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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 07, December 2010 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL



Annual Egnog & Cookie Party

So you don't forget?...Mark your calendar to attend the eggnog and cookie party to socialize with other squadron members, and to have an enjoyable evening!

Attention On Deck

The Veteran's Memorial dedication ceremony took place on Veteran's Day and was attended by some Squadron members. The CBSPS was cited for being a member of The Memorial Committee, responsible for the planning and creation of the Memorial plaza. In addition, the Squadron was recognized in a 24" x 24" plaque set by the plaza's entrance for our contribution to the center's expansion.

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AT THE HELM

Commander John F. Mulkey, P



Here we go again...another year is about to pass into history. The older I get the faster the time seems to fly by.

Your Nominating Committee has been busy trying to get a new Bridge together. If you are asked, please give it serious consideration. We need people to step up. Everyone is busy these days but if we all work together no one will have to put in much time.

After the JN Class, Fred Adame, SN, has agreed to teach a Instructor Development Class. This must be taken to be able to teach at a Public Boating Course. We have many members who would make great instructors but first they need to take the class.

We are having a Public Boating Course at Blue Point Marina on December 11 and 18. There are 22 people signed up to take the class. They will all get a free six month membership upon completion. If we can get them to attend membership meetings and involved in classes maybe they will remain members.

We also have been working with Boaters Exchange. The owner, Jerry Butz, has agreed to let us teach our ABC Boating Course to his customers and to also present our educational seminars there.

Edgewood Jr/Sr High School has invited us back to put on two presentations. Safe Boating will be given to the 7th grade and Jet Skis will be given to the 8th grade. If you are acquainted with anyone from any of the other area schools, let them know that we would be happy to do a presentation at their school.

There are many events coming up in December. Be sure to check them out in "Coming Events". Merri and I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year.

Wayne Ivey, of FDLE spoke to our squadron on 9 Nov. concerning identity theft



Dennis Peterson, SN receiving the highest education award for USPS, which is Senior Navigator



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LT/C Robert F. Flanigan, SN



On October 22nd, Co-Op Charting Chairman, Lt Robert Schaefer, P, and D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN, from BRSPS, held a Co-Op Charting workshop at the Cocoa Beach Library. There were 8 members who attended this very informative workshop. Robert also worked with P/C Kermit Forbes, P, and Lt Lou Harlow, AP, on how to report their findings of their inspections of 39 access ramp sites.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LT/C Joseph S. Auchter, JN



On 23 October, The Blue Point Marina was the site for a Marine Flea Market, and our squadron was successful in signing up over 15 person for future safe boating courses. We also talked to a few people about speaking at future monthly meetings

The Nov./Dec. squadron activities are numerous, so please try to attend if you can. Check the Soundings for the date and times of the events. Also if you plan to attend the holiday party on 4 Dec., please contact Lt Donna Longway, S, since a head count is needed to properly prepare for the event.

Some boaters, we find are confused by Marine Zone Definitions, especially those concerning Vessel speeds. Below are the official slow speed requirements.

-Idle Speed (NO WAKE) Lowest speed needed to maintain steering and make headway.

-Slow Speed (NO EXCESSIVE SPEED) Fully off plane and completely settled in the water, without plowing.

I wish to thank all personnel in the Adm. Dept. for their work toward Merit Mark Awards. The hours have been submitted for approval.



**Squadron Education Officer
LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, AP**



The JN class with instructor P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, is at the half way mark with eight students.

There is an America's Boating Course scheduled for December 11 and 18, with approximately twenty students signed up, thanks to Cmdr John Mulkey, AP, and the volunteers that assisted at Blue Points Marina's first annual Flea Market.

The family of Ed Noble, JN, has donated his sextant to the CBSPS. Ed passed away in July and was a USPS member for twenty years, and had earned 13 merit marks. A letter of thanks will be sent to his family.

Francesca & I wish every one a happy and healthy holiday season, whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanza and, a Happy New Year.

Remember our troops who keep us safe and free to observe our holidays as we wish.

**SECRETARY
LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P**



The Holiday's this year may be a little lean for some families in Brevard County. I am asking that you as members of CBSPS, help the Brevard Sharing Center with your donations of non-perishable foods, as we have done for many years in the past. Please bring you donations to the general meeting/ eggnog and cookie party on 7 December. Bob & I will deliver the donations to the Sharing Center on 9 December.

The Flanigans' want to wish all of you a Joyous and Peace filled Holiday, and ask that you remember and keep our troops all over the world, in your prayers, since they are so far from their homes and families at this time of the year.



Coco-Nauts Corner

President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

Our last meeting was held on Nov. 10th at Susan Forbes' home. She fixed barbecued pork and everyone else brought a dish to share. Doris Valentine said she was going to get busy and make phone calls to find out what everyone is bringing to the harvest party on Nov. 21st.

We decided at the meeting that the Coco-Nauts will bring canned food and non-perishable items to our January 8th meeting for the Sharing Center, since their supplies will be very low after the holidays. The squadron will still be collecting items for the Sharing Center as well, which should be brought to the general meeting on Dec. 7th.

Our next meeting will be held at Brano's Italian Grill in Cocoa Beach, starting at noon. The cost is \$12 p/p, and spouses are invited. Please contact Doris Valentine if you plan to attend the event. Howard Bernbaum is going to be our entertainment. He is going to read some of his short stories, he has authored for us! If you haven't had the opportunity before, to hear his stories, you certainly need too!

December Birthdays

07 - Joan Montfort
16 - Lea Collins
25 - Arlene Bestow
27 - Barbara Bakmazian



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

November 2010

29 - Monday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

December 2010

04 - Saturday, 1700 Holiday Dinner Dance @ Rockledge Country Club

07 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

11 - Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon @ Brano's Italian Grille, Cocoa Beach

11 - Saturday, Evening Raft-up at Sunset Café to watch Cocoa Beach boat parade

16 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

20 - Monday, View X-mas lights on Sykes Creek from the Dolphin (see Duane Balkema report)

January 2011

04 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

08 - Saturday, 1200 Rendezvous for lunch at Sunset Cafe

12 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting/Luncheon, Location TBD

22 - Saturday, D23 Council Meeting - Daytona Beach

27 - Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

Note:

CBSPS 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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December Boating Report, P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

Scheduled, we have a Raft-Up for "Viewing the Cocoa Beach Christmas Boat Parade" on the evening of *December 11, 2010*. At 6:00 PM the Parade boats assemble just south of the HWY 520 Bridge on Banana River. Fly your USPS Flag to identify each other, and then we will proceed east on the channel toward Sunset Café only turn out, South, toward the center of that wide lagoon and raft up and watch each boat go by, viewing it when to north, to east and to south.

Scheduled, *December 20, 2010, a Monday evening*, DEPARTING KIWANIS ISLAND, is a "Cruise on Sykes Creek to View Christmas Lights" on the *Dolphin*. This is an easy way to enjoy a ride in comfort. Drinks are provided and bring a snack if desired. The boat is covered and there is a toilet. The fee is \$22 and you must call Mark at 652-1052 and book for the event. Again, there is a minimum and we need your participation. Happy Holidays.

Boat Report 3--My Sea Ray 31 Foot Sedan Bridge Economy Project Cost reduction is my project with a SRV 310 of 1982 Sea Ray Flybridge vintage. Before we leave the engines subject, a technical difficulty to cover is making the prop wash look right and perform. General Motors supplies nearly all of the gas Marine Engines in boats to Crusader, Mercruiser, and Volvo, building the engines so they can run right rotational direction as in a car or counter-rotate as needed for the opposing engine in a boat. Cleverly they do this with only a camshaft change. But they grind the camshaft drive gears for the distributor (sparker of some kind) like the original rotation engine allowing the use of interchangeable distributors. (some crankshaft trigger without a distributor) Doing this you must change the firing order of the spark plugs, an easy job. Why do I mention this? Well the big 454 cu inch Mercruiser engines I pulled out were counter-rotating, but the 4-Cylinder 3.0 engines I put in were never built reversible. Therefore I could not use both original transmissions that were in the Sea Ray with the new engines. Now I must do the reverse rotation of one engine with one of the transmissions if I want the wake of the props to look right. So I purchased a used reverse rotation Model AS15-71CR Velvet Drive Transmission, which looks and installs just like the original. (More to come on the project)



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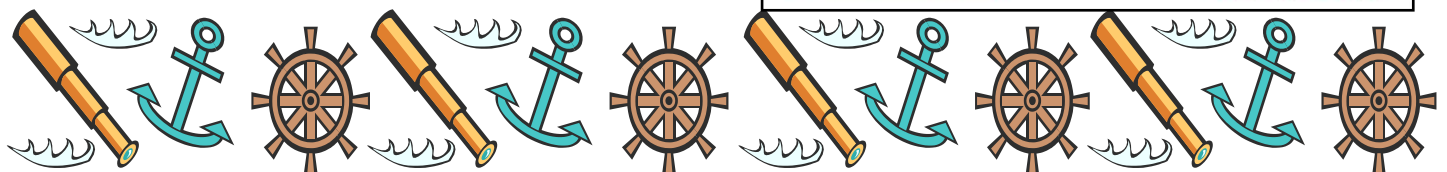
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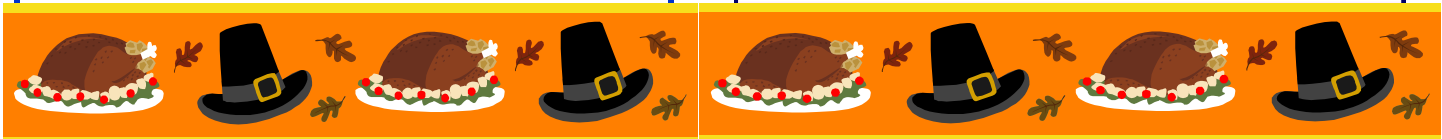


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