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Capt. Richard Jeffrey will present his experiences during World War II. He is a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack and was an ensign aboard the USS Maryland. He later served on Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's staff in Frankfurt, Germany, and was one of the Commanding Officers at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

This should be a very exciting and interesting program! We look forward to and we are very proud in having Capt. Jeffrey share his experiences with us.

Lts Mark and Michelle Anderson, AP
Program Chairpersons

DISTRICT 23 PRESENTS HIGHEST AWARDS TO CBPS

P/R/CRichard Schnoor, SN, P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN, P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, Stf/C/ Carmen Adame, AP, P/D/Frank Sebree, SM, Lt Jane Sebree, P, and P/C Lester Tribout, AP, and his wife, Evelyn attended the 1 March 2003 Spring Conference Change of Watch dinner program.

During the Awards Ceremony, National R/C Maurice Rice and D/C David Legg, presented to the CBPS some of the most prestigious and and covenant awards for educational excellence achieved during Les Tribout's watch. Les, representing CBPS, accepted with appreciation.

At the March 4 general meeting, Les gave special recognition all who have worked so diligently for the Squadron.



Pictured above, l. to r., are Frank Sebree, Fred Adame, P/C Ed Bonnett, SN, Howard Bernbaum, and Les Tribout, accepting the Prince Henry Navigator award for the squadron.

Below are Larry Carr and George Hess, recipients of special awards for service to CBPS.

Photographer: Trent Lott



The following are some of the awards presented March 4.

Certificate of Educational Achievement, P/C George Hess, SN.

The USPS Certificate of Merit:P/C Lester Tribout, AO, P/C Ed Kydd, SN, P/C Albert Pappas, SN and P/D/Lt/C Frank Sebree, SN.

Advanced Grades Achievement Award:P/D/C Fred P Adame, SN

Prince Henry the Navigator Award for 2002 : P/C Edward Bonnett, SN and Lt/C Howard M. Bernbaum, SN.

In fact so many squadron members pitch in to make our squadron successful, that a thanks to all from the Bridge and the membership is the order of the day.

CITIZENS FOR FLORIDA WATERWAYS TO HOLD ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Every year the Citizens For Florida Waterways holds it annual Flea Market. This promotes the need for responsible use of Florida waterways encouraging coexistence among boaters, recreational and commercial, marine industry property owners, and the marine environmentalists. It is a very fine flea market with excellent merchandise, good buys and one worth attending.

This year's flea market will be held the 12 - 13 April at Harbortown Marina. CBPS has again been invited to participate. Each year CBPS sets up a tent for which volunteers are always required.. How about offering your help? Volunteers work two hour shifts, get to meet many people and have the opportunity to meet potential CBPS members. All this and fresh air too.

**If you'd like to help, please call:
P/C Larry Hatfield. SN
Boat Show Chairman: 636-4746**

Corrections:

Correct spelling: Lt/C Robert W. Schaefer, P – one F not two.

Bud Miller is the Administrative Officer not the administrative assistant as stated in the last issue.

THE COMMANDER'S QUESTION : WHAT IS THE VALUE OF YOUR GENEROSITY?

The Bridge Commander

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The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron has the same tax status as other charitable groups. If you perform a service for the Power Squadron you may deduct certain expenses.

The value of your service is not deductible, but your expenses for that service are deductible.

What are those services? If you drive to a Vessel Safety Check site you can deduct parking charges, toll charges and mileage at 14 cents a mile.

One day you assist Lt. Gary Monai's, P, Co-Op Charting efforts. You drive around the county in search of Geodetic Markers or you fire up your depth sounder and putt-putt around the Banana or Indian Rivers measuring depths. You might take out the trusty GPS and verify that channel markers are in place or locate the sparkling new Manatee Zone markers so they are sited and placed on the charts as signs that are navigational hazards. You can also travel to marinas to catalog the facilities and update the chart information on those marinas.

On another day you sign-up to work with P/Lt/C Bob Flanigan's, SN, Vessel Safety Check program. Your driving mileage or Boat operating expense may be deducted and so may your helping P/C Larry Hatfield, SN in our booth at some boat show? You can deduct your mileage and/or expenses involved on that trip.

Drive to Committee Meetings to plan or organize something? That's an activity for the betterment of the organization. You may deduct mileage for that. Drive to a General Membership meeting? No! You are receiving something of value. A general guideline is that anytime you are doing something to aide or further the objectives of the Squadron you can deduct the above mentioned expenses. If you are being entertained by the Squadron you can't take deductions.

In summary, officers, delegates, instructors, and members may deduct the cost of attending a meeting at which they perform official duties. Members who are not officers may deduct only the expenses for public services, such as teaching our public courses.

Did you know some good deeds are tax deductible? So do your good deed today.



You should always consult a tax advisor to determine how these laws affect your personal situation.

Support the Auction??

You may also take deductions for the value of property donated to the Squadron's auction. Your anchor, a GPS or an Offshore life raft are valuable items that can be deducted. The deductible amount is described as fair market value (the price you could sell them for with a reasonable effort). The Salvation Army provides a limited list of values for donated goods at their site. There is software available for pricing and tracking deductions. Other areas you can research would be E-Bay or ask the Wednesday Luncheon group at the Moon Hut.

Many of you give to the Power Squadron. Take deductions. Add this to your other charitable activities and you may find that you can buy a larger boat with your tax savings.

See you at the meeting. Dick Fille

Tax Deductions For Officers and Members (an excerpt)

Officers and delegates may deduct travel expenses such as lodging and one half of meal costs, but only if a person is away from home overnight on behalf of the organization. The cost of uniforms worn is deductible. Dues paid to USPS are deductible, less the \$10 value of *The Ensign*. In addition to the above, members may deduct the expenses of operating a boat on a cruise or predicted log race for instructional purposes, as well as the expenses of operating a boat (no allowance for depreciation or repairs) in connection with a class or course, such as when demonstrating buoys, anchor techniques, laying out and following courses, cooperative charting, and safety instructions.

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CBPS Members Attends Titusville C.O.W.

Cocoa Beach Squadron was represented at the Titusville Squadron's Change of Watch by P/C Les Tribout, AP, his wife Evelyn,,P/R/C's Dick and Jane Schnoor, SN's. The Banana River Squadron was represented by Cdr Earl Barry, P and his wife, Lee. The affair, held on 8 March at the Great Outdoors Restaurant, was officiated by our new D/23 Commander Bob Flint, AP. A good time was had by all. Although a small squadron, 40 members, the Titusville members try hard to fulfill the basic tenents of USPS, i.e. education, fellowship, and civic service to fellow boaters.

P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN



Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Robert Schaefer, P

Changes are in the making for the Co-op charting program. Beginning 4/1/03 all reports from all districts will be submitted via the Web on the Internet. No form 77-4 reports (formerly the method of reporting) will be accepted. The Web system has been in the trial stage for a year in District 27. (See page 8 for details)

Our Co-op charting program is under the guidance of Lt Gary Monai, P. While we participate in the National Program, my observation is that we have a long way to go to be up to speed. We need membership participation to make it work. It doesn't take a large vessel to participate. It has been suggested that we need to have a training/orientation session to bring willing members up to speed. Then we need a day assigned to going out in our boats and doing the work. **A TEAM EFFORT!!**

With many helping it could be a fun day and earn time for merit marks besides. If you are not acquainted with the Co-op program and have a computer connected to the Internet go to the USPS homepage and link to the Co-op page and start reading. There is a wealth of information about the program and suggestions of how to become involved. I will bring this matter before the membership at the April meeting and begin the process of getting an orientation session going with the aim to build membership involvement in co-op charting.

Hopefully a day in May can be found to do a team day on the water. I am reminded that the CBPS chose a chart some time ago to keep updated. Apparently if we do not do the work we will be "unassigned" from that chart. So be prepared for a bit of "gentle" nudging in April to join in and participate.

Bob

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK REPORT

The VSC conducted a Vessel Safety Check Day at Kelly Park on 2-15-03. We checked 34 vessels that day and we had another day scheduled on 2-22-03 but were blown out by the wind. The VSC Examiners were Rick and Sandy Schoonmaker, Dick and Jane Schnoor, Frank Sebree, Ed Kydd, John Lynn, Les Tribout and Bob Flanigan.

Lt Robert F. Flanigan

VSC Chairman

Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Bud Miller, JN

WANTED, A FEW GOOD MEN and LADIES to serve as Mentors for new and recent members of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. Reflecting on my experience when I first joined the Power Squadron thirteen years ago, it can appear to be a complicated organization. Over time and after becoming involved in different activities, I have learned that it really isn't that complicated. However, in order to facilitate new and recent members to understand how we function, we will implement two new programs. One is to assign a mentor or "Buddy" to welcome each new member to the Power Squadron, introduce them to other members, answer questions, and help guide their transition to becoming an informed and involved member.

The other new program will be an orientation class to provide an overview of our squadron, how we are organized, educational opportunities, public service, committee functions, social and boating activities. P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, and P/C Susan Kneeland, SN, have graciously volunteered to conduct this orientation, along with the full support of your Bridge. Details of both of these programs will be announced soon.

The District 23 Member Involvement chairman recently announced that the theme for this year is "The Power of One!" Simply stated, that means each one of us has the power to recruit one new member, or to encourage an existing member to be come involved in squadron activities. Think about it!

All of you boaters are encouraged to get your boats in ship shape for the Blessing of the Fleet on May 24. This is an annual event held in conjunction with Safe Boating Week. Each boat participating will be blessed for a safe boating season. As in the past it will be held in the Indian River just off Cocoa Waterfront Park, with a picnic to follow at the new Lee Winner Park pavilion.

Also, for you boaters who like an overnight cruise, sign up for the Marker 21 cruise and overnight raft up on April 26. Marker 21 is located between several islands on the ICW in the Palm Bay- Malabar area. If you don't want to stay overnight, come for the day. You will have a lot of fun, and a chance to test your navigational skills.

See you at the Commander's Reception.

Bud Miller

David Cochran of Orlando, standing on the boat, demonstrates his anchor light for (left to right) his wife Candy and Cocoa Beach Power Squadron examiners Sandy and Rick Schoonmaker during recent vessel safety inspections at the Kelly Park boat ramp.

Won't You Become A VSC Examiner?

The VSC is performing a service vital to the boating community and those who do the inspections perform an invaluable service. Bob Flanigan is seeking volunteers to join this important committee. You will be trained to become examiners. For further information call **Bob at 452-4602.**



SEO REPORT Lt./C Howard Bernbaum, SN

Your SEO department is pleased with the response to our pleas for students. We already have 12 students signed up for the Advanced Piloting course starting 24 April and a like number for the Marine Electronics course on 21 April. Seamanship will start 17 April and we hope our new members (and some of you not so new members) will sign up. We will have a sign up sheet available at the next general meeting on April first.

Meet your new instructors - A dedicated and well qualified trio.

Advanced Piloting

P/D/Lt./C Franklin Sebree, SN



The Sebrees moved to Brevard County in the fall of 1988, took the Public Boating Course and joined the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron in 1989. Frank served on the squadron bridge as Secretary, Administrative and Executive Officer, SEO, and Commander. He then served on the district 23 bridge for 2 years as assistant and 3 years as DEO. Frank served in all offices of the local Silver Tridents and just completed a year as Captain of the St. John's N club. He attended and was a delegate to most all of the district and national councils, and governing boards during this time. For the squadron he has taught BoatSmart classes and the piloting course. Now he is moving up to AP and we know he will do a great job. Frank has earned 13 merit marks since 1989 and is ably assisted and supported by wife Jane, who has had much squadron involvement in her own name.

Seamanship

Bob Mittauer, AP



Bob was a member of the Hollywood, FL squadron in the early Seventies where he learned a lot about boating before he could even afford to buy one. He and his wife finally bought a Catalina 22 which they sailed on Biscayne Bay and they also raced in the Columbus day regatta. Bob took classes through AP and Sail. He also taught Basic Boating, Seamanship, and Sail. Bob firmly believes the best way to get a thorough understanding of a subject is to teach it. We are fortunate to have him with us. Since moving to Brevard Bob has switched from sail to power boating. He owns a 24 foot Imperial cabin cruiser named LISA K after the Mittauers' daughter.

Marine Electronics

Lt Gary Monai, P



Gary and JoAnne, his first mate, have been members of the squadron since 1999 and have both been active in squadron doings. They took on the Chairmanship of BoatSmart and did an outstanding job for two years before relinquishing the job to Bob Schaefer. Gary has earned his merit mark each year since joining and is currently chairman of Co-op Charting. Gary has continued his education in the squadron and is currently enrolled in the Engine Maintenance course. Gary is a computer whiz and is very knowledgeable in the world of electronics. He owns a 24 foot deck boat upon which he honed his boating skills. We are happy to have Gary aboard as your ME. instructor.

SEAMANSHIP

Seamanship is now taught in two modules, however, we flow the two together and wrap up the course in 8 weeks. This course picks up where BoatSmart left off and is a fundamental building block to all the courses that follow. In particular, Seamanship is the first course in the block of courses including Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Jr. Navigation and Navigation. In this course the student will learn about types of boats and propulsion systems, hull design and construction, equipment, stability and trim, normal boat handling, boat handling in adverse conditions, docking, piloting, locking, and trailering. We go into depth on anchors and anchoring as well as permanent mooring. There are chapters on stranding, towing, damage control and rescue. We discuss fire prevention and control. We cover lay-up, fitting out and repairs. The student will learn about flags, pennants, and the proper display of them. Attention will be given to rules of the road and throughout the course the student will practice marlinspike and finally demonstrate their ability to tie 8 basic knots used in boating.

ADVANCED PILOTING

AP picks up where Piloting left off. With an introduction to the metric system, the course proceeds with an extensive coverage of the development and use of charts, proper plotting and labeling. The student is introduced to aids to navigation including light lists, non-electronic aids and electronic aids. The compass is covered in detail as well as the subject of bearings. The relationships between distance, time and speed are studied and practiced using the 60D street mnemonic. Then we get into the study of tides and tide tables, tidal currents and tidal current tables, and current effects. The concept of position and finding your position using all the preceding studies is covered. The student will learn how to fill out and maintain a log of the boats operations including courses and position. Finally, this all culminates in plotting and labeling a course overview called the 1210 Cruise. As in Piloting, the student will demonstrate the knowledge gained via a closed and open book exam.

MARINE ELECTRONICS

The ME course is comprised of 3 sections: Boat Electrical Systems, Marine Radio Communication, and Electronic Navigation Equipment. The students learn about basic electricity systems consisting of alternating or direct current flow. We also cover galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection, and electrical interference. In Marine radio Communication, the course discusses radio waves and transmitters, receivers and transceivers, antennas and transmission lines, FCC rules and regulations, radiotelephone operating procedures, and other communication services. Under Electronic Navigation the student gains a background in this field. He will learn the workings and use of depth sounders, knot meters, radar, Loran C, GPS, and other navigational equipment. No, we do not cover sextants. in this course.



Activities to put on your calendar for the year are as follows:

7-11 May - Spring Governing Board, New Orleans;

17 May - D23 Picnic, Titusville;

3-7 September - Fall Governing Board, Reno; 3-5

Oct - Fall Conference, Daytona Beach; Oct - D23 Cruise & Rendezvous; 14-18

January - Annual

Go out into the world with all of your senses, all your talents, and all your heart.

FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE - D/C Robert C. Flint, AP

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all participants for helping to make the Change of Watch a memorable moment for both P/D/C David Legg and me. A special thanks goes out to the Orlando Power Squadron and specifically to Mary-Ann and Gary Yocum. They put together a superb weekend for us all.

As members, I hope you have given some thought as to how you can help support and strengthen our Squadrons and District this year. Our logo outlines our Charter as "**Civic Service**", "**Self Education**" and, "**Fraternal Boating Club**." I would like to convey to you what each of those functions means to me, and how you can play a role in meeting the challenges of the year ahead.

CIVIC SERVICE - District 23 has established itself as a leader in our national organization through continued involvement in civic affairs. Representation at boat shows, providing safe boating education to the public, and providing support for numerous boating events. We show our Flag throughout the State when we provide assistance to our fellow boaters. Each of these activities puts us in the public spotlight and allows us to demonstrate our boating knowledge and skills. Your participation in these activities makes you ambassadors of our local and national organizations and the more visible our members the more our reputation grows.

SELF EDUCATION - The human mind has a natural, instinctive desire to learn. We are lucky to belong to an organization that has a wealth of knowledge and expertise readily available for us to absorb with the assistance of friends and fellow boaters. Through education we not only gain knowledge but develop a recognition of self-worth that carries over to all aspects of our life. I strongly encourage each of you to take advantage of these opportunities. If not for your Squadron, then for your own personal growth.

FRATERNAL BOATING CLUB - This "fraternity" we belong to was established so that we could share our love for boating, both power and sail, with our fellow members. We do this through our meetings, dinners, cruises and, other collective activities. It is this social sharing that acts as a mortar to build the foundation for this organization. I believe our founders probably recognized that when they put "Fraternal Boating Club" as the base or foundation in our triangular logo.

Just as in the fire triangle all parts are required to make the system work. No one part can stand alone on its own. These three key elements are an integral part of the pledge that we obligate to as members. We must strive to meet these obligations in our daily lives and it can be done with a minimum effort and still reap great rewards. How? Let me list a few ideas.

1. Keep yourself and your boat in first class condition. Look sharp whenever you wear the uniform or fly the ensign. Think SAFETY in all of your activities. Remember the organization is judged one member at a time.
2. Enjoy the reward of giving. Volunteer your time and effort to some of the many projects the District and Squadrons will be working on this year. Participation helps to develop a feeling of partnership and there is no greater feeling than knowing you belong and are a vital part of the TEAM.
3. Keep the lines of communication open. You always have direct access to any member of this Bridge. We need to know what you want and what you expect out of this organization. You'll hear from us in your monthly newsletter. We need to hear from you.

You have elected me as your Commander and put in my charge the welfare and growth of this District. I can provide you my dedication and leadership but I must have your renewed support to make this year as successful as those of the past. I look forward to the challenges ahead of us and the rewards of working

F. Tax Deductions For Officers and Members (continued from page 2) : The Treasurers Manual states the following:

A person who performs services or incurs expenses on behalf of an organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, may deduct certain expenses as a charitable contribution on his Federal Income Tax return. One must itemize deductions to take advantage of these contributions. The value of personal services is not deductible, but unrecorded expenses incurred in performing the services may be deducted. Acting in an official capacity for a 501(c)(3) organization qualifies as rendering services to the organization. Serving as an officer or delegate, an instructor or proctor in an educational course, or participating in public service activities such as cooperative charting are examples of service to the organization.

Officers and delegates may deduct transportation expenses to meetings and other activities. Personal auto use may be deducted; the current (2001) rate is 14 cents per mile plus tolls and parking. Items such as depreciation or insurance cannot be deducted. Members participating in cooperative charting cruises may deduct boat operating expenses.

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*All CBPS members are cordially invited to attend
The Commander's Reception Saturday, April 12th.
Rendezvous at the home of Barbara and Gene Millner*

Drinks and Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by our Commander

If you're having a great time and want to stay for dinner, bring a cooler containing your covered dish to share and hamburgers, hot dogs or chicken breasts to grill. You'll also need to bring serving utensils and a chair for each member in your party.

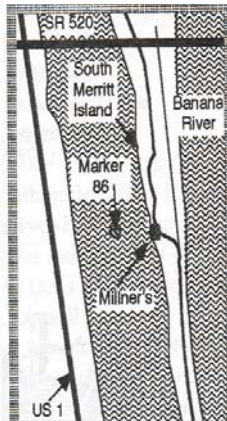


BY LAND

The Millners' home is located at 3665 South Tropical Trail, 5 miles south of SR520 and 6 miles north of the Pineda Cswy.

Look for the big CBPS sign out front.

**TO AVOID BEING BLOCKED,
PARK OFF THE PAVEMENT ALONG
THE HIGHWAY.**



BY SEA



Head due East from the intra-coastal Marker *86 .

Monitor VHF channel 16 as you approach.

Someone will be at the dock to greet you.

**THERE IS PLENTY OF DOCK SPACE,
BUT PLEASE GIVE GENE MILLNER A
CALL AT 452-0500 AHEAD OF TIME**

The Power Squadron has a fine educational program and an equally fine social agenda. Nothing can top the Commander's Annual Reception but the District 23 Picnic promises to be a very fine event. Mark April 12th and May 17th on your calendar in bold red letters. There's fun in store.

District 23 Picnic - Saturday, 17 May, 1100-1600 hours

**Come enjoy a day of camaraderie at the Grand Pavilion - Sand Point Park, Titusville, FL
\$6.50/adult- \$2.50 for children 6-12 /pay at door or send checks payable to District 23:
Greig Lindner 6056 Barna Ave.,
Titusville, FL 32780-7413**



District 23 provides: Beer, Soft Drinks, Condiments, paper plates, Napkins, paper towels,

Grill with charcoal fire & cooking utensils

Corn on the Cob will also be provided.

Jammin Joe and Son will provide music

District Picnic includes: Door Prizes, Raffle & Games



Please bring your own barbecuing entrée, side dishes, etc

Any questions call Chairman Greig Lindner @ 321 269-5718 or or George Fontes: 321-784-1717

Directions for Boat Captains:

Titusville Municipal Marina, Mile Marker 27 (1000 yards North of Max Brewer Memorial Pky Swing bridge)


By Auto: From the Interstate: Take Titusville Exit 80, go East on Garden Street 2.5 miles to US 1. From US 1 go East on Garden Street (Max. Brewer Memorial Pky) go approximately 1/2 mile, turn left between ball field and Titusville Yacht Club Building on Gravel Road, drive through gate to the Grand Pavilion Area.

CALENDAR OF CBPS ACTIVITIES

APRIL

- 01 Tuesday 1900 Hours
CBPS General Meeting
 Speaker: Capt. Richard Jeffrey
 Veterans Memorial Center
- 09 Wednesday 1130 hours
 Coco-Nauts Meeting
 M. I. Library Conference Rm.
 Brown paper sack lunch
 Thursday 1900 hours
- 12 Saturday 1400 hours until
 Commander's Reception
 The Millners' Residence
 (see page 6)
- 17 Thursday 1900 Hours
 The Seamanship Course
 Veterans Memorial Center
- 21 Monday 1900 hours
 Marine Electronics Course
 Veterans Memorial Center
- 22 Tuesday 1900 hours
 CBPS Exec. Board Meeting
- 24 Thursday 1900 Hours
 Advanced Piloting Course
 Veterans Memorial Center
- 26 Saturday around noon
 Marker 21 Raft-up

MAY

- 6 Tuesday 1900 hours
CBPS General Meeting
 Veterans Memorial Center
- 14 Wed. 0900-100 hours 
Blood Bank
 Veterans Memorial Center
- 17 Saturday 1100 to 1600 hours
D-23 Picnic
 See details, page 6
- 24 Saturday- Morning
Blessing of the Fleet
Lee Wenner Park, Cocoa
 A beautiful experience
 for all boaters.
- 27 Tuesday 1900 hours
Executive Board Meeting
 Veterans Memorial Center

Welcome to our newest
 Coco-Nauts:

Judy Miller, Gwynne
 Barber, Sheryl Schaefer, Joan



It's always fair weather when good friends get together.



*The Coco-Nauts Invite You To A Very
 Special Event*

Friday, May 2, 2003



Plan to attend the Coco-Nauts Card & Game Party Luncheon
 at the Veteran's Memorial Center, Merritt Island, FL

The time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (Lunch will be served at 11:30 am)

The cost: \$12.00 per person

During the event there will be a great silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and chances will be sold on a fantastic goody basket made by Marge Balkema.

Men are are most welcome to attend this activity. All proceeds will be going directly to the Squadron. Now's your chance to support CBPS and have a heck of a good time at the same time

Tickets to this event were made by Lt Barbara Millner, S. To make this event successful, 100 tickets need to be. Mark May 2 on your calendar sell tickets to your friends, neighbors, and relatives. It will be fun! Any items suitable for the auction will be most cheerfully accepted. Please call Barbara at 452-0500.



The Chaplain's Report

Lt Denise Stone, P

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

Lynn Mingo who is at home recovering from heart problems.

Jim Kneeland who is home recovering from a severely fractured ankle.

The Penningtons who lost a dear relative in March.

Please call me, **Denise Stone**, if you know of an ill power squadron member or of a death in a family so a card can be sent and members can be made aware of those events. **Phone no: 453-5807**

Coco-Nauts were sad to learn that Marcia Olin passed away on January 27. She was an active member of Coco-Nauts and served as president in 1979.

On a happier note, Collette (Joan) Montford, who recently transferred from the Power Squadron in Orlando has joined the Coco-Nauts, owns two boats—a tracker 32' party barge and a 23' Sport Craft Center Console, and is looking for someone to boat or fish with her either in the ocean or the river. **Interested? Call 637-0968.**

The Coco-Naut sack lunch at Merritt Island Library April 9 is rather important meeting. You bring the lunch and the Coco-Nauts will provide drinks and deserts.

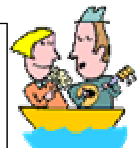
CBPS BOATING ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE
 on page 12 and on the web

Overnight Cruise to Marker 21
Apr 26 around noon

The event will begin with a raft up around noon on Saturday, April 26th on the ICW, Marker 1, at the Dragon (what is left of it) which is the southern end of Merritt Island just north and east of the Eau Gallie Causeway. Marker 21 is approx. 5-6 miles south of the Melbourne

Causeway (Highway 192) bridge. If you plan to come call **Randy: 783-0560**

*Ain't got money,
 but oh, honey-
 Ain't we got fun!*



P/R/C Richard H. Schnoor, SN, received the P/C James C. Kneeland, JN, award at the C.O.W. His name was accidentally omitted. The editor's apologies.

CCWEB - The New Way to Submit A Cooperative Charting Report

CCWEB is an Internet website for use by USPS Cooperative Charting participants to submit their Co-Op Charting reports. CCWEB is fully endorsed by the National Cooperative Charting Committee and will be the only way to submit reports after April 1, 2003. Only reports submitted via CCWEB will be eligible for USPS credit. No 77-4 forms will be accepted for credit after the April 1st date. The National Cooperative Charting Committee believes that by using CCWEB USPS participants and NOAA will benefit by explicitly defining the different types of reports, and stating exactly what data is required in each type of report. Thus making sure that valid data are supplied. The NOAA Marine Chart Division examined all of the reporting areas and precisely defined the data needed in each type of report.

Logging on to CCWEB requires the entry of a certificate number (A capital letter followed by six digits). That certificate number must already exist in the observer part of the CCWEB database at the time of login, otherwise you won't be able to login. Since it hasn't been feasible to insert all of the USPS certificate numbers into the database before opening CCWEB to all of the USPS, it will be necessary for you to enter your own certificate number and other related information into the CCWEB database. Therefore a temporary means of initially logging in has been provided. Please enter **ONLY** your own data. Entering another's data will foul up another member!

How to Access CCWEB:

Enter the following URL for CCWEB:

<http://chartmaker.ncd.noaa.gov/mcd/uspscoop/default.htm>

1. You will then see the famous Co-Op Charting globe and pelican.
2. In the upper left hand corner of the general page you will see the choice **"Cooperative Charting Report Databases"**. Click on it!
3. **The screen will then change to the Home page with a logon form!** Now comes the tricky part. The first time you log in will be under a dummy certificate number.
 - a.) In the Certificate number box enter **A000000**
 - b.) In the next box click on the dropdown arrow and select **General User**
 - c.) In the password box type the word **TEST**
4. You will then be logged-in as the dummy certificate number and the screen will change to the home page. Included among the choices on the home page you will see **"Add A New Observer"**. Click on this choice.
5. The "Add A New Observer" page will appear. It contains an input form. Fill in the requested information. **NOTE:** Only the information with an asterisk is required. The other boxes may be left blank if you so choose.
6. After entering your information into the database input form click **"Complete"**.
7. You will be returned to the main menu. **Now, you should logout and log in again this time using your own certificate number, using TEST again as the password.**
8. Repeat steps 5 & 6. **This time you will notice that the database input sheet has two additional boxes for you to establish your own password. Enter your password and write it down somewhere you can refer to if you forget your password.**
9. Complete the data entries; then click **"Complete"**, and you're done.

From now on any time you logon to CCWEB, you'll use your certificate number and your password. While you're still in CCWEB take the time to look at the various report input sheets. You will find one for each type of report that was on the old 77-4 form. Using CCWEB will greatly speed up the whole process and result in greater accuracy, and speed up the USPS crediting process. If you encounter trouble with the login process, send an e-mail to Ken Forster at NOAA explaining the problem. Ken's e-mail address is ken.forster@noaa.gov



Tip of the Month: When was the last time you checked the packing in your boat's stuffing box? I recently heard about a local boater who apparently did not check his boat's stuffing box until after it leaked so bad that the bilge pumps burned out, and the boat nearly sank! Be sure to check your vessel.

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SIXTH ANNUAL USPS YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

THEME: The theme of the 6th. Annual USPS youth poster contest is "Catch the Boating Safety Habit".

ENTRY ELIGIBILITY: All children ages 6-14. There are 3 age groups: 6-8 years old, 9-11 years old, and 12-14 years old.

CONTEST RULES:

The entry must be vertical, not horizontal, in direction.

. Must be on 15-by-20 or 14-by-22 inch poster paper.

The design may be sketched lightly in pencil but the end result must be a color poster. Professional illustrations, copyrighted material, or computer generated art is not permitted. Do not fold the poster.

The poster will be judged more for the idea presented than the artistic ability

A completed entry form must be poster on the back of the poster.

On entry per person

All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadron.

Entries will be judged at the District summer council meeting June 14, 2003. District winners will go to the Fall Governing Board in Reno.

THEME: CATCH THE BOATING SAFETY HABIT				
Instructions: Complete this form and paste it on the back of your poster. Send the entry to Mark Adams: Deadline				
June 10, 2003.				
Artist name			Age	
Address				
City	State	Zip	Area Code	Telephone
Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadro	District 23			
Squadron Member's Name				
Address				
City	State	Zip	Area Code	Telephone

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Always look for the Coast Guard approval number on any PFD you purchase.

Try on your PFD to see if it fits comfortably snug. Then test it in shallow water to see how it handles. To check the buoyancy of your PFD in the water, relax your body and let your head tilt back. Your PFD should keep your chin above water, and you should be able to breathe easily.

PFDS on athletic builds will rarely "ride up" when in the water. But if your mid-section is bigger than your chest, you may find that your PFD tends to float up under your chin. If this is the case, make sure this condition does not compromise the performance of the PFD, and if it does, look for a model or size that does not.

***"All Passengers should always wear a PFD-
and the skipper should, too!"***

***Vessels Large May Venture More, But Boats Should
Keep Near Shore."*** - Ben Franklin





We Shot the O Out of O'Day...

I am the happy owner of a vintage Hunter 37 cutter now named Serendipity II and have cruised it fairly extensively, both around the Abacos and up and down the ICW. Along the way we have met many other Hunter owners and have shared all kinds of information such as boat tips, how to's, cruises, and sea stories galore. Some of the stories I enjoyed the most revolved around racing and it's fun to hear about other's triumphs, their adversities, their heroics, and sometimes their defeats. The other day one of these sailors was telling me about a particular race and it suddenly reminded me of an event that took place years ago.

There is an old joke about fairy tales beginning with "Once upon a time" and sea stories beginning with "Now this ain't no ----". Actually the only thing they have in common is the fact most folks are astute enough not to believe either. I leave it to the reader to determine which category to place the following narrative.

On the large lake where I cut my sailing canines there was a rather extensive fleet of O'Day sailboats, almost to the exclusion of other makes. Despite the fact that most small sailboats could appropriately be called "snailboats" with reference to their speed or lack thereof, the local yacht club sponsored monthly races. The boats raced in class, however, the last race of the day was a free-for-all in which any boat could enter regardless of make or size. I particularly enjoyed the pre race lineup of the O'Days with their billowing white clouds of sails and what appeared to be black and white targets, the big "O" emblazoned in all its glory.

My friend Marty had an old Hunter sloop and was a little miffed that his endeared

classic boat wasn't equipped to race against these newer models. Marty sailed a lot and was quite a capable boat handler, in fact, one of the best helmsmen around. Well, for a long time he stewed about this unintentional exclusion from the sport and finally decided to do something about it. Marty developed a plan. He had seen these O'Day skippers flying their pretty multicolored spinnakers and had observed that they moved a lot faster with than without. Marty knew that bigger often can be a lot better. He made a spinnaker for his old Hunter. It was not an ordinary spinnaker, it was a monster spinnaker. The spinnaker pole was as large as his mast and had handling lines to suit. With no trial runs or shakedown, he didn't want to let the cat out of the bag, Marty signed up for the free-for-all. With a huge pile of nylon on deck along with that telephone pole, he and his crew got the boat got under way. The free-for-all consisted of two legs, a tacking duel upwind to the mark and a spinnaker run home. To everyone's surprise, on the upwind run, the fleet fell away and Marty's old Hunter was right behind a beautiful new O'Day. It was a tacking duel all the way. What the O'Day had in modern design speed was overcome by Marty's outstanding abilities at the helm. He was, if nothing else, a born tactician. The O'Day tacked to port, Marty tacked to port. The O'Day tacked to starboard and Marty was right with her. It was reminiscent of a cup race. There was the same intensity as both crews put their respective boats through the maneuvers all the way up to the mark. As she rounded the buoy the O'Day's crew briskly raised and set her blue, green, and yellow spinnaker, a glorious sight. Coming around the mark, Marty's crew began to raise

his spinnaker. Up, up, up and out, out, out went this monstrous mass of fabric. The crew struggled with the huge pole, drawing the sail into one end, but, unable to hook the other end to the mast. Despite the frantic antics on the fore deck, the Hunter began to close on the O'Day and was pulling alongside. The crew struggled and the Hunter gained and the crew struggled some more. As the Hunter came parallel to the O'Day, Marty's crew made one more valiant effort to attach the monster spinnaker pole to the mast. Then nature intervened. With a whoosh, the wind picked up. As it gusted the crew lost their grip and the monster pole lunged past the mast and against a shroud which began to stretch pulling a bend into the mast. The wind increased, the nylon bellied out even further, and the mast took on an even greater arc.

What happened next occurred so quickly nobody could believe their eyes. Pop, pop, pop, with a tremendous bang the grommets tore out of the huge nylon spinnaker suddenly removing its force on the monster pole. With all the energy stored in it, the mast straightened out and the shroud which had assumed the shape of a bow string launched the monster pole in an arcing flight path right through the target on the O'Day's sail.

Well, the huge spinnaker crossed the finish line first, the O'Day second and Marty's boat a distant third. That race was entered in Marty's log as "the day we shot the 'O' out of O'Day and called it a day".

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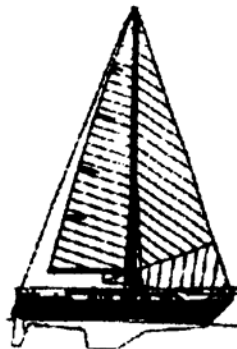
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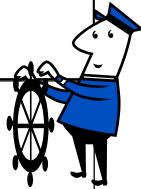


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CBPS BOATING ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

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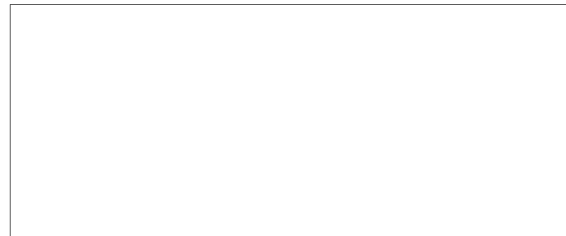
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Small Boat Event Jun 21 TBD Ski Island

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