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## Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 03 April, 2012 @ 1900**  
**Brevard Veteran's Center**  
**400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL**

## Attention on Deck

**Kate Cunningham, with American Heart Association, will be our April speaker, and will perform a CPR and First Aid Demonstration.**

**Please check the calendar of events in this issue for event date changes, if you have previously printed them from last month's issue.**

## NOTICE OF BY-LAWS UPDATE

**The CBSPS by-laws are being updated to reflect past amendments to the USPS by-laws. The changes follow the latest "Model By-laws" published by the National Rules Committee, have been given informal review by a representative of the National Rules Committee and have been approved for proposal to the general membership by the CBSPS Executive Committee. The revised by-laws will be available for review by the membership at the April and May regular business meetings and a vote will be taken at the May meeting on their adoption.**

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# AT THE HELM

**Cmdr. Lance H. VandeBerg, P**



I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year as commander of our squadron for the second time. I will do my best to keep everyone informed of the upcoming events and activities for the coming year. I am grateful for a great team of people making up our Executive Committee/ Chairs that are enthusiastic about our squadron and help keep us on course. I am very grateful for all the strong friendships I have acquired over the past few years as I have been involved with the various activities of the squadron. This has truly been a blessing and I treasure every one of you.

I also look forward to a great year with many new members getting involved, the educational opportunities we offer, the public service we provide through our vessel safety inspections program and the general membership meetings with informative speakers every month. Some of the other social activities to keep in mind are our D23 conferences, Meet the Bridge, Harbor town flea market, Relay for life cancer walk, the Planetarium, the Sykes Creek Pkwy roadway clean-up, numerous boating events, the Blessing of the Fleet, Italian night, and our Chile cook off. This year we will be adding a Space Center tour.

## Relay For Life Cancer Walk

Mark your calendars for April 28, 2012 which is the date for the Cocoa Village Relay for Life Cancer Walk that will be in the Riverfront Park and starts at 2:00 PM. The Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron is formally entering a Team to participate. Last year we participated on an informal basis but still was able to raise \$500. This year our goal is \$1,000 of which \$200 has already been contributed.

The Squadron will have a booth set up to promote our boating safety programs which we did not do last year. Members will be asked to sign up, join our team, and contribute to achieving our goal at the March and April meetings. This is a fun event. It is called a Walk and many do. There is no set limit to the number of times around. That is entirely up to the individual as some just sit on a bench, watch others, visit the other booths or just enjoy the nice weather.

I volunteered to serve as Team Captain as three of the four members of my family consisting of my sister, father and myself all have had Cancer. Only my sister and I have survived it. I am living proof that there are treatments to combat this dreaded disease. Programs such as the Relay for Life Walk do help raise the funds to continue the fight for a cure.

Please call me at 638-1247 if you have any questions or need additional information.

**P/C Bud Miller, JN**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
P/C J. P. Longway, III, P**



Since the Change of Watch, held on 25 February, the Executive Staff has continued to carry out their various duties. During the month of March, the staff members met for a working session to make decisions for some near term events, but most importantly to collectively gain a better understanding and appreciation of each position's responsibilities, expectations and their status. As a result, we'll be able to identify potential opportunities to improve and make things that we do, to be more effective and successful in meeting set objectives & goals that are responsive to the needs of the membership and the community.

One of our Public Relations endeavors is to periodically clean-up our Keep Brevard Beautiful designated roadway from SR 520 south to the Veterans Memorial Center entrance. This was recently accomplished on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, with P/C Kermit, Forbes, P, leading the charge of a dozen volunteers.

Once again, Lt George Guerrero, S ,facilitated the establishment ,and manning of the Squadron's booth at the Annual Central Florida Waterways Boat & Flea Market at Harbortown Marina on March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. The numbers are not readily available at press time, but in the past this event always identifies a number of persons interested in signing up for an ABC Boating Course, as well as Vessel Safety Checks. In addition, as a result of an invitation provided by March's guest speaker Matt Culver from Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office, we will take advantage of setting our booth up at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Space Coast Boating & Water Fest gathering at Kiwanis Island Park on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping at this event, please contact George or me.

As for The Vessel Safety Check Program, we realize this is a very important part of safe boating, in addition to providing the educational wherewithal to operate/navigate one's vessel. We must have more certified examiners, as well as the ability to identify more opportunities to inspect vessels. If you, ("member looking to give back"), want to volunteer to help the Squadron achieve its mission of ensuring safe boating throughout our community, then please contact P/C Forbes, P, or myself.

Finally, the Executive Staff encourages all members who may have a recommendation/ suggestion to please advise either the relevant chairperson or me, so that we may give it proper consideration.



*Spring*



## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

### **LT/C Robert Rutigliano**



**Our next General Membership meeting will be on April 3rd. at the Veterans Center. The speaker will be Kate Cunningham from the American Heart Assoc. She will do a demonstration on CPR / First aid. Good information for everyone, especially boaters. Don't miss out.**

**March 3rd. was our cruise to Lee Wenner Park for a raft up, lunch and friendly conversation. Four boats and 13 members and guests attended. To spite the southwesterly winds and choppy waters, it turned out to be a fun get together. Thanks to our Boating chairman, P/C Duane Balkema , AP for a fun filled event.**

**Our "Meet the Bridge" Picnic will be March 31st. Please contact P/C Jay Longway, P, or Lt Doris Valentine so they know how many people will be there. Bring your guests. Thanks to the Entertainment Committee for putting this event together.**

**Our next Executive committee meeting will be on the 19th of April. The April meeting was moved to the 3rd. Thursday of the month so as not to interfere with the Planetarium event.**

**We have two events scheduled in April. Harbor Town Marina Flea Market, and the Planetarium. Those able to man the Squadron Booth at Harbor Town should contact Lt George Guerrero, S, if you missed the signup sheet at the March Meeting.**

**The Boating Committee Chairman, P/C Duane Balkema, P, has put together an impressive list of "On The Water" events. Anyone wishing to attend these events, but don't have a boat, can contact Duane, LT Bob Brown, P, our Assistant Administrative officer, or myself and we will arrange rides.**

**We are looking into having a Sail Boat event of some type in the future, that deep draft vessels can participate in. A signup sheet was placed on the table at the March general meeting. If you missed it, call or e-mail Duane, Lt Bob Brown, P, or myself with boat length and draft. At this point, we are looking for ideas, and to see, just how much interest there is. Of course all boats will be welcome. This is your chance, Sail Boat Owners. Let us know what you think.**

**Lt Bob Brown, P has suggested that any sail boaters, who want to attend the boating events, but have not done so in the past, due to boat draft, either anchor out, and use a dingy to come ashore. Also, you may call Duane, or, myself, and we will arrange, for someone, to pick you up at your anchorage. We would like to see as many members as possible attend all our events and hope this suggestion may help our sail boat owners to do so. See you on the water**

## SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

**LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN**



Both Piloting and Navigation courses are progressing well and we will soon have better educated members, one of the Power Squadrons goals.

Lt Dennis Peterson, N, has agreed to teach the AP (Advance Piloting) class this fall. We should have quite a few students attending as, according to the Roster, 22 of our Squadron's members already have the P grade, required to take AP, and we expect the 6 members taking P now will succeed.

Other courses which have been requested in the past were Weather and Engine Maintenance. As you might know, we need at least 5 students to put a course together. We will contact the adjacent Squadrons to get above that number, if necessary, as we did for N. So, please let P/C John Mulkey, AP, or I know which courses you are interested in.

For the general public, P/C John Mulkey, AP, will teach our first of three ABC3 Public Boating Courses on April 21 & 28 at the CCH (Cape Canaveral Hospital). As usual, we will recruit students at the Harbortown Marina Flea Market on March 24 & 25, but also at our other tent events such as the Cancer Walk at Lee Wenner on April 28.

We are studying the implementation of a new program with the Seminars offered by USPS. This would be another tool to recruit new members. However, we need volunteers to Chair this effort and present those subjects. There are presently 23 Seminars available; the list is at [www.usps.org/eddept/seminars](http://www.usps.org/eddept/seminars). Please take a look and see if one is in your area of expertise. For example, a Radio buff could do "Using VHF and VHF/DSC Radio" or a Sailor could do "Sail Trim and Rig Tuning", you get the picture.

## SECRETARY

**LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P**



We had a very successful "Going Out of Business Sale" with the remaining Ship's Store merchandise at the March General Meeting. Thanks for supporting the Ship's Store for many years.

We still have a few things left:

3 Burgee's (new)

3 Ensign's (new)

1 Sm. man's white uniform short sleeve shirt

5 CBPS sew on blue patches (for shirts or jackets)

CBPS License Plates

These items will be at the April General Meeting one more time.

I will try to have information for members on how & where you can order your own shirts, hats, etc.

Please add this change to your Roster.

Robert Rutigliano Cell Phone # 321-514-0753



**Coco-Nauts Corner**  
**President, Lt Doris Valentine**

First, for those who don't know, we lost a very dear member, of the Coco-Nauts this month. Barbara Bakmazian passed away suddenly on March 9<sup>th</sup>. She had been an active member of the Squadron for many years, along with her husband, Leon , and a long-standing member of the Coco-Nauts as well. She will be missed by all.

We had our monthly meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Tiki Grill, with 19 members in attendance, and 4 of our newest were sworn in by Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P. We discussed our forthcoming fund raising event to be held in October. It will be a games/card luncheon party. As soon as, we have everything in place, the details will be announced to the Squadron.

Our next meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge on Merritt Island starting at 11:30. You can either bring lunch, or order from their tasty menu. We are fortunate in getting a speaker from the Brevard County Historical Society, who will be discussing the history of our area from the 1800's. He does these lectures regularly, and since it will be such an interesting subject, all the husbands are also invited too. I urge all members to attend !!!!!

Happy Birthday to one of our newest members Diane Schommer, who will celebrate on April 20th!!!!!!

**April Birthdays**

22- Rhoda Bernbaum  
 25 - Maryann Infusino



## 2012 CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

### March

- 03 - Saturday, Cruise to Lee Wenner Park, Cocoa, Fl
- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 07- Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Island Tiki Grill
- 22 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 23 - 25 Friday - Sunday, D23 Spring Conference and COW
- 24 - 25, Saturday and Sunday, 0800 - 1600 Harbortown Boat/Flea Market
- 31 - Saturday, 1130, Meet the Bridge, Kiwanis Park, Merritt Island

### April

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Merritt Island Moose Lodge
- 19 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, TBD
- 21 - Saturday, 1130, Cruise to Ski Island
- 26 - Thursday, 1800, Planetarium, Cocoa Florida
- 28 - Saturday, 1400, Relay For Life Cancer Walk, Cocoa Village

### May

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 09 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Island Tiki Grill
- 12 - Saturday, D23 picnic, Titusville
- 19 - Saturday, Blessing of the fleet and picnic, Kelly Park, Merritt Island
- 19 - Saturday, 4th Annual Space Coast Boating and Waterfest, Kiwanis Park, Merritt Island
- 24 - 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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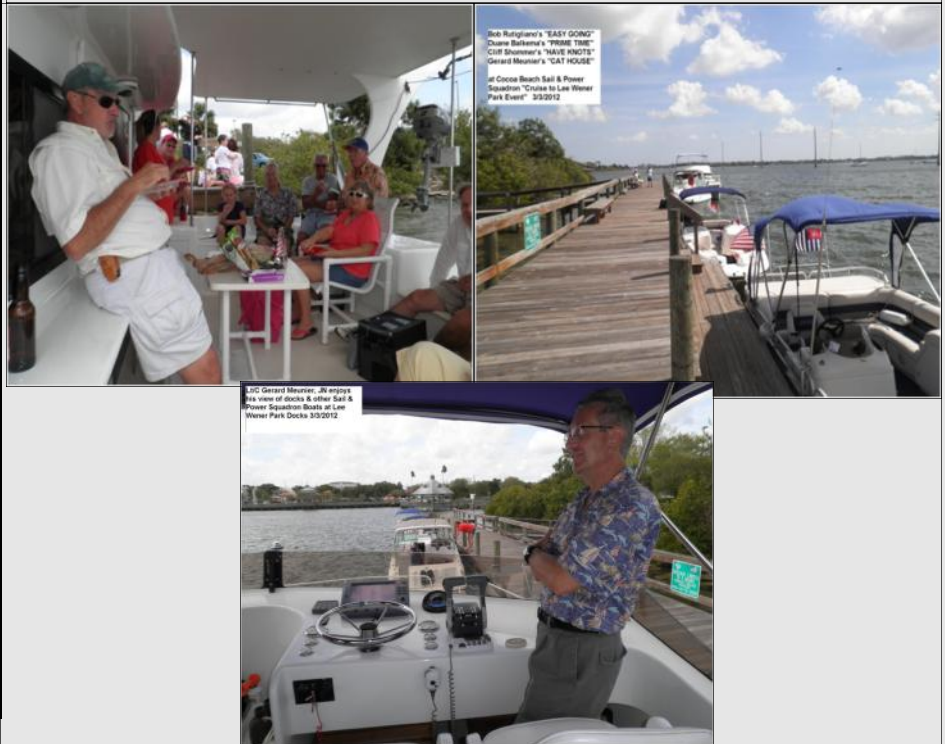
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**Boating Committee Report  
P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP**

Greetings to everyone. The next boating event is SATURDAY, April 21, 2012, a "CRUISE TO WATER SKI ISLAND" on an island near the Cape Canaveral Locks in Banana River, just north of Highway 528. Beach the smaller boats, bigger boats can anchor out and we will come get you or dingy in. Sailboats welcome... Lt Bob Rutigliano, S, assures me there will be fire for cooking your steaks, or hot dogs or bring what you want, maybe a sub. We'll have a great time. Plan on arriving 11:30 and we'll eat at 12:30. Call 452-5892, to advise if you are, coming or just show up.

We had a nice time at our Cruise to Lee Wenner Park, March 3, 2012, as these pictures show. Thanks to all who made it, and I include Harry Bestow and Bob Brown as well.



**BLOOD DONATION**

*The next blood donation will be on 04 April @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!*





CBSPS COW February 25, 2012-Eau Gallie Yacht



***MEET THE BRIDGE  
AT  
KIWANIS PARK, MERRITT ISLAND***

***SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012***



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***Lunch: 12:30 - until????***

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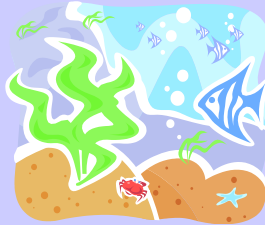
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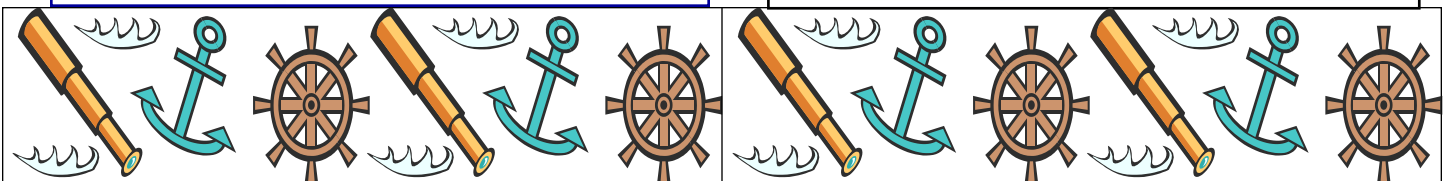
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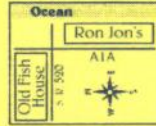
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