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## Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 06 December, 2011 @ 1900**  
**Brevard Veteran's Center**  
**400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL**



## Annual Eggnog & Cookie Party

**Mark your calendar to attend the December meeting for the annual eggnog and cookie party! Arlan Ropp and his singing group will provide entertainment!**

## Attention on Deck

**Bob & Marilyn Flanigan will be collecting canned and non-perishable foods once again this year for the Brevard Sharing Center. Please bring your donations to the general meeting/eggnog and cookie party on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. They will deliver all the donations on Dec.12.**

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# AT THE HELM

**Commander Kermit Forbes, P**



Susan & I would like to wish each and everyone of you a very joyful holiday season. Please take time to think about those not as fortunate as we are, and if possible make a donation to help others.

**CBSPS Photo Gallery-Pics of Harvest Party Nov. 6, 2011**



**EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN**



**I started preparing Cat House for our two-month trip down to the Florida Keys by getting her a Vessel Safety Inspection (Thank you Charlie Dodds). She still needs, besides a lot of TLC, two new fresh water pumps, an extra house battery and a trickle charge solar panel, new screens, a refilled fire extinguisher, new fuel filters, etc... Here goes another boat unit!!**

**We have reached the 90 VSI mark for 2011. Not a record, but a comfortable figure with our reduced number of Vessel Examiners. Anyone interested in joining our ranks, please contact P/C Lance Vandenberg, P.**

**The search for new Executive Officers for 2012 is on. Please consider joining. The Executive Board meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 6 PM at the Merritt Island Library. Come and see what we are doing.**

**Once again, all the best for the Holidays.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
P/C Lance H. Vandenberg, P**



**Our next meeting will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the VA center with entertainment provided by Arlan Ropp and his singing group which we have enjoyed in the past.**

**This month our boating activity will be a cruise and raft up on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Cafe. Please contact Duane Balkema to sign up for these events.**

**Our executive board meeting will be held on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at the Merritt Island Library.**

**Our squadron has completed 90 vessel safety inspections so far this year and hopes to accomplish another 10 before year end. Anyone wanting to become an inspector should contact me to let me know you are interested. We are planning to hold a one day training session in the middle of January. There are two people that have expressed an interest in becoming certified.**

**Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season with friends and family.**

## **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**

### **LT/C John F Mulkey, AP**



We are starting a Piloting Class on Thursday January 12, 2012 at Wuesthoff Hospital 7:00 PM. All new members, even those who have not taken Seamanship, are invited to take this interesting and informative class. The cost of the manual is \$35.00 but the Bridge has voted to reimburse this amount for students that pass the course and have their dues paid. We are also looking for one or two proctors to help with one-on-one instruction.

Think about this for a minute: “The only way to get something from an organization is to put something into the organization”.

We will also be starting our Navigation Class in January, 2012. All you Junior Navigators that have the desire for a full certificate need to let Fred Adame know so that your supplies can be ordered. The cost of this course is \$120.00.

We have a new “official” Senior Navigator. P/D/C Lester R. Tribout, SN recently passed Cruise Planning. Les had taken the course before but National couldn’t find any record of his passing the test. Les’s comment, “Finally”.

Merri and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you Happy Holidays.

## **SECRETARY**

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



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Bob and I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season and ask that you remember and keep our troops, all over the world in your prayers.



## Coco-Nauts Corner

### President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts last met on Nov. 9th at Susan Forbe's home for a salad luncheon. We had 13 in attendance for this meeting. A few didn't attend because they were busily preparing for the group cruise on Nov. 12th!

Our next meeting will be held at Brano's Italian Grill in Cocoa Beach. The cost of the meal, which includes tip will be \$12. If you have not signed up yet, please contact Doris Valentine. Her number can be found in your most recent roster. Hope to see you there!

At the last meeting, we decided the January meeting will be held at Island Tiki Grill, and the February meeting will be held at the Cocoa Village Marina. Arlene Bestow will take care of the arrangements for the January meeting, and Doris will contact Francesca Ragnusa to make arrangement for us at the marina.

The next squadron meeting is the annual cookie & eggnog party on Dec. 6th. The Coco-Nauts generally provide cookies for this meeting. If you are not able to attend this meeting, please try to send cookies with your spouse, if applicable, or contact a fellow Coco-Naut to arrange for pick up of your cookies. My thanks to you in advance.

I hope each and everyone of you and your families have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

#### December Birthdays

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





## **D23 GALAXY**

### **D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr. SN**

### **November, 2011**

The end of the year is just about here and the D 23 Nominating Committee is wrapping up their nominee selections for the district bridge. If anyone of our D23 squadron members has a desire to serve in a district bridge position, let the Nominating Committee know ASAP. The Nominating Committee must publish the name of the nominees in January.

And speaking of January, D23 has two big events in this month. First is our winter council meeting to be held on Saturday, 14 January in the ARC facilities in Daytona Beach. As in the pas, the Daytona Beach Squadron's Women Auxiliary will have their wonderful breakfast ready for us just prior to the start of our meeting. This council meeting is dedicated to training the newly or about to be elected Squadron Commanders as to what their counterparts in the district do. So now is the time to mark your calendars for Saturday 14 January and start thinking about sharing of rides with your fellow squadron members. D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN the D 23 Secretary will have the info as to the best driving way to the ARC facility at a later date.

Second item of importance in January is the USPS Annual Meeting to be held this year at the Hyatt in Jacksonville. The official dates for the meeting are 22-30 January 2012. Of course most of the action for squadron members takes place on Wed-Sat of that week. And most important, once again D23 is the host district so we MUST turn out in great numbers to let the other districts and the national bridge that we are alive! Our own R/C Don Clark, N from our Ocala Squadron is the chairman of the NMC (National Meetings Committee) and Don and his wonderful committee is responsible for putting together the agenda for the meeting. Depending on your interest there is something for each of us. For example if you are interested in Amateur Radio, attend the Amateur Radio meeting; or is you have an interest in Co-Op Charting they too have a meeting. Yes, there is something for everyone. So do plan on attending and remember the actual USPS meeting, voting etc day is Saturday. And of yes, I am sure Don will be looking for assistance to man the registration desk so if you have time, give Don a call or email him. He will be forever grateful!

As the holidays approach, please be careful both on the road and waterways. And have a joyful and blessed Christmas and Hanukkah with your family and loved ones.

Hope to see you at the D23 council meeting in January.

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**This document will not appear as clear to read, and has grammatical errors, that I was unable to correct, due to having to copy and paste the article from another squadron's publication. Hopefully, I will be on the distribution list for the next D23 Galaxy report!-Debra**

## **CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

### **December 2011**

- 03 - Saturday, 1700 Holiday Dinner Dance - Rockledge Country Club**
- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 Holiday General Meeting, Egg-Nog & Cookie Party - Brevard Veteran's Center**
- 10 - Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Holiday Party, Brano's Italian Grill, Cocoa Beach**
- 10 - Saturday, Evening raft-up to watch Cocoa Beach boat parade**
- 22 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 25 - Sunday, Christmas Day**

### **January 2012**

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center**
- 11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting/Luncheon, Island Tiki Grill**
- 14 - Saturday, Winter Council, Daytona Beach, ARC Facility**
- 21 - Saturday, Rendezvous & overnight at Bird Island on S. Banana River**
- 25 - 29 Wednesday thru Sunday, USPS 2012 Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL**
- 26 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

### **February**

- 07 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting/Bridge Election, Brevard Veteran's Center**
- 15 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Friendship Luncheon, Cocoa Village Marina**
- 23 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 25 - Saturday, Squadron COW, time and location TBD**

**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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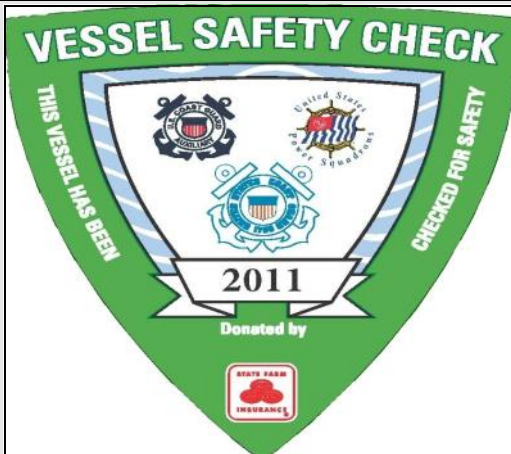
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## **Boating Committee Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema A/P**

Hello friends and squadron members. I am not hurrying anything along, but I note that ole year 2011 is a coming to a close. You that have boats in operating condition might send me an email or make a telephone call to 321-452-5892 and say what Squadron Boating Events you would like to see on next years schedule. In the past we have segmented events for; large boats, trailerable boats, sail and power. Our location in Florida has so many boating destinations possible and having events with others can be a lot of fun. We would like your suggestions on events and to keep an active list of those most interested in participating. One of the local Sailing Associations has a weekly event to keep members active and participating. We could do a weekly or whatever event. What Say yeh?

December 10, 2011, Saturday, Our Squadron will have a "Raft-Up to Watch the Cocoa Beach Christmas Parade" meeting up at around 6:00 PM, Just south of the Highway 520 Bridge over Banana River. This is very easy and exciting to do compared to running your boat over the whole Parade Route. Come Join us. We identify each other and proceed to the open Bay Like Area just southeast of the corner condos just south of Sunset Café. Call me at 452-5892 for details and more information. You can watch from land all along the Causeway, but where we will anchor and socialize, you will watch the boats in comfort as they go by on 2 or so sides of you. Its fun and easy.

FYI, the Christmas Parade Schedule: December 3 is the Port Canaveral Parade & December 17 is the Merritt Island Parade. There are others including Cocoa & on the Grand Canal, etc. Another possibility if you want to participate in a Christmas Parade is to go with one of our advertisers on their boat, "The Dolphin" by calling Space Coast River Tours at 321-652-1052. They actually do run some of the whole parade routes and keep you supplied with refreshments.



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### Wed.-Thurs., 25-26 Jan.

USPS polo or other appropriate attire.

### Fri., 27 Jan.

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### Sat., 28 Jan.

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**Evening** Uniform A or USPS blazer, gray slacks, shirt and tie, or other appropriate attire.

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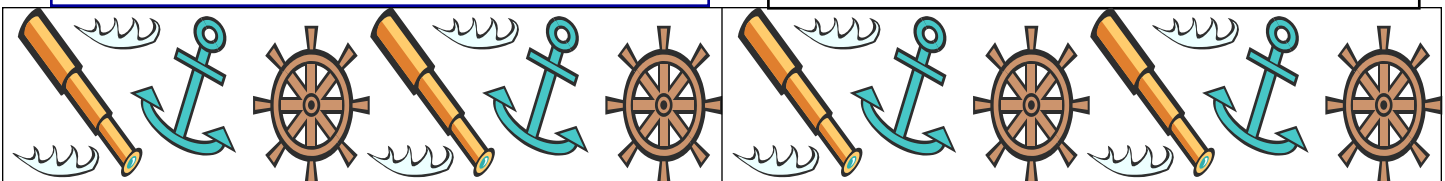
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