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June/July 2016

### SPSS LUNCHEONS

Marina Jack Restaurant – Upstairs

Registration from 1100 - 1120 \$17.00 per person

If you desire a fruit cup instead of the planned dessert, please state with your luncheon choice when registering.

*No reservation needed!*

#### JUNE

- 2 1/Lt Roger Dymond, AP - SPSS, New Power Point Presentation of SPSS He Produced
- 9 Carissa Dressel, President & CEO of Waves Boat & Social Club
- 16 Suzanne Park, Founder & Director of Bit of Hope Ranch, Horse Rescue & Youth Minister
- 23 Ambassador James Joseph, Former Ambassador To South Africa
- 30 Jeff LaHurd, Sarasota Author and Historian - Continues the History of Sarasota

#### JULY

- 7 Michael Clarke, AP - Commemorative Air Force Ghost Squadron
- 14 C. Nicole Carlisle, General Forecaster, Marine & Multimedia Leader, National Weather Service
- 21 Sergeant Michael Schwieterman, Sarasota Police Department - Homeless Outreach Team
- 28 Juan Florensa, Town of Longboat Key, Public Works & Utilities Director

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

#### JUNE

- 9 Executive Committee Mtg SPSS HQ 0930
- 18 Father's Day Picnic - Turtle Beach Pavilion 1030

#### JULY

- No Executive Committee Mtg
- 16 Kayak - Deep Creek Preserve, Lake Suzy 0930

#### AUGUST

- 4 Marina Jack Boat Luncheon - Marina Jack 1115

### EVENTS COMING UP!

**FATHER'S DAY PICNIC**  
**SATURDAY, 18 JUNE 1030**  
**TURTLE BEACH PAVILION**  
(Flyer Inside)



**KAYAKING DEEP CREEK PRESERVE**  
**SATURDAY, 16 JULY 0930**  
(Flyer Inside)



**MARINA JACK BOAT LUNCHEON**  
**THURSDAY, 4 AUGUST 1115**  
(Flyer Inside)



**EDISON & FORD ESTATES DAY TRIP**  
**TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 0900**  
(See Flyer Inside)



**2017 COMMANDER'S CRUISE**  
**10-17 MARCH 2017**  
(See Flyers Inside)



**2017 D22 CRUISE TO PANAMA CANAL**  
**26 FEB -- 8 MARCH ABOARD THE CORAL PRINCESS**  
THE ITINERARY IS FT. LAUDERDALE TO ARUBA, CARTAGENA, COLUMBIA, PANAMA CANAL, COLON, PANAMA, LIMON, COSTA RICA, GRAND CAYMAN, AND BACK TO FT. LAUDERDALE.  
(Flyer Inside)



## ***SOUTH WIND***

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### **NEXT DEADLINE:**

**11 JULY 2016**

### **FOR AUG/SEPT ISSUE**

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## **COMMANDER'S UPDATE**



### **As Aye Sea It!**

A big thanks to several folks who constantly work behind the scenes to make SPSS a better place. First, "Iron Mike Fortier" — the man is a dynamo! Not only did he complete an inventory of all the physical assets in our SPSS building, but he also interviewed companies to patch holes in our parking lot, put on a coat of sealer and repaint all the lines at an awesome price. Did you notice how nice the parking lot looks? Mike, thanks so much.

Second, Mr. Fix It, my buddy Ed Segraves. Ed is Flag Lt so he took responsibility for ensuring that our flag pole displays all necessary flags and burgees. When he started, we had the National Ensign, the SPSS burgee and the USPS flag. Ed added the D22 flag and the State of Florida flag, plus he replaced all the pulleys with SS closed pulleys that will be here long after Ed and I are gone. Climbing up a 20' aluminum ladder is not for the faint of heart, but Ed goes up that ladder like a squirrel up a tree!

Ed's next project was to move the water cooler in the south classroom, which involved moving an electrical plug 8' ft., installing conduit to run the wires through and running a new water line. No problem for Ed. He also relocated the trophy case to the east wall without a single scratch to a trophy. Finally, he installed shelving on the west wall so that our Secretary can move all the fun stuff we do at SPSS into the south classroom for our students to see. So the next time you run into Mike and Ed, be sure to thank them for making a difference at SPSS.

Next, I would like to thank P/C Julie A. McGarr, S for volunteering to be our Social Committee Chair in 2017, to fill the big (but dainty) shoes of D/Lt Sandy Boos who is stepping down at the end of this year. Julie is a P/C of the Venice Squadron, currently in charge of organizing the Spring and Fall D22 meetings. She does a really great job with those events.

Last, D/Lt Sandy Boos has been the only Social Committee Chair I have known since 2013 when I came onto the Bridge. As AO, I would ask her if this was done or that was done; and she would always say, "Bob, don't worry about it. You just show up at the event and I'll tell you what to do." I took her advice and everything ran so smoothly that all I had to do was "ham it up" (my job). I have wanted aides for the Committee Chairs to help with the work load; fill in in case of the Chairperson's absence; and, be trained to move into the Chairperson's slot when they retired. Sandy said she didn't need an aide as, "I have all the information in a notebook", so I gave up on that idea! So Julie, if you need to know anything, ask Sandy for her little black notebook. And Sandy B, thanks for making my life so easy as AO. It was/is very much appreciated, but most of all — thanks for being a friend.

The dog days of summer are upon us — remember — when you're on the water, stay hydrated and use sun block.

**Cdr Robert Holmes, AP**





## Chaplain's Corner

"Judge not by the eye but  
by the heart."

Native American Saying

**P/D/C Robert D. Barber, SN  
SPSS Chaplain**

## IN MEMORIAM

**Christine Hengstebeck**

**26 August 1945 to 5 May 2016**

**USPS Member 3 Years**

*The funeral will be held at 12pm on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Saints Peter and Paul the Apostles Catholic Church located at 2850 75<sup>th</sup> Street West in Bradenton. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her name to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. Cdr Holmes will be representing the Squadron.*

## ADV CELESTIAL NAVIGATION



Instructor P/Lt/C Don Howard, SN assisting P/C Bill Boos, JN and Graham Peterson, JN in taking celestial sights required for the grade of N.

Both students have now attained the grade of N.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S UPDATE



### 2017 Commander's Cruise - Highlights

The following information presents key features of the 2017 Commander's Cruise. The dates of the cruise are 10 March through 17 March, which is a Friday to Friday event. We believe that there will be less spring break activity during that week. Our chosen cruise line, Holland America, is a well known, quality line which caters to a more mature and sophisticated clientele; it is also known for its fine five star dining. The ship, MS *Oosterdam*, a 2003 Netherlands registry, has a capacity of 1964. It is classed as a midsize vessel that promotes a distinctive atmosphere due to traditional touches including a warm palette of colors that accentuates an extensive use of crystal, marble, inlaid woods and brass, lovely flower arrangements, priceless artwork and antiques, and a full wraparound teak promenade deck with padded deck chairs. The ship also features a three story Waterford crystal globe displayed in the atrium.

Tampa is the port of departure and return for this trip. Those cruisers who wish to stay at a Tampa hotel the night before may opt to leave their cars there and use hotel transportation to and from the port. Attention has been given to adequate accessibility for those needing it during the cruise. The itinerary for the seven day cruise includes four ports: Cozumel, Mexico; Mahogany Bay, Honduras; Santo Tomas De Castilla, Guatemala and Costa Maya, Mexico with two days at sea. Mark Lammert (941) 922 - 7721 or email [JMLammert@Comcast.net](mailto:JMLammert@Comcast.net) of Palmer Ranch Travel is handling the booking arrangements. Please join us for a fun and remarkable time next spring; please refer to the flyers for additional information.

**Lt/C RICHARD WINSTON. SN**

## RECENT LUNCHEON SPEAKERS



**DUKE OVERSTREET  
SEA TOW**



**SUZY WILBURN  
SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS**





## AO'S UPDATE - con't

P/C Julie Clarke, AP, P/C Leon Warshaw, S and Dan Kennedy created the original power point. Lt/C Sylvia Wedge, P, and Lt/C Barbara Wolfe, P have been instrumental in updating our presentation. Recently, Leon and Sylvia presented to the Retired FBI Special Agents and while there they recruited two new speakers for our Marina Jack luncheons and they possibly recruited two new potential members. Barbara and Bob Wolfe who recently spoke to the Retired Teachers Association received a wonderful compliment in the form of a thank you card for their presentation.

Each speaker adapts the presentation to the audience by emphasizing what they think that group would enjoy and want to hear. Two important underlying emphases are on recruitment of boating safety students and potential members for which they carry new member applications just in case they can sign them up on the spot. Recently Sylvia played nurse (she is a Pediatric Nurse) at a speaking engagement to the host's wife who was going to have an operation with which Sylvia was familiar. Sylvia was able to alleviate her fears which put a smile of hope on her face. We were all impressed!

If you belong to another organization and they are interested in having our Speakers Bureau make a presentation, please contact Leon - email [lbww36@comcast.net](mailto:lbww36@comcast.net) or Brian - email [briancallahan@gmail.com](mailto:briancallahan@gmail.com).

**Lt/C Sharon LaPrad, P**

## EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S UPDATE



### Bird Key Yacht Club Partnership

SPSS has partnered with BKYC to provide monthly seminars to their members. The latest seminar was Wednesday, 18 May and was our Partner in Command seminar. This is a very popular seminar that includes the other half of the family member and how important it is to be equally aware of safe boat operations.

This seminar was taught by P/C Julie Clarke, AP who did a fabulous job of demonstrating the key points of preparation, and the importance of practice, practice, practice. This included line throwing, VHF radio demonstrations, overviews of all required equipment and feeling comfortable if one had to take charge of a situation.

Eight couples attended the session and many questions were asked of the instructors. A similar program was held recently at BKYC when Phil Dasher demonstrated knot tying at one of their boater's luncheons, again, well received by all.

The next seminars that are on their calendar are Hurricanes and Boating and VHF/DSC Radios. Our thanks to Tami Walsh of BKYC for her support and coordination efforts.

**Lt/C Gary Wells, AP**



### Potential New Member for SPSS



SPSS member Lt. Greg Hoffmann, AP who is now teaching an international MBA program for Shanghai University in partnership with US based Webster University has been recruiting for SPSS while in Shanghai. The picture on the left is one he emailed of a new potential member and his boat.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The best part of being involved with membership is meeting new friends. A big welcome to Sarasota Power & Sail Squadron new members. We are looking forward to spending time with you at some of our many activities and on the water.

**Roger and Marianne Lindsay**, originally from Canada but now here permanently, have a 28' SeaRay Sun Deck. Roger was into international business and enjoys skeet/trap shooting.

**Frank DiMarino** enjoys being on the water and has his Captain's License. Frank is an instructor at Freedom Boat Club and is a great help with SPSS's Small Boat Maneuvering Program.

Again, welcome aboard and we'll see you on the water.

**D/Lt/C Susan Lomastro, AP, Membership Co-Chair**

**D/Lt Bud Lomastro, S, Membership Co-Chair**

## SPSS RIDE ALONG GROUP

Your SPSS Bridge has become aware that many of our members no longer have boats but would love to spend time on the water. At the same time, many boat owners would welcome other members on their under-used boats or boats with ample room. So we have decided to launch our very own "Ride Along" group to match up members who would like to spend some time on the water with fellow members.

Here's how it will work: If you would like to Ride Along, simply email Captain Bob Wolfe at [rwolfe34240@gmail.com](mailto:rwolfe34240@gmail.com) or call him (941) 371-1284. Bob will maintain a list of members who would like to spend some time on other members boats. We will encourage Member Boat Owners who are planning a morning or afternoon on the water and would love company, to call Bob for the names and contact info of those on the Ride Along list. Your host or Bob will seek to match up members by calling or emailing those on the list.

You can be on the Ride Along list even if you own a boat and simply want to see how the other members do it or even if your interest is only in certain events or certain times. A great opportunity for NEW MEMBERS or Members who simply want to socialize.

SO JOIN THE RIDE ALONG GROUP AND HAVE SOME FUN ON THE WATER!!

**D/Lt Robert Wolfe, S**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SPSS STUDENTS PASSING ELECTIVE AND ADVANCED COURSES

### Seamanship

Carol L. Maher, S  
Raymond J. Morrissey, S  
Thomas Richardson, S

### Piloting

Lisa A. Dexter, P  
Thomas L. Hayes, P  
Jeffery Hazelton, P  
Herbert F. Keeney, P  
Chester A. Massari, P  
Ed Rice, P  
Rosanne G. Roble, P  
Woodrow J. Roble, P  
Lloyd F. Sammons, P  
George A. Vraney, P  
J. Kenneth Wilson, P

### Advanced Piloting

Lt Roger Dymond, AP  
Scott W. Gonnello, AP  
Hugh O. Thomas, AP

### Navigation

P/C William R. Boos, N  
Graham Peterson, N

### Instructor Development

Lt Roger Dymond, AP  
Lt Wilfredo Lopez, P

### Marine Communication Systems

Jeffrey Hazelton, P

### Marine Navigation Systems

Jeffrey Hazelton, P  
James C. Kihm  
Michael P. Scahill, P  
Alan W. Walker  
Lt/C Gary Wells, AP

### Sail

Ron G. Babinsky  
Lt Roger A. Dymond, AP  
Hugh O. Thomas, P  
Raymond J Morrissey, S  
Delbert Cloud  
Jeffrey Hazelton, P

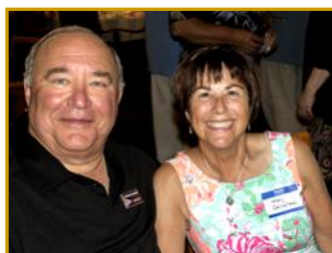
### Weather

Lt Joseph Andrade, P  
Lisa A. Dexter, P  
Hugh O. Thomas, P

**LT/C GARY WELLS, AP, SEO**



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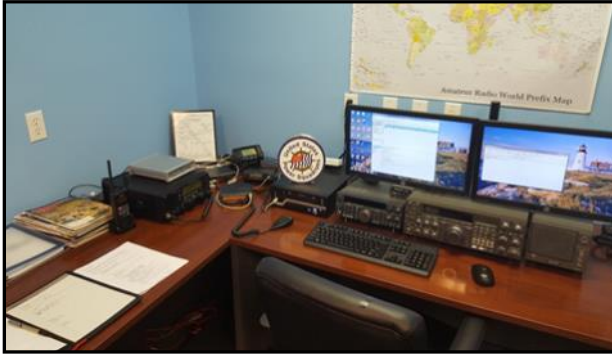


\*Please visit with a membership executive for complete program details.

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## HURRICANE BUCK DRILL INCLUDES SPSS



SPSS participated in two very important drills sponsored by Sarasota County Emergency Operations Center (911) and Sarasota Memorial Hospital in May. Both drills revolved around a simulated hurricane that hits Sarasota as a category 4 hurricane.

SPSS has the radio communications system to provide transfer of specific instructions and requests to outside agencies and email recipients using FEMA specific Incident Command System forms should the internet go down from SMH and/or the EOC.

SPSS is the primary authorized volunteer organization that will be responsible for long distance traffic forwarding. Any traffic/forms that needed forwarding out of the area were sent to SPSS via radio. The computer in the radio room captured that traffic and then was passed on via another radio to another station outside of the affected area, typically out of state.

It is great that SPSS can provide an important link to the outside world should we take a hit. This was also a great civic contribution as part of USPS. There is certainly more that needs to be done to harden our station for worse case scenarios but at least the drills proved out the capabilities of being able to support the hospitals as well as the EOC in a time of need.

**Lt/C Gary Wells, AP SEO**



## DISTRIBUTION HELP NEEDED ON BOATER'S GUIDE

Our Sarasota Boater's Guide is distributed to restaurants, marinas and other businesses in Sarasota and Manatee counties. We still have one group of locations we need a monitor to keep the Guides in stock throughout the year. What we will do is give you a case (1000 copies) of the "Sarasota Boater's Guide" along with the plastic holders with the SPSS logo on them and it will be up to you to keep your locations stocked year round from your supply. A pretty simple way to help your Squadron. The final group of locations are:

Marina Jack - Dockmaster  
Marina Jack - Restaurant  
Oleary's Tiki Bar & Grill

Please contact Commander Bob Holmes, AP (941) 504-8381 to sign up. We are counting on your support to get the word out.

**Cdr Robert Holmes, AP**

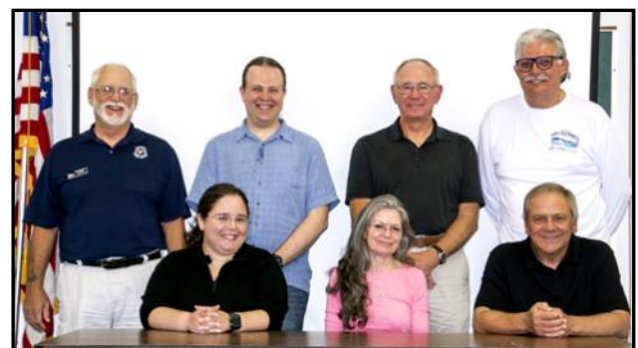
## LUNCHEON SPEAKERS



**DR. JOHN GOBETTI**  
NEW CANCER  
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FREEDOM BOAT CLUB



**ABC CLASS**





# 1st Annual SPSS Father's Day Picnic



**Turtle Beach Pavilion**  
**18 June 2016 Time: 1030**



Don't miss our 1st annual, Fathers Day BBQ Bash at TURTLE BEACH PARK—come out to honor dear ole Dad! BBQ lunch catered by The Roadside Rib Shack with chicken, pulled pork, BBQ beans, cornbread, coleslaw and soda and water. Please bring your favorite appetizer or desert to share. Sarasota County does permit alcohol, but no glass containers (BYOB). There are horseshoe pits but we need to bring our own horseshoes...**Does anyone have any?** It's a short walk to the beach, or there is a boat dock right behind the pavilion. Please consider bringing beach chair/blanket, any picnic games you would like to challenge your friends to play, a fishing pole, and most important, yourselves.....The venue is accessible by Car, Kayak, or Boat.....note—Limited boat dockage.

**Cost: \$15.00 per Person**

-----CLIP-----

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number = \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations Due by June 11, 2016**

PLEASE: Make Check Payable to SPSS and mail to: Barbara Wolfe, 7414 Palmer Glen Circle, Sarasota, FL 34240

PH: 941-371-1284, email Barbara@ivymtc.com

## Fun Day Trip to the Edison & Ford Winter Estate in Fort Meyers Florida *September 20, 2016— 0900 Bus Pickup at SPSS Headquarters*



Join us on a bus trip to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers; we will enjoy a guided docent tour by a site historian. Come and enjoy the historical buildings, historic gardens, the Edison Botanic Research Lab and the Edison Ford Museum. The Edison Ford Museum has hundreds of inventions, artifacts and special exhibits, offering visitors of all ages the opportunity to step back into "Old Florida" and learn more about the world through a unique historical, scientific, and cultural experience. - We will stop for lunch after our tour; lunch is not included in trip price.

**Cost: \$45.00 per Person**

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Name(s) of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number = \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 each Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations Due by September 1, 2016 (Minimum of 30 attendees required, or event will be cancelled)**

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## SPSS Weekly Luncheon on Marina Jack II

August 4, 2016



The narrated Sightseeing Lunch Tour/Cruise features an enjoyable voyage around Lido and Bird Key along with areas past the Ringling Bridge into north Sarasota Bay. The Captain adjusts the cruise as needed and also includes great knowledge of the area in his narration. The Sightseeing lunch cruise includes a buffet featuring Tomato Basil Chicken Breast, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Chefs Daily Catch, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Rolls and Chefs Dessert selections. Bring Friends & Family, all are welcomed, however, since SPSS has to financially commit to an advance head count, advanced registration will be required. Marina Jack's requires this since they will sell any remaining seats to the general public. A sign-up sheet will be available at our weekly luncheons, where you can sign-up and pay in advance, or use the below form and mail to Barbara Wolfe...This is less than 1/2 of the normal price!!!! Let's Fill the Ship!!! This is HUGE SPSS, HUUUUUGE!!!!

**Cost: \$17.00 per Person**

-----CLIP-----  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of Guests \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Number = \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$17.00 each Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations Due by July, 28, 2016 (Marina Jack's need accurate count so they can sell remaining seats)**

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## MAY ABC CLASS ON-THE-WATER



Marine Max Captain/Salesman Jeff Miller plus seven enthusiastic May ABC graduates and instructor P/C Julie Clarke, AP enjoyed a perfect day On-the-Water!



# Kayaking Deep Creek Preserve

Sarasota Power & Sail Sqd  
Saturday, 16 July, 2016



Event Capt: Ed Fisch, Trip Leader – Joe Andrade

**Place: Deep Creek Preserve** – The launch is right beside the Nav-a-Gator Restaurant where we will be having lunch. 9700 SW Riverview Circle, Lake Suzy, FL 34269.

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/recreation/areas/deepcreek.html>

**Time:** Be at the launch by 9:30 am for a 10:00 am launch

**Trip Description:** We will take a 2 1/2 hr. easy paddle down Deep Creek and return to the launch. The Creek is shaded which is great for a July paddle.

**Directions:** From I-75, take exit 170 (Kings Hwy. SR 769) and go north toward Arcadia. Go about 3 miles until you see the large black and yellow Nav-a-Gator restaurant billboard. Turn right (Peace River St.) and go to the end. That's it. The county ramp is right beside the restaurant and the Deep Creek Preserve parking lot is on the right just before reaching the ramp.

**Lunch: Nav-a Gator Restaurant** ([www.nav-a-gator.com](http://www.nav-a-gator.com))

9700 SW Riverview Circle, Lake Suzy, FL 34269



To facilitate the group roster, please contact Ed Fisch, [Edcar2@aol.com](mailto:Edcar2@aol.com). (Home 941-923-5277) (Cell 941-735-8823) whether you bring your own kayak or need to rent. Rentals are \$35/single, \$50/tandem. The rental company will meet us at the launch next to the Nav-a-Gator Restaurant. If you wish to rent, the kayak company needs to know by no later than Thursday, July 14.



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# Sarasota Power and Sail Squadron

## Aboard The Oosterdam

March 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ~ 7-Day Western Caribbean Cruise

<u>Day</u>	<u>Port Of Call</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Fri.	Tampa, FL, US	Board Ship 1:00pm	4:00 pm
Sat.	At Sea		
Sun.	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00am	5:00pm
Mon.	Mahogany Bay, Honduras	9:00am	6:00pm
Tues.	Santo Tomas De Castilla, Guatemala	7:00am	5:00 pm
Wed.	Costa Maya, Mexico	8:00am	3:00 pm
Thurs.	At Sea		
Fri.	Tampa, FL, US	7:00am	

### Categories & Prices:

Category L	Inside	\$ 921.33 per person
Category G	Ocean-View	\$ 1021.33 per person
Category VD	Balcony	\$ 1421.33 per person
Category SY	Suite	\$ 1821.33 per person

All rates quoted are based on availability upon time of booking

- All rates are pp. based on double occupancy, including all misc. cruise fees
- Fuel surcharges, government & port fees are all subject to change
- Insurance is highly recommended, rates will be quoted at time of booking
- It is mandatory that all passengers have a valid passport

**Deposit:** \$ 350.00 per person due @ time of booking

**Final Payment:** Due on or before December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**For Information or Reservations Please Contact Mark Lammert**

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## Docking Without Mishap - Tips for Getting into the Slip

The skipper and crew should come up with a game plan beforehand, such as deciding which side to tie to. Good communication before the approach may prevent a shouting match at the dock.

Before you approach, make sure the boat can shift easily into forward and reverse. You don't want to find out too late that your transmission is stuck in forward.

When returning to your own slip, leave your spring line attached to the dock so you only have to pick it up and put it around a breast cleat. This will allow you to take your time securing bow and stern lines.

If you are approaching a different slip, have your dock lines and fenders ready for deployment. Approach the dock slowly and at an angle so you can get close without hitting the dock. Coasting in limits your steerage and doesn't allow you to correct your track.

If you can step off the boat and secure the spring line, fantastic! If a dock person is around to grab your spring line and secure it, great. But not every boater knows how to securely tie a line to a cleat, so check it before leaving the dock.

Finally, attach your bow and stern lines and adjust your fenders. Then congratulate yourself on a job well done. –Beth Schwab

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