

# The Bearing

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**Commander  
Janet Razze P**

Our squadron members are the absolute best! I am so very proud to work with each of you. We sent out a “call for help” for our termite invaders and so many of you responded immediately. Tenting is scheduled for 7 October during a week when we have no activities planned. We obtained a 10 year policy for both the squadron building and the shed. So, our local termites will have to look elsewhere for a home. If you have not yet made a contribution and still wish to do so, please forward your donation to me. Thank so very much for making our no-event, no-energy fund raiser a real success! I genuinely appreciate everyone’s assistance and support.

Our squadron building is really a wonderful new bright star! Our lights are now all functioning as well as being so much more energy efficient! Wait to you see the difference!

Our squadron has really been moving forward. This momentum will continue with everyone’s help. Please, look for a way to become involved and support our non-profit educational organization. If you have an idea, ask a few friends to join you in organizing it and then simply try it out. We are open to new ideas. Let’s think outside of the box. Let’s organize more events and activities on the water. Even the spontaneous ones are sometimes the best in the end. Don’t be afraid to come up with something and then ask me to Eblast it to the membership.

Our autumn activities are planned and we have a lot for everyone to enjoy during this coming year. Boating on the water will be a little safer since we have certified so many new ABC graduates this summer. We look forward to having our newest trial members join us at our activities as well as on the water.

Happy and Safe Boating Everyone!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**3 October 2013**—Thursday— General Membership Meeting 7 p.m. Pot luck meal at 6 p.m. Theme is bringing an appetizer you remember your parents having at their cocktail parties. BYOB and your own set-ups. Host Lt/Cdr Carol Mae—6008-692-9985. Guest speaker is Lynn Brennan from the Anna Maria Historical Society.

**4 & 5 October 2013**—Friday & Saturday— District 22 Fall Conference

**10 October 2013**—Helpmates Breakfast/Mtg at Judy’s Restaurant on Cortez Rd. 9am. RSVP to Marie Gartley 941-756-5387.

**15 October 2013**—Tuesday—All hands on deck! Work Party at the Squadron building

**19 October 2013**—Saturday—Cruise and Rendezvous—Seaford Shack—RSVP to hosts Gary and Janet Razze—941-761-1860.

**26 October 2013**—Saturday—ABC Boating Course Parts 1&11. Call to register.

**28 October 2013**—Monday—First GAME night! Mark your calendars!

**29 October 2013** —Tuesday—Note change in day due to Halloween—Executive Bridge Meeting for all officers— 1830

**7 November 2013** —Thursday, General membership Meeting 7 p.m. Pot luck meal at 6 p.m. BYOB and set-ups. Hosts Lt/CdrRen & Barb Kotlarek and 1st Lt/Cdr Irene Estler. Guest Speaker—Davis Pilston, Chief Officer of Save Our Seabirds.

**Education Officer**  
**Lt/C Ren Kotlarek, AP**



The summer has slipped by quickly and we are now entering the fall/winter season. Over the next couple of months the snow birds will be returning to nest on beautiful Anna Maria Island and the mainland.

ABC 3, the public boating course had an increase of 29% over 2012. Charting increased by 27% and GPS showed a 107% increase over the previous year. This is an excellent showing for which I take no credit.

We are beginning an AP course in October or early November. If you have a Piloting grade, please join in for AP. This course will be taught by our past SEO-Gene Lieberman SN.

Seamanship and Piloting are on the schedule if we have interest from the membership.

A KAYAK trip through Robinson Preserve is planned for November. Please give me a call—942-779-4497 or email if you are interested. I intend to be back in Florida 1 October. If you do not own a kayak, they can be rented from Shawn at Kayak Now. See you all at the October meeting.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**2012-2013 Bridge**

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**Nominating Committee Open**

**Rule Committee**  
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AMIPS Web Page [www.amips.us](http://www.amips.us)

**Regular Meeting Dates** General Meeting - 1st Thursday of the month at 1830. Pot Lucks begin at 1800. Bridge meets on last Thursday of the month at 1830 unless necessary to change because of conflicts. Members are welcome to attend.

Send comments or suggestions to: [annblake@verizon.net](mailto:annblake@verizon.net). Phone 941-773-0441.



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**Just for Fun**

If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.—Antoine de Saint-Exuper

## A FEEL FOR NASTY WEATHER

Although there's a lot of weather lore that just ain't so, there's also a body of "weather sense" among those who make their living on the water that you should not ignore. When a grizzled fishing guide or commercial fisherman looks at the morning sky and advises you to stay at the docks despite a rose forecast on the morning news, listen to the locals. You, your crew, and your boat will thank you.

The idea that lightning never strikes twice in one place, for example, has repeatedly been proved incorrect. And although the "the fish may bite least when the wind's in the east," an east wind does not always foretell a coming storm. The winds blow toward lows approaching from the west, true enough but whirling storms can also blow from the east after a low passes.

Some skippers can "feel" rain in the air. How? It's a combination of extreme humidity, low hanging clouds, and usually a soft but persistent wind out of the southwest, the source of most rain in the U.S.

Wind out of the east? In many areas, the skippers will avoid starting a long cruise because they know an east wind is often being sucked toward a low pressure area to the west.

Some can even look at the way the leaves are blowing on a tree and tell you when rain is coming. How do they do it? Prevailing or fair-weather winds cause leaves to grow in one direction. The reversal of winds that comes as a low approaches flips the leaves over and exposes their light colored undersides, which the savvy mariner views as a warning sign.

One of the first proverbs we should learn is

Red sky at morning, sailors take warning;  
Red sky at night, sailors delight.

## TWO IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND!!

**7 February 2014**—Fashion Show, Tickets available mid October, First come, first served, Bradenton Yacht Club. Details in the September *Bearing*.

**16 February, 2014**—Cruise on the Nieuw Amsterdam. To sign up contact Fantasy Travel at 941-795-3900. Ask for Sky or Pieter

## Anna Maria Island Sail & Power Squadron

### Booster Club Members

We greatly appreciate the generosity of those listed below for their donations toward the elimination of our termites and support of our beloved squadron building. 100% of the donations will go toward the cost of tenting the building. We are doing this non-event, no energy required activity instead of a big fund raising event. Thank you to all who are helping out!

Contributions through 12 September

Anonymous

Ann and Orlo Blake

Janet and Gary Razze

Bev and Cliff Root

Lynda Einspar

Bob and Patricia Fraser

Lori and Barry Fenstermacher

Carol Mae

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Ron Sidlowski

If you would like to add your name to this list, please send your donation to Janet Razze, 7803 Alhambra Drive, Bradenton, FL 34209. Checks to be written out to AMISPS and write "donation" in the reference line. Remember, all donations are tax deductible since we are a non-profit organization.

## ***ARE YOU A GOOD BOATING GUEST***

If you live in a boating community, there is a good chance that you will be invited aboard a friend's boat. These invitations include an afternoon ride, a luncheon trip, a day's fishing, or a cruise with one or more overnight stays. Through the years I have hosted friends in all of these situations. I can tell you that there are good guests and bad.

Let me share a few tips for good guests. Bring your own life preserver. It insures a proper fit and allows you to keep it accessible for adverse conditions. You can avoid awkwardness with your host if you put it on when you sense potential danger. The fiber glass decks of many boats can be quite slippery. Be sure to wear a comfortable boating shoe, with a non-skid sole, and avoid street shoes with a soft rubber sole or heel that leave black marks. Consolidate your gear into one small carry-on. Use only soft tote bags on an overnight cruise. Storage space is always at a premium.

Owning a boat is an expensive proposition; they burn a lot of gas. In many locations it is illegal for pleasure craft captains to accept compensation in any form. Prior plans should be made for others to be responsible financing the on-shore activities.

Ask whether you could bring a cooler with beverage and be sure to ask the Captain what he and his mate like. Failing to do so could result in drinks that are unacceptable and a long thirsty trip. Alcoholic beverages are not a good idea while cruising, and their consumption is as serious on the water as it is on the roads.

Being on time is very important. If the host plans to rendezvous with other boats, to meet a Marina reservation, or to arrive when "he knows" the fish will be there, you can be sure he calculated the travel time. At the end of the trip, it is also polite to help remove the gear, to wash the boat down and to reinstall the canvas. Some Captains are very fussy about their boat, so ask how he wants it done.

While docking, offer to help, and accept only tasks with which you are familiar. You do not want to cause injury and/or damage. Each Captain has his own way to dock and he may prefer no help.

At the time of the invite, ask your host what you can bring. This will help you decide and possibly consolidate your gear. On-board bait boxes and coolers may preclude the need for you to bring yours.

It isn't difficult to be a good guest. By just following a few guidelines you can have a great time and increase your chances of a second invitation.

The United States Power Squadrons® offers a variety of helpful programs. To learn more about boating enjoyment and cruising take one of its courses or seminars. Contact your local squadron or [www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org).

As its members tell us: "Boating is fun... We'll show you how."

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**Administrative  
Officer**  
**Lt/Cdr Carol  
Mae**

Thursday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2013 is our first meeting of the season. Guest speaker is Lynn Brennan from Anna Maria Island Historical Society. Discover how Anna Maria Island was first settled; learn about the old buildings on site, and how we became Anna Maria Island Sail and Power Squadron. The theme is historical, “Your Parents Appetizers”. Remember the ones you or your parents filled up with when you were a child? ONE HUGE CHANGE, new prospective members and/or guests will be wearing RED name badges. Please be sure to introduce yourself and help them to feel welcome. Hostess-Carol Mae.

Ever see a pelican wrapped up in monofilament when you were out on the water in your boat and did not know how to help? Our guest speaker for our Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. meeting is Chief Executive Officer, David Pilston from Save Our Seabirds. Host/Hostesses are Ren and Barb Kotlarek and Irene Estler.

DATE CHANGE FOR DECEMBER TO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th.

Shipwrecked for the Holidays, our holiday/ anniversary party will be held at the squadron building beginning at 6 P.M. with dinner served at 6:30 P.M.

It is being catered by Jose’s Cuban Restaurant, served buffet style. Menu items are pulled pork, peccadillo, (my favorite), ropa vieja (translates as old clothes), rice, black beans, plantains, and yucca. Coffee and dessert will be furnished along with a holiday drink from Mel. Mel willed his remaining contents of his liquor cabinet to the squadron, so there will be some Scotch on the Rocks, Mermaid Mantra, and a few other choices.

Does anyone have a memory of Mel they would like to share that evening? I wish I could have gotten to know him, he sounds like such a fascinating person. Please contact me if you would like to personally share or if you would prefer to have me tell your “Mel story”.



In planning for the coming season, we still need a host/hostess for the January meeting and also some volunteers to host C & R’s. Contact Lynda Einspar, [wilyndia@yahoo.com](mailto:wilyndia@yahoo.com) or 630-399-0251 to host C & R’s.

Since we’re “Shipwrecked” for the holidays and although we are a boating organization, sometimes it is just plain fun to go “off course” and “run aground” with a few other activities. Horse racing in Tampa (I think it is free admission on Wed.) or a polo game on Sunday in Sarasota, any other ideas? I will be passing a sheet around at meetings and with enough interest some of these events can be planned for 2014.

The mulch and Preen are helping with weed control. Gary took a break being a CPA and became a lawn mower mechanic. He has been keeping one of the mowers running and he and Corbin have been doing a stellar job of keeping our lawn mowed. By the time you read this, the electricians should be finished with the job and the termites have said “adios”, joined Elvis, and left the building. See you in October!

**HELPMATES**—Join us on 10 October for breakfast meeting at Judy’s Restaurant on Cortez Road. 9am RSVP to Marie Gartley 941-756-5387.

## VESSEL SAFETY INSPECTIONS

(Continued from September issue of *The Bearing*)

**Fire Extinguishers** - Fire extinguishers are required if one of the following conditions exists: 1) outboard engine(s); 2) Double bottom hulls not completely sealed or not completely filled with floatation materials; 3) Closed living space; 4) Closed stowage compartments that contain flammable materials or 5) Permanently installed fuel tanks. Recreational boats less than 26 feet, and propelled by outboard motors are NOT required to have fire extinguishers, unless one or more of the conditions (2-5) listed above applies. The size and number of required fire extinguishers is determined by the length of the boat. Note: Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible and verified as serviceable.

**Ventilation** – Boats with gasoline engines in closed compartments, built after 1 August 1980 must have a powered ventilation system. Those built prior to 1980 must have natural or powered ventilation. Boats with closed fuel tank compartments built after 1 August 1978 must meet requirements by display a “certificate of compliance.” Boats built before that date must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartments.

**Backfire Flame Arrestor** – All gasoline powered inboard/outboard motor boats must be equipped with an approved backfire flame control device.

**Sound Producing Device** – To comply with Navigation Rules and for distress signaling purposes all boats must carry a sound producing device (whistle, horn, siren, etc.) capable of a 4 second blast audible for ½ mile.

**Navigation Lights** – All boats must be able to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility. Boats 16 feet or more in length must have properly installed, working navigation lights and an all-around anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white “running” lights.

**Pollution Placard** – Boats 26 feet and over with a machinery compartment must display an oily waste “pollution” placard.

**MARPOL Trash Placard** – Boats 26 feet and over in length, operating in U.S. navigable waters, must display a “MARPOL” trash placard. Oceangoing boats 40 feet and over must also have a written trash disposal plan available onboard.

**Marine Sanitation Device**- Any installed toilet must be a Coast Guard approved device. Overboard discharge outlets must be capable of being sealed

**Navigation Rules** – Boats 39.4 feet and over must have on board a current copy of the Navigation Rules

**State and Local Requirements** –These requirements must be met before the “Vessel Safety Check” decal can be awarded. A boat must meet the requirements of the state in which it is being examined.

**Overall Boat Conditions** as it applies to the vessel including but not limited to:

**Deck free of hazards and clean bilge** – The boat must be free from fire hazards, in good overall condition, with bilges reasonably clean and visible hull structure generally sound. The use of automobile parts on boat engines is not acceptable. The engine horsepower must not exceed that shown on the capacity plate.

**Electrical and Fuel Systems** – The electrical system must be protected by fuses or manual reset circuit breakers. Switches and fuse panels must be protected from rain or water spray. Wiring must be in good condition, properly installed and with no exposed areas or deteriorated insulation. Batteries must be secured and terminals covered to prevent accidental arcing. If installed, self-circling or kill switch mechanism must be in proper working order. All PWCs require an operating self-circling or kill switch mechanism.

**Fuel Systems** – Portable fuel tanks (normally 7 gallon capacity or less) must be constructed of non-breakable material and free of corrosion and leaks. All vents must be capable of being closed. The tank must be secured and have a vapor-tight, leak-proof cap. Each permanent fuel tank must be properly ventilated.

**Galley and Heating Systems** – System and fuel tanks must be properly secured with no flammable materials nearby.

I hope you found this information helpful. Please check your vessel for all areas above. If you have not had your 2013 VSC, there is still time. Simply contact any of our AMISPS certified members to schedule it. The 2014 decals will be available starting in January and your VSC Team will be available to all of you.

### AMISPS Vessel Safety Check Team

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## Shipwrecked for the Holidays

AHOY Mateys! Come Join Us for our annual Holiday/Anniversary Party

To be held on **Friday December 6**

At the Power Squadron building on 1200 71<sup>st</sup> Street NW in Bradenton

Doors will open at 6 PM and a delicious dinner catered by Jose's Restaurant  
will be served at 6:30.

Although you are welcome to bring your own libations, a drink will be provided  
courtesy of Mel. Dress is "Shipwreck Casual."

**Cost is \$20 per person**

Please note that we will accept **ADVANCED RESERVATIONS ONLY**. Send the  
coupon at the bottom of this flyer along with your payment by **CHECK** to Janet  
Razze, 7803 Alhambra Dr. Bradenton, FL 34209. Checks must be received no later  
than **November 14**.

**Don't miss this evening full of great food, great friends music, a tribute to Mel  
and MAYBE a few surprises.**

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**Please clip the coupon below and mail with your check by November 14** to Janet Razze, 7803 Alhambra Dr.  
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I (we) will attend the AMISPS Holiday/Anniversary Party

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## HOW TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MERIT MARK – Deadline is 20 October 2013.

### UNDERSTANDING MERIT MARKS

By Cdr Janet Razze, P, and P/C Ann Blake, AP.

The USPS awards merit marks to those individuals who demonstrate substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. (16.1) Merit marks are awarded each year to members who volunteered time and effort for the betterment of boating education, boating safety, membership recruitment, membership retention, public awareness of USPS, District 22 or the local squadron. It is a coveted award; it is by and large the only official recognition members receive for their efforts. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive the contribution [Bylaw 14.1.7]. A certificate is issued, and a special insignie may be worn on USPS uniforms [Refer to 10.44 on page 10.8]. Earn five merit marks and you become a Senior Member. Earn 25 merit marks and you become a Life Member, who no longer has to pay dues.

Recommendations for a merit mark are made by squadron, district, rear and vice commanders to the chief commander. Active, family and apprentice members may be recommended [Bylaw 14.1]. Merit marks earned by family and apprentice members shall not count toward senior, life or emeritus status [Bylaw 14.1.8]. Merit Marks are earned from January 1 – December 31 each year.

### MERIT MARK CRITERIA

In order to assist everyone in understanding the criteria of merit marks, USPS has provided a number of case scenarios of information to be provided to the Merit Mark Chair. These might answer specific questions or provide a better understanding of how merit marks are earned.

Understand, these rules are not chiseled in stone. There may very well be extenuating circumstances that must be considered in order to make an accurate judgment if someone has earned a merit mark. The following are examples of the type of work that is required to earn a Merit Mark. These are examples of recommendations that are prepared for work performed on a single specific project. In most cases our members work on various projects during the year so number of hours and work involvement can be reduced or spread out.

- **EDUCATIONAL:** Teach a minimum of two class sessions or proctor a minimum of four sessions. Be sure to signify that you are referring to class sessions not complete courses. Include the number of lesson plans that were prepared.
- **CRUISE AND RENDEZVOUS:** This is certainly, one of the most important social functions that our members attend and toward which they contribute their efforts. A general rule is that work on one social event over the past 12 months **does not** contribute enough effort to earn a Merit Mark. However, there are certainly exceptions to this rule. For instance, a cruise that takes place over a number of days with work being performed each day. This may involve planning sessions and necessary committee meetings resulting in hours of work. Actual work performed requires a substantial number exceptions to this rule. For instance, a cruise that takes place over a number of days with work being performed each day. This may involve planning sessions and necessary committee meetings resulting in hours of work. Actual work performed requires a substantial number of work hours.
- **BOAT SHOW PARTICIPATION:** The deciding factor here is usually the number of hours worked. How many days did the show run? How many watches did the member stand? How many hours did the member work? Was set-up or tear down involved?
- **COOPERATIVE CHARTING:** The deciding factors include how many trips? How many corrections to nautical charts? How many total reports? Number of hours involved?
- **VESSEL SAFETY CHECK:** The new examiner must pass the examiner's qualification course, which involves 5 supervised boat inspections. Thereafter, he or she must inspect a minimum of 10 boats per year to qualify for a Merit Mark.
- **TELEPHONE COMMITTEE:** To earn a Merit Mark for work performed solely on this committee requires a factual count of calls made and hours spent. Quantify the number of calls.



- **MEETING ATTENDANCE:** Attending meetings is a privilege of membership and by itself doesn't count towards Merit Mark consideration. However, when combined with other work performed, it is definitely a contributing factor. Exceptions to this rule are attending Executive Committee Meetings as an elected member or attending District or National Meetings as a delegate. Specify the number of meetings attended and in what capacity.
- **COMMITTEE WORK:** As a "stand alone" recommendation should include information on: (1) number of committee meetings, (2) number of reports written, (3) total hours of work.
- **OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES:** Work performed for other organizations does not contribute towards Merit Mark consideration. The word "liaison" is often used to justify these recommendations. In order to qualify for a Merit Mark, the outside activity must be an official squadron function and designated as such by the Squadron Commander with the consent of the Executive Committee. This would include work performed for the USCGAux and the Sea Scouts.
- **GIFTS:** Gifts of money, meeting space, printing etc. are very helpful to the Squadron, but they should not be considered appropriate for Merit Mark consideration. Instead, commander should present these donors with a certificate of appreciation. Personal effort must be involved.
- **TITLES:** Don't rely on job titles. Tell us what this member did in terms of work accomplished and hours of work involved. Members cannot be recommended by stating, "fulfilled the duties of their office." For instance: Commander's Aide, Law Officer, Flag Lieutenant, Chaplain, Historian, Property Officer, Photographer and Port Captain. We must know what these officers actually did to earn a Merit Mark.
- **HOSTING PARTY:** hosting a party is a plus when combined with other work performed. Be sure to include the number of hours of work including preparations.

- **CREDIT FOR FUTURE WORK:** Merit Marks are awarded for work that has been completed. Future efforts must be handled *later* as a separate recommendation marked "Supplemental."
- **WORDS TO WATCH OUT FOR:** Words such as "helped, aided, offered advice, assisted and worked with," without further supporting information, are most uninformative. Spell out the actual tasks performed by these individuals.

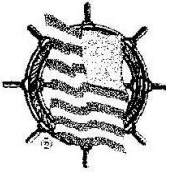
### HOW TO SUBMIT MERIT MARKS

Each member of the squadron needs to make a simple list of the duties and hours of service they have performed for the squadron. Each class coordinator and committee chairperson should make a list of members who taught classes or served actively on a committee, noting the approximate dates and hours involved. The merit mark committee will be cross referencing submissions with the sign-in sheets or participation lists from the chair of the event.

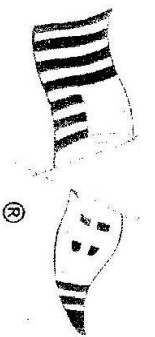
Your short, easy to understand list including approximate hours is to be sent to [jrazze@aol.com](mailto:jrazze@aol.com) no later than 20 October. The information you provide should be concise, to the point and easy to understand. Use whatever format you find the easiest for you. Remember to put your name on it! Information will be verified by the Merit Mark Committee and submitted to USPS no later than 15 November. Include your name and list activities, dates, date range or approximate dates, name of committee chair or activity coordinator, and number of hours. Please be as specific as possible with dates, as a final review is made by USPS.

If you don't feel you did enough to deserve a merit mark, be sure to increase your involvement this year by joining a committee or volunteering. Check the committee list that will be printed shortly in our roster or check the committee list on the bulletin board in the squadron building, call the chairperson and see how you can help.

All merit mark requests are due to Janet Razze no later than 19 October 2013. No submissions can be considered after this date. You may hand in your submission at the October General Meeting, October C&R, mail it to her at 7803 Alhambra Drive, Bradenton, Florida 34209 or email to [jrazze@aol.com](mailto:jrazze@aol.com).



# AMISPS Calendar of Events October 2013



Event dates are subject to change...see The Bearing for updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1		2	3 <i>AMISPS General Meeting 6pm meal, 7pm mtg unless announced differently</i> District 22 Fall Conference	5 District 22 Fall Conference
6 District 22 Fall Conference—Grand Hyatt, Sarasota	7 Tenting the Building for Ternites No entrance	8 Tenting Continues No entrance	9 Tenting Continues No Entrance	10 Helpmates	11 District 22 Fall Conference	12 District 22 Fall Conference
13	14 Columbus Day	15 All hands on deck! Building Work Party...Gum in & out-bring tools & cleaning stuff if you can. Lunch at VFW after.	16	17	18	19 C&R Seafood Shack. RSVP to Host—Razze
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 ABC Boating Course Parts I&II. Call to register.
27	28 Game Night 6pm All welcome! BYOB & snacks. Pizza order taken too.	29 <b>NOTE DAY</b> CHANGE Executive Bridge Meeting. 6:30pm	30	31 Halloween		