



# The Soundings

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## Membership Meetings

**First Tuesdays @ 1900**

**1 April, 6 May & 3 June 2014**

**Brevard Memorial Veterans Center  
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy - Merritt Island**

## Monthly Specials

- April:** - "Shark attack" slide show
- 2014 Budget vote
- May:** - USCG Commander presentation
- June:** - Pizza Night
- No Official meeting



## **CBSPS Mission**

The Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron is a non-profit organization serving Boater's education needs in Central Brevard County since 1967. Our mission is to promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.

**"Boating is Fun... We'll show you how"**  
To join us, contact [Membership@cbsps.org](mailto:Membership@cbsps.org)

## AT THE HELM

### Cdr Bob Rutigliano, AP-IN



We are off to a good start with several vessel safety checks completed and our Mentoring program clicking along. As of this writing we have 8 new members who are kept informed of upcoming events by their Mentors. This program will soon be turned over to the Administrative department as it is a member retention program. I am confident that when Lt/C John FitzGerald contacts you to become a Mentor, you will step up and assist a new member in becoming informed and involved.

We are within 10 members of becoming the largest squadron in D-23. This is a very obtainable goal with our aggressive educational program, a full entertainment and an exciting boating schedule. We all should use these tools in our recruiting efforts.

A committee has been formed to produce a tri-squadron Blessing of the Fleet. This committee consists of members from BRSPS, CBSPS and TSPS. Please see flyer on page 10 of this Soundings.

Also in the pipe line is an effort to bring several Tall Ships into Port Canaveral in 2015. The commanders of the three Brevard County squadrons met with port officials and they were very receptive to the idea. I will keep you informed as to our progress.

The next District event is the D-23 Spring Conference on 28-30 March in Gainesville, I hope enough of our members will attend the conference to well represent CBSPS.

The squadron is still looking for a Chaplain. Lt. Denise Stone has served as our Chaplain for 20 years. She has kept us informed as to the health and wellbeing of our members, delivered invocation at meetings and events and made sure that our ailing members received a get well card from the squadron. She has earned and deserves a well-earned break. I am asking you all, especially our newer members to consider this position. I'm sure Denise has a thick book of prayers to choose from and would be willing to help with training. Contact Denise or myself if this position interests you.

In closing I would like to say that when all the meetings, conferences and council meetings are over and the dust settles, we are still a boating organization and boating is fun. Let's always remember that fun is a major reason that most of us are here.

See you on the water.

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**SOUNDINGS DEADLINE:**  
**10TH of March, June,**  
**September & December**

We welcome comments,  
boating stories and  
any articles of interest  
you'd like to submit...

Email an Attachment to  
[Editor@cbsps.org](mailto:Editor@cbsps.org)

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Lt/C Louis Harlow, AP



All members are encouraged to wear name tags to meetings and social events. We want to engender friendship and familiarity with new members.

Now is the time to contact a qualified VSC squadron mate and have your vessel checked for safety. What you might miss can hurt you or others.

We are all recruiters and we are all involved in public relations for Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron. Let people know who we are and what we are about.

The Squadron will have a booth at Harbortown Marina the last weekend in March. If you have time to help man our booth, contact any member of the Bridge and we can fix you up.

Donations for the Scholarship are welcomed. The XO is taking all contributions. Ask your tax preparer if you can deduct the contribution on your taxes.

The New Year is well underway. The wind is at our back and we have clear skies. Let's all push recruiting and do all we can to retain our fellow Squadron mates.

Remember one hand for yourself and one hand for the vessel.



Got your **Vessel Safety Check?**  
Our Vessel Examiners are awaiting  
your call.

They did 129 VSCs in 2013;  
They want to do more this year.

Find their names, phones &  
locations at:

[www.cbsps.org/VSC.html](http://www.cbsps.org/VSC.html)

## SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

### P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN



Another year is off to a busy beginning for the education department. A complete list of classes and seminars has been planned. All of these are posted on the WEB site: [www.cbsps.org](http://www.cbsps.org). Notices are also sent out to members eligible for the courses. Remember that books are ordered in advance and that by signing up, you are committing to take the class. We have already completed Seamanship and Cruise Planning. The tests are at national being graded at this time. Piloting is starting in April with a full enrollment. This is starting out to be an exciting year for education.

We have increased the number of seminars from four to eight. Along with the four Saturday morning seminars at Port Canaveral Yacht Club, we have our evening seminars at the Boaters Exchange. One at each venue has been completed with a satisfactory turn out at each site. If you aren't interested in committing to a full length course, these seminars are packed with great information in a short period of time with no test and at nominal cost of \$10.00/family. Come out and join us! We have a line-up of excellent subjects taught by some great presenters.

We did a fun, but important, training for our members in February. As previously announced, we had the Bull-Ex fire extinguisher simulator made available for our use. In one day we successfully trained and certified 32 members and 8 yacht club members. Some of those who participated found the act of extinguishing a simulated fire was not as easy as one might expect. All agreed that it was worthwhile to actually go through the PASS process with a 5# extinguisher that realistically gave only 25 seconds in which to extinguish a fire.

The Boat Operator Certification – On the Water skill demonstrations are planned for 15-16 March. P/C Gerard Meunier has worked diligently on this project. He has managed to procure USPS's training boat which is transported behind its own truck and made available for the time of the certification. The cost of the boat and truck and fuel are paid for by a grant from USPS. What a great deal this is for CBSPS and for the 12 participants who will be spending the weekend being certified. We wish them all great success!

I encourage, once again, that each member visit [www.cbsps.org](http://www.cbsps.org) often. It is here that we post our classes, seminars and public boating classes. In addition, brief reminders will be sent to the members via email, but there is a lot of information on the WEB site from which you can benefit.

**Boating Education**

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

### Lt/C John FitzGerald, S



The first thing I'd like to do is thank the Boating Committee (P/C Duane Balkema, AP and Douglas Bisset, P) and the Entertainment Committee (Lt Doris Valentine, P/C J.P. Longway III, P, Donna Longway, S and P/C Lance VandeBerg, AP) for their help with planning the 2014 schedule of events. We've had many meetings and they dedicated hours of their valuable time to bring the squadron an exciting year of boating and social events. Please attend as many as you can since they're planned for the membership's enjoyment and the committees are putting a lot of work into them.

1/Lt Robert Brown, AP, Lt David Keane, JN, Debra Burleson and P/Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P are going to be an invaluable help in making things run smoothly at the meetings. I can't express my thanks to them enough.

**If you'd like to go on an outing and don't have a boat or need a ride to an event, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or someone in the above listed committees. We'll work hard to try to accommodate you so you can enjoy the events with us.**

I'll be making flyers and sign-up sheets for all upcoming boating and entertainment events and placing them at the sign-in table at the general meetings. Check them every time you come. You can sign up for the events there and keep up to date on upcoming activities. I'll also be putting photos of the events on a cork board in the meeting room so you can see the fun we had. At the end of the meeting you can take the photos if you like. Please wait until the end of the meeting to take them so everyone can enjoy the pictures. Events will also be posted on the CBSPS website under the "calendar of events" section: [http://cbsps.com/event\\_calendar.html](http://cbsps.com/event_calendar.html). If you have any suggestions on speakers for the meetings let me know, we may be able to schedule the person at an upcoming meeting.

It's an honor to be part of the CBSPS Bridge and I'm looking forward to an excellent year.

Upcoming Events:	April 12:	Cruise to Water Ski Island
	April 19:	ICW Marker 21 Cruise
	May 3:	Blessing of the Fleet
	May 10:	D-23 Picnic
	May 14:	Planetarium & Observatory
	June 14:	Operations Training
	June 28:	Offshore Fishing Outing



## SECRETARY

### Lt/C Theresa FitzGerald, S



Happy Birthday to members born in April, May and June!

Michele Anderson	Joseph Greene Jr.	Dennis Peterson
Howard Bernbaum	Lou Harlow	Paul Ragusa
Rhoda Bernbaum	Carol Hayes	Cintia Ramos
Clay Bernichon	Sarah Hedegaard	Ronald Sageser
Harry Bestow	Maryann Infusino	John Scholtz
Richard Corrigan	Nancy Keane	Diana Schommer
Tom Courtney	Norma Mannon	Judy Shapow
Theresa FitzGerald	Michael McNamara	Charles Vilardebo
Richard Garwood	Paul Mycoskie	Edward Zahn

**Reminder:** If you have any changes to your e-mail, address, etc. please send them to me at [Secretary@CBSPS.org](mailto:Secretary@CBSPS.org). Thank you



**Our Fire Extinguisher**  
event on 22 February was  
well attended with 33  
members from 3 squadrons  
participating.  
Not as easy as it looks!!



**Meet the Bridge picnic** on 8 March 2014 at Kiwanis Park was a great success with 62 participants

## **Boating Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP**

Our **January Event** to Bird Island went on despite the cold weather with 5 boats.

**Our Sykes Creek Kayak/Picnic Outing Event held on Sunday, February 16, 2014** was enjoyed on 8 Kayaks by 10 Kayakers in beautiful weather of 65 to 69 degrees, sunny, no clouds & little wind. 4 other including the undersigned joined Kayakers and enjoyed cooking on the Barbie, good conversation, games and 50's music.

**Our Cruise to Samsons Island Event held on Sunday, March 9, 2014** was enjoyed by all 21 participants who arrived on 6 different boats. It was great to see our new members out there. As an aside, I don't think the Satellite Beach Ferry operated this day. While eating and talking at around 2 PM someone near me commented that they had not seen it. Sorry if anyone was there waiting for it at the Fire Station. Several participants hiked the trails in the park. Thanks to all.

**For this second quarter**, we have a variety of exciting events scheduled, including our biggest one of the year, the **BLESSING OF THE FLEET AT LEE WENNER PARK on the Indian River** just south of Highway 520 on the Cocoa side of the river. Hope you can attend with your boat. There is a picnic following the Blessing for all members, starting at 12 Noon. Hot Dogs/Hamburgers, Buns, and paper plates are provided for \$5.00 and please bring a salad or side dish to share. See page 11 for details.

As ever, if you have any input for the boating column, please submit to me.



16 February 2014 was a perfect day between cold fronts to enjoy kayaking Sykes Creek from Kiwanis Park

### **Thanks to our 2014 Scholarship Fund Donors**

The Coco-Nauts Auxiliary  
The Silver Tridents  
Quite a few CBSPS members

All donations are to be mailed to our Treasurer, Lt/C George Shapow, S  
1445 Girard Blvd, Merritt Island, Fl 32952  
with a check made out to CBSPS .



## Boat Operator Certification Report by P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-IN

After much planning and scheduling, everything was ready for a new first at CBSPS, a BOC On-The-Water weekend on 15-16 March at Kiwanis Island and Kelly Parks.

Congratulations to the 8 members who passed the IN (Inland Navigator) skill demonstration. They are: Clay Bernichon, Ric Garwood, John Hedegaard, Tom Hoffmann, Jim Mannon, Garry Pepin, Ron Sageser and Roy Merritt (the latter from TSPS); some were instructed by David Keane and I as we were both applying to become BOC-IN Certifiers. David still needs to do Instructor Development for CBSPS to have 2 BOC-IN Certifiers.

Congratulations also to the 3 members who passed the CN (Coastal Navigation) level. They are: David Keane, Ron Sageser and I.

We owe many thanks to the 3 Certifier Trainers who came from Jacksonville (Bud Newtown and Pete Foster) and Daytona Beach (Will Benny) to assess our knowledge of boat handling and navigation. Thanks also to Duane Balkema who helped set-up the BOC-IN course and Ric Garwood for the loan of Fun Time, his 17' boat at Kiwanis.

**Join the BOC program! Email at [BOC@cbsps.org](mailto:BOC@cbsps.org)**



The cleaning crew after the fun!

Here is the Water Trainer used by the BOC candidates. This USPS rig was picked up 11 Feb.



by Cdr Bob and BOC Coordinator Gerard in Ft Pierce, FL and passed on to the Raleigh, NC squadron at the Orlando Airport on 19 March 2014.

### Squadron Member Chosen for National Committee

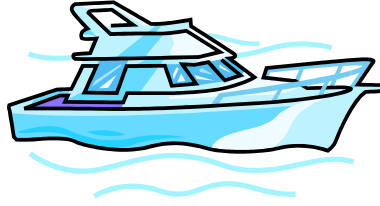
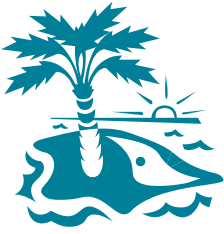
Over the past year, P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-IN has been in charge of the Boat Operator Certification (BOC) program of the Education department for CBSPS. As a result of his avid support, he has enrolled over 12 students with 4 already Inland Navigator Certified.

Through his involvement, Gerard has become knowledgeable about all phases of the program and has put forth some valid suggestions for improvement. He presented his recommendations at the D23 Fall Conference where they came to the attention of the then ANEO R/C Bob Palmer, SN. As a result of the ensuing dialogue between Gerard and the national officers, Gerard was invited to join the National BOC-OTW committee.

The membership of CBSPS congratulates Gerard on this new position. His dedication to USPS and the future of the BOC-OTW program will be a benefit to all members of USPS. Submitted by P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN.



# CRUISE TO WATER SKI ISLAND



**WHEN:** Saturday, April 12, 2014 @ 1230 Hrs.

**WHERE:** Water Ski Island

**DETAILS:** Cruise to Water Ski Island.

We'll meet approximately 1230 hrs. at the island.

There'll be a Barbeque grill or bring a cold lunch.

**If you'd like to come and don't have a boat, we will try to arrange a ride for you.**

**The Island is located just WEST of the Port Canaveral Locks.**

**Come join the fun!!**

**This is a "bring your own food and drinks" event.**



**Contact P/C Duane Balkema at 321-452-5892 for any questions.**

## Marker 21 Raft-Up



**When:** Saturday - April 19, 2014 @ 0900 Hrs.  
**Where:** Marker 21, Indian River

Details: We will cruise South in the Banana River to Dragon Point where we'll meet with members leaving from the Indian River. We'll cruise S/B to Marker 21 for a day of fun (swimming, fishing, and Barbeque will be provided).

**LET'S FLY OUR CBSPS BURGEE'S PROUDLY**

If you'd like to come and don't have a boat,  
 we'll try to arrange a ride for you.

Bring your own food and drinks for lunch.  
 Contact P/C Duane Balkema at 321-452-5892

or

Lt/C John FitzGerald at AO@cbsps.org



## 2014 Space Coast Blessing Of The Fleet

**Location:** In Water off Riverfront Park, Cocoa, FL.

**Date:** May 03, 2014 @ 1100 Hrs. (arrive at 1030 Hrs.)

The 2014 Blessing of the Fleet will be a three-squadron blessing consisting of the Banana River, Cocoa Beach and Titusville's Sail and Power Squadrons.

**All boaters may participate in this event**

**Come and have your boat blessed for a trouble free boating season!!**

At 10:30 AM, boats will circle up on Indian River just south of the HWY 520 Bridge, tune VHF radios to Channel 71 and wait for instructions. There will be a lead boat for us to follow to the Blessing. Maintain Spacing of 50 to 150 feet between boats. Do not stop anywhere along the Route. As you pass the Pastor give your vessel name and crew over VHF 71. The Blessing will come via VHF 71. You proceed back out to River Center for a year of safe boating.

**Any questions please contact: [AO@cbsps.org](mailto:AO@cbsps.org)**



# Eastern Florida State College Planetarium and Observatory



**When:** Wednesday, May 14, 2014 @ 1800 Hrs.

**Where:** Eastern Florida State College Planetarium & Observatory  
1519 Clearlake Rd Cocoa, FL 321-433-7373

**Price:** \$ 12.00 P.P. - \$ 7.00 under 12 *Payments to Doris Valentine*

**\*\*\*CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WILL LOVE THIS EVENT\*\*\***

**Details:** Two Shows: “Live Sky Walk Show” & The I-Max presentation:

## **Antarctica**

This film follows humankind's thirst for exploration to the highest, driest, windiest, coldest continent on Earth. Audiences will marvel as they take a harrowing helicopter ride through icy crevasses and towering pinnacles; dive with the first humans to swim through a crystalline cavern submerged within a glacier; drill through centuries old ice to unlock the secrets of Antarctica's past; and join a company of penguins in a graceful underwater ballet.

**IF WEATHER PERMIT, OBSERVATORY WILL BE OPENED TO CBSPS**

**BEER, WINE & SOFT DRINKS WILL BE SERVED !!**  
**PLEASE BRING A TRAY OF FINGER FOOD TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.**

Contact Doris Valentine @ 321 452-1835 with any questions.



### CBCSPS Photo Gallery

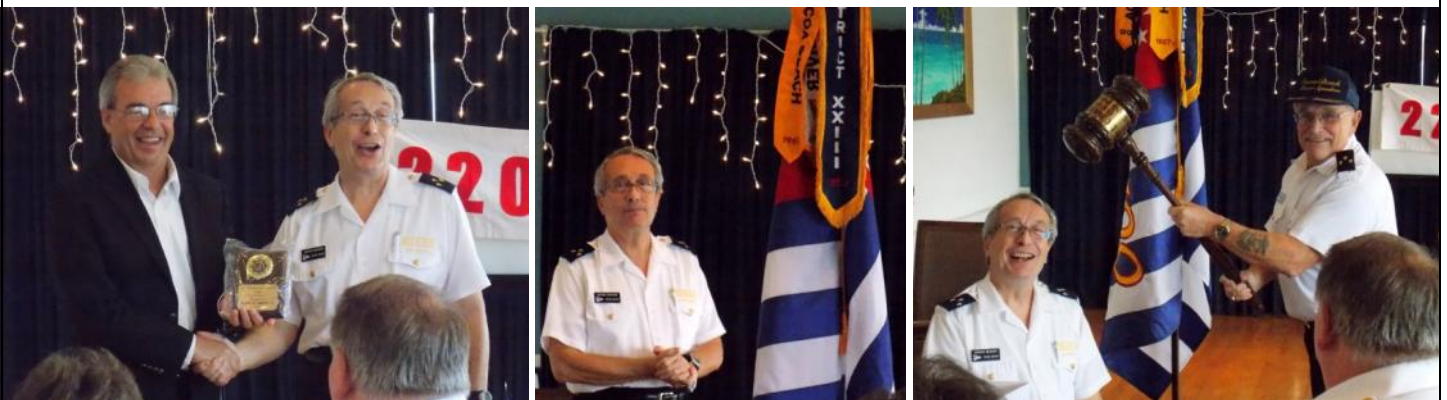


Cocoa Beach banner was seen by all at the National meeting when C/C Robert Baldrige, SN was sworn in

A few moments at the COW on 8 February 2014—Many more on [www.CBCPS.org](http://www.CBCPS.org)



Marilyn, the new Coco-Nauts' President      Award Officer Susan Kneeland at work      An Award for Marian!



A second Award for Ron Sageser!      Reflecting on the past year?      Enters a new management style!



A nice day for the picnic at Samsons Island where a fleet of 6 boats and 22 members celebrated DST



## COCO-NAUTS CORNER

### Marilyn Flanigan, PRESIDENT

The Coco-Nauts Annual Friendship Salad Luncheon, held on February 12, 2014 at the Cocoa Village Marina was a great success with 25 ladies in attendance. We also were happy to have three new members join the Coco-Nauts, Gloria Blake, Theresa FitzGerald, and Nancy Garwood. Welcome ladies!

The March meeting will be held on March 19, 2014 at the Moose Lodge at 12:00 p.m. This will be our first business meeting with the new officers. We will discuss what our goals will be this coming year. I hope you all will come and help us plan this next year with your suggestions.

Since The Sounding is a quarterly newsletter now, I will be sending you each month a flyer by email, to let you know in advance when the Coco-Nauts will meet, and where the meetings will be held. The Moose Lodge is always available, they have told me, but maybe we will treat ourselves to have a meeting at one of the many restaurants in the area as well. That is something we will be discussing at the next meeting.

I'm looking forward to this next year as you President. I hope it will be a happy & fun time for all of us.

Happy Birthday to those having Birthdays in the Spring:

<b>March/April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
28 Evelyn Tribout	None	03 Millie Kirkwood 04 Doris Hess
10 Ruth Finn		
20 Diane Schommer		
22 Rhoda Bernbaum		
25 Maryann Infusino		





# GALAXY

## D23 NEWSLETTER

### D/C Bill Fehr, N



Man-o-man, where did those two years go? It just seems like it was yesterday I was the district AO planning the D23 Picnic and now I am district commander. I first want to thank the outgoing members of the district bridge (2013/2014) for their work last year and congratulate the new district bridge members (2014/2015). I am looking forward to working with you all. Three cheers for Commander Mike McKinney and the Gainesville Sail and Power Squadron for a wonderful conference and loads of fun. To my knowledge and to the knowledge of our district historian I am the first district commander to be sworn-in at a district conference in Gainesville. At 53 years old a first at anything is to be celebrated.

We have a lot of new things in the works for this year. Over the next few years the way our conference meetings are ran will be changed. With the next two district commanders after me on the committee that drafted the new district conference outline I am sure it will get carried out in its entirety. I hope to change a few other things and bring some events back that were dropped in the past few years. First event to bring back was the district commander's reception after the Change of Watch ceremony. Hope everyone enjoyed the cake and champagne. One of the other points of business on my "bring-back list" is that I will be visiting one of each of the squadron's general meetings. I hope that Valerie and I get to meet some of the newer members and visit with old friends. Now that we are changing our conferences I hope to also reevaluate the many district jobs and get rid of the out-of-date and unnecessary ones. This year will also see the end of pointless written reports that no one ever reads. Anything that can be easily looked up online in just a few clicks of the mouse should not be taking up valuable time at a district meeting. I have a list of goals that I will be trying to complete this year, but I will not bore you with the full list now.

To the squadron commanders please make sure your squadron's secretary has everything updated and correct in DB2000. We will soon be starting on the district roster for this year and all of the information we use comes from DB2000. We will try to make it a bit smaller and more user-friendly this year.

See you on the water soon!

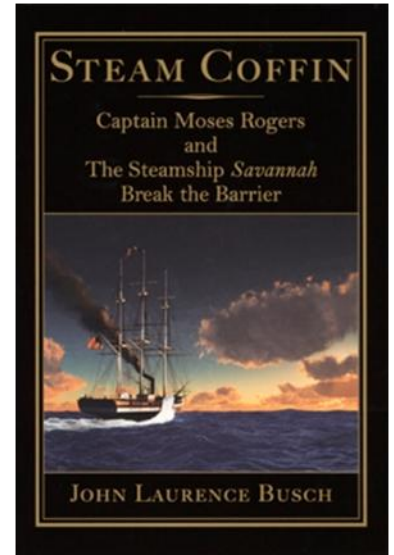
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# Multi-Media Presentation

## Building the First “Steamship” in History



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**STEAM COFFIN**  
Captain Moses Rogers  
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The Steamship *Savannah*  
Break the Barrier



*Historian and author John Laurence Busch will attempt to re-calibrate your mind before showing why the proposition of making the first crossing of the Atlantic Ocean on a "steamship" was met with a mixture of skepticism and fear.*

**When:** [March 29, 2014; 11:00am].

**Where:** [D23 Spring 2014 Conference].

**The *Savannah* is more than a “steamship.”  
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### ***Praise for STEAM COFFIN:***

“Busch’s supremely readable account...represents the creation of a long-needed missing piece of maritime history...It may properly be termed a page-turner, and is strongly recommended.”

— (mt) *Marine Technology Magazine*

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— *Naval War College Review*

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— John Norton, Hanson Historical Society

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## District 23 Spring Picnic

**Where:** Sand Point Park  
101 N Washington Ave.  
Titusville FL. 32796

**When:** Saturday, May 10, 2014 @ 10:00

**Details:** The United States Power Squadron District 23 Spring Picnic will be held at Sand Point Park in the large pavilion. District-23 will supply the meats but request that members bring a side dish for others to enjoy. There are many activities at this park including: A boat ramp (1 lane), cultural features, exercise trail (0.66 mile, stations), fishing (shoreline) and wildlife observation just to name a few. Enjoy the day with all the Squadrons in the district.

**Directions:** I-95 North to FL-406 East, Garden Street Exit 220  
Follow FL-406 East to S. Washington Ave.  
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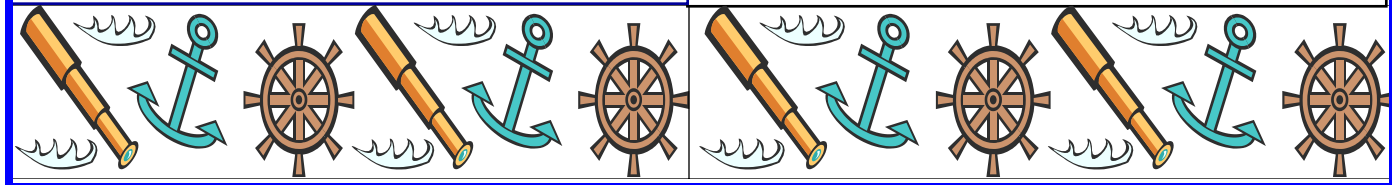


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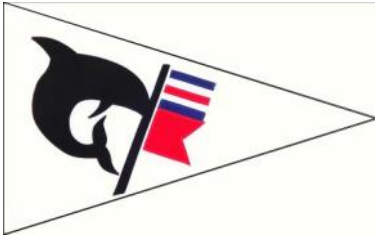
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