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Soundings is the official publication of the Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of boating safety and education in Lee County, FL, a unit of United States Power Squadrons®, District 22.

Soundings is published during the first week of each month except in June, July & August.

Squadron members are encouraged to submit material by the 15th of the month to:
Soundings@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

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Calendar	<i>please volunteer!</i>
Advertising	<i>please volunteer!</i>



FROM THE BRIDGE

Cdr Hal Theiss, N, announces:

The *Soundings* is going to be produced in “hard copy” and “snail-mailed” to all members at least through the May/June 2012 issue. *This is a test!* Your Executive Committee feels the hard-copy will promote better communication among our members and increased attendance at our educational and social events.

Another major reason for returning to a print version newsletter is to use it as a marketing tool to help attract new members. Spare copies will be available at our educational seminars and classes, at community events, and for our Vessel Safety Examiners to share with potential new members. Be sure to pass your copy around to friends and neighbors when you are finished with it!

At the time the decision was made to discontinue the print-version (in 2006), our advertising support was slipping and the print costs were rising. New technology, as well as a different format, has made the print cost more affordable. The *Soundings* will continue to be posted on our website, and will continue to have articles & photos, very short reports from officers and committee chairs, our education and event calendars, “save-the-date” announcements, and reservation forms for the immediate upcoming events.

As our members enjoy seeing the many photographs taken at our meetings and C&Rs, these will be posted on our newly redesigned web site as easily accessible “albums”. Go to:
www.usps.org/localusps/sancap/

Photo slide shows of our activities will also be shown during our cocktail hour at dinner meetings beginning at the Annual Meeting, 17 January 2012.

Those members who enjoy the on-line version of the *Soundings* may “opt-out” of the “snail-mail version”. Please send an email to:
Roster@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org asking to be taken off the mailing list. Our budget will very much appreciate the cost savings.

A major discussion concerning the *Soundings* is the subject of *advertising*: do we have the support among our members to solicit and collect ad payments from island businesses? *Volunteers are absolutely necessary to making advertising support happen.* If you are willing to help in this department, please contact our Commander or Editor as soon as possible (See additional information inside this issue).

Your contributions, comments and thoughts concerning the *Soundings* are encouraged and always welcome. Please contact the *Soundings* Editor or any member of your Executive Committee (see list, Page 12).

Happy Holidays!

What are the Costs of a “Hard-Copy” Soundings?

From your Editor, Lt Victoria Ross, AP

The cost of *not* having a hard-copy, snail-mail *Soundings* is hard to fully measure. How many folks **didn't attend meetings, C&R's, or classes because they** choose not to download, print, and read our newsletter which was posted to our website over the past few years. How many potential new members did we lose because **we didn't give them a copy of our newsletter at our classes and seminars.** How much of our advertising support did **we lose because the ads weren't “in print”.**

The cost of printing and mailing, however, is really easy to measure. Minute Man Press in Cape Coral has agreed to print 250 copies, nine times a year, at a cost dependent on the number of pages per issue (12, 16, or 20) which ranges from \$200 to \$268 per issue. Or roughly an average of \$1 per copy. Depending on the number of pages, and therefore, the weight of each piece, it is expected that First-Class postage will also cost about \$ 1 per copy. There will be a small additional charge for **the printer to “direct mail” rather than ask a volunteer to** fetch, stick labels and postage, and get the newsletters in the mail in a timely manner.

Why First-Class postage? The US Post Office will forward all First Class mail items. Many of our members have multiple addresses and come and go from their other homes at various times of the year. It is a cumbersome and time-consuming task to track who, where, and when, even with spreadsheets and computer programs.

This particular issue of the *Soundings* includes four pages of the Beacon 22, the District 22 newsletter. The *additional costs* for printing and postage caused by these pages will be reimbursed by District 22 Treasurer.

The Budget Committee has submitted our Squadron's proposed **2012 budget, a copy of which is elsewhere**

in this newsletter. This budget includes a projected \$5,000 expense for the *Soundings*, with projected advertising income of \$3,000. Please note: the advertising has not yet been solicited or paid for and several volunteers will be needed to make this income a reality. However, our squadron has funds available that will cover this deficit for a year or two while we work to rebuild the advertising support we enjoyed years ago.

YOU can help support the cost of the Soundings in several ways.

One: purchase an “Anchor Ad” in your own name (see bottom of the page, limited to 12 ads per issue), in the name of your boat, or, as a memorial to a member who has passed on;

Two: go out and sell a “business card” ad or two;

Three: you can “opt-out” and choose NOT to receive a hard, snail mail copy. Send a note via snail or “E” mail:

Roster Chair Lt Kate Fizer, S, 1178 Harbour Cottage Ct, Sanibel, 33957 Roster@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

Display Ad Prices for 2012

Nine Issues

Ad Copy must fit specified size:

Quarter Page	4.75” T by 3.75” W	\$ 190
Half Page	3.75” T by 7.75” W	\$ 325
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For More Info, Contact Advertising Manager:

Who

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P/C Ralph Sloan, AP

education@sanibelcaptivasps.org

(646) 522-6704

Calling All Instructors and “Would Be” Instructors

Besides students interested in seminars or courses, the most important component in the Power Squadron Education program is the presence of Certified Instructors willing and able to teach. Sanibel-Captiva Squadron has approximately 25 certified instructors.

Eleven of this group are working hard – mainly doing the two hour Saturday seminars. Another seven or eight instructors are serving on the Bridge or running related programs. The remainder have personal or health issues – or simply have disappeared from the local scene.

This limited supply of already busy instructors leaves us in a difficult place to offer Advanced Grade (S, P, AP) or Elective courses such as Weather, Marine Electronics, Cruise Planning, and others.

To offer a more complete program, WE NEED MORE INSTRUCTORS! Approximately 100 members of the Squadron have the necessary Advanced Grade status,

“S” or higher, to qualify if they have also taken the Instructor Development course which can be taught in a brief period or even self taught. The multiple choice test is very manageable. We could easily put together a short instructor course for those willing to step up.

Let me know of your interest in taking the Instructor Development course. Check it out: www.usps.org/national/eddept/id/idcert.htm

Check out the Seminars, Advanced Grade and Elective courses on the National USPS webpage and see if you have the interest and background to teach any of them. www.usps.org/e_stuff/member_courses.htm (note underline “_” in spaces of address).

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2011-2012 SCSPS Education Schedule

Updated 11-15-2011

ALL Classes and Seminars are open to the public. Go “viral” with this schedule and invite your Friends & Neighbors to participate.

- Saturday
3 Dec 0830-1700
ABC-3 BASIC BOATING CLASS
Sanibel Public Library. Contact P/C Steve Abbott, N: srabbott@att.net, 395-9409
Pre-Register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?C-11137>
- Saturday
10 Dec 1000-1200
USPS SEMINAR: Basic Coastal Navigation
St. Charles Yacht Club, Instructor P/C Steve Abbott, N
srabbott@att.net, 395-9409
Pre-Register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-2724>
- Saturday
14 Jan 0830-1700
ABC-3 BASIC BOATING CLASS
Sanibel Public Library. Contact P/C Steve Abbott, N: srabbott@att.net, 395-9409
Pre-Register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?C-11148>
- Saturday
14 Jan 1000-1200
USPS SEMINAR: Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio
Sanibel Public Library, Instructor Chap Vail: chapv@msn.com, 395-3479
Pre-Register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-2742>
- Tuesday
17 Jan 0900-1100
BEGIN ELECTIVE COURSE: ENGINE MAINTENANCE
Sanibel Community Bank Board Room. Will run for 8 weeks
Contact Tom Niswonger, S, 231-547-6653, Persistenttr@gmail.com
- January
Various
OTHER ADVANCED GRADE and ELECTIVE
To Be Announced—Instructors and Students must contact SEO Ralph Sloan
- Saturday
USPS SEMINARS: Anchoring & Trailing at Captiva Yacht Club:
- 28 Jan 0930-1030
Anchoring: P/Lt/C Dick Squitieri, JN: captaindick@casasquitieri.com, 395-9039
Pre-Register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-2832>
- 28 Jan 1100-1200
Trailing: Lt/C Bill Jennings, AP: BillJennings007@gmail.com, 362-0991
Pre-Register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-2833>
- Saturday
11 Feb 1000-1200
USPS SEMINAR: Boat Handling Under Power
Sanibel Public Library, Instructor Lt/C Bill Jennings, AP
BillJennings007@gmail.com, 362-0991
Pre-Register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-2744>
- Saturday
25 Feb 0830-1700
ABC-3 BASIC BOATING CLASS
Sanibel Public Library. Contact P/C Steve Abbott, N: srabbott@att.net, 395-9409
Pre-Register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?C-11149>
- Saturday
25 Feb 1000-1200
USPS SEMINAR: Basic Weather and Forecasting
St. Charles Yacht Club, Instructor Dan Himebaugh:
dchime@juno.com, 995-2909
Pre-Register: <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?S-2745>



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Beginning Tuesday, Jan 17 at 0900,
At Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Library Way

ENGINE MAINTENANCE

Certified Instructor Tom Niswonger, S

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Registration and Payment of the course fee must be received by December 28th. Cost: USPS/SCSPS Members: \$ 75
Non-Members: \$ 150 For more Info, Contact Tom at 231-547-6653 or 239-395-9296 or via email to: Persistenttr@gmail.com
Or Squadron Education Officer Ralph Sloan at 646-522-6704



Additional Boating Classes are also available from the
Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron
education@sanibelcaptivasps.org

Mail Registration Form along with your check made out to SCSPS, no later than
December 23rd to Tom Niswonger, 1137 Golden Olive Ct, Sanibel, FL 33957

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

ENGINE MNT Member Certificate No: _____ \$ 75 x _____ = \$ _____

ENGINE MNT Non Member Cost: \$ 150 x _____ = \$ _____

For information on becoming a member of the Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron,
email membership@sanibelcaptivasps.org

“Talking Chairs”

Editor's Note: Thanks to Lt/C Bill Jennings, AP, for the idea for this new feature of the Soundings. Bill had submitted several of these reports as his December report article. Also, thanks to the “Chairs” for writing their reports.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

SERAT: R/C James Strothers, SN

Members of the team reported for duty on 5 & 6 November to provide a safety escort for the paddlers of the Blueway Paddle Festival. See photos on page 18 or check the album within our website.

CO-OP Charting: R/C James Strothers, SN

NOAA has published our local waters chart #11527, Edition # 35, effective September 2011. This updated chart reflects the many co-op charting reports filed by our volunteers in the past few years. This chart is available absolutely free from NOAA at www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/11427.shtml. Contact Jim for more information. The chart may also be purchased through authorized NOAA nautical chart sales agents.

Co-opCharting@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

BOAT SHOWS: Lt/C Sami Lucas-Hurn, AP

A huge thanks to those members who staffed the

Quad Squad booth on 11 November: John Plumb, Bob & Rita Simpson, Walt Knutzen, Jim Strothers, and Sandy & Ellen Trevor.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS: P/C Bob Healey, SN

As of mid-November, our examiners have performed over 110 *free* public service exams to date. In support of the Paddle Smart™ program implemented by USPS®, kayaks and canoes will also be inspected in 2012. This results in a need for more examiners! Contact Bob to find out how you can become a VSC examiner. It's easy, it's fun, it's *public service*. 466-4199 or email to VesselSafety@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

PUBLIC RELATIONS: P/C Bob Allen, JN

Watch for colorful, paid advertisements designed to attract students to our upcoming ABC-3 classes in the *Island Sun* and *Islander* newspapers.

There are weekly articles concerning safety and promoting our education program printed in the *Island Sun* and *Islander* every week. Be sure to read them. Please submit boating related photographs and article suggestions to Bob for future reports:

PublicRelations@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

MEMBERSHIP: Lt Anne Kimball, P

There are several volunteers working many facets of membership recruitment, involvement and retention. Of course we can always use more - - should anyone like to volunteer.

Meanwhile, let me remind you of our new Very Important Member program. How it works is simple: Sign up a new member to our squadron and receive a gold VIM recognition pin.

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“Talking Chairs” - Continued

special insert to the VIM pin. Sign up a new member today and get your pin the same month.

Membership@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

PROGRAM CHAIR: Lt Dianne Hay

With the Holiday Charter Party in December, the Annual Meeting in January, the Change of Watch in February, the next meeting that will feature a guest speaker is March. Plan now to be at the meeting to listen to author Jim Eastman discuss his favorite topic: Senior Boaters.

Do your homework and check out Jim’s Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/pages/Senior-Boaters-Jim-Eastman-Author/221305507892168. Then, prepare to listen and bring your questions to the 20 March 2012 dinner meeting.

Programs@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS: Lt Betty Jennings

We have had two successful C&Rs, one in October to Parrot Key, organized by Marilyn and Bill Helfers and the 2nd in November to Miller’s Marine, by Pat and Walt Knutsen. I hope everyone has signed up for the December 15th White Elephant C&R at St. Charles Yacht Club. This is always a fun lunch and it is easy to get to. Call Dick and Gloria Waterhouse today.

Remember ~ No boat? We’ll get you on one!! We will leave no member behind!

BoatingActivities@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT

WEBMASTER: Lt Sandy Trevor, AP

Some useful information on Boating Programs, as well as marine weather, tides, currents and fuel prices has been added to our website. Go to www.usps.org/localusps/sancap/ to see the changes.

Webmaster@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

ROSTER CHAIR: Lt Kate Fizer, S

With the Soundings returning to your mail box, it is important to keep our roster database current and accurate. Be sure Kate has correct information for both your local address as well as your “up north” address.

This database allows for both addresses to be kept on file

and for Kate to easily switch between them. Just send her an email if you want your “other” address to prevail...

Roster@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

POSTMASTER: 1/Lt Victoria Ross, AP

EMail will continue to serve as an important means of “instant” communication to most of our members. Meeting & C&R reminders, occasional updates on members, and other notifications will continue to be sent out on an “as needed” basis. The Soundings will continue to be available on our website before you actually receive the hard copy. To be among the “first to know”, be sure to keep your email address current, by notifying either the Roster Chair or the Postmaster.

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2011-2012 SCSPS Events Schedule

- DE-CEMBER**
- Thursday
1 Dec 1000 **EXCOM MEETING**
Bank of The Islands Board Room, All Members Welcome
- Sunday
4 Dec 1000 **HOLIDAY CHARTER PARTY**
Reservations and Prepayment Required. Hosts: Anne & Dick Kimball, RSVP & Prepayment due by 11/26
- Monday
12 Dec 1000 **SERAT Meeting**
Sanibel Rescue Station on Palm Ridge Rd, R/C Jim Strothers, SN, Serat@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org, 395-1856
- Thursday
15 Dec 1000 **LUNCHEON C &R to St Charles Yacht Club** —
White Elephant Gift Exchange. Cruise Leaders Dick and Gloria Waterhouse, 395-7618
- 15 Dec **SOUNDINGS** Submissions Due Soundings@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org

2012 JANUARY

- Thursday
5 Jan 1000 **EXCOM MEETING**
Bank of The Islands Board Room, All Members Welcome
- Monday
9 Jan 1000 **SERAT Meeting**
Sanibel Rescue Station on Palm Ridge Rd, R/C Jim Strothers, SN, Serat@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org, 395-1856
- Wednesday
11 Jan 1000 **LUNCHEON C &R to BAYFRONT BISTRO, Estero Island, Ft. Myers Beach**
Cruise Leaders Nick & Jo Googin, 689-5436 Reservations and Prepayment Required
See Form on Page 10.
- Tuesday
17 Jan 1800 **ANNUAL BUSINESS & MONTHLY DINNER MEETING**
Sanibel Community House RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by Sunday, Jan 15th
Kate Fizer: RSVP@sanibelcaptivasps.org or Marilyn McCormick: 466-9450
- Friday — Sunday
25-29 Jan **USPS NATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
Jacksonville, FL Schedule, Reservation Information, and Registration Form:
<http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php>
- Wednesday
1 Feb 1000 **LUNCHEON C &R to BAYFRONT BISTRO, Estero Island, Ft. Myers Beach**
Cruise Leaders Bill & Linda Gibney, 579-0111, BLLGibney@gmail.com RSVP & Prepayment Required
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Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron Thirty-Seventh Annual Change of Watch

Tuesday, 21 February 2012 beginning at 1800

St. Charles Yacht Club

15900 St. Charles Harbour Blvd, Ft. Myers, FL

Presented by the Silver Tridents, Hosted by P/C Carol Allen, AP

RSVP Form will be included in the January Soundings

Up-to-Date On-Line Calendar

Do you wish you could see all the Squadron Events in a normal, printable, calendar format? Then, go to:

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Boaters Arrival Time 1130
Note: Restaurant does not open until 1200

Attitude Adjustment
Cash Bar Cocktails 1200
Lunch Served 1230ish

\$17.50 Per Person

Entrée Choices

- Pan Seared Day Boat Scallops
Pancetta drizzle, shaved fennel salad
- Classic Caesar Salad
Fresh Parmesan, grilled chicken or shrimp
- Marinated Beef Tenderloin Wrap
Creole aioli
- Lovers Key Grouper Sandwich
Lemon caper remoulade

Iced Tea & Gratuity Included
Coffee, Soda & Desserts Available Separately

Mail this completed form, with your prepayment, no later than 7 January, 2011

Your Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Arriving by Car? Y N Need a Ride? Y N
Bringing your own boat? Y N

Name of Boat: _____

Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____

Guests riding with you:

Room for more guests? Y N How Many? 1 2 3 4 5 6

Indicate your Bayside Bistro Entree Choices:

Pan Seared Day Boat Scallops _____
Classic Caesar Salad with Chicken _____ with Shrimp _____
Tenderloin Wrap _____
Lovers Key Fish Sandwich _____
Total Meals _____ @ \$ 17.50 each = \$ _____

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Save-the-Date

Wednesday 1 February

Luncheon C&R

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Tarpon Point, Cape Coral

Cruise Leaders

Bill & Linda Gibney



PLAN AHEAD to take part in the

Leap-Year Cruise & Rendezvous

Cruise Leaders: Jack & Janice Purse

The Itinerary has been designed to accommodate large and small boats with the option to cruise entirely within the intracoastal waterway in the event of rough weather. Land-Cruisers are responsible for their own accommodations but must register to be included in Group Events. Form to be emailed in December and included in January *Soundings*.

29 Feb — Cruise to Boca Grande Marina for overnight stay, Docktails, and Group Dinner

Cornhole Tournament commences

1 March—Cruise to Marina Jack's, Sarasota.
Group Dinner, Cornhole Tournament Wrap-Up

2 March — Excursions, Optional Group Dinner and entertainment options to be announced later

3 March—Cruisers return to home ports.

For more information, contact Jack Purse:

jrpurse@yahoo.com

239-471-7758

Florida Repertory Theatre Cruise & Rendezvous

Date: April 18, 2012

Time: 1100—1600

Sanibel-Captiva
Sail & Power Squadron
Invites Family and Friends



For more information:

Sally Lund
Phone: 239-395-0020
Charlene Timothy
Phone: 239-472-0368

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- Eat lunch in scenic Ft. Myers
- Attend a matinee play at the renowned Florida Repertory Theatre

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Save the Date!



Better On A Boat

By Mary & Jim LaVelle

When you look down from the deck of a boat and see a bevy of bathing beauties swimming with their **“noodles” in the crystal clear blue water....and they are dressed in bright colors from head to wrist to ankle...you know for sure you’re not in Lake Michigan any more.**

It was the Mediterranean, and the bathing beauties were Muslim!

This past August, as part of a trip exploring Turkey organized by the University of Chicago Alumni Association, we spent four enchanting days on a traditional wooden gullet. Our beamy and comfortable boat was 88



feet long, weighed approximately 120 tons and boasted 150 meters of anchor chain—most of which we used in at least one anchorage. Watching the captain, a wiry little guy, maneuver this monster into a crowded dock with just one screw and no thrusters was to watch an artist at work.

The captain’s wife and son were also part of the crew, handling the anchor and lines as we moved from cove to cove in the huge bay adjoining Gocek, our home port. This village and its harbor and provisioning facilities are entirely new in the last twenty years, catering to yachtsmen and tourists. SunSail is based there, as are several other familiar chartering companies. Swisshotel has a gorgeous facility there, and many luxury dwellings are under construction. (Turkey looked to us like a place **experiencing a serious bubble.....as Floridians, we have some experience with that!)**

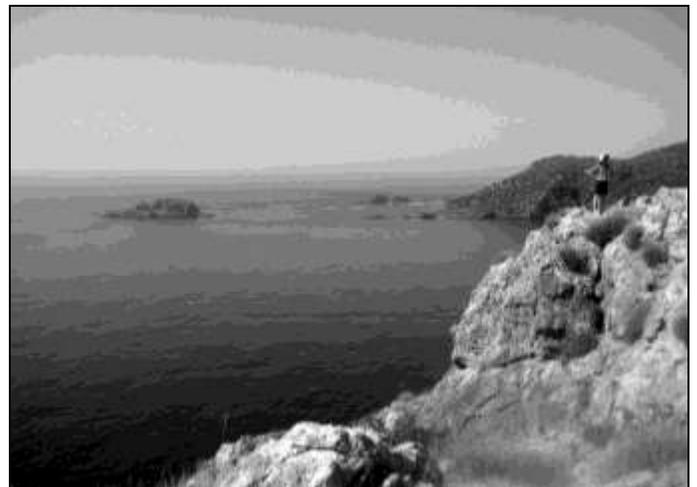
Though rigged to sail as they did in the past as fishing vessels, gulets now mostly use their powerful mo-

tors. Anchoring is done European style. (NO that does not mean you do it in the nude!) To deal with steep hills and deep waters, boats must first set their hooks well away from shore, using sturdy chain at a 3-1 ratio---3 meters of chain for every meter of depth. Then the captain backs toward shore, as his assistant heads there in a dinghy with a stern line to attach to a rock, a stump or, in popular areas, a cleat. Once done, he heads back to man the bar and set the table for the lunch or dinner Mama is preparing, while we lounge or swim. The idea of swimming in water 95 feet deep seems daunting until you take the plunge-- and pop to the surface! These salty waters keep you floating with almost no effort.

Each couple or single was assigned a snug cabin with private bath—ten travelers on each of two boats, twenty of us in all. But we were not the only ones who opted to sleep topside on comfortable cushions instead, either under the stars or under the large canopies that shaded us during the day.

Perhaps the most beautiful spot we visited was St. Nicholas Island, which was once a pilgrimage site on the way to the Holy Land. Monks—many monks by the look of the extensive ruins there—built churches and chapels and covered walkways and dormitories and shops, a thriving community until the 7th century, when Arab raiders destroyed it. The view from the top, where once a church stood, was spectacular.

Not far away was a ghost town from the 20th century. Soon after Turkey became a modern country after World War I, Greeks living there were forcibly removed to Greece, and Turks in Greece moved back to Turkey, no



matter that they had often been in their adopted countries for generations and no longer even spoke the language of the country they were moved to. An unhappy **time in a country that's certainly known ups and downs** in its long history.



Top: Family Style Meal

And, The Captain cooks freshly caught fish

Meals on the boat were served family style, always with local tomatoes, olives and cucumbers, often with delicious eggplant dishes (spaghetti with tomato and eggplant sauce—who knew!), and astonishingly sweet ripe peaches, watermelon and figs for dessert. The Mediterranean supports far less sea life than we are used to, but the small whole fish—local bream and bass—we were served were delicious. A special treat one evening was **something we'd bought along the way: grilled camel sausage**. A local sport is camel wrestling—the male camels go at one another with their long necks for an opportunity to seek the favor of female camels who have come into season. The winner gets the girl. The loser gets made into sausage. He tasted good, though he must have died frustrated.

The fourteen day trip as a whole was fascinating, from Istanbul to Antalya, from Gallipoli to Troy to Ephesus, as we visited ancient Greek and Roman sites, ate at wonderful outdoor restaurants, and listened to informative interpretations by our erudite professor and our charming, smart Turkish guide.

But those days and balmy evenings on the gulet were the best: things are just better on a boat.



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Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron		
Proposed Budget for 2012		
ITEM	INCOME	EXPENSE
Commander Budget's		\$1,000.00
Administration - Commander		\$850.00
Administration - XO		\$450.00
Administration - AO		\$450.00
Administration - Secretary		\$75.00
Administration - Treasurer		\$175.00
C & R	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Coop Charting		\$920.00
Conferences		\$1,200.00
Dinner Meetings		
Bar	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
50/50	\$400.00	
Meals	\$10,800.00	\$8,500.00
Cleaning & Setup		\$400.00
Room Rental		\$1,700.00
Meeting Programs		\$300.00
Sub Total	\$15,200.00	\$12,900.00
Dues	\$6,285.00	
Education	\$6,000.00	
Advertising		\$500.00
Materials		\$4,400.00
Boating Course		
Postage		\$150.00
Supplies & Copies		\$450.00
Sanibel School Class		\$350.00
Sub Total	\$6,000.00	\$5,850.00
Interest Income	\$600.00	
Membership	\$300.00	\$1,100.00
Public Relations		\$800.00
Roster	\$800.00	
Postage		\$200.00
Printing		\$1,000.00
Supplies & Copies		\$150.00
Safety	\$200.00	\$500.00
Vessel Safety Check		\$200.00
SERAT		\$1,584.00
Ship Store	\$550.00	\$300.00
Soundings	\$3,000.00	
Postage		
Printing		\$5,000.00
Supplies & Copies		
Special Events		
Auction		
Change of Watch	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00
Holiday Party	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00
Boating Activities		
Total	\$49,435.00	\$52,704.00
Net Budget Gain (Loss) (see comment 6)		(\$3,269.00)



Proposed Budget for 2012

Memorandum

To: Commander Hal Theiss and the EXCOM Committee
From: Budget Committee: Ken Nirenberg and Mike Neal
Date: 11/17/2011
Re: 2012 Budget Committee Report

After reviewing current financial data through 9/30/11 and history, the Budget Committee has made the following comments: The Squadron should finish the year with a surplus. Education income is ahead of last year while expenses were reduced. The Bar has returned to its normal margin. New Budgets items were added:

Commander's Budget ... 1,000
Safety Income 200
Safety Expense 500
Sanibel School Class 350
Vessel Safety Check..... 200
COW expense increase.. 500

The Administrative budget is broken out by department.

The 2012 budget proposed by the Budget Committee resulted in a \$422.00 surplus. The EXCOM amended the proposed budget to convert the *Soundings* to a mailed paper newsletter as a trial to increase membership participation in dinner meetings and C&Rs. This increased the cost to \$5,000.00 resulting in a negative budget.

Recommendations:

C&R and Dinner meeting revenue has been declining since 2006. This loss of revenue will eventually have a major impact on Squadron. This loss may be due to a loss of membership and/or membership involvement. The Budget Committee recommends that the EXCOM discuss these issues, gather facts and determine various possible solutions.

Soundings revenue budget request of \$1,500 is down significantly from the past four-year average of \$3,878. Revenue in 2006 when the soundings was a paper version was \$13,825. This is a proven source of squadron revenue. The Budget Committee recommends that the EXCOM discuss this issue, and determine what has caused this change and various possible solutions.

Add a new account titled "Unbudgeted Expenses". All decisions of the EXCOM for expenses outside of the annual budget should be coded here. The Secretary should keep a running report for the year of those decisions to reconcile the account.

In 2010, Holiday Party expenses were increased by \$1,500 over revenue to increase attendance. 2010 revenue was \$2,504, down from 2009 revenue of \$3,100. If attendance does not increase this year, it is recommended that the EXCOM reduce the Holiday Party 2012 budget to a break-even or determine a different way to use the money.

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