

**Texas Master Naturalist Program  
Cradle of Texas Chapter  
General Meeting and Advanced Training  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
Texas AgriLife Extension Building  
21017 County Road 171  
Angleton, Texas 77515-8903**

<b>8:30 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Fun and Fellowship</b> <b>Snack Team</b> Oron Atkins, Becky McClendon, Jo Myers, George Valadez <b>Nature Notes:</b> Pete Romfh – <i>Oxygen and Salinity in Tidal Rivers</i>
<b>9:00 AM – 9:50 AM</b>	<b>General Meeting and Nature Notes</b> <i>This meeting is approved for 1.00 hour volunteer time</i>
<b>10:15 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Speaker: James Glover, Brazoria County Parks Department</b> <b>Topic: <i>The Intracoastal Waterway: Early Years of Today's ICW and the continuing Impact on the Economy and Environment</i></b>



James Glover is presently the Historical Site Manager and Supervisor of the Stephen F. Austin-Munson County Park near Angleton, Texas.

Born in New Velasco in 1961, James attended Sweeny ISD, graduating in 1980. He went on to attend Brazosport College and Southwest Texas State University. After working in construction, retail, and newspapers, he joined the

Parks Department as Ranger at Quintana Beach County Park, and moved to park supervisor in 2004. From 2008 to 2016 he ran department-wide programs for BCPD until moving into his present position.

James is a noted and well-respected Texas Historian and speaker. Historical research and interpretation, canoeing, kayaking, woodworking, and literature are among his interests and hobbies.

James is a member of numerous organizations including the Brazoria Historical Militia, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of the Republic of Texas, and the Brazoria County Historical Commission. He is an Admiral of the Texas Navy, having received the award from Governor Rick Perry in 2012.

Brazoria County Parks Department is based in Angleton Texas. BCPD operates ten parks, 23 miles of sandy beaches, 21 boat ramps, two RV campgrounds, historical homes, interpretive centers, day use facilities, playgrounds, a swimming pool, horseshoe and volleyball pits, and picnic areas. The Department also offers meeting room, cabin, dormitory, and pavilion,



The Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) is a 3,000-mile (4,800 km) inland waterway along the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts of the United States, running from Boston, Massachusetts, southward along the Atlantic Seaboard and around the southern tip of Florida, then following the Gulf Coast to Brownsville, Texas. Some sections of the waterway consist of natural inlets, saltwater rivers, bays, and sounds, while others are artificial canals.

The ICW provides a navigable route along its length without many of the hazards of travel on the open sea. The ICW is operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, a unit of the Department of Defense. The Corps of Engineers was founded by President George Washington in 1802.

Tug and barge passing through the Colorado River Locks on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway near Matagorda, Texas. Credit: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers / Wikipedia Commons.

