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General Membership Meeting

Friday, February 05, 2008 @ 1900

Brevard Veterans Center

400 Sykes Creek Pkwy., Merritt Island

A CHORUS LINE

After the general meeting, the Coco-Nauts will be celebrating their 40 year anniversary. A Chorus Line will perform. They are tap dancers from The Tommy Vance Dancers from Central Brevard County. They will perform a 30 minute show - music and ball room dancing program. Cake and champagne will be included. Come join the festivities!

Attention on Deck

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your support and friendship while I was Editor of the Soundings. I assumed the responsibility of the Soundings in June, 2005. I enjoyed working with the Board members publishing the newsletter. I have met a lot of caring and genuine people along the way. As of March, 2008, Debra Burleson will assume the position of Editor of the Soundings. I will assist and transition her into the position. Please have your articles and flyers to her by the 10th of each month. Her e-mail address is: debra.burleson@yahoo.com. She will be an asset to the squadron.

Lt Donna Longway, S - Soundings Editor

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

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AT THE HELM

Commander Mike Stone, P



I would like to thank all of you who helped me throughout the year but there isn't room in this column because there are so many of you. However, I will attempt to recognize you in the following paragraphs.

My first sincere thank you goes to the Bridge and Members at Large who attended our executive meetings at the Merritt Island Library and our monthly CBPS Meetings. Without their support, it would have been impossible to successfully conduct Squadron business. There were some personnel changes in the Bridge during the year and current members stepped up to the challenge when vacancies occurred. A Commander could not ask for a more supportive group of people. Under each of the bridge officers comes a long list of individuals who over-see and carry out the numerous activities. These committee chairs and their committee members are the backbone of the organization. They are the people you see at the sign-in table before the meetings, at the refreshment table keeping the coffee pots full and those bringing in the great snacks for us to munch on, at the Ships Store selling squadron items, at the boating ramps doing inspections, in front of the classroom teaching a class, at boating events they coordinated, on the phone or computer to remind members of events, at the computer writing and editing the Soundings, at stores distributing boat course flyers....the list goes on and on. These people are the backbone of the Squadron. Without them, the Squadron would not exist.

Members who attend the activities are a very important part of the Squadron. Where would we be if no one showed up for class or for the great social and boating events that were so carefully planned? Thanks to those of you who showed your involvement and support by being in attendance.

And last, but definitely not least, thank you to the Coco-Nauts whose support I have depended upon. From food to financial assistance with moral support freely given, this group has greatly affected the success of the past year.

This year has been a year of change for CBPS. We moved our meeting location to better accommodate the member needs, we celebrated our 40th anniversary with a truly outstanding party, we voted to change the squadron name, and lastly, we updated the squadron by laws. Many people contributed to the success of these accomplishments and for their support, I am very grateful.

And so I come to the end of my term, I can say that I appreciate all the support provided to me by squadron members, and I think that we had a very productive and fun-filled year. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to be the Commander of this wonderful group of people.

Thank you one and all!!!!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C J. P. Longway III, P



As you are in the process of reading this issue of the Soundings, the transition from the 2007 to the 2008 Bridge is actively underway. The Nominating Committee has completed their work and presented the results of their efforts at the 4 January General meeting. The nominees are also identified/published within this issue, which consist of the 2008 Bridge Officers, Members at Large, Board of Directors, and Elected Committee Chairs/Members. The membership will vote on same at the 5 February General Membership meeting. The new nominees are contacting present staff members within their staffs to stay the course or identifying new committee chairpersons if needed. In many cases, some of these members are proceeding with the preliminary planning to ensure timely events will take place in the next few months. One of these tasks will be the publication of the new 2008-2009 Squadron Roster . Please make sure your personal and membership information is current and correct, and if there are any changes contact Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan for updates to DB 2000.

I'm personally keeping a sufficient supply of "anxiety" pills close at hand, to keep me cool, calm and collective as I assume my new position as Commander and the many challenges that come with same. Seriously, I consider it an honor to accept the nomination to facilitate and coordinate the leadership and membership in carrying out the responsibilities, by-laws, and expectations of the USPS and soon to become CBS&PS. We all must remain committed to ensure that we provide the membership and community with superior boating knowledge and safety education, maintain a fun fraternal experience, and be an asset to our community in offering various public services. Please "help" make us successful in our endeavors.

"Thank you in advance for your continuous commitment, involvement, and support in the upcoming year!"

SEO REPORT

P/C John Mulkey, P



As your Assistant Squadron Educational Officer (ASEO), I'm writing the "Educational Column" this month due to the fact that our SEO, P/C John Mulkey, P, is recuperating from a knee operation. We wish you a speedy recovery, John.

John tells me that, as of this writing, we have two courses about to start. They will both be underway when you read this, but there may still be time to join them. If interested, give John or me a call.

Advanced Piloting will start on Wednesday, 23 January, at 1900 in the Cocoa Library just off Forrest Avenue. This is the new AP course which emphasizes modern navigation techniques and builds on the recently updated Piloting course. Lt Jim O'Malley is the instructor and is well qualified to teach this course, having lots of experience with GPS and other forms of electronic navigation. And he's taught this course before. Prerequisite for the course is the completion of Piloting.

Weather is an interesting course which always draws a large group of members each time it's presented. This year P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN, will be teaching the subject which gives the basic information you need to understand and forecast local weather phenomena. Dick has taught Weather before and this time he'll be presenting the course at Wuesthoff Hospital at 1900 starting on Monday, 28 January. Our "winter" is a good time to start leaning about the storms of summer.

By the way, if you have boating friends who haven't taken a boating course, be sure to tell them that our Squadron will be teaching Boat Smart starting on Wednesday, 14 May, at Cape Canaveral Hospital. This is a four-week course and is a great way to make them safer on the water...and get them interested in joining our squadron, soon to be the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. CBSPS! (It's going to take me a while to get used to that.)

See you in class.

Fred P. Adame, SN
Assistant SEO

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Joe Derrico, P



Since this is my last Sounding message as Administrative Officer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Administrative department. Lt Doris Valentine was able to keep our membership numbers steady while National and other squadrons are losing members. P/C Susan Kneeland, chaired an outstanding 40th Anniversary party at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. Lt Denise Stone and Lt Barbara Milner as Co-chairman of the Boating Activities Committee provided us with a variety of cruising opportunities from the BLESSING OF THE FLEET to our 40th PARTY AT THE EAU GALLIE YACHT CLUB, and ending with the Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island. Lt James Wonnell was able to provide us with an array of interesting programs which brought out the members to the monthly meetings. Our members always came early to socialize and "check-out" the refreshments and drinks that Lt Debra and Larry Burleson had arranged and set up. The "goodies" were always fresh, tasty and gone by meetings end. Thank you Pam Johnson for your efforts with Membership Involvement, Lt Edith Wonnell for your efforts with the Blood Bank, and to Lt Ann McCandless for hosting Operation Training. Finally, THANK YOU CBSPS for the opportunity to serve.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



It's that time of the year again. A new roster will be coming out after the C.O.W. But before that happens, your Secretary will need any changes you may have made this past year. Your address, phone number, boat name and type of boat, rank and grade will be helpful. You can send the changes to me by e-mail at bobmar2215@bellsouth.net, or call me at 452-4602. Please take a look and review the roster, and if there any changes, please notify me ASAP.

BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation is on 5 March at 0900 at the Blood Center on Route #1 in Rockledge. All donations are appreciated.



COCO-NAUTS CORNER

Carmen Adame, President

Cocoa- Naut members and officers wish to invite all Squadron and Auxiliary members to the 5 February General Membership meeting as the Auxiliary celebrates “Forty” years of service to Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron. The meeting will begin at 1900 hours and the celebration will commence after the new bridge officer’s election with entertainment, cake and champagne punch. All attending will have a grand time.

As I complete my year as President, I wish to thank the officers and members who made this successful year possible. We all had fun supporting one another and the Squadron. We gained information from speakers and shared quality time with new and old friends. May the next year be as great for the new officers who have volunteered to serve.

The nominating committee report is as follows:

President: Doris Valentine

V. President: Betty Auchter

Secretary: Barbara Milner

Treasurer: Marian Sweigert

Members at Large: Mary Conklin, Doris Hess, and Carmen Milliken

The Auxiliary members will vote for the slate of officers at the 13 February meeting, which is the annual Friendship Luncheon. Each attendee is asked to bring a favorite salad to share; cake and drinks will be provided. As in the past, the meeting will be held at the Windrush Condominium community room at 1130 hours. Thank you to Arlene Gage who is providing this meeting room for us.

The new Auxiliary Officers will be sworn in at the Change Of Watch dinner, 17 February in conjunction with the new Squadron Bridge Officers. The Auxiliary supports the Squadron and the Squadron recognizes the Auxiliary. We work well together.

Good luck and many successes to the incoming leaders.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

JANUARY:

- 19 - Saturday, D23 Officer Orientation/Training Meeting, Altamonte Springs Holiday Inn
- 20 - Sunday, Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island
- 22 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 23 - Wednesday, 1900, Advanced Piloting Course, Instr: Lt Jim O'Malley, SN, Cocoa Lib.
- 26 - Saturday, 1000 to 1500, Operations Training & Leadership Development, Suntree
- 28 - Monday, 1900, Weather Course, Instr: P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN, Wuesthoff Hospital

FEBRUARY:

- 05 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center
- 13 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Windrush Condominium Community Rm.
- 17 - Sunday, Squadron Change of Watch Dinner, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn & Resort
- 20 to 23 - Wed to Sat, USPS Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX
- 26 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

MARCH:

- 04 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center
- 05 - Wednesday, 0900, Blood Donation, Brevard Blood Center, Rt. 1, Rockledge
- 12 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, TBA
- 25 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 28 to 30 - Fri - Sun, D23 Conference & Change of Watch, Ocala, FL

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.

Maritime Management Master Plan for Brevard County

We were enlightened by January's guest speaker, Matt C. Culver, as "to maintaining the environmental, economic, and recreational viability of Brevard County waterways". Further current insight can be obtained by accessing the following website, matt.culver@brevardcounty.us

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Summary of 2007 CBPS Boating Year

By Denise Stone

We started the year with our Annual Blessing of the Fleet in April. We tried something different and held it at the Millner's beautiful home on the Indian River. The weather was blustery with 20 knot winds and showers predicted. The Co-Cruise Chairmen decided to have the minister do a "walking blessing of the boats". It worked out very well as Chaplain (& CBPS member) Chuck Lane blessed not only the boats, but also the owners. The boaters that stayed the night had an evening BBQ and a Sunday morning brunch. Seven boats and 35 people attended the event.

Due to many of our active boaters being away for Memorial Day, the cruise to Melbourne Harbor was cancelled.

In July we drove and cruised to lunch at the Sunset Café in Cocoa Beach on the Banana River. Our Commander, Mike Stone, acted as "Dock master" and helped tie the boats safely to the docks. The food and fellowship were wonderful! Six boats and 33 hungry people attended.

In September we had a combined event: the celebration of CBPS's 40th year as a squadron and a cruise to the event at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. The weather again was exceptional. The food was excellent and the history sharing by Dick Schnoor, charter member, was very interesting. Three boats and 85 people attended. The pictures can be viewed in the 40th Anniversary album done by Denise Stone.

A raft up was held on November 3rd in the upper Banana River. We were there to view the Air Force Thunderbirds in action. They were performing at KSC to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of our American Space Program. The weather of the day was WINDY! The anchor boats were Makin Memories and Conch Key. The captains dropped anchor behind an island hoping to block some of the wind and that plus the size of their boats helped the smaller boats to tie up and not bounce so much in the water. Snacks and stories were shared but only towards the end of the day were we able to see any airplane action. All attendees had a great time! Seven boats and 22 people attended.

The last event of this Commander's year has yet to occur. It's the Captain Hiram's Adventure. So far we have 29 people signed up to drive to Sebastian, FL and have a late lunch at Captain Hiram's and then board the pontoon boat, River Queen, to go out to Pelican Island and see the White Pelicans, Ibis and Roseate Spoonbills come in to roost for the night.

The Co-Cruise Chairs Barbara Millner and Denise Stone want to thank everyone who participated in the Boating Program this year and we hope to see you on the water in 2008!

Vessel Safety Exams– Charlie Dodds, SN

The Vessel Safety Check program for 2008 is underway. All the 14 inspectors have their 2008 decals and supplies and are eager to provide a public service of boat safety inspections. Our primary thrust is the general public but squadron members are always included in the program. We standby to help any of our members with meeting the US Coast Guard standards for 2008 VSC inspection.

We would like as many of the squadron boats as possible to have the 2008 VSC decal. Please contact any of the inspectors for a VSC check. We will make it as easy as possible and will meet you at your boat location. Besides the obvious safety implications, we might be able to save you big bucks on USCG non compliance items.

We have the support of the squadron bridge on the VSC Program. Lt/C Jay Longway was the first squadron member to get the 2008 VSC decal on his boat. Good show! Contact any VSC Examiner listed on page 21 of the current squadron roster or call Charlie Dodds direct at Ph:757-7787 for coordinating a VSC. Keep safe!

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You are invited to cruise to Pelican Island
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WHEN: January 20th, 2008, Sunday

WHERE: Captain Hiram's Resort
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Sebastian

TIME: 2:00 PM

FOOD: We will have a late lunch at Captain Hiram's. We will order from the menu and have separate checks.

CRUISE: On the River Queen for approximately 1.5 hours.

DEPARTS: 4:30 PM to Pelican Island to see the birds come home to roost for the night

CRUISE COST: \$20.00 per person plus tax

RESERVATIONS: Call Denise Stone (453-5807) or Barbara Millner (452-0500) to reserve a spot on the cruise. The boat holds 47 people so let's see if we can fill the boat!!

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Opening Night in Ocala

March 28-30, 2008

Ramada Inn & Conference Center

A "star-studded" opening night gala is planned for Friday evening, so come as your favorite movie character or star. The festivities begin with the Hospitality Suite from 1600 'til 1800. At 1830 walk the red carpet... Test your knowledge of movie trivia... Enjoy a great dinner buffet of sliced sirloin, roasted pork loin, and baked fish. Then, dance the night away to your favorite movie themes... A prize will be awarded for the best costume, and there'll be lots of door prizes. Come have a fun night at 'Opening Night in Ocala'!

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.

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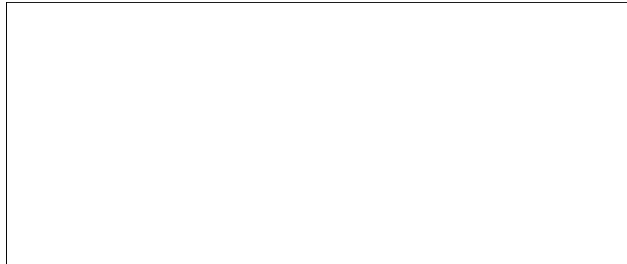
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