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(FROM ONE TO ANOTHER)

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

AT THE HELM

Commander Sandy Schoonmaker, SN



'Tis the Holiday Season and everyone is already over-booked with activities. I hope that you have found a place on your calendar for the Christmas Holiday Party on 10 December. This year we are taking a different approach with a more casual get-together but have kept the music for those of you who like to get a little dancing exercise to burn off some of those wonderful calories consumed at the hors d'oeuvres buffet. We hope to see you there!

For those of you who were not able to attend our November membership meeting I would like to share some up-dates.

First of all, the squadron has elected to go with USPS National's Annual Membership Billing schedule. For current members, the only change will be the manner in which dues will be paid. The bill will arrive as usual from National in early May. The payment will be sent directly back to National either by check or credit card. National will send out the reminder notices (saving our postage costs). National will also send your renewed membership card (saving some more postage).

New member will pay an entire year's dues upon joining and their renewal date will occur 12 months from their joining date. National will keep track of this and mail out notices and renewals.

The money collected by National will be directly deposited in CBPS's bank account on a monthly basis and our treasurer will be notified.

The other change that the membership agreed to is related to the change of membership billing categories to match those adopted by National and District this past year. We will now have one category for a single member and one category for any additional people sharing the same household with the single member. The single member pays 100% of the dues and the second household category will pay 50% of the dues. Please note that the number of household members is unlimited but each must meet membership requirements.

If you have questions regarding these changes, please feel free to give me a call.

One last detail...the January meeting will be held on the Second Tuesday, 9 January, at the Civic Center at 1900. Please note this change.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

P/Lt/C Mike Stone, P

With the holidays upon us we are all finding time at a premium. I hope that you are managing to make time to participate in 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 is leading the District in points, according to Lt. Bob Schaefer.P. Lt. Charlie Dodds, SN, reports that we will achieve at least 200 VSE's. If you haven't had your boat inspected, how about helping out by calling one of the VSE examiners listed in the roster.

Lt Bob Flanigan and Marilyn Flanigan have been busily distributing boating safety material to local schools.

Cocoa Beach Power Squadron had a display of boating safety items at the Cape Canaveral Library thanks to the hard work of Sandy and Rick Schoonmaker and Denise and Mike Stone. Another display is scheduled for later in the year at the Port St. John Library.

As the boating season comes to conclusion, remember to continue to keep your boating activities safe and enjoyable.

Happy Holidays from the Executive Department!

SEO REPORT

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN

Marine Electronics, under Lt. Howard Bernbaum, SN, is progressing with 8 students enrolled who have already taken the first exam of three. The course is being taught at our cafeteria classroom furnished as a public service by Wuesthoff Hospital. I'd say to give them your business but, better yet, say thanks next time you're visiting someone there.

We have another great classroom at the Brevard Central library on Forrest Avenue in Cocoa. There, every Wednesday night, you'll find P/R/C's Jane and Dick Schnoor, SN's, along with about 10 students pursuing an interesting course called Seamanship. With the help of Coast Guard licensed Capt Bob Goldstein, AP, the students are demonstrating that they can tie the required knots and bends and are learning docking and the basics of boat handling, When they graduate, they can write an "S" after their name.

And in our last classroom, also at the Cocoa Library, but upstairs, we have six budding "Master and Commanders" learning the intricacies (and they can really be intricate, some times) of celestial navigation in the Junior Navigation course. We've already been out with our sextants to the beach to observe the heavenly bodies and have learned to compute the time in Melbourne (Australia) when it's 1700 in Melbourne (Florida). It's a fun course. Just ask George Hess who's taken, and passed, it. He's also our sight checker, so beware. Incidentally, one of our students is Cdr Bruce Wade, AP, from Titusville Sail and Power Squadron.

Next year we're looking forward to a Piloting Course and maybe even a Sail course. Think about it and be ready to sign up when the word is passed.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S

Year's end is a month away, and as of this issue there has been a number of events that have just recently taken place, as well as a number of upcoming Squadron events still to happen, prior to the next Change of Watch.

First, thanks to all who chaired, supported and participated in: the three boating activities that took place in late October; instructing and taking ongoing marine/boating courses; giving your time to Brevard's 4th Annual Buddy Walk; donating your blood at Florida's Blood Center; enjoying our Annual Harvest Party hosted by the Coco-Nauts & supported by the set-up /breakdown crews, and finally, supporting the Coco-Nauts' Annual Fundraiser. And if that wasn't enough to keep us move'n & groove'n, there were numerous meetings taking place to plan meeting agendas and other near term events/activities, ongoing Vessel Safety Exams, initiating Co-op Charting excursions, committee meetings, Soundings publication and distribution, Web site maintenance, Ships Store, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Wow ! Holy Mackerel !Whew !!

When you look back, as well as look forward, many things are constantly underway to make the Squadron function properly as chartered. I believe it takes every member to do their part to "give back and support the many positive efforts put forth by the direction of the membership". Lets stay the course and build upon our successes, with all members rowing together given their ability and availability to be an active contributor. We Need You !

Special thanks to the Administrative Staff for a job well down in support of the membership's best interest.

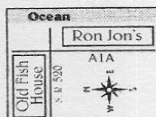
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Coco-Naut's Corner

Pam Johnson, President

The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron had a good turn out for Brevard County's 4th Annual Buddy Walk sponsored by the National Down Syndrome Society. The Coco-nauts gave the charity a nice donation and we were well represented by the following individuals: Fred and Carmen Adame, Lea Collins, Linda Feldman, Pam and Randy Johnson, Ann and Johnny McCandless, Gary and JoAnn Monai, Lorraine Pell and Doris Valentine.

On December 13th our Holiday Luncheon will be held at Ron Jon Surf Grill from 11:30 am – 12:45 pm. See our flyer this issue for directions. 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 and 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.

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.

The Coco-Naut's Brown Bag luncheon Meeting held at the Moose Lodge in Merritt Island on Wednesday, November 8th proved to be very productive. We concentrated our efforts on preparing for the upcoming Card Party/Silent Auction to be held on November 17th. We are looking forward to a good turn out.

Our Harvest Party was a huge success. This is always a fun event, and I think people really mingled and got to know each other whether it be due to the beautiful weather or maybe the delicious food. Special thanks to all who helped set up the pavilion especially Debra and Larry Burleson, Chuck and Marry Conklin, Randy and Pam Johnson, Barb and Gene Miller, Rick and Sandy Schnoonmaker, and Doris Valentine. Marge Balkema made the beautiful harvest basket that we raffled off and I think it was one of her finest. The lucky winners were Les and Evelyn Tribout. Sorry Jay maybe next time. Marilyn Flanigan also installed a brand new Coco-Naut Adrienne Goldstein, and previously uninstalled Coco-Nauts Donna Longway, and Merri Mulkey.

The Coco-Nauts will begin collecting food for the Salvation Army and toiletries for the Sharing Center. Please bring them to the Brown Bag Luncheon at the Moose, CBPS's General Meeting and the Harvest Party.

Coco-Nauts with December Birthdays include:

DECEMBER

07th Joan Montfort

16th Lea Collins

25th Lorraine Pell, Arlene Bestow

27th Barbara Bakmazian



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

November:

- 17 - Friday, 1000 - 1400, Coco - Nauts' Annual Fundraiser Silent Auction/Card/Game Luncheon, Cocoa Beach Community Church**
- 25 - Saturday, Ski Island Raft-up, See Boating Events Schedule for contact**
- 28 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

December:

- 02 - Saturday, 1200, Luncheon Rendezvous at Sunset Café, Cocoa Beach**
- 05 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 10 - Sunday, 1600 - 1900, Christmas & Holiday Season Social, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn**
- 13 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco - Nauts' Luncheon, Ron Jon Surf Grill**
- 16 - Saturday, Participate in Christmas Boat Parade**

January:

- 09 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 10 - Wednesday, Coco-Nauts' Luncheon**
- 20 - Saturday, D23 Council Meeting, Silver Lake Community Church, Leesburg**
- 20 - Saturday, Samson Island Park off Grand Canal - Satellite Beach**
- 23 - Tuesday, 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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Cordaro

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Adrienne Goldstein

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The Coco-Nauts December Holiday Luncheon

Where:

Ron Jon Surf Grill

Address:

1000 Shorewood Drive
Cape Canaveral

When:

December 13th

Time:

11:30 am-2:45 pm

Directions:

(See Flyer)



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Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Auxiliary
Nominating Committee Report

The following people have consented to serve as the new Board of Officers for the year 2007-2008 to be voted on at the January 10, 2007, Coco-Nauts Meeting.

President -----	Carmen Adame
Vice Pres.-----	Betty Auchter
Secretary-----	Jane Schnoor
Treasurer-----	Doris Valentine
Member's- at- Large -----	Debra Burleson
	Mary Conklin
	Carmen Milliken



The Harvest Party at Kiwanis Island yesterday was a huge success! The Cocoa-Nauts did a great job and are to be commended.

D 23 Winter Council Meeting January 20, 2006

Directions:

Silver Lake Community Church, 34030 Radio Road, Leesburg FL.

Church is off of Highway 441 in Leesburg. Coming from south on 441 turn right at Radio Road. Landmark: Barnhills Buffet Restaurant. From north turn left at Radio Road, Barnhills will be on your left at the light. Proceed down Radio Road until road curves to your left (about a mile), Church is on your right. Go to www.mapquest.com/directions/

Uniform: Uniform is G (White short-sleeve shirt with black pants/skirt) or other appropriate attire

Schedule:

- 0830 - 0930 Bridge Meeting
- 0930 - 1025 March 2007 Conference Committee Meeting
Bring raffle gifts/door prizes & giveaways
- 0930 - 1025 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting - bring history/pictures
- 0930 - 1025 Workshops - TBD
- 1030 - 1155 Workshops - TBD
- 1200 1300 LUNCH
- 1300 1425 Department Meetings and Incoming Officer Training
- 1300 1425 P/D/C and P/C Involvement Roundtable
- 1430 1530 Council Meeting

LUNCH - \$ 10.00

Menu: Ham and noodles, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter, Desert, coffee, tea, soft drinks.

Lunch Reservations - not later than 16 January 2006. No payments at door.

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OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2006

Event	Date	Day	Contact	Notes
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	11/25	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Casual-Call contact
Sunset Café Cruise	12/2	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Boaters & land bound can enjoy lunch
Participate in a Christmas Parade	12/16	Sat	Balkema 452-5892 Millner 452-0500	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	12/23	Sat	Charlie Dodds 7957882	Casual-Call contact
Samson Island Park off Grand Ca- nal-Satellite Beach	1/20/07	Sat	Gene Millner 452-0500	Park has trails, tables dock & Portolets
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	1/27/07	Sat	Duane Balkema 452-5892	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup	2/24/07	Sat	Duane Balkema	Casual-Call contact

***Note: Ski & Sailboat Island every 4th Saturday are casual & expected to be great fun talking boats & having events. Call & advise if coming, and the contact will inform you of any others planning on attending. Locations can be changed to satisfy those attending. The contact will have the information on changes. D. Balkema Chairman 452-5892**

Sunset Cafe Cruise, December 2nd

Here is a chance to enjoy a very nice lunch and watch the boating scene as you have conversations with your friends. Come by boat or by car and enjoy at 1130 AM. There are 21 slips available for us and tables by the water already reserved. We will order off the standard lunch menu, but please sign up at the Nov meeting. It is a good way to kick off the holiday season. Contact Charlie Dodds for info. 757-7787.



BOATING ACTIVITIES PAST & PRESENT

Boating Chairman P/C Duane L. Balkema

Our Next event is Saturday, December 2nd at 11:30, the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Sunset Café Cruise. Location is Just South of 520 on Cocoa Beach on Banana River. We would like to see as many boaters as possible come to the event. Charlie Dodds is the organizer and contact on 795-7882. You can also contact me on 452-5892.

Coordinator John Lynn reports; on our recent event the Cruise to Melbourne Harbor Marina October 20-22, 2006. Six couples attended this event by boat and stayed over night in the marina Friday afternoon through Sunday morning.

Boaters arriving Friday

Al & Yola Bercin/Wannago	Bob & Marybeth Mittauer/Lisa-K
John & Susan Lynn/Tuit	Gene & Barbara Millner/Sea Eagle
Jim & Ann O'Malley/Wild Goose	

Boater arrived Saturday Charley & Angie Vilardebo/Amore

Land yachters for Saturday dinner

Fred & Carmen Adame	Joe & Elizabeth Auchter
Duane & Marge Balkema	Mike & Denise Stone
Pat, Patty & Porter Sherman	(guest of John & Susan)

Friday, We enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with Gene and Barbara Millner on their vessel, "Sea Eagle". Later we dined at the marina restaurant "Ichabod's". The 12 of us enjoyed ordering from the menu and socializing in air-conditioned comfort. To top the evening off, dinner was the coordinator's treat. He said it was a little return on investment for those who bought tickets for the last reverse raffle. For those who don't know, the coordinator won the grand prize of the raffle.

Saturday was another beautiful Florida day, lots of sunshine and NO rain. There was no planned activity for Saturday until cocktail time. The Melbourne Village Annual Fall Art Festival was hustling and bustling and the gun show was only a few blocks away at the Civic Center. Several of us enjoyed the local village activities while others took time for a nap.

Jim and Ann O'Malley on their vessel, "Wild Goose", hosted Saturday afternoon cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. A little before 1700 hours (5:00 PM) we sauntered over to the Chart House Restaurant where twenty-three of us dined. Ages of the group span from Al Bercin, who just celebrated his 92nd birthday, to Porter Sherman, who just passed 16 months a week earlier. Porter is John and Susan Lynn's Grandson, who arrived by land yacht with Dad Patrick and Mom Patty. All had a good feast even if the coordinator didn't spring for the dinner tab.

The only malfunctions reported during this event were air-conditioners on the coordinators vessel and Al Bercin's vessel. The boaters all returned to their homeports during another great Florida Sunday.



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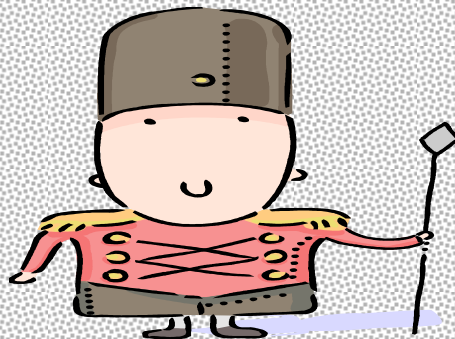
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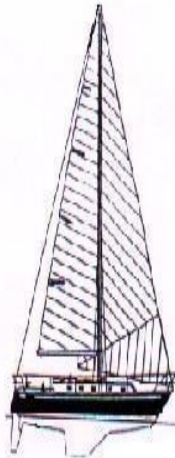
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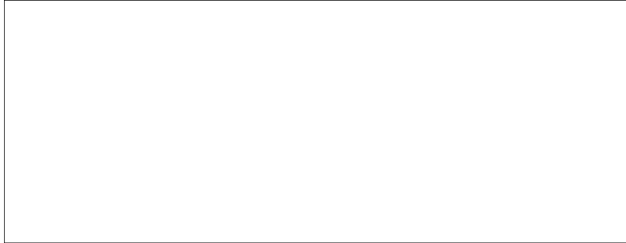
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