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General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 3, February 2009 @1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL**

Monthly Speaker

The monthly speaking guest is still being finalized. We are in hopes that a representative from the Cocoa Beach Marine Division will speaking at this meeting. When plans are finalized, we will notify you via email!

Donna Longway will be collecting soda, beer and food can tabs for either a local school or the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect them in a zip lock bag and bring them to the meetings or call her at 321-449-9037.

If you are interested in building or help building at card-board boat for the spring picnic sponsored by TSPS 09, May 2009 please contact Lt Robert Schaefer, P @ 321-784-9128. Due to limited space the rules can be found in the January '09 Soundings via our website cbsps.com and will be electronically distributed by Brian Grigsby. Next month we will try to print the rules as well as a flyer announcing the event.

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

E:Mail an Attachment to
debra.burleson@yahoo.com

AT THE HELM

Commander J. P. Longway III, P



The end of my journey is in sight, and hopefully when I dock on 1 March 2009 at the Commanders Club's Change of Watch (COW), I will still be alive and ready to resume a somewhat "real" retirement schedule and pace. P/C Ed Bonnett is a role model that I would like to emulate, since he seems to have it really down pat. This is also my next to the last report (March), as agreed with Lt/C Lance VandeBerg, since he will be installed on 1 March 2009 and will provide the "At The Helm for the April issue of The Soundings.

As expected the Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon was a pleasant and enjoyable gathering of Coco-Nauts, spouses, family and friends. A very nice day to spend with the attendees.

Much respect and appreciation to P/C Ed Kydd, SN, for acknowledging and supporting the disposition of the remains of P/D/P Helen Yagerhofer, SN, for her family. Ed, attended by his wife Helen, S, provided a eulogy on behalf of the Squadron at the memorial service on 29 December 2008. Your Commander, as well as P/C Mike Stone, P, his wife Denise Stone, P, our Chaplain and Coco-Nauts President Lt. Doris Valentine were also in attendance to show our respect to a fine lady who obviously served the Squadron/Coco-Nauts very, very well. The final Board of Directors (Officers and Members at Large) was presented at the 6 January General Membership Meeting, distributed electronically and published in The Soundings. The vote for the new Executive Board will take place at our next General Membership meeting on Tuesday, 3 February, in preparation for the 1 March COW Installation.

At the 6 January Meeting, a controversial proposal that was "Taken off the Table" in November was "Put Back on the Table". A lengthy discussion ensued. Upon completion of the bantering, a motion was made to approve or disapprove the proposal. It was approved by the majority that participated in the voting. Simply put, for a token donation in addition to our present inexpensive yearly auditorium fee, we will have a place to have as our home base, free use of Meeting Room A on a negotiated scheduled basis, receiving significantly reduced rates for additional special events, and having a Public Relations affair to publicize this partnership. In addition, we will receive a Squadron plaque and bench for placement in the Center's Memorial Garden expansion. The new Room A was used on 14 January to hold a Board of Directors Transition meeting.

Thanks to those who supported this effort of giving back to our community and being able to be recognized for same. To all of the others who voted against or not at all, thanks for your interest.

Peace (V)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P



I'm looking forward to a fun and active year with the CBS&PS. We have already begun to plan for the many activities and functions that will be scheduled for this coming year. We will be meeting to review the budget and other activities and keep the membership informed as we move forward. We are currently reviewing the many positions within our organization and trying to make sure they are all filled and no one is left out. We hope to contact everyone that participates to get their ideas and see if they have any suggestions or changes in mind. I am very appreciative of all the volunteers that contribute their valuable time and energy to the success of our organization. As always, we would like to get the newer members involved which creates a great opportunity to get to know one another. Thank you again for all your efforts and have a very successful and happy new year.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN



1. Well, it's official. We have our first "Navigator" of the present course. Who do you think he is? He's our own P/C and P/D/C Les Tribout, N! If you've never taken one of the celestial navigation courses, you may not realize what an accomplishment this is. Just ask any of the current "N" students. Congratulations, Les. And congratulations, too, to Ev who stood by while Les did his work and turned her beautiful home into a ship's chart room.

2. There's more good news. Lt Dee Neve, S, has been teaching our Instructor Development course to six active students and all these six took their final exam in late November. The results are in and we now have six members who have each gained experienced in teaching and public speaking. These are Lt Gerard Meunier, JN, Lt Joan Montfort, S, Dennis Peterson, JN, 1/Lt Paul Ragusa, P, Lt Francesca Ragusa, P, and Lt/C Lance VandeBerg, P. Congratulations! And thanks to Dee for a job well done.

3. The next course planned is Piloting. It's the basic navigation course and covers near shore navigation by dead reckoning and GPS. It will start on Monday, 19 January and be held at Wuesthoff Hospital in Rockledge. The cost is \$37.20 for the books, which is refundable when you pass, plus a \$10 course fee per student. You also need a plotter and dividers. Equipment and books can be shared. The instructor will be Lt Jack Wurst, AP. We still have room for one or two more students. Sign up by calling me at 635-9455.

4. The Marine Electronics course will start in February with Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN, as the instructor. This course covers the boat's electrical systems as well as theory and operation of electronic equipment aboard. The ME book costs \$27.50 with the same \$10 course fee. To sign up, call me at 635-9455.

5. The courses provide valuable knowledge that can make boating safer and more fun. They are interesting, low pressure and a great way to meet your fellow members. They are what USPS is all about.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C Kermit Forbes, P



Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. 2009 is now here and the plans are being made to have a great 2009 boating season. I hope we have a good showing at the planned boating event taking place on February 1, which is going to be at Samson Island. Susan and I are planning to take our boat and will still have time to get home to watch the Super Bowl.

I am planning to have a representative from the Cocoa Beach Police marine division to speak at our February meeting. I hope to have the plans finalized soon and will notify everyone by e-mail. Have a great boating season and I hope to see each of you on the Banana River sometime during 2009.

SECRETARY

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Well, another year has passed and CBSPS had a busy 2008.

I want to thank all those who served under the secretary in 2008, doing an excellent job as always. Asst. Secretary, Susan Forbes; Historian, P/C Mike Stone, P; Supply Officer, Lt Larry Burleson, S; Roster Chairman, P/D/C Fred Adame, SN; DB 2000 Manager, Lt Johan Neve, P; Communications Officer, Lt Brian Grigsby, JN; Editor/The Sounding, Lt Debra Burleson; Chairman/Advertising, P/C Duane Balkema, AP; Chairman/Distribution, Lt Dee Neve, S; Chairman/Photography, Lt Trent Milliken, P. They are a group of great people and I'm glad to report all of them, are going to serve another year in their positions, except Trent Milliken. He will serve on the Photography committee, but not as Chairman. So if anyone would like to help out and step into that position, please call me (452-4602) or anyone on the Bridge.

Here are some e-mail changes to correct in your Roster.

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The new Roster is now being worked on, so if you have any changes (address, phone, email) please call me or email me at bobmar2215@bellsouth.net ASAP.

**Coco-Nauts Corner
Lt Doris Valentine, President**

Here we are in 2009 and hopefully, all the Coco-Nauts will have a healthy and happy one!!!

The Memorial Service for Helen Yagerhoffer was held December 29th at Glory of God Anglican Church in Cocoa. Representing the Coco-Nauts at the service were Denise Stone, Helen Kydd and Doris Valentine. The eulogies given remembered Helen as a long time, devoted member of our squadron.

Unfortunately, we have lost another loyal sister with the passing January 11th of our dear Jane Sebree. A memorial service is scheduled for February 2nd at Grace Methodist Church and I do hope that all you Coco-Nauts will attend to say their final good-byes to Jane.

The February friendship meeting this year will be held on February 11th at 11:30 in the recreation room of the Cocoa Village Marina. More information will be given at a later date, but as in the past, it will be a “salad lunch” with all the ladies preparing their favorite to share.

We have received a note from Angie Vilardebo thanking us for our cards and prayers while she was ill. Angie is doing much better and has been out to a couple of functions accompanied by her beloved husband, Charlie.

As a reminder, the dues for 2009 are now payable. If you won't be attending either January or February meetings, please forward your check for the large sum of \$6.00 to our Treasurer, Marion Sweigert.

Board of Directors : BRIDGE OFFICERS (Final)
Friday, January 2, 2009

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3. Bob Flanigan

4. Doris Valentine

Elected Committees

1. Rules Committee :

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2. Nominating Committee :

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Asst Chairman / 2 yrs : Charlie Vilardebo

Member / 3yrs : Fred Adame

3. Auditing Committee :

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Member / 3 yrs : Sue Kneeland



Galaxy 23

**From the District Bridge
D/C Dick Leatherman, SN
Commander**

USPS National Meeting Comments

The USPS National meeting is coming up on Feb. 19-21 and sad to say very few from D23 will be in attendance. In many squadrons across the country, one of the perks of being Squadron Cdr is a trip to the National Meeting. In other words, National Meeting Expense is a line item in the Squadron budget. Now it is true that the D/C will send out a Meeting summary to the D23 Cmdrs and they will also receive a copy of the Meeting CD. However, this simply does not express the flavor and camaraderie of this great organizational event. Without being there, one loses much of the Meeting's impact. The USPS spirit and enthusiasm just don't envelop you while viewing a cold CD compared to being there among many hundreds of fellow members. Thus, I strongly recommend that each D23 Squadron plan to send its Cdr to the National Meeting in future years. Considering that for the next few years this Meeting will be held in Disneyland (FL), the travel expense will be minimal.

The Instructor Development Committee has decided not to have a Teaching Aids contest/exhibit at the 2009 National Meeting. I cannot remember a National Meeting without Teaching Aids. This exhibit has always been a major attraction and an excellent learning experience for USPS instructors. Both DEO Walter Fields and myself feel strongly that the Teaching Aid event be re-instituted for future USPS National Meetings. If you agree, please make your feelings known to R/C J. Christopher Brown of the Instructor Development Committee at svflyaway@comcast.net.

Boating is Fun – We'll Show You How

A real fun event will occur at D23's Spring (May) Picnic in Titusville. It will be a 100 yard Cardboard Boat Race. Construction & race rules have been sent out by the Titusville Squadron and are, hopefully, in this newsletter. Rescue boats will be provided by Titusville members. Their contact people are:

Ray Lennon 321-269-5718 or John Carlson 321-269-1083.

Start designing your cardboard boat now so you can participate in this historic (hesteric?) event.

Welcome Aboard to our D23 Spring 2009 Conference “Let’s Get Acquainted Party” at the Holiday Inn, Deland, FL on Friday, March 27.

Harris Chain and Seminole Sail and Power Squadrons invite you to a celebra-
tion of the Old River-boating Days.

Dig out your hoop skirts, parasols,
Stetsons, waistcoats, vests, and sleeve garters
as we travel back into the
1800s, but leave your Derringers and
six-shooters at home!

Please, before you come, spend a few minutes thinking about the following 3 statements, and be prepared to give a 3-5 minute explanation for each:

- 1-Describe the scariest thing that has happened to you during any boating event.
- 2-Describe the dumbest thing you ever did during any boating event.
- 3-Describe the single boating event in which you had the most fun.

We will be having a buffet dinner Friday night. Everyone will be encouraged to sit at tables with members from squadrons other than your own.

A mixer will follow dinner. Everyone will receive a search form to find individuals in the room who meet the criteria listed in the squares on the form. When you have found someone that meets the criteria in one of the squares, have the person sign your form in that square, and then ask them one of the above 3 questions. After you get the answer, they should ask you one of the questions. As we continue to find people that meet the search form criteria, we will get to know many of the members of other squadrons in our District in a more personal way, and hopefully have some fun in the process. Prizes will be given to those who have signatures in the most squares.

We will ask for nominations of individuals that the group thinks told the best story in each of the 3 categories. After they share their story with the whole group, they too will be awarded prizes.

**Join us for lots of fun, at our Old River-boating Days
“Let’s Get Acquainted Party” Friday night during the
D23 Spring Conference.**

USPS District 23 Spring 2009 Conference
March 27, 2009 thru March 29, 2009, Holiday Inn, Deland, FL
OLD RIVER-BOATING DAYS

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Reservations must be received no later than February 24, 2009 to guarantee room. Late reservations on a space available basis only.

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Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____ # of persons: _____

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Friday, March 27, 2009

1900-2300 "Let's Get Acquainted" Dinner Buffet---Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad, etc. # ___ @ \$32.00 = _____

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Noon Box Lunch—Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef # ___ @ \$14.00= _____

Evening / District Change of Watch - Choose: ___ Blackened Ribeye Steak, ___ Grilled Ribeye Steak,

___ Stuffed Pork Chop, ___ Chicken and Shrimp. # ___ @ \$35.00= _____

Sunday, March 29, 2009

Sunday N Club Breakfast Buffet # ___ @ \$15.00= _____

Total meals \$ _____

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For information or questions call (352) 259-9711 or email billmyers1939@embarqmail.com Please make check payable to Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron and mail to:

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

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

JANUARY:

24 - Saturday, 0800 D23 Council Meeting & Training, Daytona Beach's Art Center

27 - Tuesday, 1830, CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

FEBRUARY:

01 - Sunday, Squadron Rendezvous at Samson Island

03 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Membership Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center

11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Friendship Salad Luncheon , Cocoa Village Marina Recreation Room

18 - 23 USPS Annual Meeting - Anaheim, CA (Wed. - Sun.)

24 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

MARCH

01 - Sunday, 1600 CBSPS COW Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn Resort

03 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS Membership Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center

11 - Wednesday, 1100 Coco-Nauts Meeting/ Luncheon (location TBD)

24 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

27 - 29, Friday thru Sunday - D23 Conference , Holiday Inn - Deland, FL

Note:

CBS&PS 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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Boating Committee Report By P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

You will likely get this “Soundings” before the event so I’ll mention it again. “Cruise to Samson Island” is now scheduled for Sunday, February 1st, 2009. We have adopted the time of the Ferry that is provided by City of Satellite Beach. It departs from the dock near the Fire Station at 1390 S Patrick Drive at 1:00 PM and brings you back at 4:00 PM.

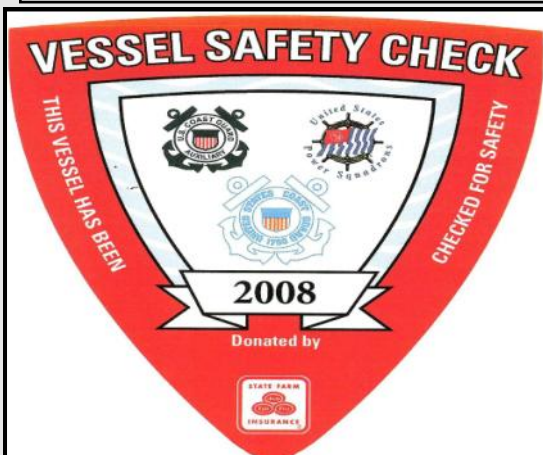
You can of course come via your own boat and enjoy arrival and departure when you feel like it. Bring what you want to drink or eat. Call Duane Balkema 452-5892 or Al Pappas 777-2460 and advise if coming. Come and enjoy the fun of the trip and exploring this island and nature. We welcome the incoming Bridge and the new Boating Chairman.

Safety Committee Officer Lt Robert Flanigan, SN

Secretary Chertoff and ADM Allen USCG have been talking about the small vessel threat for quite some time and the U.S. took a leadership role in the recent passage of IMO standards .The sobering report on the Maritime Nexus of the Mumbai terrorist attack last month explains the possibility that this may happen here in the U.S.

The USCG small vessel security summit last year included a similar attack mode during one of the workshop scenarios. One thing was abundantly clear; our principal ally in this fight against the small vessel threat is the public. America’s Waterways Watch is one way to get the word out about reporting suspicious activities to the public. Please promote this program at every opportunity.

Vessel examiners and RBS visitors as well as other personnel in the USPS can be selected to share this information with the public as they deem it appropriate. For more details please contact Chris Weiller, USCG Port Security Specialist, 7th District Coast Guard (dpi), 909 SE 1st avenue, Miami, FL. 33131, phone (305)-415-6838.



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 4 March 0900a at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!

Who Am I?

I too grew up during the depression, same as the first "Who Am I". My first ATTEMPT at boating was a boat? - constructed out of planks. When my sister and I first launched it we quickly realized that tar (which I still play with) had to be applied to the seams but during this process it was also applied to me, much to the dismay of my mother. A second trip on the running board of Dad's Whippit to Sandusky Bay was required to discover that the boat would not float. Despite this dismal outcome my interest in boating continued.

My second attempt was when I built a twelve foot outboard from sheet plywood, this time from boat plans. Not long after my wife and I were married, we launched this boat in Lake Erie. Despite the outcome of my first attempt of boat building we did a fair amount of out boarding with our young family. During one of these trips, we carried a tent to South Bass Island in Lake Erie and I received an urgent request from my first mate to return to the mainland that night to avoid being stuck in a tent the following day because a storm was predicted, which never materialized. It was during this five mile trip in a twelve foot boat in darkness that I realized there was more involved in boating than I knew about and I promptly joined the Vermilion Power Squadron.

We moved to Charleston SC in 1977 by way of the New York Barge Canal. This trip further educated us on boating. I transferred to the Charleston Power Squadron where I taught some courses and served as Education Officer and taught engine maintenance for fifteen years. We lived aboard our 32' motorsailer and later upgraded to a 41' sloop, enjoying the added living space.

After living aboard in Charleston for 25 years we moved to Merritt Island to live with our daughter and sadly had to sell our vessel due to the high cost of dockage and insurance. We still have our dingy which was very useful after Fay to move hay for our daughter's horses from the flooded shed to the garage.

We enjoy our association with the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron and our new boating friends.



Answer from Last Month's
Who Am I?
Larry Carr

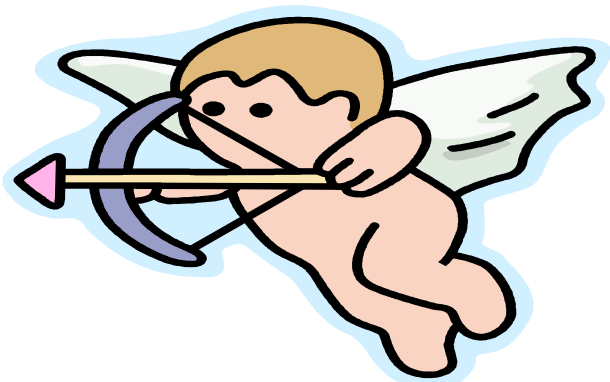
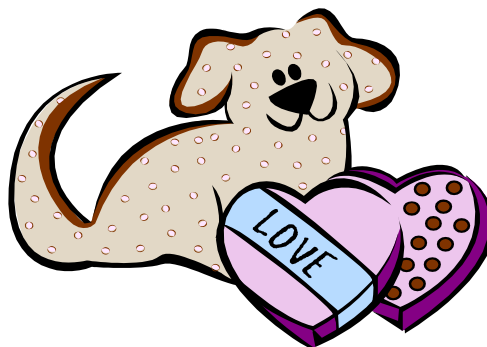
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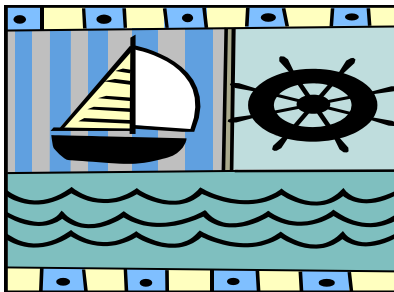
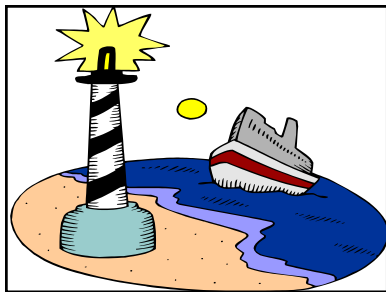
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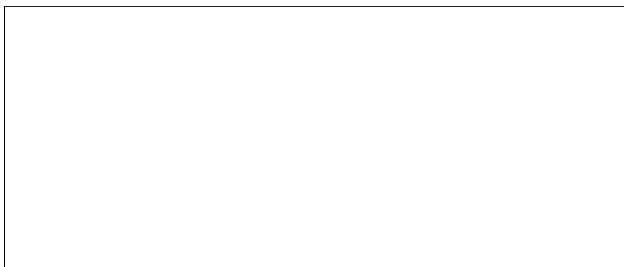
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