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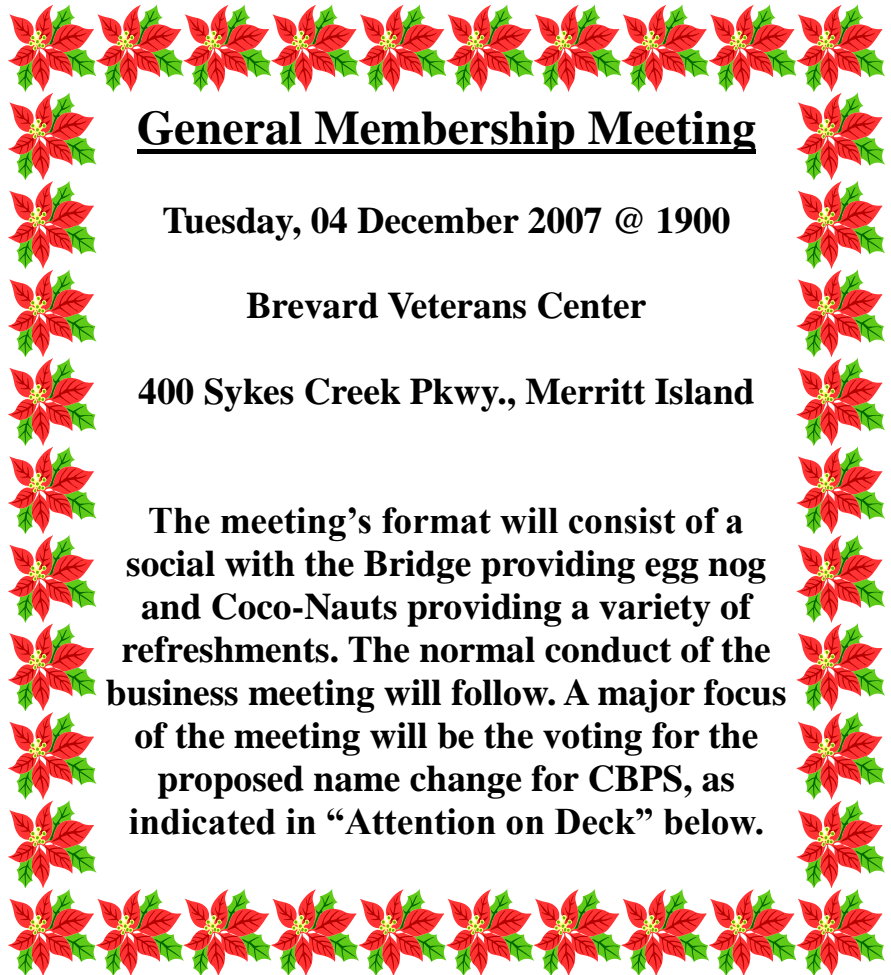
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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, 04 December 2007 @ 1900

Brevard Veterans Center

400 Sykes Creek Pkwy., Merritt Island

The meeting's format will consist of a social with the Bridge providing egg nog and Coco-Nauts providing a variety of refreshments. The normal conduct of the business meeting will follow. A major focus of the meeting will be the voting for the proposed name change for CBPS, as indicated in "Attention on Deck" below.

Attention on Deck

Please plan to attend the December meeting to cast your vote by paper ballot on a "Squadron" name change. There will be two separate votes. The first vote will be on the issue of changing the name "Power Squadron" to "Sail and Power Squadron". The second vote will be on changing the name "Cocoa Beach", or "Central Brevard". Please consider the options provided above, and be prepared to attend and cast your vote. The only voting will take place at the meeting, and therefore no absentee ballots will be accepted.

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

E:Mail an Attachment to boosterx2002@yahoo.com

AT THE HELM

Commander Mike Stone, P



It is not too soon to think about volunteering for either a position on the Bridge or some other job supporting the squadron. This is an easy way to make new friends and at the same time help the squadron to continue to be an organization that is both fun and educational. The nominating committee is still seeking a candidate for the Executive Officer position. This position provides the knowledge needed to move up to the Commander position in the following year. If you have an interest in this position, talk to either LT/C Jay Longway or CDR Michael Stone to learn more about the duties and responsibilities associated with this position.

Our boating committee co-chairmen are to be congratulated for putting together the Thunderbirds raft up. Seven boats attended as well as 22 people. It was a great event. The weather and Thunderbirds did not cooperate entirely. We saw a small portion of the show while experiencing 10-20 knot winds. Even with this, all seemed to enjoy the raft up and socializing. Check the CBPS website for pictures of this event.

Remember, next month at the general meeting we will be voting for a possible name change for the squadron. According to our bylaws, a vote such as this needs to be published in the Soundings for two months before voting. This has been done. The votes will be by paper ballot and counted by our Legal Officer, Dick Schnoor, and Secretary, Marilyn Flanigan. You must be present to vote. No absentee ballots will be accepted.

Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Party on December 9th. More details will be found elsewhere in the Soundings.

Denise and I hope that all CBPS members have a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C J. P. Longway III, P



The Holiday season is fast approaching, as is the end of another wonderful year. Oh what a good year it has been for the squadron, in spite of the fact that we had the passing of some fraternal fellows and sisters, and a lower membership than in the past. As usual, the Squadron stepped up to its obligations to provide the means to educate its members and community, offer public boating safety services to the community, and holding numerous activities and events to enjoy the fellowship of our members.

Personally, its really been a good year for me. I passed the Piloting course, (by the hair on my chin), participated/supported many civic services, enjoyed many fraternal activities/events, and served as part of your leadership team to ensure we maintained a successful operation, However, the highlight was that I survived a bout with Cancer in parallel and doing the aforementioned. I have now been cancer-free for six months, and am anxiously looking forward to the new year and the challenges and unknowns it will bring. With your support, I'm sure it will be another good year for the Squadron, me and my family.

Next year, our focus must be set on encouraging all members (old & new) to be active/involved as much as possible, and help grow the Squadron's membership, operations and services. In addition, I will offer to undertake the steps necessary to ensure the Squadron is recognized more in the community, as well

SEO REPORT

P/C John Mulkey, P



The Seamanship Class was canceled because we did not have enough students signed up. We will re-schedule this class next Spring.

Weather Class is scheduled to begin January 7, 2008 at Wuesthoff Hospital in Rockledge. It will be taught by P/D/C Dick Schnoor, SN.

Advanced Piloting is scheduled to begin January 23, 2008 at the Cocoa Library, taught by Lt. Jim O'Malley, SN.

At the November Membership Meeting we voted to reimburse the cost of the student manual to members passing either Seamanship or Piloting. This would be a savings of \$35.00 for each course passed.

Please sign up early for these courses as it takes so long to get the manuals from National. Call me at 633-0094 or email me at j_mulkey@bellsouth.net

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Joe Derrico, P



One of the many benefits of CBPS are its social programs. Activities planned for you to know and meet your fellow boaters. Your power squadron and the district Bridges works energetically to bring you, the members, a variety of opportunities to socialize and have fun. One such activity occurred last Saturday (November 10), King Neptune Day sponsored by the Banana River Sail and Power Squadron and District 23. What a beautiful day it was with mild temperatures, plenty of sunshine, good food, good drinks, a chance to be with friends, and a very important event, Meeting King Neptune. King Neptune, Ruler of the Seven Seas, Keeper of Davy Jones' Locker, and Master of his realm in the briny deep. We have five CBPS members who after being hazed were allowed to enter into King Neptune's Court and become "Shell backs", Debra and Larry Burleson, Donna and Jay Longway, and Marsha Kirkwood. Congratulations to all. King Neptune's final remarks were " I have heard that many mortals have frequently seen me, but I know that to be a case of mistaken identity, the truth is that P/C Ed Kydd strongly resembles me. I can assure you that he is the one you have seen. Since he is older than I by a couple of years, I could pass for his younger brother."

Remember the Holiday Party, December 9th at the Brevard Veterans Center -MORE GOOD FUN.

Please give blood!!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



The Squadron and Coco-Nauts will be collecting and delivering canned goods again this year for the-Central Brevard Sharing Center. Please bring your donated canned goods to the 4 December General Meeting and/or to the Holiday Dinner on 9 December. This is a good way for CBPS to share in our community providing for those less fortunate at this time of year. The Coco-Nauts and your Secretary will deliver the canned goods to the Sharing Center. Thank you for your gift!



COCO-NAUTS CORNER
Carmen Adame, President

All Cocoa-naut members and Squadron ladies are invited to attend the Christmas/Holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 12 at Lobster Shanty, Cocoa Beach at 11:30 a.m. A great lunch joined with great friendship will be had by all. Lunch will be ordered off the menu. Please bring Senior Santa donations and non-perishable donations for the Brevard Sharing Center. It is a gift we give ourselves when we share with others during this blessed season.

Senior Santa Wish List:

Bath brushes
large

Handkerchiefs

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Ladies Housecoats, L & XL

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Lap blankets, quilts

Lotions, full size

Non-skid socks

Towels, Washcloths

Booties & slippers, medium &

Button-up cardigans men: L, X

Pajamas women, S&M, Men

Large-print crossword puzzles

Notepaper & stamps

Small radios Toiletries, Razors,

Cocoa-Naut members will be joining the Entertainment Committee to sponsor the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 9 at the Veteran's Center. Bring a covered dish to share that will complete the turkey and ham meat entrees supplied by the Auxiliary. The centerpieces and Holiday basket raffle promise to please, as well.

Thank you, for the continued generosity from all members through the past year. The community and the Auxiliary appreciate it.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year!!!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

NOVEMBER:

27 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

DECEMBER:

04 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center

09 - Sunday, 1600 to 1900, Holiday Party, Brevard Veterans Center

12 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Luncheon, Lobster Shanty, Cocoa Beach

JANUARY:

04 - Friday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center ****

07 - Monday, 1900, Weather Course, Instructor: P/D/C Dick Schnoor, SN, Wuesthoff Hosp.

09 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, TBA

19 - Saturday, D23 Council Meeting, Altamonte Springs Holiday Inn

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

23 - Wednesday, 1900, Advanced Piloting Course, Lt Jim O'Malley, SN, Cocoa Library

26 - Saturday, 1000 to 1500, Operations Training & Leadership Development, Suntree

26 - Saturday, Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island

****** Reminder that the General Membership Meeting is on Friday the 4th, not Tuesday !**

FEBRUARY:

05 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center

13 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, TBA

17 - Sunday, Squadron Change of Watch Dinner, TBA

20 to 23 - Wed to Sat, USPS Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX

26 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

Note:

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.

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OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS

Date	Day	Event
January 26th	Saturday	Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island

Contact Denise Stone at 453-5807 or Barbara Millner at 452-0500



Vessel Safety Exams

To date, there are 182 vessel exams completed. Please contact Lt. Charlie Dodds, SN @ doddsc@bellsouth.net to schedule an exam.



Galaxy 23

**From the District Bridge
D/Lt/C Robert E. Becker, Jr, SN
Administrative Office**

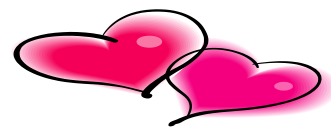
One of the most important D 23 meetings of the year is coming in January 2008. It is the Winter Council meeting to be held at the Altamonte Springs Holiday Inn on Saturday 19 January.

Why is this meeting so important? This is the meeting where incoming squadron bridge officers will meet with their respective D 23 Bridge Officers to receive training and information relating to their new/upcoming position. In addition it gives them a chance to meet their fellow bridge officers from the other D 23 squadrons. Thus it is imperative that each squadron insure their newly elected or soon-to-be-elected bridge officers attend this council meeting.

And while we are on the subject of meetings, check the D 23 web site regarding the Spring Conference on 28-30 March hosted by the Ocala & Gainesville Squadrons. The form for hotel rooms and meals is now available on the web site. This should be a great conference as it is chaired by P/C Barbara McGhee and her wonderful staff.

In the meantime D 23 wishes all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas, A Happy Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year!

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Duane and Marsha McConkey

Windy Raft-up, -Lt. Denise Stone P

On 3 November, seven boats braved 10-20 knot winds to attend the CBPS Thunderbird Air Show Raft in the Banana River. The McConkeys and the Stones were the anchor boats with the smaller vessels tied all around them. The larger boats did give some protection from the wind.

The Raft-up started at 1:00 pm and the last boat left the event around 4:00. The party atmosphere was fun, but the viewing of the actual planes was poor. Due to NASA restrictions, we could only Raft-up just beyond the power lines. We began to see the jets about 3:30.

Both of the Co Cruise Chairmen (Denise Stone and Barbara Millner) want to thank the boaters that ventured out to join the raft up; Jim Wonnell, Duane and Marsha McConkey, Frank and Jane Sebree, Joan Montfort and friend, Arlene and Harry Bestow, Duane and Marge Balkema and Denise and Mike Stone. Many boats brought guests, so our total was 7 boats and 22 people. It was a great showing for such a windy day!

Note: Thanks to Marsha McConkey for taking the pictures of the event.



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Decorated boats of all sizes are welcome to enter and we encourage previous boat parade participants to ask other boaters to join this year's line up which begins at 5:00pm on Friday, November 30th, 2007 just off the banks of Lee Wenner Park. Ms. Penny Flaherty, owner of the Indian River Queen will once again serve as the "Grand Marshall" and will coordinate the vessel line-up and logistics for the parade. By the way, why don't you schedule your own holiday party with the Indian River Queen today, as our Grand Marshall will accommodate your special requests to start off this holiday season.

The City of Cocoa looks forward to starting the 2007 Holiday Season with the largest, safest and most enjoyable Space Coast Boat Parade ever by showcasing this event throughout Brevard County, in order to promote one of Cocoa's finest jewels, our Riverfront Park.

For details please contact City of Cocoa Leisure Services at 639-3500 or Penny Flaherty of Indian River Queen at 454-7414.

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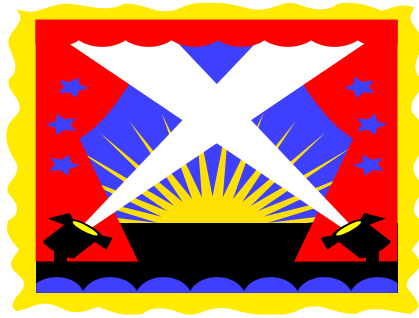
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On Saturday, registration will be open from 0800 to 1000, and the Hospitality Suite will be open for coffee. While we take care of D23 business on Saturday, spouses not involved in the meetings will have an opportunity to hear the Beach Boys live at Silver Springs Attraction. There are also many other wonderful activities happening in Ocala that weekend to choose from. Saturday lunch will be a deli buffet with sliced roast beef, turkey & ham. After the District Conference on Saturday afternoon, the Hospitality Suite will again open at 1600. Saturday evening will be our formal dinner and Change of Watch. The Ballroom will open at 1830 with a plated lemon pepper chicken or prime rib dinner served at 1900. We'll close the evening with the drawing of raffle tickets and door prizes.

The St Johns N Club breakfast will be on Sunday morning at 0830. All conference attendees are invited to attend and enjoy the special guest speaker and full breakfast.

The Ramada Inn (formerly George Steinbrenner's Yankee Ramada) is conveniently located just off I-75, exit 354, in Ocala, at the intersection of Hwy 27 and I-75. The Ramada Inn staff is eager to welcome you. Make your plans now to join us for an exciting weekend!

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28-30 March 2008

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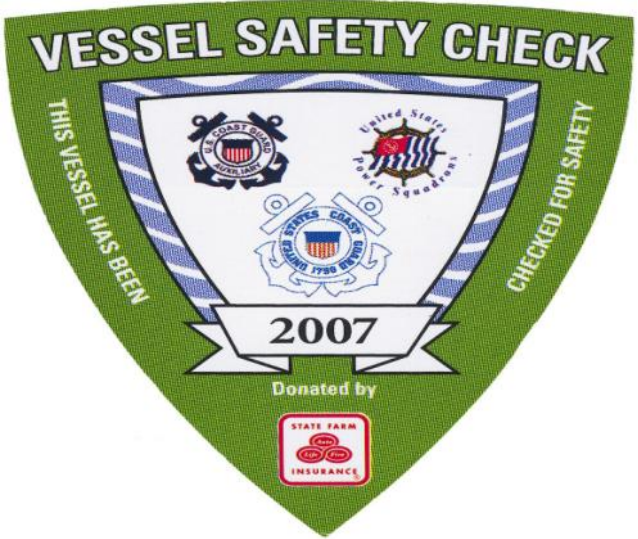
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