

The June 12th General Meeting Program Presents:

Dr. Ewen Thomson

World Renown Lightning Expert

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It is well known that Florida is the lightning capital of the world. It is the target of more strikes than any other similarly sized geographic area.

This statistic is brought home every time a club member’s boat is struck by lightning. A direct hit can be fatal but even a nearby strike can also cause damage. In fact, I had several thousand dollars damage to my instruments from a strike that hit some four houses away.

Because of its propensity for lightning, the nation’s preeminent research on the subject is conducted here in the state and is headed up by the University of Florida.

If you check with the University and ask them who is the most knowledgeable about lightning and boats, they will tell you – Dr. Ewen Thomson.

We are privileged to have Dr. Thomson as our guest speaker at our June club meeting.

Dr. Thomson will address what lightning is, what can and cannot be done about it. He will also discuss what the signs of imminent danger are, action available to boaters, and other need to know facts about this electrifying phenomenon.

Since Lorrene and I will be in the Bahamas, Hal “Sparky” Steward, himself a lightning target, will introduce our guest speaker.