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## General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, December 6, 2005, 1900**

**Cocoa Civic Center**

**430 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa Village**

We will be viewing a tape of a trip down the Intercoastal Waterway. We will have the notorious GREAT EGG NOG AND COOKIES. We also will have time to spend socializing with our Squadron friends. Let's get into the Holiday spirit!



### CORRECTIONS TO NOVEMBER'S SOUNDINGS

Omissions from Bud Miller's D-23 Conference article:

Individuals on the Planning Team who need to be recognized and commended:

Jane Schnoor, Bob & Marilyn Flanigan, John Mulkey- Served as valuable members on the Planning Team.

Also, special recognition goes out to the Coco-Nauts for making the Welcome kits for Hotel guests and other gifts for attendees. Bob Mittauer for conducting an enlightening cake decorating demonstration, and to Mark and Michelle Anderson for providing an interesting cruise

Omissions from Barbara Millner's Coco-Nauts article:

These ladies were left out from last month's article that helped make the bears for the Hurricane victims: Pam Johnson, Wilma Kaiser, Barbara Millner, Lorraine Pell, and Sandy Schoonmaker.

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### SOUNDINGS DEADLINE:

**THE 10TH OF EACH  
MONTH**

We welcome comments,  
boating stories and any  
articles of interest you'd  
like to submit...

## AT THE HELM

Commander John Mulkey, P



Can you believe this is the last "Soundings" for 2005? This has been a **very good year for CBPS**. That's because we have very good people who are dedicated to our organization. When you have a lot of people working together, work has a way of becoming fun!

One of the season's big events is the Squadron's Holiday Dinner Dance which will be held on December 16 at the Cocoa Civic Center. We will be dining on a delicious buffet and will be entertained with live music. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Our last major function before the Change of Watch will be the Fundraiser Party on Sunday, January 22, 2006. Your Bridge decided that the reverse raffle would be a much easier way to raise money than the auction has been. While we all had a lot of fun at the auction, the amount of work to put it together was getting overwhelming. We have over 200 members and if everyone would buy just one ticket our reverse raffle will be a success. I am sure that the "party" part will be a success! There will also be a silent auction where you will be able to bid on many items. Food will be provided and beverages available. Let's not let the 2006 Bridge down. Buy your ticket today!

In just two months the Change of Watch will take place. This will be held at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn on February 19, 2006. Tickets will be available at the January and February Membership Meetings.

*Merri and I hope that you had a pleasant Thanksgiving. Our best wishes to all of you for a joyous Christmas, happy Hanukkah, and a prosperous New Year*

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:**

**Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN**

With the holidays upon us we are all finding time at a premium. I hope that you are managing to make time for the numerous squadron activities that have been planned for you.

As the calendar year comes to an end we need to reflect on our successes. As of this writing the Co-Op Charting group are leading the District in points, according to Lt. Bob Schaefer, P. Lt. Charlie Dodds, SN, reports that we will meet our goal of doubling our number of VSE's from last year and may reach the magic number of 300! If you haven't had your boat inspected, how about helping out by calling one of the VSEs listed in the roster. We are very close and your boat may be the one that achieves our goal.

Lt. Bob Flannigan, SN, has submitted his annual safety report. Rumor has it that the information from that will be used for an article in the Ensign. What was interesting in Bob's report was the CFW Flea Market at which many squadron members manned the tent and distributed information, signed up students for our Boating Courses, and conducted VSEs to the boaters at Harbortown Marina. Even if the rumored article is never written, the squadron should be proud of its participation in this annual event.

Our PRO chairman, Lt. Sylvia Smith, P, has been able to get the CBPS name in the press several times this year. Behind the scenes are P/C Larry Hatfield, SN, and Lt. Marian Sweigart, AP, who provide us access to the public with posters and phone calls that advertise the Boating Course.

## **SEO REPORT**

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

The Boat Smart course was completed with an exam on 2 November at Cape Canaveral Hospital. Under the able leadership of Lt Pete Schmidt, P, all 21 students who took the course passed – a great result. Though the numbers were small we had a really smooth running class with lots of interest from the students.

Our instructors included our commander, John Mulkey, P, Steve Winter, P, Roger Cowles, Tom Jensen, Joe Derrico and Lt/C's Rick and Sandy Schoonmaker, SN. Also helping out at registration and on exam night were P/C Sue Kneeland, SN, Lt Marion Sweigert, AP, Marilyn Schmidt and, of course, Lt Doris Valentine, who signed up quite a few new members. The real yeomen of the course were the members who signed up to be proctors. They included P/C Duane Balkema, AP, Howard Bernbaum, SN, Lt Bob Flanigan, SN, P/C Sam Greenwood, SN, and Jim Wonnell, P.

In regard to our member courses, we are now accepting registration for two of them: Seamanship and Weather. Weather will be taught on Wednesdays in the Cocoa Library and Seamanship on Thursdays at Wuesthoff Hospital. They will both start soon after Thanksgiving and members will be notified by phone of the exact starting date.

Seamanship is one of the initial courses for new members. It covers boat handling, marlinspike, rules of the road and a bit of nautical etiquette. It's a prerequisite for the other Advanced Grades and is especially aimed at new enrollees from the Boating Course. It will include an orientation to the Squadron. The class chairman for Seamanship will be P/C Sam Greenwood, SN, who has lots of practical experience on the water. But Seamanship is not just for new members. We're especially anxious to get those veteran members to take the course who don't yet have an "S" or better after their name. It's fun. You'll enjoy it.

Weather is a very interesting and fairly intense course of study. You'll be able to do some forecasting and have a better understanding of the weather patterns that affect us here in Florida. Plan on doing your homework and study assignments each week. The instructor will be Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN, who has taught the course before with outstanding results.

To sign up for either Seamanship or Weather, please give me a call at 635-9455.

## **Administrative Officer's Report**

**Lt/C Ann McCandless, S**

The Operations Training Class/Leadership Development Course was a huge success thanks to P/D/C Fred Adame, SN. Good class, good discussions, and GOOD FOOD! THANKS!!

Lt Johnny McCandless, P and Lt/C Ann McCandless, S both wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a very BLESSED New Year. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support you have given the Squadron through this year.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

**FRIDAY, 16 December 2005, HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE** at the Cocoa Civic Center, 1800 hrs to 2200 hrs (6:00pm - 10:00pm). It will be a great time. **DON'T MISS IT.** Call Betty Craven, 253-9448 or Lt/C Ann McCandless, S, 253-6243 for reservations. **MUST** have reservations and **MONEY** by **FRIDAY, 9 December.**

**SUNDAY, 22 January 2006, FUND RAISER/SILENT AUCTION,** Cocoa Civic Center, 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs (3:00pm - 5:00pm). Get your tickets!! The member turning in the most tickets get \$100!!!!!!

## **Secretary's Report**

**Lt/C J P Longway III, S**

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Members, we need everyone to serve the squadron, and as a result, support the mission of the USPS and squadron's mission to share our knowledge (education), give back to the community (civic involvement), and maintain a network of friends and have fun (fraternal). As part of your contribution to serve/support the squadron in general, we ask that you consider and identify areas where you can provide your support in the near term and future. In addition, when approached to take a position, assume responsibility or be part of a team, please give positive consideration to the request and take the opportunity to serve and support our many events and activities. As we prepare for the upcoming Change of Watch, there still remains openings on the 2006 Bridge, i.e., Secretary, as well as some committees that are not fully staffed. The Nominating Committee Report on page 12 of this issue, presents the new 2006 Bridge/Board of Directors, and the elected committees. Please give consideration on volunteering to fill these openings. Interested members may contact P/C Larry Hatfield, SN at (321) 636-4746, or [larryh@brevard.net](mailto:larryh@brevard.net).

Note: If anyone is interested in the 2006 Executive Board 's Secretary position, please feel free to contact me for information as to the Department's functions and responsibilities. After a year of serving the Bridge, I can honestly say that the position provided an opportunity to assist in carrying out the leadership duties of the squadron, and further provided insight of the inner workings that ensure successful teachings, activities and events.

The Secretary's staff extends it's best wishes to all for an enjoyable Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

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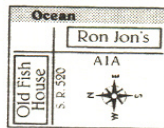
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**COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON**  
**HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE**

When: Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Where: **COCOA CIVIC CENTER**  
430 Delannoy Ave.  
Cocoa, Florida

Time: Cocktails: 1800 - 1900 hrs  
Dinner: 1900 - 2000 hrs  
Dancing: 2000 - 2200 hrs

Dress: Men: Uniform A or Suit and Tie  
Women: Formal Attire

Cost: \$30.00 per person/ Cash Bar

For Reservations: **Betty Craven, 321-253-9448**; Checks payable to CBPS

**RESERVATION AND MONEY DUE 9 DECEMBER 2005**

**Buffet Menu**

**Butlered Hors d'oeuvres**

Mini Chicken Cordon Bleu, Beef Empanadas and Quiches

**Entrees:**

Roast Beef Tenderloin with Béarnaise and Horseradish Sauces,  
Roast Pork Tenderloin with Apple Brandy Sauce, and Chicken Marsala

**Salads and Side Dishes**

Tropical Spinach Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,  
Sugar Spiced Baby Carrots, and Green Bean Amandine

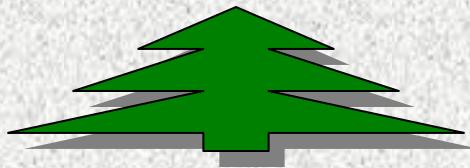
**Desserts:**

Chocolate Grand Marnier Cheesecake,  
Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting,  
Coconut Cream Cake, and Southern Pecan Pie

Menu includes Fresh Rolls and Butter,  
Iced Tea and Coffee

For Your Listening and Dancing Pleasure

**The Marion Scott Quartet**





**CBPS FUNDRAISER AND PARTY!!**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2006, 1500– 1700 hrs.** Cocoa Civic Center

SILENT AUCTION: Contact Marian Sweigart, 452-3682

and

2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL Reverse Drawing

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!**

**\$25.00 DONATION TO THE CBPS - 200 TICKETS**

**(Cash Prize of \$100.to CBPS member collecting the most \$ donations!!)**

**\$1,200. GRAND PRIZE**

**.(Plus \$700.00 in OTHER CASH PRIZES.)**

On **January 22, 2006**, the winning number will be drawn  
(Need NOT be present to win the cash prizes.)

For Information, CONTACT Johnny McCandless, 253-6243

or

JoAnn, P and Lt Gary Monai, P, 321-799-3635



DISTRICT 23 & JACKSONVILLE SAIL & POWER SQUADRON  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO:

D23's "MARGARITAVILLE" SPRING CONFERENCE  
& CHANGE OF WATCH



- Who: All D23 Jimmy Buffett Fans, Look-a-Likes, Parrott Heads, etc.  
What: D23 Spring Conference & Change of Watch  
Where: Holiday Inn Baymeadows, 9150 Baymeadows Rd, Jacksonville, FL  
When: March 3, 4, & 5, 2006  
Why: Because its Jacksonville's Turn to Host a Conference!  
Theme: Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville



**DISTRICT 23 SPRING CONFERENCE: MARCH 3, 4, 5, 2006**  
**HOLIDAY INN AT BAYMEADOWS – JACKSONVILLE \*RESERVATION FORM\***

**SPECIAL RATES: Double-occupancy per night - \$69.00 / room (fee subject to tax)**

Please reserve as follows: Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ # of people \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are due by February 23, 2006 and will be accepted on a space available basis after that date.  
 (Same rate guaranteed for one (1) day before and one (1) day after event)**

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FIRST NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT OR GUARANTEED BY A MAJOR CREDIT CARD. HOTEL WILL NOT HOLD RESERVATIONS UNLESS GUARANTEED.

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL RESERVATION TO: HOLIDAY INN at Baymeadows  
 9150 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256**

**PHONE RESERVATIONS: CALL: (904) 737-1700 Toll Free: (800) 828-1191  
 Use Special Code: DPS (Code Holiday Inn has special rate listed under)**

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**DISTRICT 23 SPRING CONFERENCE: MARCH 3, 4, 5, 2006**  
**Meal & Event Reservation Form**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the number of participants and fees paid for the Meals listed below:**

**FRIDAY NIGHT: Margaritaville Theme Night w/ Buffett & Buffet:** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY LUNCHEON: Lunch Buffet** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET: Plated Formal dinner:*

*Two (2) entrée choices including Salad, Rolls, Vegetables, Rice Pilaf, Coffee/Tea & Dessert.*

*Chicken Cordon Bleu:* # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Prime Rib:* # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$28.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY: "N" CLUB BREAKFAST: Breakfast Buffet** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Reservations are required in advance for all meals and events must be received by February 23, 2006.  
 Make Checks Payable to JSPS – Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron Activity Fund.*

**Mail Food Reservations To:**  
 P/C Calvin Ray, 4350 Ortega Farms Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32210

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**  
**Check the web site and your email for updates!**

**NOVEMBER:**

20 - Sunday, Harvest Party; 1500-1700 Kiwanis Park Pavilion, \$5.00 (Bring a covered dish)

22 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

**DECEMBER:**

01 - Thursday, 0915, Blood Donations, Florida Blood Center, Rockledge

06 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center

14 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Meeting, Chowders

16 - Friday, 1800-2200, Holiday Dinner Dance, Cocoa Civic Center (\$30.+ cash bar)

**JANUARY:**

03 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center

04 - 08, Annual National USPS Meeting, Orlando, FL, @ Rosen Hotel

11 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Meeting, Brevard Museum, Brown Bag (\$4.00)

22 - Sunday, 1500-1700, Fundraiser/Silent Auction, Cocoa Civic Center

24 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

28 - Saturday, Coco-Nauts "Shipwrecked" Party, Stonewood Towers Clubhouse

**FEBRUARY:**

07 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center

19 - Sunday, 1600-1900, Change of Watch, Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach

28 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

**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.**

# Coco-Nauts' Corner

## Barbara Millner, President

In October we met for a delicious buffet luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Cocoa Beach. While there, we traveled vicariously to China with Ed and Carolyn Bonnett as our guides. What a terrific presentation! Thank you SO much, Ed & Carolyn. It was enjoyed by all who attended!

Refreshments for the Boat Smart class were served on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cape Canaveral Hospital. This is always a good opportunity to meet prospective members and to give them a chance to see what our squadron is all about.

Our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 11:30 AM at Chowders. This will be a buffet luncheon for \$10 which includes the tip and tax. We will be collecting items for a nursing home, as we've done for several years. For new members who may not be familiar with this, we purchase and wrap gifts to be given to residents of Courtenay Springs. Suggested items to purchase would be body and hand lotion for ladies, a box of candy, brush & comb sets, calendars, clocks, cookies in a tin box, crossword books (search & circle—good for eye coordination), dusting powder, ladies cosmetic bag, nail polish, men's soap, shaving cream, shaving lotion, slippers (female size M, male size L), assorted cards, stationery, stamps, purse size Kleenex, large boxes of Kleenex, men's handkerchiefs and cotton socks for both female and male residents. Small Christmas decorations for residents' rooms would also be appreciated. Remember, the wrapped gifts need to be marked for man or lady. It also helps the nursing home deliver gifts to the right person if you write what the package contains.

At the Power Squadron meeting in December, we will be collecting non-perishable food for the Sharing Center. If you are unable to attend that meeting and would like to contribute to the worthy cause, the items may be brought to the Coco-Nauts' December meeting. Also, some of you have continued to collect personal items for the Women's Abuse Center and these items could be brought at the same time.

A Holiday Installation will be held at my home on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. We'd like to officially install any member who has not previously been installed. So, dress up in your holiday red and green and come join us!

The January meeting will be a brown bag luncheon and tour of the Brevard Museum at 11:30 AM. Directions to the museum will be given in the January issue of the Soundings. Cost for the tour will be \$4.00 per person. We will have our lunch and meeting and then take the tour, so anyone needing to leave early will be free to do so.

Reserve the date of January 28<sup>th</sup> to attend our "Shipwrecked" party to be held at Stonewood Condo in Cocoa Beach. Details will be in next month's report.

Coco-Nauts with December birthdays:

- 7<sup>th</sup>—Joan Montfort
- 16<sup>th</sup>—Lea Collins
- 25<sup>th</sup>—Arlene Bestow
- 25<sup>th</sup>—Lorraine Pell
- 27<sup>th</sup>—Barbara Bakmazian
- 28<sup>th</sup>—Maribeth Mittauer



**Happy Holidays to All**

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**P/C Larry Hatfield, SN**

In accordance with the **BYLAWS OF COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON, INC.** and those of **UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**, the following members in good standing are nominated as indicated. All have been interviewed and are willing to serve.

In accordance with **ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.1**, candidates for office to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before the date of the election.

### **BRIDGE**

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Lt/C Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN</b>
<b>Executive Officer</b>	<b>P/Lt/C Michael A. Stone, P</b>
<b>Educational Officer</b>	<b>P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN</b>
<b>Administrative Officer</b>	<b>Lt/C J. P. Longway, III, S</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lt. Richard D. Schoonmaker, SN</b>
<b>Asst. Educational Officer</b>	<b>P/C Samuel Greenwood, SN</b>
<b>Asst. Secretary</b>	<b>Marilyn Flanigan, P</b>
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	<b>P/Lt/C Robert S. Schaefer, P</b>

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors consists of the above Bridge Members plus the following :

<b>Cdr John F. Mulkey, P</b>	<b>P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN</b>
<b>Lt. Doris Valentine</b>	<b>1st/Lt Collette (Joan) Montfort, S</b>

### **ELECTED COMMITTEES**

<b>Rules Committee</b>	
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>P/C George Hess, SN</b>
<b>Asst. Chairman</b>	<b>P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN</b>
<b>Member 3 yrs.</b>	<b>P/C John Mulkey, P</b>
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Asst. Chairman</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Member 3 yrs.</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Auditing Committee</b>	
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>P/C Duane Balkema, AP</b>
<b>Asst. Chairman</b>	<b>P/Lt/C Robert Schaefer, P</b>
<b>Member 3 yrs.</b>	<b>Lt Joseph Auchter, AP</b>



## Coco-Naut News

The Nominating Committee for the Coco-nauts presents

the following slate of Officers for 2006:

**President:** Pam Johnson, P

**Vice- President:** Lorraine Pell

**Secretary:** Marion Sweigert, AP

**Treasurer:** Doris Valentine

**Member-At-Large:** Barbara Millner, S

**Member-At-Large:** Doris Hess

**Member-At-Large:** Jane Sebree, P

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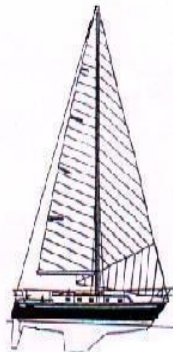
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