ever. Increasing your fuel efficiency saves you time with fewer trips to the fuel dock; saves money through using less fuel; and saves the environment with decreased emissions. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of your tank of fuel:

- » Tune your engine and keep the boat bottom clean & barnacle free. A properly tuned engine not only gets better mileage, it just runs better and has fewer emissions. A fouled bottom also has more drag, making your boat work harder than it needs to.
- » Use the appropriate propeller and check for damage. Using the stock propeller may not be best suited for your type of boating. By experimenting with different props, you may find one that saves fuel and improves performance. Also, a damaged prop, even a slight “ding,” can negatively affect fuel efficiency and performance – get it fixed!
- » Drain boat of all unnecessary water before leaving the dock. At about eight pounds a gallon, excess water weight can really add up. The lighter your boat is the better gas mileage you’ll get. Keep bilges dry and top off water tanks only if you’ll think need it.
- » Reduce unnecessary weight and wind resistance. Bring only the gear you’ll need for your outing. Leave long range cruising gear at home if you are only headed out for the day. Clear your decks of clutter and lower canvas tops, they create drag.
- » Balance your load and allow the boat to plane quickly. Many boats are stern heavy with occupants, motor, batteries and fuel. Consider moving passengers forward when accelerating or moving some of your heavier items forward to balance your load.
- » Throttle back to cruising speed or sweet spot. Chances are that your boat does not get the best mileage at full speed. Once you get up on a plane, throttle back slightly or find that “sweet spot” where your boat rides smooth and level and performs its best.
- » Avoid excess engine idling. Even when idling in neutral, your boat is consuming fuel and the noise can be especially annoying to those around you. Plus idling can produce potentially deadly carbon monoxide (CO) fumes.
- » Use the proper fuel to oil mix for your engine. If you must mix your own fuel, follow the manufacturer’s recommendations. Too little or too much oil can harm your engine, affect overall performance and reduce fuel efficiency.



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“Catch A Memory” Radio Show

The radio show will again be an hour long on WMEL 1300-AM, Saturday mornings at 8:00AM – 9:00AM. The program will be covering the fishing action on Florida’s East Coast. Anglers can tune in to hear Jim and his cohorts provide you the latest fishing and new product information. ❖

“Chevy Florida Insider Fishing Report” Television Show

Capt. Jim has joined a host of other top professional guides across the State of Florida on a new television show called the “Chevy Florida Insider Fishing Report.” The TV show is on the SunSports network on Thursday evenings from 5:00PM to 6:30PM. Reporting expert, Capt. Jim will bring you an up-to-date fishing report from our offshore and inshore local waters.

Capt. Jim also provides daily reports Sunday through Wednesday on the TV shows web-site: www.floridainsiderfishingreport.com

If you would like to contact Capt. Jim, his phone number is 321-636-3728 and his web-site is: www.finelinefishingcharters.com. ❖



CFFW members are entitled to a full Membership in BoatUS for only \$15 - that's 50% off the regular \$30 annual dues!



BoatUS and BoatUS ANGLER Member benefits include Member Rewards at West Marine stores, discounts at marinas nationwide on fuel, repairs, and overnight slips, on-the-water Towing Services, highly-respected Marine Insurance, a subscription to BoatUS Magazine or BoatUS ANGLER.

Fuel Efficiency & Alternative Fuels (continued from Page 9)

- » On larger boats, install a fuel flow meter. In addition to showing gallons used and gallons remaining, these new devices also allow you to see real-time fuel efficiency in gallons per hour. A fuel meter can also help you find the ideal settings for maximum efficiency and performance.
- » Purchase a low emission, fuel efficient engine. When looking at a new boat or repowering your existing one, look for an engine that promises better fuel economy and lower emissions. Today’s engines even rival the raw power of older gas-guzzling engines.

Alternative Fuels

The BoatU.S. Foundation worked with the Maryland Soybean Board to evaluate the use of a vegetable based diesel fuel, called biodiesel, as an alternate fuel source in marine engines. Tested previously in city buses in Philadelphia, Washington, and Baltimore as a way to help improve urban air quality, efforts are increasing to bring this product to the mainstream marine market.

After a review of existing research, the Foundation determined that using biodiesel at a 20% blend with 80% petroleum diesel will:

- » Reduce unpleasant exhaust odors.
- » Improve lubricity.
- » Help clean injectors, fuel lines, pumps, and tanks.
- » Improve diesel engine performance.

However, there are some side effects to using this product. For example, as it helps clean out fuel lines, fuel filters will need to be replaced at closer intervals. In addition, both the higher cost per gallon and the ability for the average boater to obtain the product are hindrances to immediate widespread acceptance. ❖

CFFW Member Recognition

New Members

Vincent Barro, Gary & Holly Olsen of Merritt Island, and Shawn McCoy of Cocoa Beach

Diamond Level (\$100 per year)

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