

# THE LEARNED LAMP

SPRING/SUMMER 2024



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**NOTE: See *Fall Conference Info* Packet Attached to Newsletter Cover Email.**



**LOOK!**

**America's Boating Channel videos are available to USPS members to screen and download for free at [bit.ly/USPSABC](https://bit.ly/USPSABC).**

***And check out the coool drone videos!!!***



# Commander's Comments

## CDR Laraine K. Teiss

Another Quarter and Here is Another Wonderful *Learned Lamp* to Enjoy.  
Thank you Wendy!!!

Time sure does fly. I wanted to apologize for some crazy dates that were wrong in my last Upcoming Events Email to you all. Please check the calendar in this Newsletter and change your date book accordingly.

BUT FIRST, other items of interest. Gary Boulware is having a ball at his 50th High School Reunion in Ohio. Diane and he are struggling with the cooler Northern Weather of 56 degrees. Teresa and Jib are in Calgary, Canada with their son, his wife, and their two wonderful Granddaughters. They also had to borrow warm items to wear when the temperature high hit 69 the other day.

Mike Urbaniak is still being treated for his Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and has been at Moffitt Hospital in Tampa while the Doctors are using CAR-T cells that have been treated in a laboratory since July. The process is done to the white blood cells modifying them so the cells can find the Cancer Cells in Mike's Body. Truly amazing and hopefully explained correctly. Anne, as always, is beside Mike, cheering him on. Mike, as always, is cheerful and positive. We miss seeing them both at our activities, and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

David and I had a great 3-day adventure with Jib and Teresa Davidson on their beautiful boat "Make it So". We boarded their vessel at St Mary's, Georgia late afternoon on Saturday 7/27 and headed north to Savannah, arriving Tuesday 7/30. The Intercoastal is very natural and navigating this waterway is a constant commitment to the Red and Green Channel Markers even though the expanse of water and marsh is endless. A Real Adventure.

Our Granddaughter, Rebecca Frangie, just got back from working at the Paris

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Olympics with NBC. There were 50 American Students, chosen from all over the United States, who were working with NBC. What a fabulous experience as she just graduated from UF with her Masters. Robyn (Rebecca's Mom, my daughter, and our member) met Becca in Barcelona after the Olympics and had a fantastic tour of The Sagrada Familia, the City, the Beach, Disneyland in France, and back to Paris for more walking and sightseeing.

Jerry Steinberg has been a God-Sent-Walker with David. For weeks now, Jerry has faithfully arranged to drive to our home at 7:45 on Tuesdays and Jerry and David (and occasionally David Evans) walk between 1 1/2 to 2 miles. I can't thank you enough for caring and being such a good friend.

Seth Shrum enjoyed his yearly visit with his Dad in Alaska. I'm sure his freezer is full of wonderful Alaskan treats with all the fishing they did together. Connie joined us, along with a number of our members, at our last-minute potluck meeting on July 25th at our home. We had fun but certainly missed many of you due to the short notice.

We arranged a Happy Hour/Dinner meeting at Ballyhoo on August 15th. Twenty of us showed up and had fun eating and drinking (no meeting since we were on the patio with entertainment).

*Now, everyone get out your calendars...and turn to the next page for some upcoming events with, hopefully, the **proper dates**...*



# Commander's Comments

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## Upcoming 2024 Events

**Friday, September 13th: *Dinner and Karaoke Fun.*** I'm sure we have some singers in our group, and I know we have lots of people who like to eat and drink. --Found a fun restaurant in Newberry called the 1906 Farmhouse Restaurant. I had the best fried chicken, corn bread, and good wine, and they had reasonable pricing. The best is yet to come. From 7 pm-10 pm every Friday night, Party Time Karaoke runs a wonderful event. It was so much fun hearing the songs and watching the singers. Let's meet there between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm, grab some tables, register some of our brave singers and enjoy. The address is 25404 W Newberry Road and it's in the middle of Newberry on the South side of Newberry Road. (It used to be a Barbecue Place years ago but 1906 has been there for a number of years now.) Hope to see each of you.

**Saturday, September 21st: *Cedar Key Beach Cleanup.*** Please RSVP so we know how many people will fit in how many boats. Once you RSVP, please meet at the Launch Boat Ramp by the Park at 7:30 am. We will head to one of the Islands with garbage bags and collect trash along the beaches and into the dunes. When unloading the garbage back at the ramp, there will be drinks and food provided. Plan on coming back to our Cedar Key Home. Bring snacks to share and your favorite beverage to sip. Our address is 16320 SW 129th Lane. It's a gravel drive after the canal bridge on Airport Road and before the large bridge by the Airport. Look for a large rock with a wooden Redfish on it. Turn right into the drive, bear to the right past a Pink Home and into our circular drive. Park on the grass field to the right past the pink home.

**Friday, October 11-13: *District Fall Conference*** is at the Hilton Garden Inn in Daytona. David, Yvonne, and I are planning on attending. We would love to have more of you join us. If we can make a group reservation, we can save all the taxes on the room, boat rides, meals, and more. Please check the attached information packet and contact me to attend.

**Saturday, October 26:** Please join us at the ***Annual Cedar Key Fish Fry*** at the Teiss home. The address is 16320 SW 129th Lane (*see instructions above on 9/21*). Come anytime after 1:00 pm; bring a dish to share, beverage of your choice, and plan on eating around 5:00 pm. We'll have lots of snacks in the meantime, especially if some of you bring one in addition to your dinner/dessert dish. The plan is to get you back to Gainesville before dark as deer and wild hogs tend to use SR 24 at night.

# Commander's Comments

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## Upcoming 2024 Events & More

**Saturday, November 9: *Veteran's Day Melrose Bay Raft Up*** (even though Veteran's Day is on the 11th). We celebrate our wonderful Men and Women who served our country in the various Military Services on Saturday so that our working members can celebrate with us. Please RSVP for this event so we can have room for you on one of the boats. We'll meet at 10:00 am at the Alachua County Boat Ramp in Melrose to load up. Please bring lunch items to share and the beverage of your choice.

We'll take a spin around Lake Sante Fe, and then anchor and raft up in Melrose Bay between 11:15 am and 11:30 am. Wear red, white, and blue, if possible, and be prepared to share a story about your service, a family member's service, a friend's service, or just your thoughts and appreciation of Veterans in general.

**Friday, December 6:** Bob and Sherry Rella are hosting our ***Holiday Party*** at their wonderful home in Grassy Lake Estates. (Address: 14232 SW 79th Street, Archer, FL 32618) Bring your singing voices to join in Christmas Songs and a White Elephant Exchange Item (something old, something new, or something you're done with) that's wrapped. Be prepared for fun and laughter. Connie Shrum, who ended up with my collector white china elephant, has made it perfectly clear that the elephant will not be attending the gift exchange as it has a permanent space in their home. Come at 6:00pm with your dish to share and beverage of your choice. The squadron will provide ham and turkey to share.



### IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR

A couple of ideas for next year follow, but each of us needs to get involved in planning our events.

- ***Kayaking.*** Virginia Seacrist has a neat river home where we've kayaked before. We are working on setting a date when fewer people are on the river, and the temperature is not in the mid-90s. How many people are ready to kayak?

# Commander's Comments

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## Upcoming 2024 Events & More

- **River Weekend.** I'm checking into a large rental home on the Rainbow River that will hold 22 or more people. There are tubes, kayaks, and everything needed for a great weekend on the river. The 2-night cost is somewhere between \$450-500.

There are neat restaurants in the area, but also we could assign a few couples to plan and prepare the food for different meals, and each person could chip in a dollar amount to cover the costs. --Loads of options but participation and organizers are the key.

Think about these options and let's make some decisions.

Looking forward to seeing every one of you in these coming months.

Laraine



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# DID YOU KNOW???

## Boating Knowledge vs Skills... What's the Difference?

### **America's Boating Channel™ Explains:**

Think about it: knowledge is theory and skills put knowledge into practical practice. It requires a combination to become a better boater.



This is brought home through the ["Knowledge Versus Skills"](#) video (double click above photo) that covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers also learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities and the pitfalls to avoid in

boater education. Knowledge doesn't mean you're good at boating, but it can help you more easily and safely develop boating skills that must be practiced on the water. Concepts, principles, and information about boating can be learned through reading, studying, and observing. The ability to plan, depart, anchor, dock, and perform other boat maneuvers is mastered through experience. Videos like this one can kick-start a classroom presentation. Follow the video link above or type in

<https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find this and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

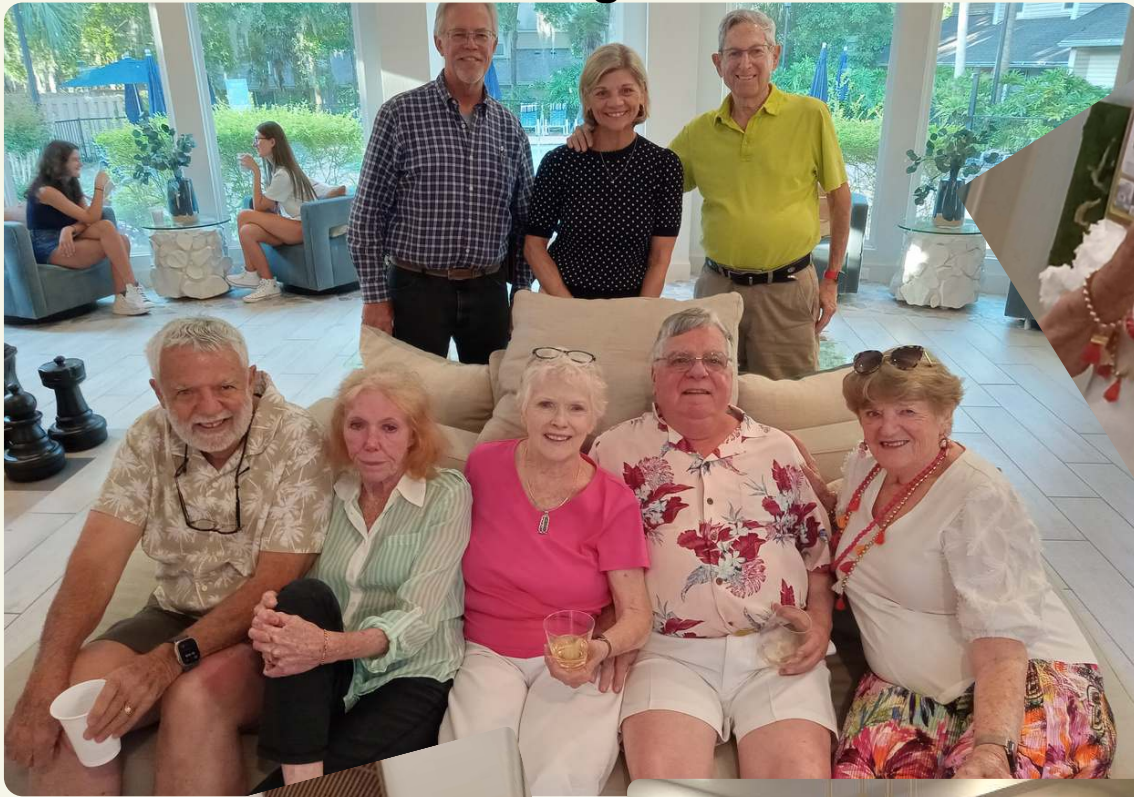
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**March 27, 2024 - Learning the  
“Rules of the Road” at Jib and  
Teresa Davidson’s home.  
Great class Jib!**



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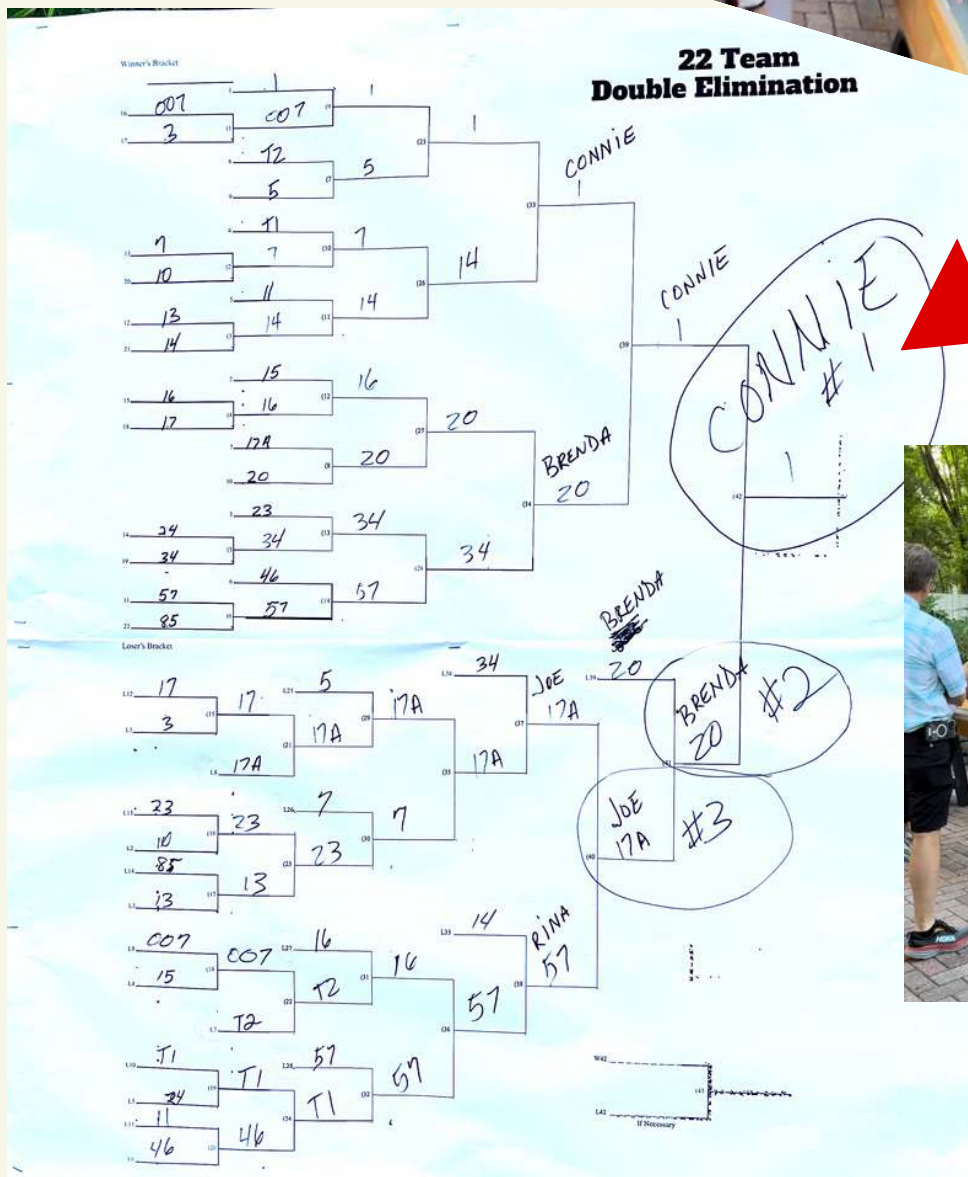
**April 25, 2024 - Club Meeting/Potluck at David and Marylia's Wonderful Cobblestone Neighborhood Recreation Center**



*AWWWWWW... They're so cute!*

## Photo Gallery (continued, page 3 of 8)

**May 18, 2024 - Our annual Raingutter Regatta at the Shrum Shipyard...  
Our thanks to Connie & Seth!**



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**Lots of fun and  
plenty of laughter  
at the Raingutter  
Regatta...**

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SMILE  
FOR  
THE CAMERA



More  
Raingutter  
Regatta

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And More  
Raingutter  
Regatta...



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July 6, 2024 -  
Celebrating  
Helen's Birthday...  
and enjoying fabulous  
dishes prepared by Chef  
Francois!



# Photo Gallery (continued, page 8 of 8)

## July 25, 2024 - Club Meeting at Laraine & David Teiss's home

A small group due to the last minute notice...but as always, plenty of food, good times, good friends...



August 15, 2024 -  
Ballyhoo Happy  
Hour, Dinner, &  
Music on the Patio.



# FROM THE GALLEY

We already know that our members make some amazing dishes...Well, are you ready for another wildly delicious recipe? BJ Hodge has provided us with her very special recipe for wild rice. (Get a napkin. I think you're drooling...) Thank you, thank you, thank you to BJ!

## BJ's Wild Rice

### INGREDIENTS:

#### Dressing

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 1/3 cups canola oil          | 1 tsp celery seed     |
| 1/2 cup white vinegar          | 1/2 tsp white pepper  |
| 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese | 1/2 tsp dry mustard   |
| 1 tbsp sugar                   | 1/4 tsp paprika       |
| 1 tsp salt                     | 1 clove minced garlic |



#### Rice

- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup wild rice (don't cheat—use the real stuff)!
- One 6 oz. jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and halved, marinade reserved
- 3/4 cup small frozen green peas, thawed
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped green pepper
- 3 green onions, chopped, white and green parts
- 1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds, toasted

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine all dressing ingredients in jar and shake well.
2. In a 1 qt. pot with lid, bring 2 cups water and salt to a boil. Add rice and stir well. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 45 minutes. Drain excess liquid from the rice.
3. Combine everything (1/2 of the dressing) in a large bowl. Toss well. Cover and chill. Just before serving, toss again and taste. Add some of the remaining dressing, if desired. Sprinkle with the almonds and serve.

Can be made in advance.

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

2024

## Gainesville Boating Club Activities

MONTH	DAY	START TIME	ACTIVITY
SEPTEMBER	13 (Friday)	Between 5:30 pm - 6 pm	<b>Happy Hour, Dinner, and Karaoke at 1906 Farmhouse Restaurant.</b> Meet at the restaurant. <b>Address:</b> 25404 W. Newberry Rd., Newberry, FL 32669 (south side of Newberry Rd). From 7-10 every Friday night, Party Time Karaoke runs a wonderful event.
	21 (Saturday)	7:30 AM	<b>Cedar Key Beach Cleanup.</b> Be sure to RSVP so we'll know how many boats we need. Meet at 7:30 am at the Launch Boat Ramp by the Park. <b>Address:</b> 8070 "A" Street, Cedar Key, FL 32635 (intersection of 1st St and A St). When unloading the garbage back at the ramp, drinks and food will be provided. <u>Afterward, head over to Laraine &amp; David Teiss's Cedar Key Home, located at 16320 SW 129th Lane, Cedar Key.</u> Bring snacks to share and your favorite beverage to sip.
OCTOBER	11 - 13 (Fri-Sun)		<b>District Fall Conference.</b> This year's Fall Conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Daytona Beach. <b>Address:</b> 560 N Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. David, Laraine, and Yvonne are planning to attend. We would love to have more of our members join them. If we can make a group reservation, we will save all the taxes on the room, boat rides, meals, and more. <i>Please check the attached information packet and contact Laraine to attend.</i> ★★★★★
	26 (Saturday)	After 1 pm (Dinner will be around 5 pm)	<b>Annual Cedar Key Fish Fry, hosted by David and Laraine Teiss.</b> <b>Address:</b> 16320 SW 129th Lane, just off of Airport Road, Cedar Key. Come anytime after 1:00 pm. Bring a dinner/dessert dish to share and beverage of your choice, and plan on eating around 5:00 pm. We'll have lots of snacks in the meantime, especially if some folks bring snacks as well. The plan is to get everyone back home before dark as deer and wild hogs tend to use SR 24 at night.
NOVEMBER	9 (Saturday)	10:00:00 AM (Anchor & raft up between 11:15 am 11:30 am)	<b>Annual Veterans Day Melrose Bay Raftup.</b> We celebrate our wonderful Men and Women who served our country in the various Military Services on Saturday so that our working members can celebrate with us. Be sure to RSVP for this event so we can have room for you on one of the boats. Meet at 10 am at the Alachua County Boat Ramp in Melrose to load up. <b>Address:</b> 6116 Trout St, Melrose. Please bring lunch items to share and beverage of your choice. After a spin around Lake Santa Fe, we'll anchor and raft up in Melrose Bay between 11:15-11:30. Wear red, white, & blue, if possible, and be ready to share a story about your service, a family member or friend's service, or your thoughts and appreciation for our Veterans, in general.
DECEMBER	6 (Friday)	6:00 PM	<b>Holiday Party, hosted by Bob and Sherri Rella at their home in Grassy Lakes Estates.</b> <b>Address:</b> 14232 SW 79th St., Archer, FL 32618. Bring your singing voices to join in Christmas Songs and a White Elephant Gift Exchange Item (something old, something new, or something you're done with) that's wrapped, and be prepared for fun and laughter. Come at 6:00 with your dish to share and beverage of your choice. The squadron will provide ham and turkey.

NOTE: See Commander's Comments for more event details (pages 5,6, this newsletter). For up-to-date details, check the latest event-associated email from CDR Laraine Teiss.

★★★★★ See fall conference information packet attached to newsletter's cover email.

# 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](mailto:wendykinsermaxwell@gmail.com), include in the subject line: "GBC Newsletter Material."*
  - **DON'T FORGET!** Be sure to contact Laraine to help with ideas and plans for next year's activities!
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Here is an opportunity to help our boatless members to get on the water...

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