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POWER SQUADRON NEWS

Aids to Navigation Program, Dinner, and Harbor Cruise

America's Boating Club of the Crystal Coast, Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron, presents its popular biennial AIDS TO NAVIGATION event that includes a program, a dinner and a day/evening harbor cruise, Saturday, September 21, 2019, in Morehead City, NC. This very popular, fun and informative program is an opportunity for boaters of all boating experiences to review, renew or begin their knowledge of navigation markers. These are day and night buoys and beacons that will be seen on the water and on the chart used during the program. Presented by experienced, knowledgeable and certified America's Boating Club of the Crystal Coast instructors from the United States Power Squadrons® local affiliate Fort Macon, this three-tiered event begins with a comprehensive program and dinner at the Sanitary Restaurant and continues onboard the 95' tour boat, Carolina Princess, for an exciting two-hour interactive sunset cruise during daylight and darkness. While cruising local inland waters, emphasis will be on identifying and observing characteristics of buoys and beacons, and matching them on a supplied extract of a local NOAA chart, and identifying how they point to safe water. Check-in registration runs between 2:00 and 3:30 at the Sanitary Restaurant, 501 Evans Street in Morehead City. The refreshed slide presentation program starts at 3:30 PM sharp.

Once boarded on the tour boat Carolina Princess at the Morehead City docks, participants will apply their program knowledge on the water to recognize channel markers, ranges, and other aids while cruising Bogue Sound and out the Beaufort Inlet channel between Shackelford Banks and Bogue Banks. Participants will find aids on their charts during daylight, followed by the opportunity to view the same markers at night. For those who have not had an opportunity to be on the water after dark, the change is enlightening. Lights of every description on shore can make identifying a specific aid to navigation light difficult. Passengers will be supplied with red lens flashlights to protect night vision and to help match aids shown on the chart. Certified

squadron instructors will help participants recognize lighted aids to navigation and distinguish them from city lights on land.

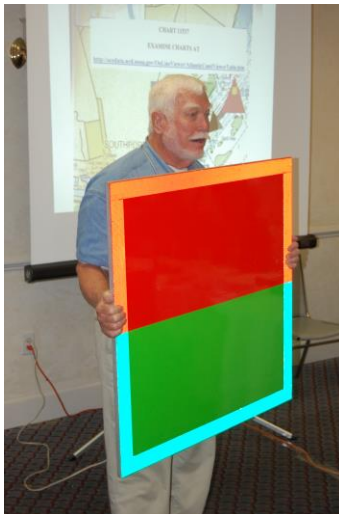
The date is Saturday, September 21, 2019. The cost is \$60 for ABC USPS Members and \$75 for Non-Members. This event is not recommended for aged under 12. For questions, contact: Carol Burt, Executive Office, at carolburt21@icloud.com or call at 508-360-0107. Seating is limited. Advance Registration and advance payment are required. To get more details, and to register, visit: www.abc-cc.org. Registration must be completed and payment received by September 13.



According to the glossary of terms in the *United States Coast Guard Light List*, an Aid to Navigation is any device external to a vessel specifically intended to assist navigators in determining their position or safe course, or to warn them of dangers or obstructions to navigation. These include lighthouses, floating buoys, beacons, fixed day markers, and ranges. These are the “road signs” on the water; safe boaters must learn to read them.



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Certified instructors assist in identifying aids to navigation.



Left, instructor Sam Sanford, shows the class a “day marker” non-floating aid or “day board” marking where an alternate channel splits off from the preferred channel. Right, class sees a triangular red day marker number “30” and although these are not lighted, they are reflective.