



A DOCTRINE FOR SNaP

The Support Network at Penn National (SNaP) is an organization of neighbors who care for each other—neighbors who look after and look out for each other.

This principle has succeeded in other locales, overcoming obstacles far greater than exist here at Penn National. This is an ideal community to have a support network such as SNaP.

Please permit us to digress a moment because a memorable past experience has increased our desire to support organizations such as SNaP. Jayne and I spent five years on our boat in the Caribbean and at one time we were anchored in a sheltered bay at the south end of Grenada. We were there for more than six months; along with some 400 other full-time live aboard cruisers. Each morning at 8 AM a radio net was held to relay weather information (by a retired meteorologist) and to inquire if anyone had any problems. For example, a voice would come on the radio saying that their diesel engine would not start. An immediate reply: “This is Jim on BOUNTY – I’m a diesel engineer and I’ll come over and take a look.” Or similarly: “I have a tear in my staysail”. A response would inform that person that Jan on ANGEL repaired sails and Jan would be in touch after the net. And so it went. Neighbors helping neighbors.

If you will, we are a fleet of boats anchored in Penn National. We care about each other. And there are many talented people here. SNaP will be the mother hen, providing a base of volunteers that hopefully will be able to cope with the majority of problems that arise. When necessary, SNaP will arrange for one of the preferred providers to solve the issue.

The scope of SNaP will be tremendous. Besides being able to talk to a real live person 24/7 there will be resources almost beyond comprehension. You name it; it will be there for you.

Certainly there are many organizations around that provide a specific service but not one of them can provide the total care that SNaP will accomplish for you and yours. There will be a few unexpected events in our future and it is reassuring to know that SNaP will be there for us. We do not need SNaP now and hopefully not for some time. But we want SNaP to be there when we do need it and for that reason we intend to support SNaP wholeheartedly now.

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