



## NOVEMBER NEWS FROM COMMANDER PAT SCHMIDT Thanksgiving Week - 2018



Suddenly, the “Holidays” are here! Sure enough, our squadron is getting busier each week. Let me fill you in on what has been happening and what is scheduled through December.

In November, the **Sunset Potlucks** on the Causeway kicked off. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, Tom and Nancy Schmidt hosted that event and over 20 members showed up. Yes, the Sunset was gorgeous, and the food was plentiful/delicious.

The following Wednesday (Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>), the monthly **BOAT TALK** group met bright and early at Sanibel Fresh (7:30 am). That’s where folks gather to ask questions, swap stories, find advice and just “talk boat” to other enthusiasts. Plan on joining every first Wednesday...same place and same time.

### Happenings through the End of this Year

Date	Event	Comments
November 27 Tuesday	Astronomy Cruise	Lori and John Turner are hosting an <b>Astronomy Cruise</b> out of Captiva. Beforehand, everyone will be gathering at Doc Ford’s (4:30) and then heading out from McCarthy’s Marina (6:30-8:30) to learn about the stars.
November 29 Thursday	Social Hour	Meet at Sanibel Fish House at 5:00 p.m.
December 3 Monday	Causeway Potluck	Meet at the Causeway Islands Tiki Hut at 4:30 p.m. Bring your chair, beverages and a

		dish to pass. Everyone is welcome to gather and swap Thanksgiving stories.
December 4 Tuesday	A.B.C. Class	This first session of America's Boating Course will be held at St. Charles Yacht Club (while the library renovation is being finished). Spread the word to those you know who may be interested in this class. Contact Bob Orr for answers to any questions.  The second part of the class will meet on December 15.
December 5	Boat Talk	Meet at Sanibel Fresh at 7:30 a.m.



**CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS  
WHITE ELEPHANT HOLIDAY DINNER**

**St. Charles Yacht Club  
Monday, December 11, 2018**

The evening will start out with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. followed by a lovely buffet dinner. The entertainment will be the crazy "White Elephant" Gift Exchange.

Importantly, that evening we will once again be collecting Christmas toys for the children.

As you can read, we are gearing up for a busy season. Work is underway to host a few community events, a C & R each month, of course, and a range of classes to take.

What do we need from you? Just a few hours of your time! So if you can help us out, whether it's in education or being at the Farmers' Market, or setting up for a dinner meeting, please be in touch with me. **WE NEED YOU!**

This, naturally, leads me to remind you that our Nominating Committee is beginning their work on establishing the 2019 Bridge. The only pre-requisite is a passion for boating safety! All the rest, we'll be more than glad to teach you. So, if you receive a phone call from a member of this committee, please consider seriously their offer. Several years ago, that was exactly how I got "hooked" and I'm glad I got that call.



Later this week, I hope you are gathered with friends and family to join in a Thanksgiving feast. Cherish these times; they are truly a fragile gift.

**Sea You Soon!**

Commander Pat Schmidt

