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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2006, 1900

Cocoa Civic Center

430 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa Village

YEAR OF ACTIVE DUTY IN IRAQ

During Operation Iraqi Freedom III, Captain William Schoonmaker was the Deputy Assistant Division Engineer for the 42nd Infantry Division. During 2005, he served in Tikrit, Iraq at Division Headquarters on FOB Danger. Prior to that, he served in the US Army Reserve in a variety of small-unit leadership roles from 1992 to 2000. He received his commission from Clarkson University's ROTC program. He is a Program Manager at GE Rail Solutions, Melbourne, and resides in Rockledge with his wife Kelly.

**Newly elected Commander of D 23,
Les Triboult, AP with his wife Evelyn.**



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

AT THE HELM

Commander Sandy Schoonmaker, SN



As the new year gets underway we need to report on the successes of the past year.

At the D23 Spring Conference in Jacksonville, CBPS was the recipient of several awards that were earned under the command of P/C John Mulkey, P. For the 17th year the squadron has contributed \$1/member to the National Education Fund and for this we received a Certificate of Merit. Lt Ann McCandless, S was awarded a certificate of completion for the Leadership Training Course, the first in our squadron to take this new course. A certificate and gold pin went to Lt Charles Dodds, SN, for joining the Century Club of Vessel Safety Examiners who completed 100 Vessel Safety Exams last year.

The squadron also won three D23 awards. The first was the Pick Vidal Public Relations Award for the best PRO in the district. Lt. Sylvia Smith, AP and the large group of members who assisted in advertising CBPS deserve to share in the recognition of this award. The Walter W. Hogrefe Award goes to the most outstanding SEO in D23. It's no surprise this was awarded to P/C Fred Adame, SN. The Arthur Buswell Award is presented to an individual from one of the eleven squadrons who puts forth a whole lot of extra effort on the behalf of his/her squadron. Here again, no surprise...the winner in D23 was Lt Marian Sweigart, AP!

And to top off the weekend of CBPS "in the news", our own P/C Lester A. Tribout, AP was elected and sworn in as the new Commander of D23. Congratulations D/C Les!!!!

Now can we top that this year? As the *Little Engine Who Thought He Could* said, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..." and he did. Let's all get on board!

To help you do so the new Squadron Roster will soon be out and will include a complete calendar of events planned for the year. These do not include the Education Schedule that is printed in the Soundings prior to the start-up of each class. As events come up, if you have questions about the details, check the Soundings, go to our Website at CBPS.US/ or feel free to call me and I'll help in anyway I can. (321-453-8130)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

P/Lt/C Mike Stone, P

I want to thank the following people that volunteered to serve in committees in the Executive Department: Public Relations Officer Joan Montfort, Co-Op Charting Bob Schafer, Radio Officer Barbara Schrader, Safety Committee Bob Flanigan, Boat Show Chairman George Guerrero/Larry Hatfield, Legislative John Lynn, Liaison Bud Miller, and Vessel Safety Check Charlie Dodds. I ask you to support these committees in their efforts to make this an active and fun year for CBPS.

On April 8th and 9th, there will be a Citizens for Florida Waterways flea market held at Harbortown Marina. The Boat Show Committee will be setting up a booth to recruit students for the safe boating course. This is one of the primary ways that CBPS gets students for the safe boating course. Stop by the booth and show your support for the squadron members that are staffing the booth for that weekend event.

SEO REPORT

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN

We have ten brand new Seamen in our squadron. All 10 students took and passed both Seamanship module exams. The new Seamen are Chuck Horn, Mary Klock, Ute and Siegi Lissek, Lt/C Johan and Lt Dee Neve, JR Pringle, Lance Vandenberg and Shannon Brooks. Bob Goldstein also passed which makes him, officially, an Advanced Pilot since his prior qualifying as a Seaman had been lost somewhere in the wilds of Long Island. I would like to mention the fine job done by P/C Sam Greenwood, SN, who taught the entire course. He was helped by Lt Jack Wurst, AP, and by Dr. Tuck Craven, P, who made a special presentation on first aid at sea. It was an enthusiastic class from start to finish.

We also have three members who passed the Advanced Piloting (AP) course. This is a very thorough course that covers tides, currents and advanced coastal navigation techniques. Passing the Piloting course is a realistic, necessary prerequisite for those wanting to take AP. Our three qualifying members are Peter Schmidt, Lt Jack Wurst, AP, and Lt Jim Wonnell, AP. They were guided and instructed in the course by Lt Jim O'Malley, AP, and Ann O'Malley, AP, was also there most nights to keep everyone on course. Good job, Jim. Last month we tried to recruit students for an Instructor Development (ID) course and got no sign-ups. Things have really changed. Now we think we have eight and are just about at capacity. The course will be taught by our commander, Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, and will start on Wednesday, 12 April, at the Cocoa Library. It's easy and fun and will give you some skills in public speaking and Power Point®. Why another ID course? Because USPS instructors must now be certified and you must take ID, or have taken Instructor Qualification (IQ), and be within four years of either course, or a refresher, to be currently certified. By the time you read this our Boat Smart course will be in progress at Cape Canaveral Hospital. If you're not involved, why not join us on exam night at 1900 on Wednesday, 5 April. We can use extra hands to help administer the test and talk to the students about the squadron. Then you can join us later for ice cream at Steak and Shake®

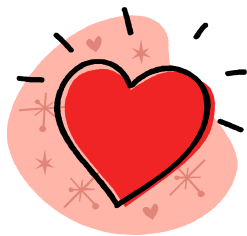
And don't forget our first ever, one-day Boat Smart course. This will be part of our Safe Boating Week activities and will be held on Saturday, 20 May, from 0900 to 1700. The location will also be Cape Canaveral

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S

The Administrative functional staff met on 2 March, to connect as a team, identify responsibilities/expectations for each position, share lessons learned from those seasoned members whom have, “been there & done that”, and finally ensuring that we as a team have a plan to successfully carry out our duties on behalf of the membership. The response from the functional staff was exceptionally positive. In all cases, work was already underway to prepare for the numerous upcoming events and activities. P/C Duane Balkema, AP has agreed to continue facilitating and coordinating all of the “Boating” activities. He has surveyed the membership to status vessel types, specifics, and areas of interests. Please respond to this query, so that the planning of boating activities can hopefully be responsive to the member’s desires. Obtaining and maintaining members is a key focus of Lt Doris Valentine and Lt Pamela Johnson, P, to help them become involved. P/C Susan Kneeland, SN will lead our entertainment events, and will continue to carry on with some popular social events, and in addition look at other opportunities to learn about/experience “other stuff”, socialize, and have fun together. Lt Jim Wonnell, P has assembled and scheduled a number of various program speakers for our monthly meetings to broaden our view of what is happening in the community. In addition, Lt Edith Wonnell will continue to coordinate our member donors to the Blood Bank, which is an important civic contribution that benefits both the community, as well as the donor. Lt Ann MCandless, S will initiate and ensure that the new Leadership training course will be made available to the membership with a focus on organizational orientation. Lt Kay Wurst, S has been tasked with the responsibility to schedule and coordinate the responsibilities and activities that take place to provide refreshments at the Monthly meetings. A sign-up sheet for donating refreshments is still outstanding and has many opportunities for members to share with others. Finally, another key part of the function is the liaison with the Coco-Nauts. Lt Barbara Millner, S will ably provide that interface and ensure that our common interests are successful.

Please let me know whenever there is an opportunity to improve and make our efforts better. Also, help the key members mentioned above achieve their objective(s), by volunteering to help or, if possible, assisting when asked. Thank you in advance for any consideration to help us in our efforts.



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 Commander John Mulkey, P to the new Commander of
 the CBPS, Cdr. Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

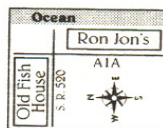
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Caesar Salad with rolls & butter, Baked Salmon, twice baked Potato, Vegetable du Jour, coffee, iced tea, desert # _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Sunday St Johns "N" Club breakfast # _____ @ \$12.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ Enclosed \$ _____

NOTE: Reservations are required for the above with cut off date of 1 October, 2006.
 Please Make Checks payable to Banana River Sail & Power Squadron

Mail this Meal & Event Form to:
 P/C Kristi Anderson, 1902 Fabien Circle, Melbourne, FL 32940



USPS D 23 FALL Conference & BRS&PS 50th Birthday BASH!! October 6,7,8 2006

This year the D 23 Fall Conference while featuring many workshops, meetings, visiting dignitaries, etc will have as its theme, HAPPY 50th Birthday Banana River Sail & Power Squadron! Fun, games, food, cake, prizes etc will all happen on Friday night, October 6 as we celebrate our 50th birthday as a unit of the United States Power Squadrons .

It will all start off with your visit to our hospitality suite Friday afternoon and after sharing sea stories etc with your fellow D 23 members, the party will begin.

Our members will have put together a wonderful party, one which will long be remembered. So be sure to not only attend the Fall D 23 Conference, but bring your family along. The hotel is just off I 95 and very easy to get to. While here you and your family might want to visit the world famous Brevard ZOO located a couple of blocks away. It has sooooo many features and animals and is designed for both adults as well as children. Across I 95 is the brand new exciting open air mall at Viera with its many shops etc. Port Canaveral is a short drive away with twice daily gaming ships as well as 3, 4, 5 and 7 day cruises to the islands. So there is plenty to do and see within a short distance of the hotel. The special room rates are good for a few days before and after the conference so you might want to make a mini-vacation out of it. October is one of the best times of the year in Brevard County!

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Fall D 23 Conference and 50th BRS&PS Birthday Bash!



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

MARCH:

- 15/22/29 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Course, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 25 - Saturday, Ski Island Raft-up (North of Locks), See Boating Schedule for contacts**
- 28 - Tuesday, 1830 –2130, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

APRIL:

- 04 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 05 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Exam, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 08 - 09 - Saturday/Sunday, CFW Flea Market, Harbortown (CBPS Booth & VSE's)**
- 12 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, @ St Davids by the Sea Episcopal Church**
- 22 - Saturday, Sail Boat Raft-up (North of Locks), See Boating Schedule for contacts**
- 25 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 29-30 - Saturday & Sunday, "Boats Only Rendezvous" at the Millner's**

MAY:

- 02 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 07 - Sunday, New Member's Reception**
- 10 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, @**
- 13 - Saturday, District 23 Picnic, Rendezvous & Council, Titusville SPS**
- 20 - Saturday, One-Day Boat Smart Course, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 20-27 Sat to Sat, National Safe Boating Week**
- 23 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 27 - Saturday, 1100, Blessing of the Fleet, Lee Wenner Park Pavilion in Cocoa**

CBPS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available.

Members are also invited to meet for a casual get together at Murdock's in Cocoa Village on Friday afternoons.

Coco-Naut's Corner
Pam Johnson, President

The March 8th meeting held at the Moose Lodge was an enjoyable and extremely informative brown bag luncheon. Delores Cross, Director of Volunteers from Cape Canaveral Hospital presented a through thought- provoking speech about what it means to be a volunteer, what areas volunteers are needed at the hospital, what it means to the community, and how we as individuals can become a part of this extremely worthwhile program. Delores handed out applications to those interested in joining the program and also pointed out that there would be an open house on March 30th at 1:00 PM at Cape Canaveral for those interested in learning more details. Delores also mentioned they were looking for volunteers for the Freedom 7 Center which helps senior citizens lead a happy and productive life. Freedom 7 is now conducting their activities program at the Cocoa Beach Country Club.

The Coco-Nauts will be serving refreshments to the Boat Smart class on April 5th at Cape Canaveral Hospital. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Marge Balkema will be designing a Easter Basket to be auctioned off at the April 4th General Meeting. Marcia McConkey informed the group about a March 20th Salvation Army Luncheon held at the Civic Center in Cocoa. Marcia took the initiative to purchase tickets for a table to attend. The event is called Springtime Bunnies Lunch and Fashion Show. The price of tickets are \$20.00

Our April meeting will be on April 12th at St David's by the Sea Episcopal Church. It will be a salad luncheon held at 11:30 AM. We'll plan to eat first, have the meeting, and follow that with our speaker. Our own Lt Lea Collins, P will be our featured speaker. She has been instrumental in providing much needed counseling for Hurricane Katrina victims in Louisiana. She will enlighten us about her experiences helping the victims of this devastating hurricane and educate us on how we can help. Directions to St. David by the Sea: Going south on A1A where A1A splits, go to 4th Street SOUTH. Turn right. Go west 1 ½ blocks. Go past Freedom 7 School on the left. St. David's entrance is the nest on the left. The Parish Hall is behind the main church, and parking is in the back on the east lawn of the church.

Coco-Nauts with April Birthdays include:

- 04th Josie McComb
- 10th Ruth Finn
- 20th Cheryle Quinn



BOATING SURVEY

To up-date our Roster and more successfully plan on-the-water activities, we need the following information. Mail it the address below; email to the address below; bring it to the March membership meeting. If you own a boat, PLEASE take time to complete this!

Your Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Your Boat Name: _____ () Sail () Power

Boat Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____

Where Your Boat is Stored: _____ Where You Normally Boat _____

Which are boating activities you enjoy:

- () Local day cruising () Bahamian cruising () Fishing, on-shore
() Fishing, off-shore () Anchoring out, daytime () Anchoring overnight
() Cruises to marinas () Water skiing/tubing
() Other, be specific _____

Mail or email to: P/C Duane Balkema, 830 S Banana River Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32952
balkemam@bellsouth.net



A great time was had at the "Meet the Bridge Chili Fiesta" at Manatee Park in Cape Canaveral. Eight different types of chili was served with all the fixings. Horseshoe and ring toss were the popular activities.

Eagle Harbour Cruise

29 & 30 April 2006

For a great weekend or day cruise, come to the Millner's and enjoy the Indian River. There is plenty of docking. The following activities are planned.

Come before noon on Saturday. Hot dogs, chips and all the goodies will be provided for lunch.

Games will be played in the afternoon or just socialize.

Happy hour will begin at 'anytime'.

For dinner, grills will be available for a cook out. Bring your meat and a dish to share. Barb will coordinate.

For boaters spending the night, we will be contacting you for details regarding breakfast plans.

Location: Proceed 5 miles south of the 520 or 6.25 miles north of the Pineda. Go east of Marker 86. The *Sea Eagle* will be monitoring VHF Ch. 16.

Please call ahead so Gene can make your dock reservations. You will be notified ahead of time for your assigned slip location.

For further information, call or e-mail Barb or Gene Millner: millnerg@mpinet.net or 452-0500. We hope to make this a really nice boating occasion.

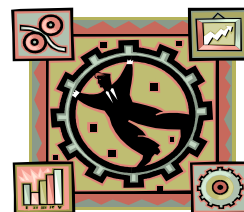


CO-OP CHARTING ON THE WEB

Following the fine presentation by Larry Carr last Tuesday's meeting, we had a conversation about available space on the web. He assured me space was no problem. So we will be creating an area for co-op charting articles. I have created two power point programs on geodetic markers and depth wiz which will appear on the web. I have other subject matters on CD created by other co-op charting chairmen or interested parties.

Reading thee programs will enable you to participate more fully in co-op charting endeavors and without having to attend seminars. After you see them, I would appreciate your feedback / input regarding whether the information is helpful.

Bob Schaefer,
CBPS and D23 Co-op Charting Chairman
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USPS BOAT INSURANCE UP-DATE

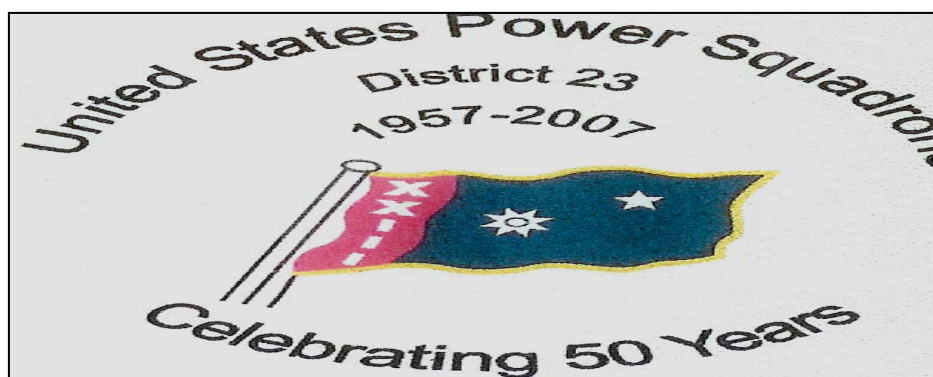
It has been confirmed that The St. Paul Insurance Company, which has been the underwriter for USPS boats for almost twenty years, is changing its coverage policy for boats as of March 1, 2006.

Specifically, as of that renewal notice date with policy effective dates of approximately May 1, 2006, all boats over 10 years of age in the coastal and adjacent counties of AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, and TX will be non-renewed. If your policy has already been renewed for 2006, your policy will remain in force until 2007.

In addition, no new business will be quoted in coastal and adjacent counties of AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, and TX if the boat is over 30 feet in length or if the hull value is greater than \$100,000.00.

This issue was discussed at great length with the national representative at the D23 Conference in Jacksonville. He stated that the national USPS organization is working with other underwriters to replace the coverage that is being cancelled, but at this time there is no final resolution. USPS national officers recognize what a major blow this is to the membership and is doing what they can to resolve the problem.

If your boat insurance is cancelled and you have no success with local insurance agents, the agency of McGriff, Seibels, and Williams, the original architects of the USPS Boat Insurance Program, encourages members to contact them at toll free (800) 763-USPS. They have some options available, are currently working on others, and are anxious to assist.



D 23 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN 2007

We are proud of our District and that it has achieved the milestone of 50 years. Ponce will be hosting the conference in the fall of 2007, where we will commemorate our 50th Anniversary. Ponce is introducing a special Outer Banks cotton white polo shirt for the occasion which can be ordered at any time. Three choices of styles will be offered: men's with a pocket, men's with out a pocket and ladies. The shirts will cost \$25.00 in sizes up to XL and \$2.00 more for any larger sizes.

Contact: P/C Elaine Reichart, AP- Chairman of Ponce's Committee for the Fall 2007 Conf.
E-Mail: smilie13@cfl.rr.com Ph: 386-424-0378

OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2006

Event	Date	Day	Contact	Notes
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	3/25	Sat	Duane Balkema 452-5892	Casual-Call contact if interested
*Sailboat Island raftup (North of Locks)	4/22	Sat	Chuck Horn (407)497-4940	Casual-Call contact
Millner's Eagle Harbor over night	4/29-30	Sat-Sun	Gene Millner 452-0500	Boaters only-make reservations
Blessing of the Fleet	5/27	Sat	Duane Balkema 452-5892	Bring VHF, assemble at 10:45 AM
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	6/24	Sat	Duane Balkema 452-5892	Casual-Call contact
Cocoa Fireworks raftup	7/4	Tue	Bud Miller 638-1247	Some will make it an overnight
*Sailboat Island (North of locks)	7/22	Sat	John Lynn 537-8438	Casual-Call contact
*Sailboat Island (North of Locks)	8/26	Sat	Chuck Horn	Casual-Call contact
St Johns River Cruise Astor to Springs	9/9-10	Sat/Sun	Open	Great trip for trailer boaters
Melbourne Harbor Cruise	10/20-22	Fri-Sun	John Lynn 537-8438	Make reservations enjoy shore power
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	10/28	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	11/25	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Casual-Call contact
Sunset Café Cruise	12/2	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Boaters & land bound can enjoy lunch
Participate in a Christmas Parade	12/16	Sat	Balkema 452-5892 Millner 452-0500	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	12/23	Sat	Charlie Dodds 7957882	Casual-Call contact
Samson Island Park off Grand Canal-Satellite Beach	1/20/07	Sat	Gene Millner 452-0500	Park has trails, tables dock & Portolets
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	1/27/07	Sat	Duane Balkema 452-5892	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup	2/24/07	Sat	Duane Balkema	Casual-Call contact

***Note: Ski & Sailboat Island every 4th Saturday are Casual & expected to be good fun talking boats & events. Call & advise if coming-will inform of any others planning on attending. Locations can be changed to satisfy those attending. The contact will have the info on changes. D. Balkema Chairman 452-5892**

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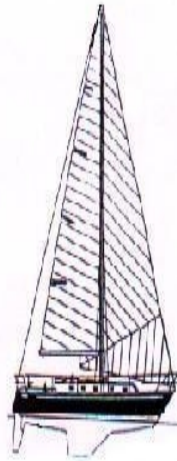
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