

Summary

- **Boat Club Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Time: 6:01 PM

Attendance: 25 members

- **Meeting Overview:**

Eric and Captain Tim opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions. This was followed by a recap of the Slipaway Marina rendezvous and a brief discussion regarding the upcoming rendezvous to Cabbage Key scheduled for February 3rd.

- **Guest Presentation:**

Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 96 were in attendance and provided an overview of boating safety. Topics included general vessel safety practices, the importance of routine vessel safety checks, and guidance on what to do in the event of a loss of command while underway. They also reviewed recommended safety checklists for preparedness on the water.

- **Additional Notes:**

The presentation emphasized proactive safety and preparedness, summarized humorously during the meeting as “PYA – Protect Your Ass-ets.”

Welcome to the
January Meeting
for the
Fish Tale Boat Club



Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."





Introductions:

- Fish Tale Staff
- Club Members in Attendance

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Agenda

- Guest Speaker: US Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Recap from Slipaway Marina Trip
- Briefing for Upcoming Rendezvous to Cabbage Key
- The Waters Ahead...
- Q&A Wrap-up



Welcome our Guest Speaker for tonight:

- Capt John Irwin
- Flotilla Vice Commander

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 96

Information on our Free Vessel Safety Checks

Getting Ready for the 2025 Boating Season?

We are here to assist you in ensuring that your vessel has the required safety equipment on board. To schedule a complimentary vessel safety check by Flotilla 070-09-06 Wiggins Pass, Naples FL contact our Vessel Examiner.



Contact: John Irwin, FSO-VE

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Want to prepare in advance?

Click here [Pre-Inspection Checklist](#)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

PROUD TRADITIONS
WORTHY MISSIONS

WELCOME TO THE FLOTILLA 9-6, DISTRICT 7 WEB SITE

Flotilla 9-6 Wiggins Pass
13531 Vanderbilt Drive
Naples, FL 34110

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is "America's Volunteer Lifesavers". The Auxiliary was established by the U.S. Congress in 1939 to assist the United States Coast Guard in promoting boating safety. The Auxiliary has more than 30,000 members from all walks of life. Our members receive special training so that we may be a functional part and a "force multiplier" of the U. S. Coast Guard.

Flotilla 96 was founded in 1973. We currently have approximately 56 active members. We are one of the largest Flotillas in Division 9, Southeast District.

The mission of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is to contribute to the safety and security of our citizens, ports, and waterways. We balance our missions of Recreational Boating Safety and Coast Guard Support with Maritime Homeland Security and other challenges that emerge as a result of a post-9/11 era.

For over 50 years the members of Flotilla 9-6 have answered the call of service in support of the Coast Guard, the boating public, and the nation. Select the area of interest in the menu on the left side of this page to learn about the wide variety of programs for

- <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-09-06>



Grady Fest IV
Ft. Myers Beach
March 2014

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Recap from the Slipaway Marina Trip January 13, 2026



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21 Boats in Attendance from Bonita Springs up to Cape Coral

A few late but you caught up FAST!

Great Lunch at Slipaway Marina!

Docking went well! We have some smooth operators!





Next Rendezvous is Cabbage Key Inn & Restaurant

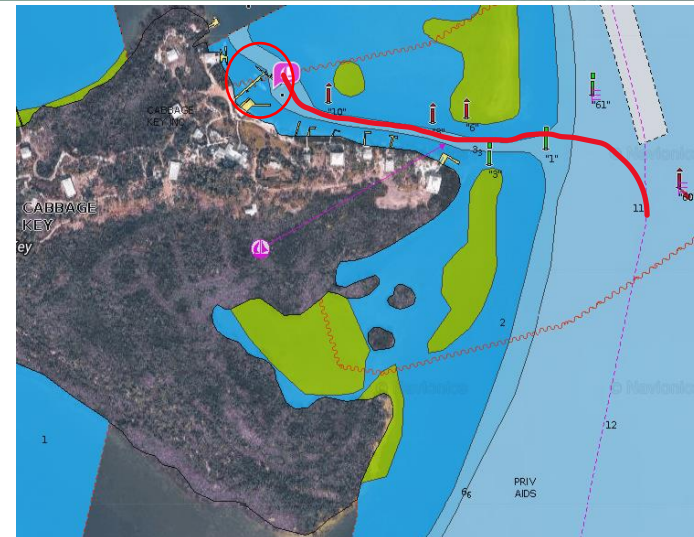
- February 3rd, 2026 (alternate date is Feb 5)
- We plan to arrive by 10:45AM.
 - Restaurant re-opens for Lunch at 11AM and the water taxi normally arrives then also.
 - Space is limited, so RSVP sooner than later.

Rendezvous 2 – February 3 (or 5), 2026

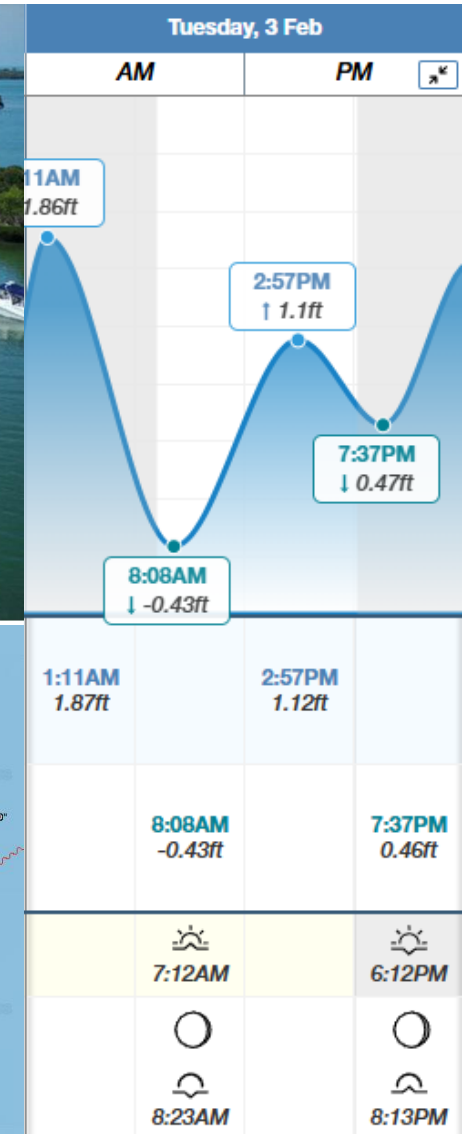
- Cabbage Key
P.O. Box 200
Pineland, FL 33945
- www.cabbagekey.com



- If we have a Small Craft Advisory, it's a no-go. Cancellation will be announced the evening before event and communicated by E-mail.
- We are taking RSVP's tonight or later when the E-mail announcement is sent out.



Redfish Pass



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Rendezvous 2 Central Group

Main group

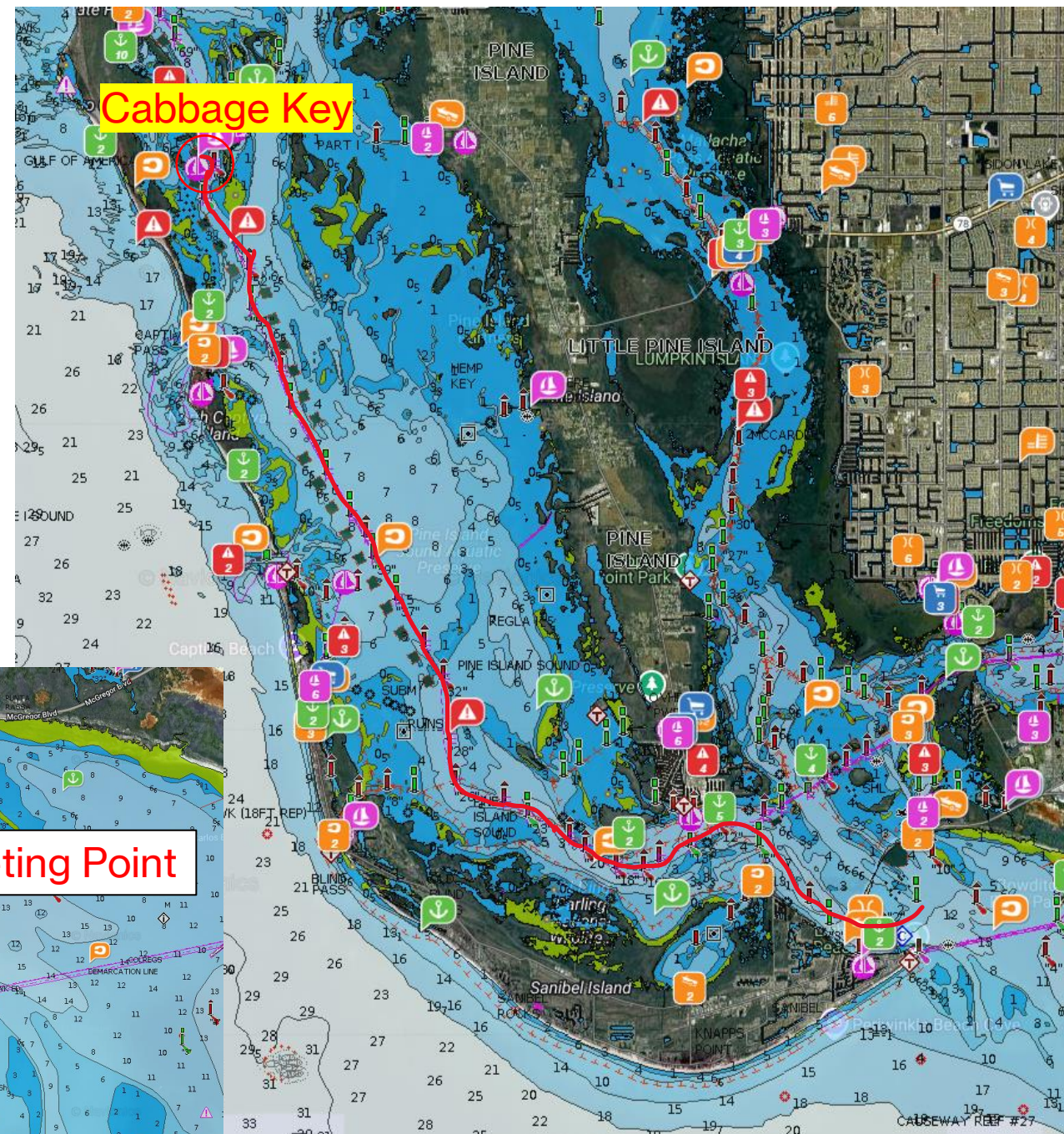
- Meeting at Marker 1 near Pointe Ybel no later than 9:15AM.

([Coordinates 26.4651, -82.0133](#))

- Depart and head north under C-Span of Causeway towards ICW.

- Approximately 60-75 minutes to Cabbage Key.

- Photo at the Sanibel Causeway Span-C.

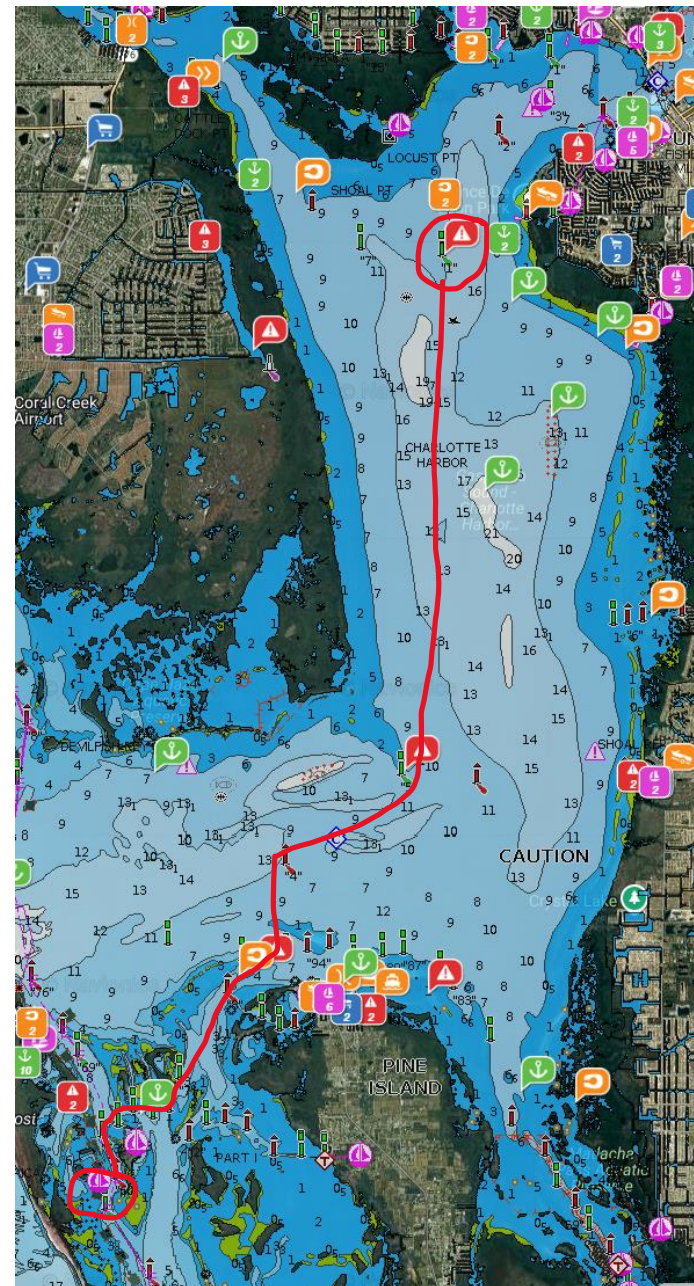


Rendezvous 2

North Meeting Point

For boaters in Pt. Charlotte and North Captiva (IF NECESSARY)

- Meeting at Marker 1 near Ponce de Leon Park no later than 9:15AM
- Depart and head south down Charlotte Harbor heading towards Boca Grande
- Approximately 60-75 minutes to meet at Cabbage Key



Invitation to Join us

- Miami International Boat Show
 - Feb 12-15, 2026
- Bonita Bay Marina Boat Show
 - Exhibits are Feb 20-22, 2026
 - Feb 21 at 4PM – Special Party Begins



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The Waters Ahead



- Calendar of Events for 2026.
 - Feb 3 (or 5) - Rendezvous 2
 - Lunch Cruise to Cabbage Key Inn
 - February 18 at 6PM - Monthly Meeting at Fish Tale Boats Ft Myers
 - March 10 (or 12) - *proposed* Rendezvous 3
 - Lunch Cruise to Green Flash Restaurant at Captiva
 - March 11 at 6PM - Monthly Meeting at Fish Tale Boats Ft Myers
 - March 31 (or Apr 2) – *proposed* Rendezvous 4
 - Boat Cruise through Gordon Pass and Keewaydin Island
 - Apr 8 at 6PM - Monthly Meeting at Fish Tale Boats Ft Myers
 - Apr 21 (or 23) – *proposed* Rendezvous 5
 - Pelican Cove near Cayo Costa (Raft up or Sand bar pull-up)

Questions

- Thanks for joining us!
- Email: club@fishtale.com

