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AT THE HELM

Commander Kermit Forbers, P



Susan & I look forward to the year ahead. We want the best for the squadron and the members. If anyone has any suggestions, please don't hesitate to pass them on to us or any of the members of the bridge.

We are working to refine the budget for 2011, and as always our primary objective is to provide quality, safe boating education to the public. The Budget/Finance committee has met and should have a budget to present very soon.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers for 2011.

I hope that everyone can set aside time to come to the "meet the bridge" picnic on April 9. Show all of our volunteers that you appreciate what they are doing.

Duane Balkema has planned a local blessing of the fleet in May, we hope that all members with boats can come out and have their boats blessed.

We look forward to seeing you on the Banana River, Indian River, or at our house during the upcoming year.

Have a safe and enjoyable boating season,



Members Mark Anderson, AP, and wife Michele Anderson, AP, on their Blue Dolphin touring Sykes Creek for Eco–Festival held 02-19-11! See related article on pg. 4.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



.April, and hopefully, warmer weather are upcoming.

As usual in April, we will be present at the Harbor Marina Flee Market on Saturday April 2^{nd} and Sunday April 3^{rd} . We still need volunteers to set up our tent on Friday afternoon as well as represent us at the booth on Saturday and Sunday. Our goal is 3-fold:

- -Sign up recruits for the next Boating class
- -Sign up boats for VSC (Vessel Safety Checks)
- -Sign up new Members.

We intend to be present at the Coastal Anglers Magazine event on May 7^{th} at Boater's World on US1 in order to promote the above goals and again will need volunteers.

The next VSC activity will be on Saturday April 23rd at Kelly Park from 8AM to Noon. VSC Examiners, please call Lance VandeBerg at 452-2514 with a time slot.

I hope to be back from a trip to be at the harbor Marina Flee Market on Sunday April 3rd and will fully participate in the May 7th event.

ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICER P/C Lance H. Vandeberg, P



Welcome to our new member, Bob Brown. Bob owns a sailboat that use to belong to Ed Kydd, and he was a former member of the Orlando Squadron.

Saturday, March 5th twenty five members met at the Sunset Café in Cocoa Beach for lunch. Duane Balkema and Kermit Forbes both came by boat.

We will have a "Meet the Bridge" picnic on April 9th at Lee Wenner Park. Cost is \$5 and bring a dish to share. Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverage will be provided.

May 12th will be the "Planetarium" event at BCC with the IMAX movie on the "Rain Forest". Cost will be \$12 per person and everyone is asked to bring a finger food.

The next boating event will be held on Saturday April 16th. It will be a cruise and picnic lunch to Ski Island. Please RSVP to Doug Bisset 208-7557.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER P/C John F. Mulkey, AP



One of the best ways we have to sign up new members is after they have passed our Public Boating Course. To encourage people to take a class we have used ads in Florida Today and their public service announcements. For the past several years we have gotten the most students signed up at the CFFW Flea Market at Harbortown Marina. This year's Flea Market will be held April 2 & 3, 2011 and we are in need of volunteers to man the tent.

This year we have also been invited to participate in the Coastal Angler Magazine Boating and Fishing Expo to be held at Boaters Exchange on May 7, 2011. Anyone want to help at either event, please call me at 633-0094.

To put on our public boating classes we need instructors. This would require you to either have a teaching certificate or to pass our Instructor Development Class. Fred Adame and I are planning a ID Class which will be held at Wuesthoff Hospital on Monday evenings in May, 2011. Please call me if you are interested.

ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICER LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Please update your Roster:

Welcome to new member
Robert A. Brown E137638
115 Indian River Drive, Unit 225

Cocoa, FL 32922 Phone: 321-432-9621

Spouse: Janice

Boat: 30 ft. sail, "Aldebaran II"

On Saturday 19 February 2011, it was a great surprise to look out the window to the canal behind our home, and see the Anderson's "Blue Dolphine" cruising by. Mark & Michelle participated with Brevard County Parks & Recreation, and Friends of Ulumay, who hosted Sykes Creek Adventures at Kiwanis Island Park that day. I'm sure Mark was able to show his passengers quite a few manatees that day. It's almost a common occurrence every day to see at least 4 or more manatees playing in the canal. The most we have seen at one time is 13, a few years ago. It was quite exciting to watch the parade as they came down the canal. We have never seen anything quite like that since. (We told our friends, visiting from Flagler Beach, we invited the manatees just for them to watch. What a day!) See pg 2 for the Blue Dolphin picture!

Coco-Nauts Corner President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts had their monthly meeting at Marge Balkema's home on March 9th, the same day that the Discovery STS-133 made it's last re-entry to earth. We heard the twin booms, but failed to get a glimpse of it!

Our next meeting will be at Joan Montfort's home in Canaveral Groves. She will be feeding us hot dogs, and Doris Valentine will take care of the accompanying items. I also volunteered to bring some chili, in case you may want a chili dog! Please call Joan (321-637-0968) ahead of time, if you plan to attend. Her address is 500 Fan Palm Ave. Cocoa, FL 32927. You can obtain directions via Google Maps or Mapquest if you have access to a computer. If you are interested in carpooling with someone, give me (321-454-3171) or Doris (321-452-1835) a call and we will see what we can do to arrange for you to ride with someone, or have someone ride with you!

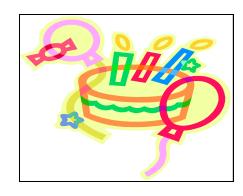
Doris will be searching for a park for us to have a Saturday meeting in September, so our working members can attend. Particulars will be announced at a later date. We are trying very hard, to make our meetings have more pizzazz!

Hope to see you at the Meet the Bridge picnic on April 9th. Marge Balkema is going to make a Easter Basket to raffle for the Cocoa-Nauts!

April Birthdays

22 - Rhoda Bernbaum

25 - Maryann Infusino





D23 GALAXY D/LT/C Jim DePalma, SN Executive Officer

Our new Watch year is going to be a busy one. As we learned at our National Meeting USPS has a very active role in working with the USCG auxiliary as well as Homeland Security. District 23 is very well positioned and suited for this job and I'm sure our assistance will be most welcome and very well received by both Agencies. As a matter of fact, there is simply no other volunteer organization with the training and ability to provide this assistance.

D/C Becker has recently appointed Bruce Perri to the position of District Liaison Officer for Homeland Security as well as USCG Auxiliary. We are particularly fortunate in having Bruce since he has this exact job in the USCG Aux. of which he is a member as well. I'm sure each of our squadrons will have many opportunities to interface with him. The first activity this year will be directed to the inland lakes and rivers in our area. I would expect our squadrons in Gainesville, Ocala, Harris Chain and Central Florida will have significant roles to play as this program gets underway. While at National, I met with the USCG person who is creating this activity as well as the commodore of USCGA who is responsible for implementing it. They both assured me that a proper reception would be given to our members as the schedule is developed.

This year will also bring a higher level of activity in our education programs. Just speaking to the USCG and USCGA people at National it became pretty clear that our educational materials and our instructor staff are second to none. I believe we will be approached by their folks asking to join our courses. An education program should be presented to your nearby Flotilla to make them aware of what's in our curriculum

Our own activities will be kicked off with our Picnic at Titusville on May 7. After our breakfast Council meeting at La Cita CC we'll go on to the Cardboard Boat Race and then the picnic. WOW... a fun day for all. In the Fall we'll renew the Neptune Festival in Melbourne which was so well received in the past.

District and Squadron PR is even more important this year. We have a lot of activities that are timely and interesting. If we can get the word out, I'm believe we can have a record number of new members this year. I think our message is a winner.

As you can see, we have a lot to do. Fortunately, we have the people wanting to do it.





March 2011

23 - Wednesday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Location TBD

April 2011

- 605 Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 🏲 09 Saturday, 1130 Meet the Bridge Picnic, Lee Wenner Park, Cocoa Village
- **► 13 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Mtg./Luncheon, (Joan Montfort's house)**
- 16 Saturday, Cruise to Water Ski Island
- 23 Saturday, 0800-1200, VSC at Kelly Pary
- 28 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

May 2011

- ₹ 03 Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 207 Saturday, Titusville Picnic/District Cardboard boat race
- 11 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Merritt Island Moose Lodge
- 12 Thursday, 1800 Meet Us at the Planetarium
- 21 Saturday, Blessing of the Fleet
- **₹ 26 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

CBSPS 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

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April Boating Report, P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

Greetings! We had a sunny, windy day for our "Cruise to Sunset Café" with 25 attending, including Forbes & Balkema each by boat. Our next event, "Cruise to Water Ski Island & Eats Over An Open Fire" is scheduled for April 16, 2011, Saturday at 12:30. Doug Bisset at 208-7557 will organize and promote this event. Looking forward to a good turnout of members.

Following that in May is the District 23 Titusville Corn Roast Event with Cardboard Boat Race. It is taken very very serious by some builders. This year I hear of no boatbuilders from CBSPS, but it's a hoot to go watch the determination at the races. In the past our own Lawyer, Bob Shafer, has had some argument with the organizers over fairness issues with the race. We have had two fine hand-built craft racing in past years. Each was a totally unique design. The other May event will be the "Blessing of the Fleet" now in the planning stages. I pitched at the Port Canaveral Commissioners meeting Wednesday, asking them to consider sponsoring us and when there, also met with Lt Cliff Harder, U.S. Coast Guard about leading our Blessing.

My Sea Ray Sedan Bridge SRV 310 Project #5 March 7th on A Banana River cruise south to Bird Island, all went well until we docked back at the house & maneuvered onto the lift. As I turned off the engines I found the bilge pump was a pumping water. Up with the hatch and I could see a hose leak at the Raw Water Pump below waterline was letting water into the bilge. I must check out this problem. Note to self, "Must install a bilge high water alarm." There are two points of interest I mention, that boats sink from bad internal components or connections and boat engines overheat often with cooling water problems. During a CB Christmas Parade the High Water Alarm I had on a previous owned Pacemaker probably kept 10 guests dry one cold night when the boat developed a cooling system leak.

See the entire year of boating events on page 9 of this publication!

BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 13 April 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





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	CBSPS BOATING SCHEDULE 2011
March 5, Saturday	Cruise to Sunset Café, Lunch, 11:30, Eat off the Menu, Plenty of dock space
April 16, Saturday	Cruise to Water Ski Island near the Locks, Eat at 12:30, Fire provided to cook on. Call Doug Bissett 208-7557
May 7, Saturday	Cruise to/watch District Cardboard Boat RaceTitusville Event
May 21, Saturday	"Blessing of Fleet" starting Boating Safety Week
June 25, Saturday	Cruise to Mathers Bridge anchorage area for raft-up, overnight and return
July 4, Monday	Cruise to Cocoa Beach Fireworks, anchor off Sunset Café
August 4, Thursday	Summer Sunset Cruise on the Dolphin, see bioluminescence
Aug 20, Saturday	Cruise N on Indian River to Old Florida Seafood Grill
Sept 24, Saturday	Treasure Hunt in Cocoa Beach Canals, meet South of 520 Bridge @ 1:00 PM, PRIZES
Oct TBD	Cruise to/Raft-up to watch Cocoa Beach Air Show

Oct 29, Saturday Scott Sievers "Fishing Trip to Thousand Islands"

Nov <u>26</u>, Saturday Cruise S to Captain Hirams, and overnight

Dec 10, Saturday Cruise to & Watch Cocoa Beach Christmas Parade--

Anchor South of Sunset Café

Jan 21, Saturday Cruise to Bird Island S on Banana River & Overnight

If an event is not planned for the 4th Saturday, call P/C Duane Balkema, Boating Chairman at: 452-5892 and talk to me, Lets meet out on the water and have an impromptu event. Our beautiful waters are to be enjoyed.

CBSPS Photo Gallery COW 26 February 2011

























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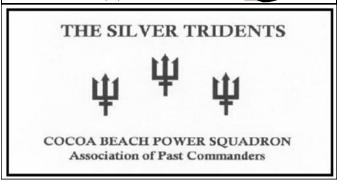




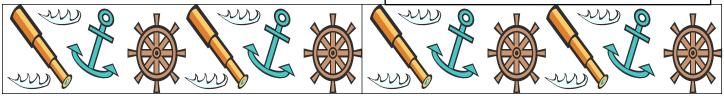




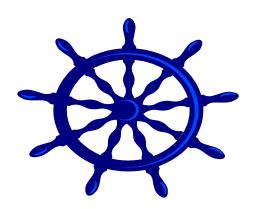








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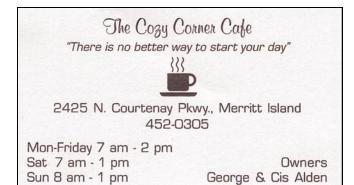
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