

THE LEARNED LAMP

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GUESS WHO!!

Check out this old photo! Three of the people in this picture are members of our Gainesville Boating Club. Can you guess which ones and who they are?



Commander's Comments

CDR Laraine K. Teiss

To Our Gainesville Boating Club Members

I always look forward to our Boating Club Potlucks/Meetings. Our group is so much fun and everyone gets along so well. Some of you may not have met our newest Members, Mark and Della Davis. If you haven't, you're in for a treat!

I was recently contacted by the daughter-in-law of Ruby Jonson. Bob, Ruby's deceased husband, had served as the supply officer for years and had saved all the supplies he had for the club. I will be in possession of them shortly so be aware, John Maxwell. Ruby is living at the Atrium and is doing very well. I spoke with her yesterday and she was thrilled to hear from me. I invited her to Davidson's potluck and she's going to get back with me. Hopefully you will all meet her.

I continually think of Cam McKinney as she works through the loss of Mike, her beloved husband. I'm sure she'd love to get a note or call from some of us. Her number is (352) 317-5587 and her address is 15314 SW Williston Road, Micanopy, FL 32667. I ran into Steve, Cam's Brother-in-law and Jane, his wife at a recent party. They have traveled the loop twice so needless to say, they are real boaters. I encouraged them to join us. Time will tell.

Barbara Miller's son, Brice, came to the Valentine Potluck at Diane and Jerry's. Brice is delightful and very much into boating. We hope he will join us often to enjoy our activities.

My daughter, Robyn Frangie, has surprised all of us with gorgeous flower arrangements that she fixed and encouraged the different members to take them home to enjoy, which many of us have done just that. Thank you Robyn for brightening our meetings, as well as our lives.

Commander's Comments

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Not sure how many of you have heard Jib Davidson speak or enjoyed the slide shows and games that Jib and Teresa have put together through the years, but they are amazing. You won't want to miss their Potluck on Wednesday, March 27th starting at 5:30. Dinner will be at 6:15 with his presentation of Rules of the Road at 7:00. If you'd prefer to visit instead, there will be an area for that, as well. The address is 6425 NW 54th Way in Spring Forest (North side of Millhopper Road). Bring a dish to share and Beverage of Choice. *[See next page for more info.]*

Please check out the calendar in this edition of the Learned Lamp as well as my recent email for some of our future activities.

Hope to see you soon! Until then, Enjoy!

Laraine

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Our Next Meeting is March 27th!

Here's the Scoop:

Potluck Dinner, followed by your choice of “Rules of the Road” Program or Social Time

On Wednesday, March 27th, Jib and Teresa Davidson will be hosting the monthly Boating Club meeting in their home, located at 6425 NW 54th Way, Gainesville 32653. *(Note this is a Wednesday and not the usual Thursday.)*

- **Dinner will start at 6:15 pm**, so arrive at 5:30 or so. If work won't permit you to arrive at 5:30, no problem. Arrive when you can. There are two simultaneous events planned.
- **Starting at 7:00 sharp, in the Davidson family room, Jib will be presenting Rules of the Road.** This two-hour program was developed by Jib as the result of teaching the ABC class (America's Boating Course). Sadly, the ABC class only touches upon this very important topic and Jib felt that more attention needs to be devoted to Rules of the Road. As a result, he developed this presentation and added an extra day to the ABC class. You are welcome to sit in on the presentation as a refresher or as a new topic, depending on your background. After all, do you know who has the right-of-way over whom? Which rule did the R.M.S. Titanic break resulting in its historical sinking? What lights need to be displayed and what to look for on other boats? What is a demarcation line? If you own a boat, want to crew on another boat, or if you are thinking about buying a boat, this presentation is for you (even if you only kayak). You will become a safer vessel on the water. The plan is to finish by 9:00 sharp.
- **Also starting at 7:00, in the Davidson sun room, a social time will be held for those who don't want to hear about such mundane topics as Rules of the Road.** Wine might be the topic of discussion. Who knows, maybe someone noticed a particular outfit that Taylor Swift was wearing. Been on a cool vacation lately? The plan is for the social gathering to finish at 9:00, as well.

Photo Gallery

Dec 8, 2023 - Holiday Party
at the beautiful
home of David
and Laraine Teiss.



Photo Gallery (continued, page 2 of 7)

**Jan 6, 2024 - Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron
Monthly Meeting, held at the Rudder Club in
Jacksonville (Jib and Teresa Davidson visited and
attended the meeting).**



Jib and Teresa hanging out with the big wigs!

Left to right: Gary Callahan, District 23 Exec Officer, Tom Anderson, District 23 Education Officer, Buddy Poe, JSPS Exec Officer, Jib and Teresa, and Jon Cantata, District 23 Commander.

Photo Gallery (continued, page 3 of 7)

Jan 20, 2024 -
Change of Watch (COW)
at Kay Stedman's Home
on Lake Alto



Good Times, Good
Friends, and Ice Cream
Sundaes with
Butterscotch Topping...
Yummmmmmm!!!!



Photo Gallery (continued, page 4 of 7)

Feb 14, 2024 - Valentine's Day Potluck Meeting at Diane Howard and Jerry Steinberg's Home



AWWWWWW... They're so cute!

Photo Gallery (continued, page 5 of 7)



SMILE
FOR
THE CAMERA



Photo Gallery (continued, page 6 of 7)

**Feb. 23-25, 2024 - District 23
Change of Watch (COW),
Jacksonville**



Photo Gallery (continued, page 7 of 7)



More Good times at the Jacksonville COW



Waiting for the Weather Window

Rick Gordon, 2/1/2010

Rain patters on the hatch above my bunk. I rollover and listen to the strong wind in the rig, and as I continue emerging from my slumber I feel the boat surge gently on its anchor chain. We've been anchored here in No Name Harbor for three days, long enough for me to tell by glancing out the side port that the boat is pointing North-East as it faces into the wind. Since we need a moderate South-West wind there is no rush to roll out of my bed: we won't be sailing anywhere today.

No Name is on the southern tip of Key Biscayne, just around the corner from Cape Florida. The anchorage is filled with boats waiting for the opportunity to cross to the Bahamas, and although it is only 42 nautical miles away, it is across the mighty Gulf Stream. The state park which surrounds the little harbor was ground zero for Hurricane Andrew, and all the vegetation we can see has replaced the trees and shrubs which were scoured away by that fearsome storm. There are toilets, walking paths, an ocean side beach, restaurants, a seawall where you can tie your dinghy while you dump the trash, and an impressive grocery store located a two mile walk into town. All these amenities make the harbor one of the popular anchorages for Bahamas bound boaters. The Captain refuses to pay the \$20 per night anchoring fee, so the first mate and I take turns slipping a \$20 bill into the honor system envelopes.

This is a "would of, could of, should of," kind of place. We "should of"

kind of place. We "should of" gotten up at 1 am yesterday and left, the front didn't arrive until 10 AM, so although we would have had to motor across we would have been in Bimini by now. We "could of" left the afternoon of the day we arrived, but that required trying to pick our way into Bimini Harbor in the dark. If we had arrived here last week we "would of" made use of the great two day window of gentle westerly winds they had back then. Instead we will do today the same thing we did yesterday: listen to weather forecasts, watch the nonstop harbor boat show, do boat chores, and talk with the like minded crews of the boats anchored all around us.

The Miami nautical community is just across Biscayne Bay, and their boating fraternity makes heavy use of No Name Harbor on weekends. We spent yesterday, Sunday, watching a Cuban-American family with four little girls play around their family boat. First the bicycles were unloaded and off they went for a ride. Then the dinghy got lowered and for the rest of the day little girls piloted it around the harbor. The smallest girl made sand castles, culminating in a sand storm as she gleefully threw fistfuls of sand into the air. Mom made breakfast, lunch and dinner, using a hose connected to the boats water system to wash the dishes over the side of their small power boat. Their stern mounted barbeque smoked, Dad talked with fellow Cuban Americans boaters along the seawall and repaired bicycles. Little girls

Waiting for the Weather Window

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clambered up one side of the mini tower then down the other side, climbed from dinghy to the swim platform then struggled to scale the transom into the cockpit, scampering on, off, and around their boat all day long: an anthill of activity. At dusk the bicycles were loaded into the cockpit, the lines cast off and the family motored towards home in the gathering darkness.

On our boat I cleaned the dinghy, and worked on reorganizing its starter battery location. The Captain replaced the rusty terminal ends connecting the chain portion on one of the boat's anchor rodes. The first mate walked to the grocery store with several new

friends, then made chocolate chip cookies. Dinghies constantly buzz around the little harbor as sailors go to shore, pick up crews who are returning from walking, ferry groceries or water jugs, and visit with other boats.

It's time to download a new weather forecast, but now I can scrutinize it while munching on a fresh baked chocolate chip cookie. Maybe the excellent looking weather window forecast for tomorrow will open. More light rain patters down on the hatches, and with the shower comes another little wind shift as the breeze continues to clock. The assembled boats anchored in No Name pivot in unison on their rodes and now face South-East.



The “How to” Guide: Using Our Club’s Facebook Page

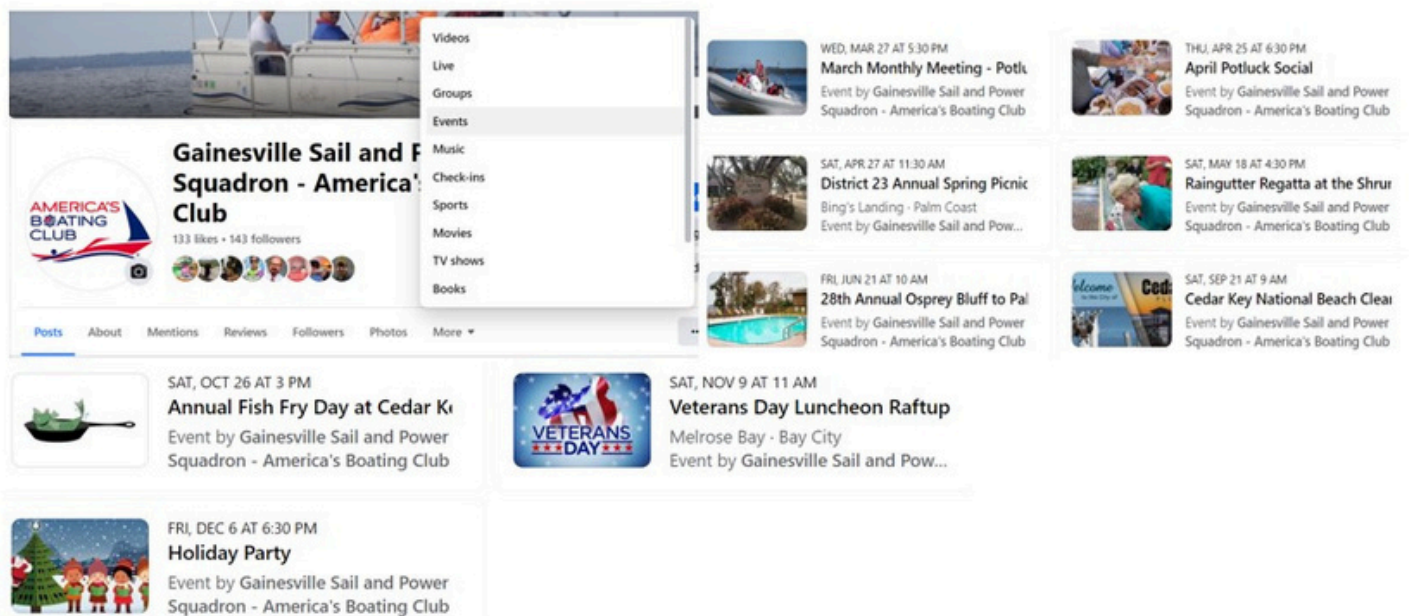
P/C Teresa Davidson



Welcome to Facebook – above is what our club’s page “header” looks like. 143 Facebook users follow our page. If you are a Facebook user and haven’t “liked” or “followed” this page, just search for “Gainesville Sail and Power Squadron”, while on Facebook, and you can keep up to date with events that are scheduled and recent posts that have been made.

How do I find out what events are occurring?

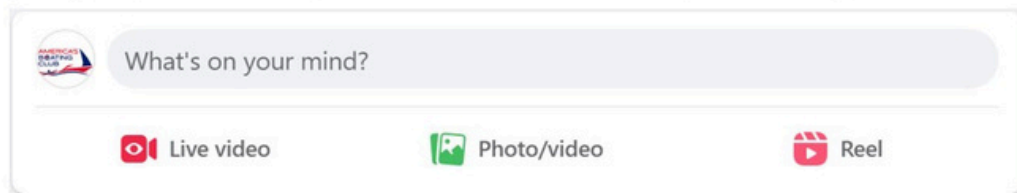
Did you lose your email from Laraine and have no idea what events are happening? Just go to Facebook/Events and you will have all the details. Click on “More”, then look for “Events.”



The “How to” Guide: Using Our Club’s Facebook Page (continued)

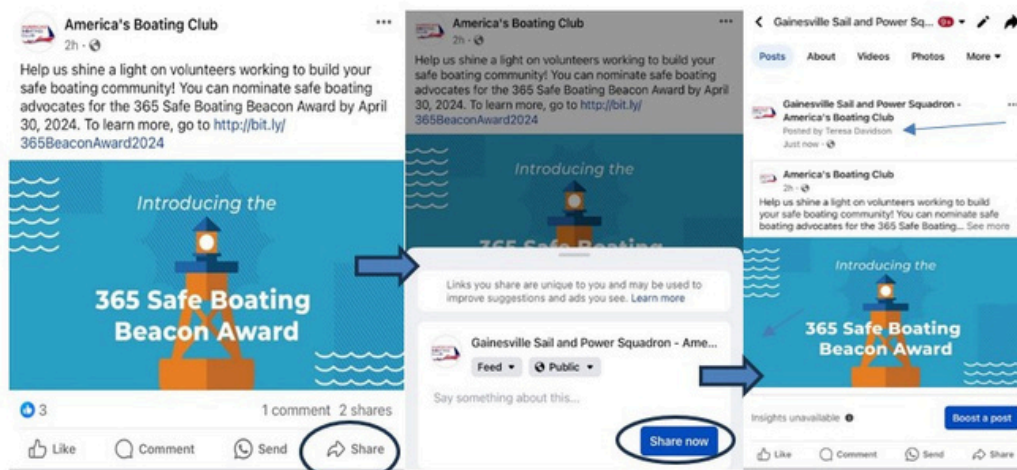
I’ve attended a Boating Club event and want to post about the event and include photos; how does that work?

While on the Gainesville Sail and Power Squadron Facebook page, click on “Post” and then you can type in “What’s on your mind? Just type away and add photos or videos. When complete post your post. You can go back and edit or add more photos at any time.



I have found something on another Facebook page I would like to share with the club, can I “share”?

Some posts that are made on Facebook are for “friends” only. Those that are for public sharing will have the “share” available. If you do not see “share”, you will be unable to share. If you do find something that is shareable, just click on “share” and then tell it where you want to share to, in this case, The Gainesville Sail and Power Squadron Facebook page. ↙



Your takeaway from all this is to “Like” our page; “Post” some dialogue with photos when you attend an event and check the “Events” section of the Facebook page to see what is coming up.

Thanks for making your Gainesville Sail and Power Squadron Facebook page gain new “followers” and “Likes”.

P/C Teresa Davidson
Facebook Coordinator

FROM THE GALLEY

You asked for it, so here it is!! The one and only absolutely amazing recipe from Commander Laraine Teiss for her out-of-this-world, delicious chocolate peanut clusters. Get out your apron...Time to start cooking...YUMMMMMMMMMM!!!

CHOCOLATE PEANUT CLUSTERS

16 oz jar unsalted peanuts

12 oz bag milk chocolate chip

16 oz jar salted peanuts

20 oz (two 10 oz) peanut butter chips

12 oz bag semi-sweet chocolate chips

2 lbs white almond bark

Directions: In cold crock pot or slow cooker, layer 16 oz unsalted peanuts, then 16 oz salted peanuts. Next layer drop in 12 oz semi-sweet chocolate chips, then 12 oz milk chocolate chips, then 20 oz peanut butter chips, and lastly 2 lbs white almond bark.

Put lid on and set heat to low for 1 1/2 hours. Stir, recover, and cook for 30 minutes. Stir again, shut off heat, replace lid, and let sit for 30 minutes.

Stir one last time, lay out parchment paper or wax paper and scoop out small mounds with spoon or cookie scoop and let cool on the parchment paper. Let harden at room temperature for one hour and enjoy!!



EVENTS CALENDAR

2024

Gainesville Boating Club Activities

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MONTH	DAY	START TIME	ACTIVITY
MARCH	27 Wednesday	5:30 PM	March Potluck and Meeting hosted by Jib and Teresa Davidson at their home. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. We'll eat dinner at 6:15; Jib's presentation of " <i>Rules of the Road</i> " will begin at 7 PM sharp, or if you prefer to visit instead, there will be an area for that, too. <i>[Note that this is a Wednesday.]</i> Address: 6425 NW 54th Way, Gainesville 32653 (Spring Forest)
APRIL	25 Thursday	6:30 PM	April Potluck and Meeting hosted by David Roque and his wife Marylia at their Cobblestone Apartment Complex Center. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. Address: 2801 NW 23rd Blvd., Gainesville 32605
	27 Saturday	11:00 AM	Our Squadron is invited to the District 23 Annual Spring Picnic at the Bing's Landing County Park. <i>Please see attached flyer.</i> Address: 5862 N Ocean Shore Blvd., Palm Coast 32137
MAY	18 Saturday	4:30 PM	Raingutter Regatta & Potluck at the Schrum's Shipyard, hosted by Seth and Connie Schrum. Be sure to get your sailboats in ship-shape condition (boats are available on Amazon for sale in the \$10 range). Bring your favorite dish to share, beverage of choice, sailboat, and come with lots of WIND to make your sail sing to win one of the fabulous prizes. Address: 8522 SW 5th Place, Gainesville 32607 (Buckingham South)
JUNE	21-23 Friday-Sunday		Our squadron is invited to join the 28th Annual Osprey Bluff to Palatka Boat Trip June 21-23. We are working on details for our group, e.g., arranging for boats, including renting a Pontoon Boat in the area, depending on how many of us will be participating. <i>Please see attached flyer.</i>
JULY	18 Saturday	TBA	Francois Roulet has invited us to celebrate Helen's Birthday on Saturday, July 6th at their home. <i>Additional information will be provided at an upcoming meeting.</i> Address: 9604 SW 35th Lane, Gainesville 32608 (Haile Plantation)
AUGUST	*		*Open. <i>Feel free to plan an activity for the group and let Laraine know.</i>
SEPTEMBER	21 Saturday	TBA	Cedar Key National Beach Cleanup Day. Bob Rella and David Teiss have offered the use of their boats (Francois, too, if he's in the country). <i>More information to follow.</i>
OCTOBER	26 Saturday	TBA	Annual Fish Fry at Cedar Key, hosted by David and Laraine Teiss. <i>More information to follow.</i> Address: 16320 SW 129th Lane, just off of Airport Road, Cedar Key
NOVEMBER	9 Saturday	TBA	Annual Veterans Day Luncheon Raftup in Melrose Bay. We celebrate our Veterans and share stories close to home as well as our thanks to our many men and women who have served so faithfully preserving the Freedoms that we enjoy and should never take for granted. David and Vicki Evans will have their Pontoon Boat which can accommodate our members without boats. <i>More information to follow.</i>
DECEMBER	6 Friday	TBA	Holiday Party, hosted by Bob and Sherri Rella. <i>More information to follow.</i> Address: 14232 SW 79th St., Archer, FL 32618

NOTE: For details, see event-associated emails from CDR Laraine Teiss.

See additional event flyers on following two pages.

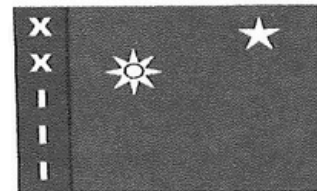
You are invited!

Upcoming District 23 Events

PARTY
TIME



COMING APRIL 21



FOOD
MUSIC
RAFFLES



DRINKS
GAMES
FUN

BOAT RIDES

DISTRICT 23 ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC BING'S LANDING COUNTY PARK

5862 N Ocean Shore Blvd, Palm Coast, FL 32137

WHO? All members of District 23 are invited to join us. Feel free to bring guests. RSVP by email to sneitzey@aol.com. or return form below by mail.

WHAT? This is a day of fun and friendship with our fellow members of D23 ABC squadrons. Bring yard games and chairs if you wish. Please bring a dessert or snack to share. Please bring one raffle basket per squadron.

WHEN? 11:00-3:00 (Set up at 10:00 if you can help). Lunch at noon.

WHERE? See above. Same as last year.

HOW? Come by boat or by car. Find a friend and carpool.

COST? \$10 per person includes barbeque lunch (Captain's Barbeque) and drinks. Checks to USPS D23 or cash. Pay at event or by mail.

RESERVATIONS

Name _____ Phone _____

of Guests ____ X \$10 = Payment included ____ OR Pay at picnic ____

Must receive reservations (U. S. Mail or email) by **April 22.** Mail to:

Sharon Neitzey, 724 Central Park Blvd., Port Orange, FL 32127

LOTS OF
FUN

You are invited!

A Very Special Upcoming Event

2024 Welcome to the 28th Annual Osprey Bluff to Palatka Boat Trip

We are going to Crystal Cove Riverfront Resort, and it is booked for **June 21-23 2024**. [Http://www.crystalcoveresortfl.com/](http://www.crystalcoveresortfl.com/) . Four (4) rooms (2 queen beds), river view/poolside have been reserved. Mention "Jon Vanatta Group" or "Osprey Bluff". Rooms are \$150.00 (includes tax/fees) per night.

Friday:

Depart Doctors Lake Inlet/St. Johns River approximately 10 am. Flotilla travels south of the Shands Bridge at Marker 24 to anchor, swim, eat your packed lunch, then on to Crystal Cove Resort. Hotel check-in at 3 pm. Dinner at "Corky Bells at Gator Landing" [Http://cookybellsseafood.com](http://cookybellsseafood.com) by boat or automobile at approximately 6:00 pm.

Saturday:

Breakfast in on your own (River Deck Bar and Grill Café opens at 11 am for lunch). Free coffee, toaster and microwave available in lobby. Boat departure approximately 9 am for Crescent Lake by way of Dunn's Creek (left turn prior to Marker 18). Based on tides/rainfall will determine if we can hang-out at the sandbar. Lunch at "3 Bananas" [Http://3bananas.com](http://3bananas.com). Opens at 1100 am. Plan on 12 noon for lunch. After lunch, hang-out on their huge covered dock pavilion or return to the sand bar. Depart approximately 4:30 pm and head back north for dinner (optional) at "Corky Bells at Gator Landing" [Http://cookybellsseafood.com](http://cookybellsseafood.com). Plan on 6 pm for dinner. While waiting, we can grab drinks, look for manatee and dolphins, or just relax with music overlooking the St. John's River. You are welcome to join us for dinner, even if you didn't come on the trip. After dinner, head back to hotel, approximately 20 minutes by boat. In the evening, hang-out in the spacious lobby, swim at the pool, or enjoy live music at the Tiki Bar.

Sunday:

Breakfast brunch, 8 am-2 pm, available at River Deck Bar and Grill Café, next to the Marina. At your leisure, navigate home safely with a smile on your face! Check-out at 11 am.

Book your room NOW (Samantha, General Manager, (386) 325-1055). Rooms are filling fast due to boating tournament the same weekend. (Note: Expedia.com may have inside rooms or backside rooms available). As a courtesy, after you have made your reservation, please email Jon Vanatta at: vanatta1881@comcast.net or text (904) 859-1724.

Rooms have been completely remodeled 3 years ago (new carpet, bedding, bathroom, hairdryer, microwaves, and extra-large TV. Spacious lobby with koi pond. Free coffee. River Deck Bar and Grill Café, next to the Marina (lunch and dinner) are available. Pool has been remodeled. New floating concrete docks. Call Eric, Crystal Cove Marina @ (386) 328-4000 for boat slip reservations. Cost is \$15/night w/o power, \$25/night with power. Launching from ramp is an option. Ethanol-free fuel is available at Marina. Five 18-foot pontoon boat rentals available @ \$225.00/day plus gas and tax. This boating trip is NOT limited to Power Squadron members or Osprey Bluff residents. So, invite your friends to join us.

Optional Continuation Trip Sunday

Depart south to "Renegades Restaurant" on the water (386) 524-4179 for lunch and return to Crystal Cove for relaxation by the pool. On Monday, return home at your leisure.

CLOSING NOTES

Call to action

- If you have any stories, articles, and/or photos to submit for future newsletters, please send them to wendykinsermaxwell@gmail.com.
 - Don't forget that United States Power Squadron dues are due by March 31st.
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**May the winds be fair
and the currents kind.
May the charts be true,
the channel clear, the landfall certain,
the holding good
-- and at the end,
a safe haven.**