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**General Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2005; 1900**

**Cocoa Civic Center**

**430 Delanoy Avenue, Cocoa Village**

**Guest Speaker to be Announced**

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for an evening in The Village**

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**With heavy hearts, we extend our condolences to the family of Garry Pell, who died suddenly on March 15, 2005.**

**Since 2001, Garry was a very active member of the CBPS. He will be missed by many in the Squadron.**

**Please keep his wife Lorraine and his family in your thoughts and prayers.**

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boating stories and any  
articles of interest you'd  
like to submit...

## *At The Helm*

**Lt/Commander John Mulkey, P**

**As expected, the Change of Watch went smoothly and an enjoyable time was had by all attending. That's because of the preparations of P/C Bud Miller, JN and the dedication of many people like Lt. Doris Valentine and Lt. Pam Johnson, P.**

**Thanks to District Commander Ann Fields, SN for installing the CBPS 2005 Bridge.**

**P/C Sue Kneeland, SN did an outstanding job on the awards ceremony. I was very thankful not to have won either the Barnacle Bill or the Bent Shaft Award this year!**

**As your new Commander, Merri and I attended the District 23 Spring Conference in Altamonte Springs the weekend of March 4. CBPS is off to a great start. We won three awards at the conference!**

**Lt. Ann McCandless, S won the Arthur Buswill Award for promoting squadron activities.**

**Thanks to Rhoda Bernbaum, Lt. Linda Feldes and Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN CBPS won the Bill Stephens Award for our "Soundings."**

**Last, but not least, CBPS won the Activities Award. We were able to win because of the leadership of Lt. Ann McCandless, S and her hard working committee.**

**There are many people who work behind the scenes to make your squadron a success. Without their help the chairs wouldn't get set up, the food wouldn't be prepared and the "Soundings" wouldn't be sent out. When more people get involved and volunteer, the easier it is for everyone.**

**This is going to be a busy and fun year. I would encourage you to pick an activity you enjoy and get involved. We are planning events with both the Titusville and Banana River squadrons. Check the calendar of events in the "Soundings" and make sure Cocoa Beach Power Squadron is well represented.**

**Cdr. John F. Mulkey, P**

# ***EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT***

## ***Lt/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN***

The Executive Department is off to a great beginning with several organizational meetings completed and activities well under-way.

Most members have seen the large article with pictures for the Boat Smart Course that appeared in "Florida Today" and the "Cocoa Beach Current". The articles were the result of our new PRO officer, Lt. Sylvia Smith, S, who also coordinated several public service announcements as well as a paid advertisement. At the recent registration for Boat Smart a large number of the students mentioned the article in the paper. Others mentioned the Posters that were disbursed by P/C Larry Hatfield, SN, and his group of volunteers and the sign at the Triangle Auto that was obtained by Lt. Marian Sweigart, AP. This advertising blitz was truly a successful group endeavor.

P/C Larry Hatfield, SN, is making arrangements for the CBPS tent at the Harbortown Marina Flea Market, April 9 & 10. This is one of the largest boating flea markets in our area and offers the squadron an opportunity to inform the public about the Boat Smart Course and the Vessel Safety Inspections. Larry is still looking for volunteers for two- hour shifts. Let him know if you are available.

Lt. Charlie Dodds, SN, held a meeting of Vessel Safety Examiners and has arranged a schedule for inspecting boats at Kelly Park each Saturday in March and at Harbortown during the Flea Market. He still needs volunteers for Saturday s in April. All members are encouraged to have their private vessels inspected and can do so by contacting Charlie at 757-7787. Interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner? Please contact Charlie so a class can be conducted.

A slight change in the Executive Department line-up. Lt. John Lynn, P, has agreed to be the Legislative Officer while Lt. Gene Millner, AP, will continue as the Liaison Officer. These two very active boaters will keep the squadron members well informed of all the major issues facing boaters in Florida today.

When events are a success there is a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie felt by all those involved. In order to share in this you must first volunteer....or say "yes" when asked to join in the fun and excitement of the opportunities offered by membership in the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. I look forward to seeing lots of new faces this year.

## ***SEO REPORT***

### ***P/D/C Fred Adame, SN***

Your 2005-2006 Educational Department got off to a busy start with a department wide meeting on 9 February at the Cocoa Library. We had the chairmen of the Local Boards for Boating, Advanced Grades and Elective Courses all there along with most of our instructors. We did some preliminary planning of the class schedule for the coming year, identified the instructor vacancies and discussed the idea for a summer boating course at Brevard Community College.

Chairman of the Local Board for Boating, Lt. Pete Schmidt, P, conducted a proctors meeting later in February and began the Boat Smart course on Wednesday, 2 March, at Cape Canaveral Hospital. Due to his thorough planning, we had experienced proctors assigned to each table and a cadre of ladies to sell materials, register students, and direct them to their tables. First night registrations were over 36 but we expect more the next week. Exam night is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In the Local Board for Advanced Grades (we really do have these boards) under Lt. Bob Flannigan, SN, we just had five members take the Piloting course exam. This was a totally new course, incorporating GPS along with the traditional plotting skills...and there's no interpolating for deviation! The exam is one week, open book. We hope to offer it again in the fall with Lt. Howard Bernbaum, SN, as the instructor. Howard's been through the new course and is sure to make it interesting. Also, under the LB/AG (that's the abbreviation) Lt. Bob Mittauer, AP, has led his class through the first module of the Seamanship course. Their first exam is over and the seven students will have completed the second module by the time you read this. Seamanship teaches the basics of boat handling and is a prerequisite, along with Piloting, for the Advanced Piloting course. Bob knows how to whet his students appetite for more education.

The Local Board for Elective Courses (LB/EC), led by P/D/Lt/C Frank Sebree, SN, will be offering a course in Engine Maintenance beginning on Wednesday, 13 April, at the Cocoa Library. Ably taught by Lt. Gene Millner, AP, the course covers basic operation and maintenance of inboard gasoline and diesel engines along with 2- and 4-cycle outboards. Gene has taught this course before and his former students report a very enlightening and interesting experience. Sign up by calling me at 635-9455.

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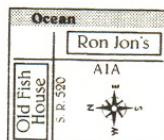
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# GALAXY 23

**From the District 23 Bridge  
D/C George Fontes, AP**

Now that District and all Squadrons have completed our Changes of Watch we get busy on a new year. In most aspects things will be the same. Be assured that changes are inevitable. We will have our problems but I can easily predict that we will have many fun times.

It is very difficult to get something without putting something in to it. How can work be fun? A simple example: You enjoy a squadron picnic. You received the enjoyment of the picnic but to do so you had to go to the picnic, you had to participate. You could enjoy the picnic more if you helped with the picnic in any of the many small tasks: planning, cooking, setting up, cleaning, service, etc. To make a long story short, get involved, participate. This example can be applied to most of the activities we have, to include education classes, co-op charting, setting up a meeting place, safety booth, vessel safety checks, etc. Just as important, take one of the many education classes yourself. There are many ways to get involved and meet new friends at the same time having fun.

At the same time I'm suggesting that you get involved, our senior members should be trying to get new members involved. By senior members I mean senior in experience with squadron activities. The senior members may not realize it but they receive satisfaction and have fun getting a new member involved. This year all members should get involved, or more involved, for your own enjoyment. One way to start is to introduce yourself to someone you have not personally met before.

If it is not fun, it fits in the category of work. I feel very confident that our newly elected Bridge Officers will do a good job this year but they can only produce outstanding results if all members are enjoying themselves. How? You guessed it, by getting involved. I hope to visit all squadrons at one of your meetings or social activities. I hope I can live up to what I preach and meet you personally. As the saying goes, my door is always open. In our case the door is e-mail, telephone, letter or my visits.

Overall the District and Squadrons had a highly successful 2004-2005. I hope, together, we can do the same and have fun at the same time. We can do it by working together. Remember District is here to be the link between National and you. We provide workshops, guidance, help as needed, in general we hope to make your job easier and hopefully have fun.

In May we are planning a District picnic on 14 May in conjunction with a Bridge Meeting and a Council Meeting. The Council meeting will be very brief. We are still planning, details will come out soon. The Spring Governing Board will be held in Charlotte, NC, 15 June. In October we hope to have a Cruise/Rendezvous at Hickory Point, Lake Harris. I wish you all a successful Watch year and hope everyone becomes involved.

Have Fun!

## ***ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT***

***Lt./C Ann McCandless, S***

By the time you read this I am sure that you will all have enjoyed the "Meet the Bridge Picnic". Thanks to **Doris Valentine** and **Gary Kingrea** for all of their hard work. And thanks to the good CBPS cooks, too!! YUM!!!

**Wales "Tuck" Craven** has agreed to chair the entertainment committee. Thank you very much. We all appreciate what Betty and you are doing for the squadron.

Boating Activities Chairman, **Duane Balkema** has included in the Soundings a TABLE of activities the committee has scheduled. The committee needs your input as to the interest and availability you have for these events. Please contact Duane and/or committee members. And thanks, Duane

We are in need of someone to assist with the CBPS meeting refreshments for June - August and September - November periods. Contact **Marcia McConkey** or **Ann McCandless** for further information.

Ann McCandless  
Lt/C Administrative Officer

## ***SQUADRON PICNIC REPORT***

***Lt. Doris Valentine***

We had a spectacular day for the "Meet The Bridge" picnic at Kiwanis Island Park. As usual, all the food was scrumptious. I want to thank our hot dog and hamburger **grillmasters**, Johnny McCandless and Bob Flannigan for a job well done.



Seventy-nine people attended including two new member guests.

There was a lot of fun competition on the volleyball field (we were very impressed with you Senior Citizens out there!) There were matches of teams at horseshoes, croquet and bocci. Although none of the prize-winners were able to scratch off significant sums from their Lotto ticket prizes, they all enjoyed their rewards.

A big Thank You goes to Gary Kingrea who hauled our big cooler filled with ice as well as the charcoal, wine, soda, etc. from my house to the picnic.

Most of all, thanks to everyone who contributed all that wonderful food to help make the whole day so successful!

# COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON SCHEDULE OF BOATING EVENTS—2005

Squadron members, following is the Schedule of Boating Events. It is not cast in Stone. You are welcome to contact the Boating Chairman, Duane Balkema, 452-5892, or members, Jack and Kay Wurst, Stan & Greenwood, Rick & Sandy Schoonmaker, or the Bridge if you have suggestions or comments.

By getting the schedule out early, we want to enlist the membership to participate in the activity as well as to volunteer to be a Contact/Coordinator. As you will note, we list two events needing volunteers. Trailer boaters, and there are many in the Squadron, can make a very nice day of "the St. Johns River Cruise" by trailing to Astor, launching, and cruising north to the first Springs for a day of snorkeling. We also show a volunteer slot open for the Cruise to Marker 21. Many in the past have attended this affair on a day run only and other for an overnight. Were you to Volunteer, we would assist you in every way.

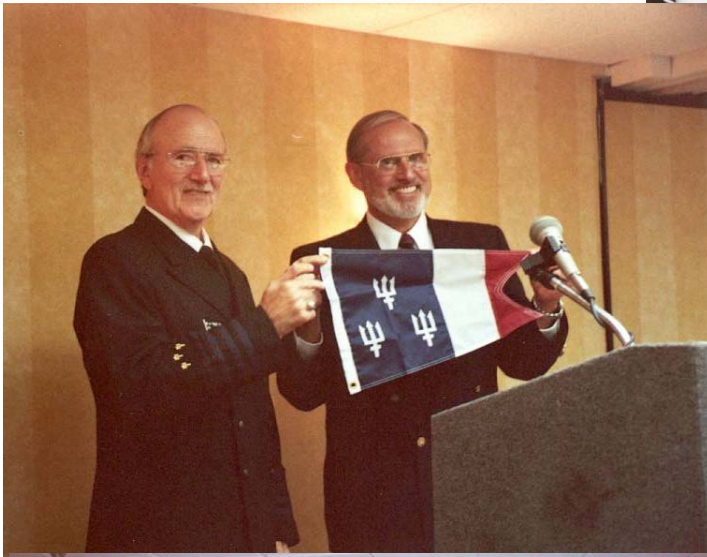
If any of these events fit your interests, please call the Contact/Coordinator and advise early on of your interest, and maybe we can gain large attendance. Banana River Power Squadron and Titusville Squadron members, you are invited to join in.

## 2005 Boating Activity Schedule for Cocoa Beach Power Squadron

| <i>ACTIVITY</i>  | <i>DATE</i>     | <i>CONTACT/COORDINATOR</i>      | <i>PHONE #</i> |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Cruise to Titusville & Raft-up<br>(Spoil Isl. South of Titusville<br>Swing Bridge) | April 30/May 1  | Jack & Kay Wurst                | 259-6431       |
| Blessing of the Fleet off Lee<br>Wenner Park in Cocoa 11am<br>(picnic follows)     | May 21          | John Mulkey/Duane Balkema       | 452-5892       |
| Poker Run on Banana River<br>12:30 at 520 Bridge - 4:30 PM                         | June 11         | Duane Balkema                   | 452-5892       |
| Fourth of July Raft-up off Lee<br>Wenner Park In Cocoa 6 - 9PM                     | July 4/5        | Rick & Sandy Schoonmaker        | 453-8130       |
| St. Johns River Cruise to<br>Springs, starting from Astor                          | August 27       | Need a volunteer w/Trailer Boat | 452-5892       |
| Palm Coast/Labor Day 3 day trip<br>(Cruise on N following weekend)                 | September 3/4/5 | Dick Fille                      | 868-1883       |
| Cruise to Melbourne Harbor for<br>Weekend at Docks                                 | September 17/18 | John Lynn                       | 537-8438       |
| Halloween on Water Ski Island &<br>Overnight if desired                            | October 29/30   | Stan & Jan Greenwood            | 254-2449       |
| Cruise to Marker 21 & Overnight<br>(near Grant)                                    | November 5/6    | Need a volunteer                | 452-5892       |



**2005 Change of Watch Picture Gallery**



***Congratulations to the New Bridge!***

# **COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

## **APRIL:**

- 05-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 13- Wednesday; 1130, Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Lunch, MI Moose Lodge
- 19-Thursday; 0900-1100; Blood Bank, Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island
- 23- Saturday; 1300-1630, Coco-Nauts High Tea, Faith Lutheran Church, MI
- 26-Thursday; 1830-2030, Exec. Board Mtg; Merritt Island Library, N. Courtenay
- 30- Saturday; Titusville Raft-up (overnight optional)

## **MAY:**

- 03-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 11- Wednesday; 1130; Coco-Nauts Lunch Meeting, Red Lobster on 520 in MI
- 19-Thursday; 0900-1100; Blood Bank, Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island
- 21- Saturday; 1100-1500; Blessing of the Fleet, Lee Wenner Park
- 24- Thursday; 1830-2030; Exec. Board Mtg; Merritt Island Library, N. Courtenay

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.

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## *Coco-Nauts' Corner*

*Lt. Barbara Millner, S, President*

Our March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was a buffet luncheon at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn. Speakers were Peter & Marilyn Schmidt who presented a fascinating tale of their escape from Africa onboard a boat that they built and transported to the coast. The pictures shown were beautiful, and we all admired the courage it took to make their escape!

During our meeting Marilyn Flanigan, Membership Chairman, installed four new members. Ladies installed included Jan Greenwood, Claudia Gunner, Mary Klock, and Marlene Walters. Terry LeBlanc is also a new member but was unable to be at the meeting to be installed. Welcome ladies!

Our newly installed Marlene Walters is a retired Methodist minister who has written a book exploring the ethics of assisted suicide. She drew from her years as a hospital chaplain, minister and as a teacher of medical ethics to write the book "Virtual Grace". For more information, or to order a copy, visit the Web site [www.xlibris.com](http://www.xlibris.com) or e-mail her at [tjmlw@dmv.com](mailto:tjmlw@dmv.com).

We would like to have the help of as many Coco-Nauts as possible in order to make the High Tea and Fashion Show a successful fundraiser. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to help in ANY way, please give Kay Wurst a call at 259-6431. Remember that tickets need to be purchased early, as they are not sold at the door.

Rick & Sandy Schoonmakers' son is now serving in Iraq and the Coco-Nauts will be preparing a "Care" box to send to him. Sandy has compiled a list of things that would be appropriate to put into the box. Items could include such things as DVD's (don't have to be new), magazines young guys would enjoy, phone calling cards for USA (NOT international cards), canned snack foods such as peanuts or the canned dips, and summer sausage. Use your imagination! Items should be brought to the April meeting.

Our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a brown bag luncheon at the Moose Lodge on Merritt Island. Drinks will be provided by Pam Johnson and Genevieve Link with Joan Montfort and Marian Sweigart providing the desserts. Ruth Wilburn from the blood bank will speak about blood donation in Brevard County.

Our second Holiday Basket, designed by Marge Balkema for St. Patrick's Day, was won by Gary Pell. The next basket will appear at the July meeting. I don't think it will contain any skyrocketes or firecrackers, but I'm sure it will have some interesting (and yummy) items. These baskets are part of our fundraising efforts, and we appreciate all who are helping us by taking chances on the baskets. Thank you!

Coco-Nauts with April birthdays:

4<sup>th</sup>—Josie McComb  
10<sup>th</sup>—Ruth Finn  
20<sup>th</sup>—Cheryle Quinn  
21<sup>st</sup>—Ruth Grumblatt  
22<sup>nd</sup>—Rhoda Bernbaum

Happy Birthday Ladies!



## **RADIO READINESS**

*Jack Wurst, P*

I have been asked to be CBPS's Radio Technical Officer, a position not filled in many squadrons. Duties are closely allied with those of the Educational Department. They include facilitating action on radio and electronic matters, disseminating USPS policy on matters relative to the operation of marine electronics, advising of changes in US and international rules of telecommunicating, and promoting safety and good manners in the use of radio channels.

The primary avenue I expect to use is monthly (hopefully) articles in The Soundings. This being the first one, it seems appropriate to reinforce USPS's relatively recent acceptance of the *GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM* (GPS) as a subject worthy of being taught in our courses. Both the new **Piloting** and **Advanced Piloting** courses now include the use of GPS as a regular part of navigation.

Many people look at this technology as simply amazing and well beyond their powers of comprehension. However, to trust and use it effectively, a basic understanding is essential. There are several websites that offer easy-to-comprehend help. The first, "[www.trimble.com/gps](http://www.trimble.com/gps)", is an unusually well-prepared description in simple words and clear sketches of the basic theory behind the system. It leads the reader step by step, and even includes a glossary of the terms which are not likely to be familiar to the layman.

The second site is more technical in description, but also more complete. It is "[www.colorado.edu/geography/gcraft/notes/gps/gps\\_f.html](http://www.colorado.edu/geography/gcraft/notes/gps/gps_f.html)". A scientific education probably would be helpful in using this very detailed set of articles.

The final website lists current equipment with comparative reviews and frequently asked questions. It also includes hundreds of links to other sources of information about GPS operation and equipments. It is <http://gpsinformation.net>.

If this amount of information hasn't satisfied your hunger for learning about electronic navigation, simply Google "GPS" and continue browsing!

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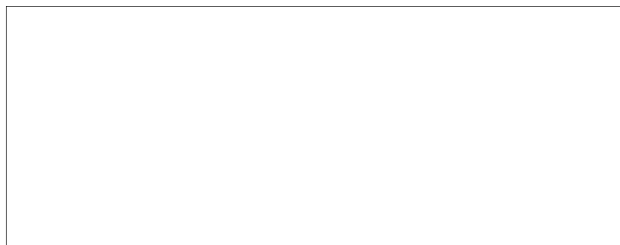
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