



SanCapBoating.club

Local Affiliate of United States
Power Squadron (USPS.org)

Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron





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A Few Questions for You?

Do you own a boat, rent a boat or ride on your friends or family's boat?

Do you sell homes or land to buyers who purchase on a canal?

Do you sell homes to buyers who own a boat or want to own a boat?

Do your clients belong to Freedom Boat Club or Flying Bridge?

Have you had clients move from another area & may not be familiar with SW Florida waterways, even if they have boating experience?

You will obtain several take –aways today that will be valuable resources & services to offer your clients



Our Mission

The United States Power Squadrons (USPS), share a core mission:

- **To promote recreational boating safety, enjoyment through education, hands on training, civic activities & fostering fellowship among members.**
- **By teaching boating skills, navigation, & providing enjoyable boating experiences.**
- **We are part of District 22 covering Southwest Florida who embody this mission by offering boating courses, seminars & outdoor events to improve boating competence & safety on local waters.**
- ***For Boaters, by Boaters***



Our National & Local Organization

The US Power Squadron - also known as America's Boating Club - is a nationwide boating organization founded in 1914 & is over 110 years old. Today, we are approximately 18,000 squadron members.

The Sanibel-Captiva Sail & Power Squadron was founded in 1975 & celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2025.

Throughout the years, the Squadron's primary focus has been reversing the rise in boating accidents & fatalities while teaching safe boating techniques.



ABC3 Class



Learn to boat the local waters with confidence



- Great class for everyone from novice to advanced boaters
- All types of boats
- 8 hours of classroom instruction
- Class meets Florida requirement for boat operator ID card
- Reduces boat insurance premiums
- \$85 class fee includes 270-page *America's Boating Course* book & educational sunset Cruise on Adventures in Paradise



ABC3 Class Schedule

- Upcoming America's Boating Classes will be an in-person class held at the Sanibel Library. Three classes will be available in the next season

- **Thurs Nov 12 & Sat Nov 21, 2026**

4-8pm Thursday & 9:30-3pm Saturday

- **Thurs Jan 14 & Sat Jan 23, 2027**

4-8pm Thursday & 9:30-3pm Saturday

- **Thurs Feb 18 & Sat Feb 27, 2027**

4-8pm Thursday & 9:30-3pm Saturday

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- Interested persons should pre-register for the course by going to **www.SanCanBoating.club**.
- Click on Education at top & follow prompts to America's Boating Course.
- Contact Robert Orr, Lead Instructor at (313) 909-0584 or email Robert.Orr1663@comcast.net



Education Classes & Seminars

- **ABC Americas Boating Course** – 8 hours
- **Boat Handling Course** - 6-week course taught by Dr. Carl Schultz

Nautical Rules of the Road - A Practical Approach

Confidence in Docking and Undocking : Slow-Speed Maneuvering

Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway

Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away

Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems

Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know

- **Marine Navigation**- 8 - week course (Charts, marine electronics, winds, currents, & tides)
- **Marine Emergencies on Board Seminar**
- **Marine Weather Seminar**



Squadron Member Events

- General Membership Meetings with Speaker
 - Kealy Pfau from SCCF
 - Brittany Laster, Education & Outreach for CROW
 - Captain Bob Beville from Captains for Clean Water
 - Charles Sobczak, author & resident of Sanibel
- Cruise & Rendezvous
 - Planted 700 mangroves on Rookery island with SCCF staff
 - Fort Myers Beach Coast Guard facility tour & lunch at Doc Fords
 - Overnight Cruise to Tarpon Lodge with tour of Randell Research Center
- Pot-Luck Gatherings
 - Sunset on the Causeway Beach with James Evans from SCCF as speaker
 - Theme Get Togethers – Kentucky Derby & NCAA Final Four Basketball





Community Involvement & Service

- Life Jacket Loaner Program at Fire Department Station
- Sanibel School 6th Grade Boating Safety Course
- Vessel Safety Checks
- Port Captain Resources
- SCCF Mangrove Growing & Planting
- National Safe Boating Week – May 16 to 23, 2026
- Outreach with Booths at Fort Myers Boat Show, Love Sanibel Back, Volunteer Expo, New Resident Reception & more
- Holiday Fund Raising for Heights Foundation – Kids Toy Drive



PFD –Personal Floatation Device Loaner Program





Vessel Safety Checks

VSC is conducted by a certified Vessel Safety Examiner who checks for the presence & condition of equipment required by federal & state law for the safe operation of that particular vessel.

America's Boating Club examiners will perform a **FREE** VSC at your boat, at a time of mutual convenience.

No charge & no consequence if you do not pass.

OUR GOAL:

Help make boating as safe as possible for you!





The Sanibel School

For 23 years, our organization has taught a 9-week course for all 6th graders at the Sanibel School. The course, “How to Boat Smart” offers all students the opportunity to earn their Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card, a requirement for all boaters born after Jan. 1, 1988. Graduation is celebrated on an Adventures in Paradise Cruise with Lunch on Picnic Island. This is a **REQUIRED** Course.





National Boating Safety Week

May 16th to 23rd of 2026

- San Cap Power Squadron will host a booth at Jerry's Market on Saturday May 16th – 10 to 12pm. Safe boating brochures will be distributed.
- Monday May 18th from 10 to 11am in the Sanibel Library, Dr. Carl Schultz will present a seminar on Marine Emergencies on Board.
- FREE to the Public

Use this slide for any upcoming Community events like Love Sanibel back or Volunteer Expo



Extra Tidbits to Consider

- Many squadron members do not own boats or owned boats in past.
- You can attend any event as a guest to try us out.
- If you have had a past 6th grader who took the class, please consider taking the ABC3 course to show your interest in boating as a family
- **Follow Us on Facebook at “AMERICAS BOATING CLUB –SANIBEL CAPTIVA”**
 - **Subscribe to our Monthly Soundings Newsletter by sending an email to commander@sancapboating.club**



In Summary...

We are all about...

Friendship, Boating Skills & Experience, Education, Safety & Public Service!

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*Best Boating in Paradise...
Come for the Education....Stay for the Friends!*

