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

AT THE HELM
Commander John Mulkey, P



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to be your Commander of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron for the past year.

Over all, this has been a good year for CBPS. We got off to a bad start losing some wonderful members who we will never forget. At dues time we had several members who chose not to rejoin, but through our Boat Smart Classes and transfers to our squadron our membership is back up.

Our Education Department did well in both advanced and elective courses.

Our social activities enjoyed great support from our members.

We won several awards from District 23.

We held a very successful District Council 23 Fall Conference.

The weather didn't cooperate with our Boating Activities, but we were able to get a few in.

We have had good attendance at our Membership Meetings.

There are many people that deserve recognition for their outstanding service to CBPS but if I do it here I won't have a speech for the "Change of Watch"! I am looking forward to seeing you at the "Change of Watch". There are more details later in this month's Soundings.

My next job will be to co-chair the Public Boating Courses with Lt. Peter Schmidt, P. I like to talk and Peter is great with computers so we should do well together.

I am looking forward to next year. The Nominating Committee has recommended a strong slate of candidates. It should be another good year for CBPS

This has been a wonderful experience. Thanks again for allowing me the privilege of being your Commander.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

My last article as the Executive Officer and I am beginning to think these are my last days of peace and quiet here aboard The Serenade!

I must begin by thanking all those wonderful squadron members who have made the last twelve months relatively stress-free for me. When one begins to list names there is always the fear of forgetting someone! So to avoid that, I am thanking all of you out there and you know who you are! You are anyone who inspected a boat or submitted a Co-op charting report or wrote an article for the Soundings or who helped publicize our organization through any type of media, or who, as an individual represented the interests of boaters at any type of public meeting. And just as importantly you are the person who said "yes" when asked to head a committee and to coordinate activities. Sometimes we complain about membership involvement but if one analyzes all the different types of participation it becomes apparent that we really do have a good number of active members.

And now onto to the "big challenge". So far the support from the membership has been outstanding. We may have had a few glitches along the path to beginning our new year, but none that have been insurmountable. Thank you to all who have stepped up to the plate to volunteer....for those of you who have not yet become involved, it's never too late. Believe me it's a lot more fun to be where the action is and everyone is welcome. The best start is to attend classes and meetings and soon you will be as busy as I am!

SEO REPORT

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN

Things are busy in your Educational Department. The Seamanship course is underway ably taught by P/C Sam Greenwood, SN, in the Cocoa Library. We have a total of 14 students. Four members took the Advanced Piloting final exam in early December. Lt Jim O'Malley, AP, taught this course in our Wuesthoff Hospital classroom. We are now awaiting the exam results. And Wuesthoff will be the venue for the Weather course which will begin this Thursday at 1900 and will be led by Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN. We have eight members signed up for this course.

On the horizon, we plan to offer Piloting as our next Advanced Grade course. No start date is fixed yet, but it will probably begin in late February. Incidentally, this is a brand new course, with a free MapTech CD and lots of material on the use of the GPS for navigation. It's worth taking again if you've taken it before. Be sure to be thinking about it and be ready to sign up at the February meeting.

Also coming up will be our next Boat Smart course. Don't forget to tell your friends about it. They need the education if they haven't taken the course and you can tell them it will hold their attention while you're learning. That's why we have almost "0" drop outs. The date and the location? It starts Wednesday, 15 March, at Cape Canaveral Hospital. And if you're a member who took it long ago, think about proctoring or teaching a lesson. Just see Lt Peter Schmidt, P, or our commander.

If you didn't get what you wanted for Christmas here are some ideas for a New Years present... **four new USPS Guides published by McGraw-Hill:**

Marine Amateur Radio

The Boatowner's Guide to GMDSS and Marine Radio

Emergencies on Board A USPS Quick Guide

Heavy Weather Sailing A USPS Quick Guide

Note: The first two are spiral bound books written by USPS. Both are informative and useful handbooks for using radio as a boater. The GMDSS guide is the most current and comprehensive book on the market for this new service. These books are offered to members at 35% off MSRP. (Marine Amateur Radio: MSRP - \$12.95, members - \$8.45) (Boatowner's Guide to GMDSS: MSRP - \$16.95, members \$11.00)

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Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Ann McCandless, S

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Secretary's Report

Lt/C J P Longway III, S

As the Bridge transitions to its new profile, (see page 11) during the upcoming Change of Watch, there still remains some vacancies in both staff and committee positions. Please inform me or any one of the Bridge executive officers if you are willing and able to help the cause, by assuming the responsibility to facilitate/coordinate a function or event on behalf of the membership. At the next Membership meeting on Tuesday, 7 February, we will announce the status of completing the Bridge and its supporting staff and committees. Please give due consideration to assuming a position/responsibility if any vacancies remain.

I personally will continue to serve the membership as a member of the Executive Staff / Board of Directors. I will transition from Secretary to Administrative Officer. I'm sure you will recognize, as I have, that my predecessor, Lt/C Ann McCandless, S, was very professional and successful in accomplishing the various responsibilities spelled out in her Charter. Therefore, she is going to be a tough act to follow. However, thanks to her support, assistance and consultation in transitioning the duties up to this point, I feel she has made following her act much easier, {I hope}. So, to this wonderful person, I convey my expression of appreciation for her exemplary efforts, and coordinating the volunteer support staff & Lt Johnny McCandless, P to ensure a "Job Well Done", in all their endeavors this past year. Thank you!

Once again, thanks to the many members, (noted on page 5), that made donations this past year to help defray the costs associated with publishing and mailing the Soundings.

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D/LT/C Lester Tribout, New D23 Commander

Mark you calendars and plan on attending the March 3,4,5, 2006 D23 Spring Conference at Jacksonville. The events, as listed elsewhere in this publication, are geared to a great weekend of activities culminating with the District 23 Change of Watch.

At the formal dinner on Saturday evening, March 4, Cocoa Beach Power Squadron's Past Commander, D/Lt/C Lester Tribout, AP, will be sworn in as the new D23 Commander.

With his lovely wife Evelyn by his side, Les will assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of a district which includes 11 squadrons located in north central Florida.

Les has been a member of USPS for 27 years and has earned 14 merit marks. After serving as Commander of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron, Les moved into positions for the District 23 which have lead to his acceptance as D23 Commander.

It is hoped that CBPS members will plan to attend the Conference and share in this important moment with Les.

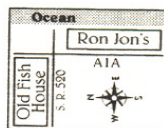
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From the District 23 Bridge

George R Fontes, AP

As we are about to close out the District 23 watch of 2005 I am pleased to tell you that all squadrons are very much alive. In spite of several potential set backs we survived and are stronger. No sense in recalling those potential setbacks but we do know they all have names that will not be soon forgotten.

I, personally, want to thank all our members and squadrons for their heartwarming support you all have given to me in my months of taking care of my wife and the grievance that followed. The amount of the donations made to the USPS Fund, the Cancer Foundation and Hospice, on her behalf, has been amazingly outstanding, and still coming in as of the end of the year. Also, my open thanks to my Bridge for keeping my responsibilities of our operations running smoothly, especially at the D23 Fall Conference hosted by Cocoa Beach Power Squadron

Our district, as well as all the districts in the USPS, have a continuing problem of low membership. Three of our squadrons are very low. But, with persistence, they remain effective and contribute to our efforts. I had the privilege to preside over the elections at the Ocala Power Squadron in December. They are one of our squadrons with low membership. A squadron with 200 members could not have had a better Change of Watch. It was well planned and executed. Every one had a good time. Considering the membership level they stack up in accomplishments with all of us. I do not want to write or talk about the accomplishments of our squadrons or individual members because there are so many I would miss some. Every squadron should be proud of themselves.

Our recent Annual Meeting was the last one to be held in Orlando, for a while. We had a great hospitality suite. Many thanks to all who provided the great snacks and untiring support to make it a success. Ocala, once again, dominated the Teaching Aids exhibit with several awards and Jacksonville also placed in two categories. District 23 was awarded 1st place for our Leadership Development program and all our publications but three won the Distinction in Journalism for 2005. Jacksonville's and Orlando's Web Sites were recognized by the IT Committee. We had a fair turnout from a majority of the squadrons. Maybe we can do better next year, in February, when the Annual meeting will be in Jacksonville.

As your District Commander I planned to visit all squadrons and participate in some of your events. As most of you know I had to attend to family affairs. I still hope to visit you this upcoming year if you will have me. For the few I did visit, thanks for your hospitality and needless to say, the food was good. I will see most of you at your Change of Watch.

I have kept up with your squadron mainly by the newsletters and reports you submit. Most importantly of these are your accomplishments in education. Both public education and self education. It is obvious that our district is alive and well. The fellowship activities in all squadrons are outstanding. I personally feel that this is the glue that holds us together.

In spite of my personal problems this past year my tenure as your District Commander has been a truly interesting and rewarding experience. I am greatly honored to have represented the District at the National level. I am ready to join the ranks of squadron workers. I leave the daily business of District 23 in the hands of an extremely dedicated and capable bridge.

I must add the following. I said that fellowship activity is the glue that holds us together. Well, R/C (P/D/C) Ann Fields was my glue this past year. She spent many hours supporting, reviewing, correcting, talking, suggesting, calming, etc., etc., THANKS ANN.

DISTRICT 23 & JACKSONVILLE SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO:

D23's "MARGARITAVILLE" SPRING CONFERENCE
& CHANGE OF WATCH



- Who: All D23 Jimmy Buffett Fans, Look-a-Likes, Parrott Heads, etc.
What: D23 Spring Conference & Change of Watch
Where: Holiday Inn Baymeadows, 9150 Baymeadows Rd, Jacksonville, FL
When: March 3, 4, & 5, 2006
Why: Because its Jacksonville's Turn to Host a Conference!
Theme: Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville

DISTRICT 23 SPRING CONFERENCE: MARCH 3, 4, 5, 2006
HOLIDAY INN AT BAYMEADOWS – JACKSONVILLE *RESERVATION FORM*

SPECIAL RATES: Double-occupancy per night - \$69.00 / room (fee subject to tax)

Please reserve as follows: Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ # of people _____

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**Reservations are due by February 23, 2006 and will be accepted on a space available basis after that date.
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DISTRICT 23 SPRING CONFERENCE: MARCH 3, 4, 5, 2006
Meal & Event Reservation Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Rank _____ Grade _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Rank _____ Grade _____

Squadron _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please indicate the number of participants and fees paid for the Meals listed below:

FRIDAY NIGHT: Margaritaville Theme Night w/ Buffett & Buffet: # _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON: Lunch Buffet # _____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET: Plated Formal dinner:

Two (2) entrée choices including Salad, Rolls, Vegetables, Rice Pilaf, Coffee/Tea & Dessert.

Chicken Cordon Bleu: # _____ @ \$24.00 = \$ _____

Prime Rib: # _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____

SUNDAY: "N" CLUB BREAKFAST: Breakfast Buffet # _____ @ \$12.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

*Reservations are required in advance for all meals and events must be received by February 23, 2006.
 Make Checks Payable to JSPS – Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron Activity Fund.*

Mail Food Reservations To:
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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:
Check the web site and your email for updates!

FEBRUARY:

- 07 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 08 - Wednesday, Coco-Nauts Meeting (Annual Friendship Mtg), Windward East
- 19 - Sunday, 1600-1900, Change of Watch, Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach
- 28 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

MARCH:

- 03 - 05, District 23 "Margaritaville" Spring Conference, Holiday Inn, Jacksonville
- 07 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 11 - Saturday, 1200-1530, Meet the Bridge/Chili Cook-off, Manatee Park
- 15/22/29 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Course, Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 28 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

APRIL:

- 04 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 05 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Exam, Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 08 - 09 - Saturday/Sunday, Harbortown Boat Show/Flea Market
- 25 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, 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.

Coco-Nauts' Corner
Barbara Millner, President

A December 11th Holiday Installation was held at my home with the following ladies being installed—Debra Burluson, Penny Fille, Joan Herrick, Ute Lissek, and Maggie Woerber. Congratulations, ladies, we're so happy to have you as members of our group!

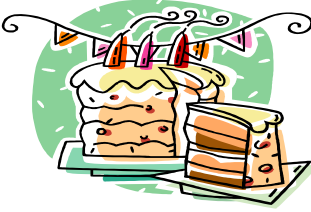
The Coco-Nauts December meeting at Chowders was a time for collecting, as food for the Central Brevard Sharing Center and gifts for the Courtenay Springs Nursing Home were brought to the meeting. Many items were also brought to be given to the Women's Abuse Center. Your efforts in this endeavor are greatly appreciated, and you've helped make the holidays a happier time for so many individuals. Thank you so much!

Each auxiliary in our district was asked to donate a gift to be used as a door prize for the Saturday Social Luncheon at the USPS National Meeting in Orlando on January 7, 2006. A lovely vase was purchased, and Evelyn Tribout volunteered to wrap and take it. Thank you, Ev. Speaking of gifts, we were pleased to present our annual gift to our Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. This year the Coco-Nauts check will go towards sponsoring the yearly roster—something we all look forward to getting!

We hope you'll plan to attend the February 8th meeting which is our annual Friendship Luncheon. This is a salad luncheon with the cake being supplied by the Coco-Nauts. As we've done for several years, we will meet at 11:30 AM in the rec room at Windward East in Cocoa Beach. Arlene Gage is a gracious hostess and is looking forward to having everyone there once again. Her address is 3060 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach.

On February 19th our Coco-Nauts bridge will be installed along with the Power Squadron's, so I hope many of you will plan to attend. Since this will be my last Coco-Nauts' Corner article as your president, I'd like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude for all the support that you've given to me during the past two years. This is an organization to be proud of, and it has been a pleasure to serve as your president.

- Coco-Nauts with February birthdays include:
- 6th—Fricky Vaughn
 - 11th—Helen Kydd
 - 14th—Marlene Walters
 - 19th—Judy Miller
 - 20th—Betty Auchter
 - 26th—Alice Benton



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

P/C Larry Hatfield, SN

In accordance with the **BYLAWS OF COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON, INC.** and those of **UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**, the following members in good standing are nominated as indicated. All have been interviewed and are willing to serve.

In accordance with **ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.1**, candidates for office to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (12) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before the date of the election.

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The Board of Directors consists of the above Bridge Members plus the following :

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Auditing Committee	
Chairman	P/C Duane Balkema, AP
Asst. Chairman	P/Lt/C Robert Schaefer, P
Member 3 yrs.	Lt Joseph Auchter, AP

Coco-Naut News

The Nominating Committee for the Coco-nauts presents

the following slate of Officers for 2006:

President: Pam Johnson, P

Vice- President: Lorraine Pell

Secretary: Marion Sweigert, AP

Treasurer: Doris Valentine

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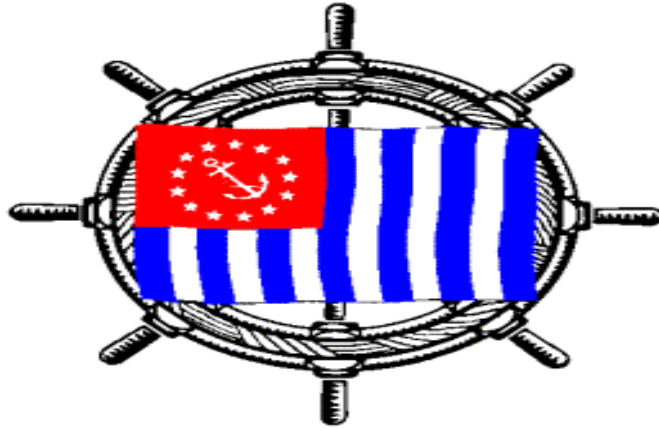
Lloyd E. McGavin, SN, a active member of the Squadron for the past 15 years.
His ashes were placed in Bok Towers along with loving wife.

and

Vince Barber, a former member of the Squadron for many years. A memorial
service was held on 14 January.



*Cocoa Beach
Power Squadron
Presents*



*The 39th Annual
Change of Watch Ceremony*

*Where: Holiday Inn - Manatee Room
Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort
1300 North Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931*

When: Sunday, February 19, 2006


*Time: Cash Bar: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Dinner: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Ceremony: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM*

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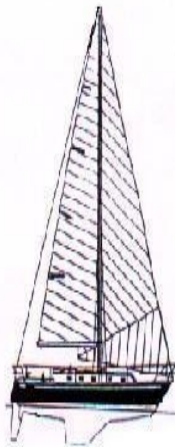
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