



**America's Boating Club May Meeting  
Brevard County Memorial Veteran's Center  
03 May**



**6:30 PM – Social**

**7:00 PM – Speaker Dave Haslam who will talk about his adventures as captain of a tall ship.**

**7:30 PM – Brief meeting**

## EXECUTIVE BOARD CHANGES

The board sadly accepted the resignation of secretary Marcy Brown and thanks her for her service.



**Mary Jo Helm** was elected by the board to become the Secretary as of 26 April. The board appreciates her willingness to assume this position.



There is a current opening for a **Member-At-Large** for which the board is welcoming volunteers.

**A Member-At-Large** attends all board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month, provides valuable in-pu-t toward board discussions, and is a voting member of the executive committee. This is an excellent opportunity for members to become more involved and more aware of the management of the Cocoa Beach Club. Interested members are encouraged to speak with any of the current board members for more details.





Help  
Wanted

**26 May – 8:00 AM**

**Keep Brevard Beautiful Clean-up  
Sykes Creek Road from Route 520 to  
the Brevard County Veteran's Center.**

**Contact: Jay Longway: 321-449-  
9037 or email [jpl3x@yahoo.com](mailto:jpl3x@yahoo.com)**



**This has been an on-going project of Cocoa Beach for many years and new volunteers are needed to assist the team headed by Jay Longway. All safety and clean-up equipment provided. This is “our” stretch of road and the goal is to have it ready for the Memorial Day events at the Center.**



**MAY BOATING ADVENTURE**  
**Raft-up and Picnic in the Mosquito Lagoon**  
**14 May – 11:00 AM onward**  
**Contact: Commander Roy Merritt: 321-305-3992 or email:**  
**[rkmeritt@yahoo.com](mailto:rkmeritt@yahoo.com)**



**Mosquitoes will not hamper the fun as boater's raft-up adjacent to Playalinda Beach.**

**For those exploring new waters, view the attached chart. The flyer also indicates several launch ramps that are options to traveling the full distance by boat. Kayakers also find this a great area to explore the mangroves and hidden waterways.**



**In case of inclement weather:**  
**Plan B: convene at Dixie Crossroads, Titusville**



## **EDUCATION CLASS BEGINS BOAT HANDLING**

**Consecutive Thursdays**

**02 June thru 14 July**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Brevard County Memorial Veteran's  
Center Library**

**Instructor: Sandy Schoonmaker 331-514-5563 or email:**

**[schoon67@cfl.rr.com](mailto:schoon67@cfl.rr.com)**

**To Enroll: Education Officer Joe Dotson: [seo@cbsps.org](mailto:seo@cbsps.org)**

**Taught by Cocoa Beach for only the second time, this new, improved version of the Seamanship course uses videos and hands-on classroom exercises that include docking a boat, learning the dynamics of boat handling, understanding the rules of navigation, anchoring techniques, tying a variety of challenging nautical knots and much more. From this class, boaters will acquire knowledge beyond the basics and are encouraged to move onto the coastal navigation courses.**

Learn how to handle your boat in a variety of situations and become the skipper you want to be. Gain confidence in docking, underway, anchoring, and other seamanship skills.

Our new Boat Handling course is intended for newer recreational boaters who have completed a basic boating class (like America's Boating Course) and want to gain more knowledge, skill, and confidence to boat safely and have more fun in a variety of situations.

Boat Handling covers these topics:

- [Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach](#)
- [Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering](#)
- [Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Under Way](#)
- [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](#)



## **A COMMUNITY SERVICE CHANGE**

**With the expenditure of the current funds, the Cocoa Beach Board of Directors has voted to discontinue the Schnoor Scholarship Fund.**

**This fund was a one-time donation that the previous boards decided to continue with the funds collected from the recycling of aluminum cans and other fund raisers.**

**The fund is no longer growing at a rate great enough to support the scholarship.**

**As club membership has decreased, our income has declined while expenses are rising. To avoid raising dues, the board has agreed to channel all funds from the recycling project into the operating expenses.**

**The club will continue to recycle aluminum cans. Please bring washed, uncrushed cans to the meetings. Bob Rutigliano manages this program from which we receive the highest rates for the aluminum.**

**WE CONTINUE OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE  
TO THE VETERAN'S CENTER  
HOT WEATHER MEANS THE NEED FOR  
WATER FOR OUR VETERANS AND  
HOMELESS FOLKS. PLEASE BRING BOTTLED WATER AS  
WELL AS FOOD AND PERSONAL ITEMS TO HELP THESE  
FOLKS WHO RELY UPON US IN THEIR TIMES OF NEED.**



# Ronald McDonald House Charities: Pop Tab Wars



## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE ARTICLE

By Robin Courtney

I wanted to share the thank you note I received from Maria Huff at Imperial Estates Elementary regarding the Pop Tabs that we collected over the past year for the Ronald Mc Donald Houses of Orlando. We were able to collect 40 pounds of Tabs this year with 4 pounds coming from Judy Thompson and Bill and Kristin Young.

Unfortunately, we won't get a total from the school as the Ronald McDonald Houses of Orlando have put a hold on the contest. They are revising the

contest and will announce the changes in the Fall at the beginning of the school year. Thank you so much for your participating in this program. Start looking for some new ideas and ways to participate in the near future, via announcements in the monthly newsletter and at the monthly meetings. If you have tabs that you would like to donate you don't come to meetings, I would be happy to stop by your house to pick them up. Robin Courtney 407-492-9009

## THANK YOU LETTER FROM IMPERIAL ESTATES ELEMENTARY By Maria Huff

Dear Members of America's Boating Club-Cocoa Beach I can't thank you enough for saving 35 pounds of pop tabs for our Imperial Estates Elementary Project Ronald McDonald House. We have not heard the totals for the 2021/2022 school year, yet but we are hoping to win the Ronald McDonald House Orlando contest again this year for collecting the most pop tabs. Without civic groups like America's Boating Club this wouldn't be possible. We've been told that the Ronald McDonald House contest will have some additional surprises for us the 2022/2023 year so I will keep in touch with Robin Courtney so she can pass the information along. I also told Robin that I would take you up on the offer to visit your club in the near future to thank you in person. Please keep those pop tabs coming! Maria Huff, Imperial Estates Elementary, Project Ronald McDonald Houses-Orlando



# Mark Your Calendar

*Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!*

I love  
PIZZA  
Night



**07 JUNE.... IT'S PIZZA NIGHT!** The ever popular eating event will begin at 6:00 PM.



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**ROCKLEDGE  
COUNTRY CLUB**

**16 DECEMBER:** The Holiday Party plans begin!!  
The venue will be the Rockledge Garden Club.  
Catered meal with music...cost and times to be announced. Interested in decorations, helping with set-up, being involved??? Let us know!!!