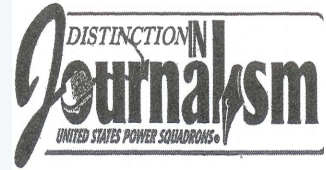




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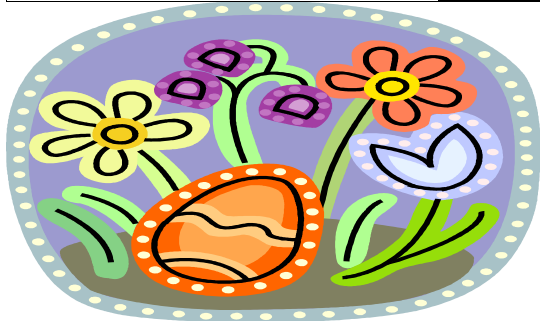
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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 3, 2007, @ 1900

Cocoa Civic Center

430 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa Village

OH NO! ROGUE WAVE!!!

Dr. George Maul, head of the Ocean Engineering and Oceanographic Section of Florida Tech in Melbourne, will discuss oceanographic research in offshore wave patterns, including the dreaded rogue wave. He will also list other research programs at Florida Tech, which include testing a silicone antifouling coating by which barnacles and marine growth strip off with a wipe of the cloth.

Attention on Deck

For those Squadron members who cruise Sykes Creek to and from the Barge Canal, need to be aware that the current construction on the Beachline (SR 528) and Sea Ray Drive Bridge/Overpass will result in a change to the opening width of the waterway below. The old bridge opening width was 38' 4", and the new width will be 29' 4". The vertical clearance will be the same. The construction is projected to be complete in April.

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AT THE HELM

Commander Mike Stone, P



As your new Commander, I am happy to report that the squadron is doing very well. Our Education Department headed by P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, is starting off strong with a Piloting class starting this month with many other courses to follow. The Vessel Safety Examination program is moving along rapidly with approximately 16 examiners doing the safety checks. All bridge and committee positions have been filled with enthusiastic and capable volunteers. The Entertainment Committee, chaired by P/C Susan Kneeland, SN, and Boating Activities Committee, co-chaired by Lt Denise Stone, P, and Lt Barbara Millner, S, have done an outstanding job in arranging a calendar of events that will prove exciting and a lot of fun for the members! The CBPS has had excellent leadership for many years. Those of us on the new Bridge are very fortunate to have such a strong foundation for us to build upon.

The first boating event of the year will be the Blessing of the Fleet on April 21st. The location for this event is Gene and Barbara Millner's house. Details are given in a flyer elsewhere in the Soundings. For the boat owners who do not plan to spend the night, I would encourage you to invite other CBPS members to accompany you on your boat for this event.

This year, CBPS will undergo some changes, all of which will allow us to grow, further our educational goals, and increase member participation. The first change will be in the requirement for prospective members to complete the Public Boating course as a prerequisite for membership. At the recent USPS National Conference in Jacksonville, members voted to eliminate this requirement for a three year trial period to facilitate getting new members into USPS.

The second change for CBPS is that we will be moving our general membership meetings back to the Brevard Veterans Center on Merritt Island effective with the May meeting. This action was approved by the Executive Board for several reasons. One reason was to reduce expenses. The Cocoa Civic Center was going to cost approximately \$900 annually and the Brevard Veterans Center will cost \$300 annually. The second reason was that the Cocoa Civic Center was becoming too small for our needs, especially if we are to anticipate an increase in attendance due to the changes in membership requirements. As a side note, last year the Gainesville Power Squadron had already waived the requirement to complete the public boating course prior to becoming a member and they received an award for the most growth in membership (25%) in District 23. Thirdly, the Veterans Center is larger and for most of the membership more conveniently located.

CPBS had another first this year. P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN, and P/C Susan Kneeland, SN, both received their 25th merit marks to achieve life membership in USPS. They were honored both by the USPS Women's Auxiliary and USPS during the last National Conference in Jacksonville. This is especially noteworthy in that women were not allowed to be members until Fall of 1982. Susan and Mary Jane were among the first women to become members and also 2 of 13 women to achieve life membership this year. When you see them, congratulate them on their fine achievement.

CBPS should have a really enjoyable and exciting year. This can only be accomplished through your support and participation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S



Hopefully, at the next General Membership meeting on 3 April, I will report the results of an Executive Staff Working Session that reviewed the staff's responsibilities and status of same, and identified areas or functions that potentially offer opportunities to improve. Once again, I solicit the membership to submit any suggestions/recommendations that you may feel needs consideration for implementation.

As a reminder the Harbortown Flea Market and Boat Show will take place within the next month, on 14 & 15 April. Please contact Lt George Guerrero or P/C Larry Hatfield, SN and offer to help with manning the Squadron's booth for a two hour period on either Saturday or Sunday. All that is expected, is that you provide information to interested persons, pass on the "good words" as to what the CBPS has to offer, and hopefully get one's interest for participating in Boat Smart and becoming a member. While there, you will have an opportunity to partake in the offerings of the various vendors, etc. Normally, this is an enjoyable time to include as part of your weekend schedule.

Its that time of the year to get your boat ready for the active season. In doing so, please, if you haven't already done so, contact Lt Charlie Dodds, SN or other Squadron Examiners to schedule a 2007 Vessel Safety Examination. Let your Insurance company know you have this certificate and get a potential discount allowance. In case you're wondering if "Thee Holy Moly" been examined for 2007, the answer is yes. The Examiners are manning the phones waiting for your request to provide a recognized safety check of your vessel. Isn't that what we're all about.....,Boating Safely?

SEO REPORT

P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN



I am wearing a new hat this year and serving as your new SEO. I am pleased to be taking over this position but wonder if I can ever keep up with my predecessor, P/D/C Fred Adam, SN. Although I lack his experience and skills, I do share his enthusiasm for the great educational opportunities that we can offer as members of USPS. I have spent the last few days lining up instructors and creating a tentative schedule of classes to be taught during CBPS's 40th Year!

We will begin with a ten-week Piloting Course on 19 March at 1900 at Wuesthoff Hospital. The books have been ordered but anyone who still wants to join may do so. Contact me immediately (321-267-2689) and I'll order your books.

On 16 May we will teach our spring Boat Smart Course at Cape Canaveral Hospital under the administration of P/C John Mulkey, P. This is currently the only class we present to the public and members are needed to teach and proctor.

In June we have two exciting courses scheduled. Sail will be taught by Lt. Thomas Schrader, AP, beginning on 11 June. On 20 June, Lt James O'Malley, AP, will begin Advanced Piloting.

Other courses planned for this year include: Engine Maintenance taught by Lt. Gene Millner, AP; Weather taught by P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN; Seamanship taught by Lt. Robert Goldstein, AP and Lt. Adrienne Goldstein, S; and Instructor Development taught by Lt. Dee Neve, S.

As you can see, we have an ambitious line-up of courses and now we need an enthusiastic group of students. Please join us!

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Joe Derrico, P



Happy Spring Everybody!!

Will you help us reach our goal? We would like to have a net increase of 5% of our current membership. That translates into about 15 to 17 new members. If each of you talk to the boaters around your dock and the many boaters you meet along the way, of the benefits derived from membership in “America’s Boating Club” it will be a WIN-WIN situation.

The benefits to membership are numerous. Let’s list a few:

- 1) Education (boat handling and safety).**
- 2) Continuing Education (you know of the many courses).**
- 3) Insurance discounts for advance courses.**
- 4) Networking with local squadron members and other throughout the USA.**
- 5) Port Captain Program to assist boaters when they need help or to provide information (Ask our own Gene Millner about Program).**
- 6) Fellowship and social activities (both on and off the water).**
- 7) Discounts on merchandise, mapping information, computers, Boat U.S., Long term care insurance, and More.**
- 8) Community and Civic service through Cooperative Charting and Boat safety inspections.**
- 9) The “Ensign” Magazine.**

We have a great organization. Let us keep it going, help us meet our goal, and bring in a new member.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lt/C Kynric M. Pell, P



When I was first approached regarding the secretary’s position, I was reluctant to serve because I do not know very many Squadron members. I had no idea of the duties involved in the position. In spite of these reservations, I agreed to serve in order to pay back the support that I have received from so many members, the wonderful fellowship engendered by the Squadron, the excellent courses I have been able to take the past few years, and the exciting opportunity to help Commander Stone and the new team during the year.

In the past few weeks as I have learned of the breadth of duties that are involved in the Secretary’s office, I have come to a greater appreciation for the volunteers that work in diverse ways to make the Squadron such a success. During the next few months I will be asking the team to help me write brief descriptions of their activities for inclusion in these reports.

I am looking forward to “The Year of the Boat” with great anticipation!



COCO-NAUTS CORNER

Carmen Adame, President

As the new officers begin their year, they look forward to welcoming new faces and members to the monthly meetings. Many programs have been planned which will inform and entertain all who attend. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, except in the summer months. On Wednesday, April 11, the members will gather at St. David's by the Sea Episcopal Church at 11:30 a.m. to hear Lt. Denise Stone discuss First Aid Kits for Ship and/or Shore. Bring a brown bag lunch; desserts and drinks will be provided.

At the USPS Annual meeting in Jacksonville, FL, the National Auxiliary Advisory Committee for attaining a Life Member Award honored two CBPS Coco-Naut members. They were P/C Susan Kneeland, SN and P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN. They were two of fourteen, nationally, along with P/D/Lt Clara Ross, JN, from Banana River PS, who attained 25 Merit Marks and the first women to be so honored. The Auxiliary Committee held a champagne reception and National will place a plaque with their names in National Headquarters, Raleigh, NC to mark this honor.

Member P/D/P Helen Yagerhoffer (SN) will be retiring as a grader for the National Navigation Committee. She is the last paid grader for this committee and so ends an era for exam grading. Good Work, Helen.

Auxiliary members contribute in many areas in the Squadron, District and National levels of service to USPS. Come and meet the movers and shakers at our next meeting.

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Squadron members, Auxiliary members and friends,

Thanks you for your prayers, cards and support during this sad time. My mother enjoyed her time with the Squadron both at meetings and socials. She liked being around people and food. Our family was comforted by your support.

Carmen & Fred Adame

ANNUAL HARBORTOWN “FLEA MARKET & BOAT SHOW

The annual Harbortown Marina “Marine Flea Market & Boat Show “ will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 14th & 15th. As in the past, the Squadron will maintain a booth to promote Squadron activities and provide boat inspections. Members will be needed to man the booth and provide boat inspections. A sign-up sheet will be available at our next Squadron General Membership meeting on Tuesday, 3 April for members to volunteer and help out. This is a great event to promote our Squadron and to look and buy boat stuff. Point of contact for the event is Lt George Guerrero, 783-4940.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

March:

- 23 to 25 - Fri/Sun, USPS D23 2007 Spring Conference, Altamonte Springs Holiday Inn**
- 27 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 31 - Saturday, 1200 - 1500, Meet the Bridge Picnic, Kiwanis Park**

April:

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 11 - Wednesday, 1130, Cocoa-Nauts' Luncheon, St. Davids by the Sea Episcopal Church**
- 14 & 15 - Sat & Sun, Harbortown Marina's Marine Flea Market & Boat Show**
- 21 & 22 - Sat (Sun), 1130 - 1400, Blessing of the Fleet Cruise, Millner's Estate/Marina**
- 24 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

May:

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center**
- 02 - Wednesday, 0900, Blood Donations, Florida Blood Center, Rt. 1 Rockledge**
- 09 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Luncheon**
- 12 - Saturday, District 23 Picnic, Rendezvous & Council, Titusville (SPS)**
- 16 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Course starts, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 19 - 25, Sat to Sat, National Safe Boating Week**
- 22 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 26 - 27, Sat/Sun, Chart House & Melbourne Harbor Cruise**

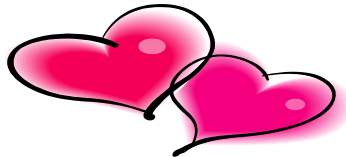
CBPS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available.

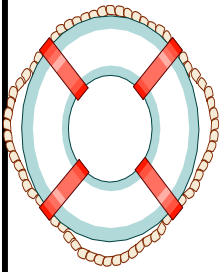
Members are also invited to meet for a casual get together at Murdock's in Cocoa Village on Friday afternoons.

OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2007-2008

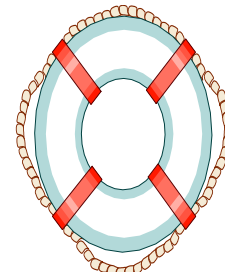
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| April 21 st -22 nd | Saturday-Sunday | Blessing of the Fleet Cruise |
| May 26 th -27 th | Saturday-Sunday | Melbourne Harbor Cruise |
| July 14 th | Saturday | Sunset Café Lunch Cruise |
| September 15 th - 16 th | Saturday-Sunday | CBPS 40th Anniversary Cruise Eau Gallie Yacht Club |
| November 9 th -11 th | Friday-Sunday | Cocoa Village Marina Cruise |
| January 26 th | Saturday | Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island |

THE NEXT BLOOD DONOR DRIVE IS MAY 2ND, 0900 AT THE FLORIDA BLOOD CENTER ON RTE. 1, IN ROCKLEDGE





Blessing of the Fleet



Date: April 21, 2007

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: The Millners' Dock at
3665 S. Tropical Trail on Merritt Island if by car, and
Marker 86 if coming by boat

The Blessing will begin at 11:30. It's to be followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch which will be eaten outside. This part of the day is for ALL squadron members whether arriving by car or boat and will last until 2:00 PM. Don't forget chairs!



If coming 'By Land' the Millners' home is located 5 miles south of SR 520 and 6 miles north of the Pineda Causeway. (To avoid being blocked in, park off the pavement along S. Tropical Trail).

'By Sea' travelers head due East from the Intracoastal marker #86. Monitor VHF channel 72 as you approach and also during the Blessing. We'd like to have boats arrive by 11:15 so they can get lined up and ready to pass by the south dock where the minister will be standing. After the Blessing has been completed, we need to have the boats that are planning to stay overnight dock first so they won't have to move for ones that will be leaving after the picnic. Please do not dock until you have been given a slip assignment. There is plenty of dock space and plenty of room to anchor out if that is what you choose to do, but please give Gene Millner a call at 452-0500 ahead of time so he can make a docking plan. A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting.



Following the picnic lunch, those who come by boat are invited to stay for a dinner cookout, and if possible, to stay on your boat overnight at the docks. We've always followed the overnight with a breakfast for the boaters in the morning. The dinner cookout and breakfast are covered dish events, and we need to coordinate our food items. For the dinner bring your meat to cook, your drinks, and a covered dish. Sign up sheets will be available at the Power Squadron meeting. If you are planning to stay overnight but can't attend the meeting, please call Barbara Millner at 452-0500 or Denise Stone at 453-5807 to sign up.



Note: This is our first official boating event with our new officers. We want to make this a year to get out and use our boats!! We encourage all of you to attend this function. Mark your calendars! See you there!



GALAXY 23

From the District Bridge

**Donald C. Clark, JN
Commander**

Well, finally the day has arrived for me to take leadership of District 23. I welcome this challenging opportunity. I would like to say thank you to Les Tribout for his service to the District for the past year and to his lovely wife Ev, who I know was a big part in his success in 2006 and has been our special friend. Also, many thanks to the 2006 D-23 Bridge and outgoing D-23 Squadron Commanders and Squadron Bridges of 2006.

It is time now to execute a new course as we move from the Change of Watch into the new district year 2007.

There are several priorities which I place on the course we shall take. This year, I want to place emphasis on the Squadron Commander teaming with the District Commander and bridge. The Squadron Commander is the key to the success of USPS and, as such, I plan to challenge these commanders to be the best they can be and look for opportunities to move the district ahead. Leadership is the key. Accordingly, I expect D-23 to be the top district in Education, VSC, Co-op Charting, PR, Membership and Membership Involvement, Awards and Sea Scout Activities. I have planned for the whole district to take a more active role in District 23 execution of our goals for 2007. I place priority on communication and will be in direct electric communication with each member through my newsletter "Commander's Notes" which will communicate information directly to the members from National. You will also continue to receive "Galaxy 23" through your squadron newsletter from myself and members of the district bridge each month.

I remain steadfast on USPS tradition, esprit, protocol, and uniforms unless changed by the USPS as a whole, but I am looking for "out of the box" thinking and activity on membership and involvement. I support the idea of taking a look at new and different ways of growing the organization, including suspension of test requirements for membership. There are other productive ideas. Harris Chain, for instance, is doing some interesting things that seem to be working in the membership arena. One is inviting boating course attendees and other desirable non-members to squadron activities, including the speaker's program at Membership Meetings. Some of these things are not new, but they must be enthusiastically executed. The Sea Scouts are a partner with USPS and, as such Gainesville will be the first in the district to partner by launching a local Sea Scout Ship. What a great way to recruit and pipeline future members! Look for encouragement from me on getting involved in this way. I applaud any squadron that can top Harris Chain and Gainesville in membership this year. I know all of our squadrons are up to the challenge.

To help, I will attend at least two of your Membership Meetings or other activities with at least two of my bridge officers. We will be there for your input and to share our acquired knowledge and provide program information and assistance. We want those who don't normally come to District 23 activities to know the D-23 mission and how we relate to the squadron. Remember, as I do, that we at district are only as successful as our squadron members who support us through strong squadron participation and accomplishment.

First 25th Merit Mark Award to Women Members

On 23 February 2007, at the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, P/C Susan Kneeland, SN, and P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN, were awarded Life Membership for “having earned 25 Merit Marks for meritorious service given unstintingly and unselfishly in the interests of our organization.” Ernest G. Marshburn, Chief Commander, presented certificates to the men and women receiving Life Membership. This was a unique ceremony because it was also the celebration of 25 years of women members and the first year that any woman could have received her 25th merit mark award.

At the USPS 1982 Fall Governing Board in San Antonio, the members of USPS voted to delete the word “male” from the organization’s by-laws thus opening the way for membership for women.

At that time, membership in USPS was by invitation only and P/R/C Richard Schnoor invited both women to membership in Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. All the women, across the nation, who had been invited into membership were issued membership on the same day in November of 1982 so that no one woman could say she was the “first”. Both Jane and Susan earned a merit mark that very first year of 1982 between their membership date in November and the end of the calendar year. They continued to earn a merit mark each year for 24 more years thus placing them in a select group of 13 women who were eligible to receive Life Membership by having earned their 25th merit mark in 2006.

Congratulations to both women for their dedication and contributions to CBPS, District 23 and USPS. Their names will be added to the list of Life Members on the inside cover of our CBPS roster.

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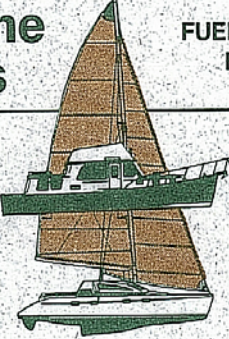
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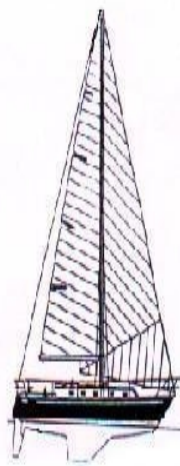


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