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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 01, December 2009 @ 1700
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Our featured speaker for our annual eggnog, cookie party and general meeting, will be Andrew Batten and his wife Cindy. They will provide us an evening of early nautical history, humor and singing that you will surely enjoy. Please plan to attend.



Attention on Deck

It has been a confusing issue, as to which email address to use for "The Soundings" since March of this year. Please send all Soundings articles/reports by the 10th of the month, excluding personal messages to the following address: debra.burleson@bellsouth.net
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AT THE HELM

Commander Lance H. VandeBerg, P



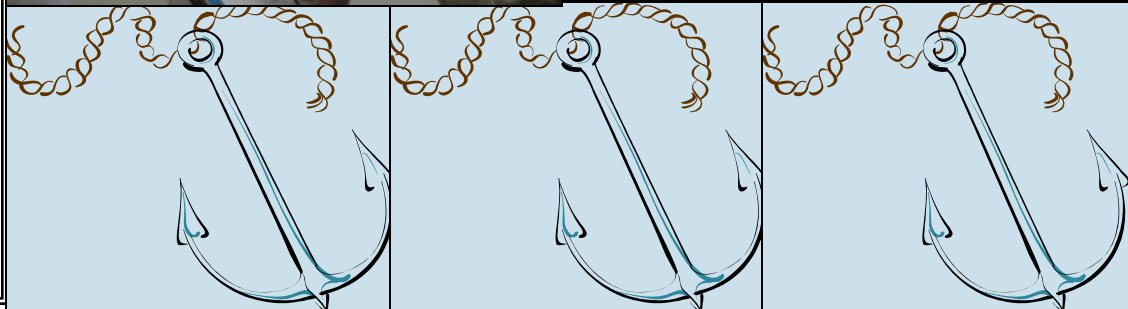
The D23 Winter Council Meeting will be held on Saturday 23 January 2010 at the ARC center in Daytona Beach. This is the meeting were the incoming bridge officers will receive training from their D23 counter parts.

We have made our reservations with the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn for our Change of Watch scheduled for February 21, 2010. The time will be from 16:00 to 19:00 in the Commanders room. Further information will be forthcoming.

Lou and Kathy Harlow were both sworn in as new members at the General meeting on October 6th. Lou is a retired Navy Captain living in Merritt Island. They are the proud owners of a 25 ft Sea Fox. Paul & Tammara Mycoskie have relocated to Merritt Island and plan to transfer their membership from the Seminole Power Squadron.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year.

P/Lt/C Robert (Brian) Grigsby, SN receiving his SN achievement award



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/C Kermit Forbes, P



Susan and I want to wish every member of the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron a very happy and enjoyable holiday season.

I want to thank each of my committees for their input and dedication to our squadron. Next I want to touch on why we exist, we should be dedicated to making boating safer and more fun.

Hopefully next year we will have more participants. The cruise to Captain Hiram in Sebastian, FL was an enjoyable cruise, it took about 2 hours and 15 minutes to make the trip. The accommodations were ok, the music for the afternoon and the band for the evening were great, and the food was excellent.

Finally, I want to share a couple of pictures of the most recent boating activity. The pictures will be found on pg. 14.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



With the hurricane season (thankfully a non event this year) drawing to a close, I have reinstalled the bridgedeck canopy on Cat House but I am not sure that she could go under the Rte 528 bridges over Sykes Creek as the water level is about one foot over “normal”.

Membership:

Once again, we had the pleasure to renew our USPS Pledge at our November 6th General Meeting to swear in our latest member, Kathy Harlow.

Congratulations to all our new members, sworn in or not. According to my records, our membership should be at 141. Let see that number rise!

Presentations:

Those who attended the Friday November 6th General Meeting had the pleasure to hear the story of the Riverboat Arabia, sunk in 1856 in the Missouri, by our very own Stones with slides about her excavation, salvage and treasures.

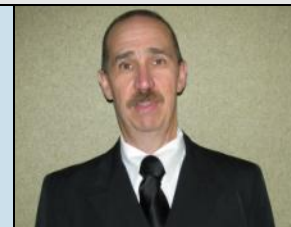
Tu Dec 1st: Andrew Batten, historian specializing in early American studies will regal us with his stories. Don't miss it.

Tu Jan 5th: The Canadian section of the Great Loop by yours truly. Many pictures (too many?) of the Trent-Severn Canal, the Georgian Bay and the North Channel.

Tu Feb 2nd: Matt Culver of the Brevard County Natural Resources Office and the Boating and Waterways Program Coordinator.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P



It's hard to believe another year is about to come to a close, but the calendar says it's so. The Education Dept had a good year with 3 members receiving their "N" grade.

A Piloting course which saw all six students not only passing but with grades high enough to merit a Certificate of Excellence for the Instructor Lt Jack Wurst, AP.

A Marine Electronics Course which had 4 of 6 get their Certificate of Completion, (1 withdrew after ME 101).

We had an ABC course, and are planning for another after the 1st of the year.

On January 6 at 7PM an Advanced Piloting class will begin at Wuesthoff Hospital with instructors Lt Dennis Peterson, N, and Lt Jack Wurst, AP. There are nine students signed up and there is room for more, so if you are a "P", please sign up to become an "AP". The student guides will be ordered on November 15, 2009.

I would like to invite all of the more recent members, as well as anyone else who has not taken Seamanship, to consider signing up at the next meeting, date & location TBD. Seamanship is the first of five advanced grades

I would like to thank all of the instructors, proctors, helpers, and, Chairmen, for all of their work this year, and a special thank you to Asst SEO P/C John Mulkey, P for all of his work, guidance and keeping us on course while I was visiting New York.

SECRETARY

LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Roster Changes & Additions

New Member

Douglas Bisset

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Mate: Sandra

Boat: 18' power "Monstro II" (cont.)

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Roster Corrections & Additions

Louis & Kathy Harlow (new members)

Boat: 25' Yankee Clipper

Phone # Correction

Cdr Lance VandeBerg

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Bob and I wish each and every one of you a very Happy Holiday Season! Please remember, and Pray for Our Troops and their families at this time of the year!



Coco-Nauts Corner

Vice President, Lt Doris Valentine

I'm writing this for our President, Susan Forbes who is up in Pennsylvania caring for her elderly mother. Also a note to all Coco-Nauts, to keep in your prayers are several of our members who are not well at this time: Barbara Millner and Angie Vilardebo. We miss you and hope you return to us soon !!!!

We had a great meeting November 11th at the Moose Lodge.....

A wonderful speaker from Brevard Social Services who told us about all the freebies for Seniors here in Brevard County that none of us were aware of. In appreciation, the Coco-Nauts donated \$50 to this very worthy cause.

We had another successful Harvest Party 15 Nov. hosted by the Coco-Nauts, in which 65 voracious eaters attended. As usual, everyone brought their favorite foods to share. We want to extend a big big, THANK YOU to P/C Kermit Forbes, P, and his two friends from Titusville who did all that wonderful cooking of the spiral hams and turkeys. Members that attended, stated "the food was the best....ever!" Marilyn Flanigan, P was the winner of the "holiday basket" made by our talented Marge Balkema!

Our Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th at the new restaurant on A1A called Brano's on A1A in Cocoa Beach. They are giving us a super deal for lunch, either Chicken Marsala, Stuffed shells, lasagna or egg plant parmiagiana together with a salad, dessert and coffee or tea. All this, including gratuity for only \$12. Be sure to sign up, bring your spouse or significant other and join us. We specifically chose a Saturday so that all you working Coco-Nauts would be included !

We will be having entertainment as well. Please see or call Doris to make your reservation. Remember – this is on 12/12 at 12:00PM and it's \$12.00 !!!!

Happy Holidays



CBSPS Photo Gallery

Harvest Party 15 Nov. '09 @ Veteran's Memorial Center, Merritt Island, FL



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

check website (cbsps.com) or e-mail for updates

November

- 21 - Saturday, 1130 Ski Island Raft-up, Cape Canaveral
- 23 - Monday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 26 - Thursday, Thanksgiving (Happy Turkey Day!)

December

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting/Eggnog & Cookie Party - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 05 - CBSPS Christmas Dinner Dance - Rockledge CC @1700
- 12 - Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Christmas Luncheon –Brano's Italian Grill, Cocoa Beach
- 21 - Monday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting-Merritt Island Library
- 25 - Friday, Christmas Day (Peace on Earth, Good Will to All!)

January-2010

- 01 - Friday, New Year's Day (Happy New Year!)
- 05 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 13 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting (location TBA)
- 28 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

February - 2010

- 02 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting—Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- 4-7 USPS Annual Meeting - Walt Disney World, Kissimmee FL
- 10 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Location TBA
- 21 - Sunday, 1600 CBSPS COW
- 25 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting-Merritt Island Library

Note:

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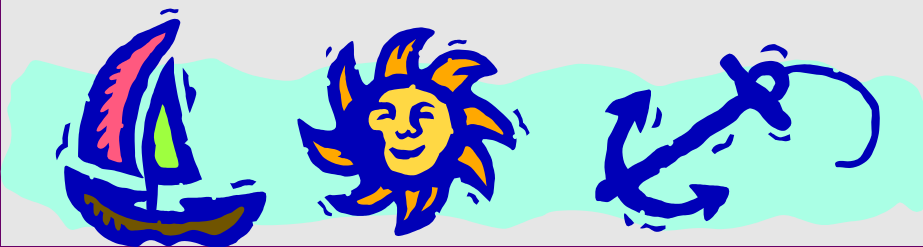
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SKI ISLAND RAFT-UP

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 2009
1130 am

Let's all boaters meet for a raft-up starting at 1130 on the east side of Ski Island for our last rendezvous in 2009....This is just north of the Cape Canaveral locks at 28 degree 24.7 North and 80 degree 38.3 West.

Our EO, P/C Kermit Forbes, P, his mate, and their dog, voyaged “alone” to the last CBSPS boating rendezvous/luncheon at Captain Hiram's in Sebastian, FL. Who says that boating activities are dead in our squadron?



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 09 December 0900a at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





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Dessert selections

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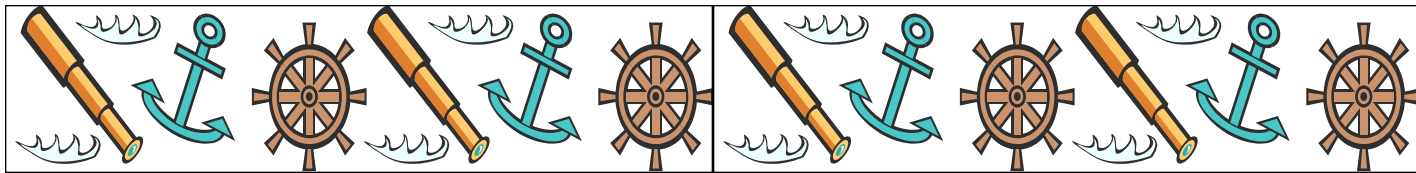
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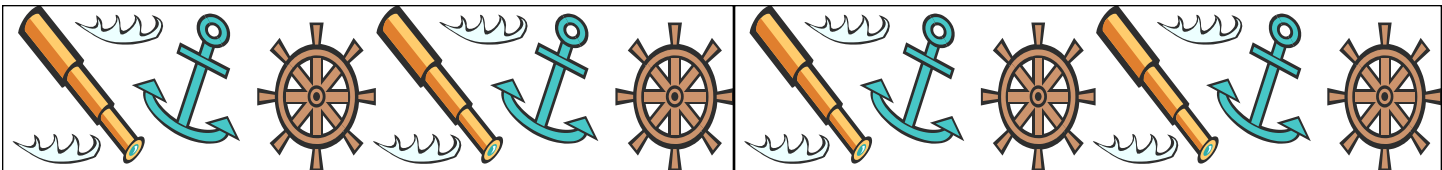
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