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Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 02, February 2010 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL**

Monthly Speaker

Our featured speaker, for this month will be Matt Culver from the Brevard County Natural Resources Office and the Boating and Waterways Program. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Attention On Deck

If you are planning to attend the D23 Spring Conference in Jacksonville, FL March 26-28th, the details will be outlined as such, since the registration form online is unreadable. For tax exempt hotel reservations, it is \$89 per night, and you should make you check payable to JSPS, and mail it by February 26th to:

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AT THE HELM

Commander Lance H. VandeBerg, P



As my term as Commander comes to an end I would like to thank all the membership for your support and participation in the many activities we all have enjoyed this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Commander and I look forward to continuing my support to the Squadron as much as I can.

I was very pleased to attend the Titusville COW on January 9th with P/C John Mulkey. The luncheon was held at the Pumpnickel's Fest Haus. D23 Cdr Robert E. Becker performed the installation of their new Commander Roy Merritt.

Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on Thursday January 28th at the Merritt Island Library at 1800.

This year our Change of Watch will be held at the International Palms Resort, (formerly the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn) scheduled on February 21, 2010. The time will be from 16:00 to 19:00 in the Commanders room. The dinner entrées will be Chicken Basilica or London Broil. Lets have a great turnout to welcome in the new Bridge for 2010.

Pictured below (l-r) Doug Bissett being sworn in as new member, and Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN receiving his senior member award.



**SOUNDINGS DEADLINE:
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MONTH**

We welcome comments, boating stories and any articles of interest you'd like to submit...

E:Mail an Attachment to debra.burleson@bellsouth.net

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
P/C Kermit Forbes, P



May each of you have a most enjoyable and safe 2010 boating season.

Please support all the incoming Bridge Officers, and please plan to participate in the Squadron's boating activities that are in the planning stages.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



This being my last report as AO, I want to thank everyone who helped my feeble efforts to fulfill the functions of this office.

Membership:

Here, we can all agree that Doris Valentine was once again more than up to the par. Thanks Doris for your continued support. Unfortunately, many of our members do not come close to your dedication and our membership number has decreased in the past year from about 164 to our present 139. I know... I know...quality is better than quantity.

Still, I hope Membership Recruiting and Membership Retention will still become a major agenda for the new Bridge.

Presentations:

I hope you have enjoyed the 2009 presentations as much as I did. Feel free to contact me or the new AO if you have any requests or suggestions.

Tuesday Feb 2nd: Matt Culver of the Brevard County Natural Resources Office and the Boating and Waterways Program Coordinator.

Some time this Spring, I will personally bore you again with the another section of the Great Loop. You might as well go out there and do it yourself!

Boating Activities:

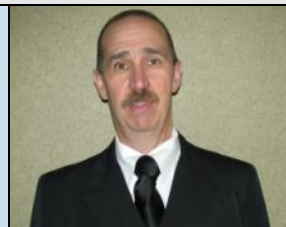
I really do not know what needs to be done to increase participation in this activity.

In 2009, our maximum number of boats was 6 and our average 3.

Folks, this is quite dismal for a boating education group with about 60 listed boats.

Our most successful outings were at local restaurants accessible both by boats and cars. Maybe that's the ticket: Food!

In conclusion, it has been a learning experience for me to serve with both frustrations and joys. I will be quite busy this year with a major house remodeling and a planned so-called "Little Loop" (basically from here to Ottawa, Canada via Lake Champlain and the Rideau Canal), a 5 to 6 months trip. I will take pictures for a possible presentation next winter.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P**

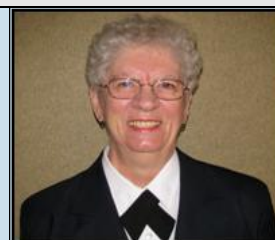
Advanced Piloting began January 26th, 10 students and Instructors Lt Dennis Peterson, N and Lt Jack Wurst, AP. The Chair/ Advanced grades P/D/C Fred Adame, SN also was there, preparing to recruit for a JN class?

We are also searching for two more students for a Seamanship class. If you have never taken Seamanship or would like to retake it to refresh your memory sign up now .That will put you on the route to piloting and beyond!

ASEO P/C John Mulkey, P, will be assisting the Banana River SPS Edgewood Jr/Sr High School on January 28 & 29 Together they will be teaching a boating safety course to 500 students. Good luck John.

CBS&PS will give America's Boating Course on Saturday April 17 & 24; classes will begin 0830 to 1430. The exam will be given on the 24th after a review.

Remember if you're interested in a particular course please let me know so that we can hopefully accommodate you by getting others to take the course.

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

I want to thank all the people who served as chairman under the Secretary Dept in 2009. Thanks for all your work and support to our squadron. To those who are staying on as chairman for 2010 and those who have stepped up to fill the open chairman positions, I look forward to working with all of you. Thanks again!

Here are email changes. Please update your Roster

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Attention on Deck Continuation from pg. #1

If you choose to make your own hotel reservations, you should contact Hyatt Regency 225 Coastline Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32202 (904-588-1234) at the rate of \$89 + 13% room tax + 1% City Surcharge per room per night. Checks for meals should also be mailed JSPS. Copies of the form will be available at our business meeting.

MEAL CHOICES ARE AS FOLLOW.

Friday Evening - All American Buffet (great variety from salads to apple pie)	\$30 p/p
Saturday Lunch - choice of Roast Beef or Turkey Wrap	\$20 p/p
Saturday Evening - choice of Prime Rib, Herb Chicken, or Salmon	\$32 p/p
Sunday "N" Club Breakfast - (Omelet station, assorted meats, cheese & breads	\$15 p/p



Coco-Nauts Corner

President, Susan Forbes

As I conclude my term as president of the women's auxiliary, I want to thank all the officers and members who made this a successful year. I hope you had fun supporting our Squadron with the various activities that were planned. I hope that everyone is keeping warm during the unusually extended cold weather that we've been experiencing.

Our next meeting will February 13th at the Cocoa Village Marina starting at 1130. This is our friendship meeting, so please bring your favorite salad to share. Beverages, dessert, cutlery and paper products will be provided. I certainly hope everyone will attend!

The nominating committee announced the incoming officers that will be installed at the Change of Watch Ceremony on February 21. The new officers are as follow:

President-Debra Burleson

Vice President-Doris Valentine

Secretary-Barbara Millner

Treasurer-Marian Sweigert

Members At Large: Marilyn Flanigan, Doris Hess, and Denise Stone

May it be a great year for the incoming volunteers! Good luck to each and everyone of you!

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT 23 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee recommends the following slate of officers who have agreed to serve on the District 23 Bridge for the 2010 - 2011 term. ED-80 has been submitted and approved for the Educational and Assistant Educational

Officers nominations:

<u>District 23 Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Dist. 23 Squadron</u>
District Commander	D/C Robert E. Becker, SN	Banana River
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C James J. De Palma, SN	Daytona Beach
Educational Officer	P/R/C Walter C. Fields, SN	Ocala
Administrative Officer	P/C Lucy Anne Hixenbaugh, P	Banana River
Secretary	P/Lt/C Ernst G. Hofmann, JN	Banana River
Asst. Educational Officer	P/R/C Michael C. Scallan, SN	Central Florida

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Auditing

Member (1 yr.)	P/C Calvin C. Ray, AP	Jacksonville
Member (2 yrs.)	Stf/C Robert C. Flint, AP	Central Florida
Member (3 yrs.)	P/D/C Lester R. Tribout, N	Cocoa Beach

Nominating

Chairman (1 year)	Stf/C Donald C. Clark, JN	Ocala
Member (1 year)	P/D/C David G. Johnson, JN	Jacksonville
Member (2 years)	P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN	Cocoa Beach
Member (2 years)	P/D/C George M. Ammon, SN	Banana River
Member (3 years)	P/D/C Richard A. Leatherman, SN	Jacksonville
Member (3 years)	P/D/C Eugene Grant, JN	Central Florida

Rules Committee

Member (1 yr.)	P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN	Cocoa Beach
Member (2 Yr.)	P/C Enrique Estevez, AP	Central Florida
Member (3 years)	P/D/C Abraham B. Cahill, SN	Jacksonville

Planning Committee

Member (1 year)	Stf/C Robert.C. Flint, AP	Central Florida
Member (1 year)	P/C Jeremiah W. Murphy, SN	Titusville
Member (2 years)	P/D/Lt/C Clara L. Ross, SN	Banana River
Member (2 years)	P/C Cheryl W. Martines, AP	Daytona Beach
Member (3 years)	P/C Leroy W. Myers, AP	Harris Chain
Member (3 years)	Stf/C Donald C. Clark, JN	Harris Chain

Respectfully submitted by the D23 Nominating Committee

Chairman: P/D/C Lester R. Tribout, N
 P/D/C Abraham B. Cahill, SN
 Stf/C Donald C. Clark, JN
 P/D/C David G. Johnson, JN
 P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN
 P/D/C George M. Ammon, SN

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

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

January-2010

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

February - 2010

02 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting—Brevard Veteran’s Center, Merritt Island

4-7 USPS Annual Meeting - Walt Disney World, Kissimmee FL

13 - Saturday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Friendship Luncheon, Cocoa Village Marina

21 - Sunday, 1600 CBSPS COW, International Palm Resort

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

March 2010

02 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran’s Center, Merritt Island

10 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Location TBD

13 - Saturday, 1130 Meet the Bridge picnic, Kiwanis Park, Merritt Island

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

26 - 28, Friday - Sunday, D23 Spring Conference, Jacksonville FL

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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P/Lt/C Brian Grigsby, SN

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Section 328.72(14), Florida Statutes, exempts antique vessels from an annual registration fee. The only fees charged are the service fee for the registration.

To qualify the vessel:

Is at least 30 years old.

Is used only for noncommercial purposes.

Is powered by the original type power plant.

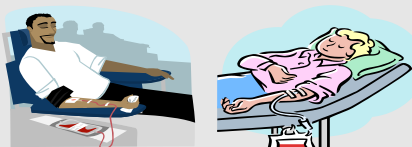
I will now save about \$30.00 a year on my 1969 Columbia 26 Mark II sloop. Also, if you send a copy of the paperwork to Tallahassee they will send you a special antique sticker for your boat.

Pass this on to all of your boating friends with older boats!



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 03 February 0900a at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron

A Unit of the United States Powers Squadrons

5 January 2010

The following are the nominees for elected positions in the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron for the 2010-2011 year. All have agreed to serve.

Commander	P/C John F. Mulkey, P
Executive Officer	Robert F. Flanigan, SN
Educational Officer	Lt/C Paul A. Ragusa, P
Administrative Officer	Lt Joseph S. Auchter, JN
Secretary	Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P
Treasurer	Lt/C Clay E. Bernichon, P
Asst Educational Officer	Kenneth G. Charles, P
Asst Secretary	Carolyn Bonnett, P
Asst Treasurer	P/R/C Carmen Adame, AP

BoD Member at Large	Cdr Lance H. VandeBerg, P
" " " "	P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN
" " " "	David D. Keane, P
" " " "	Lt Francesca N. Ragusa, P

COMMITTEES (previously elected individuals are shown for information only)

Audit Committee

Member (1 yr)	Marsha E. Kirkwood, S (elected previously)
Member (2 yrs)	P/C Edward W. Bonnett, SN
Member (3 yrs)	Lt Robert W. Schaefer, P

Nominating Committee

Member (1 yr)	Cdr Lance H. VandeBerg, P
Member (2 yr)	P/C J.P. Longway III, P
Member (3 yrs)	P/C Michael A. Stone, P

Rules Committee

Member (1 yr)	Leonard T. Senibaldi, N (elected previously)
Member (2yrs)	Lt David Collins, JN (elected previously)
Member (3 yrs)	P/C George Hess, SN

Section 11.1 of the CBSPS By-Laws states: "Candidates for office to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) 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 election."

Nominating Committee:

Lt Joseph S. Auchter, JN
P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN
Charles K. Vilardebo

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Dinner: 1700-1800

Ceremony: 1800-1900

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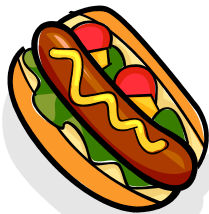
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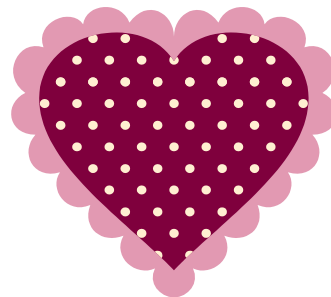
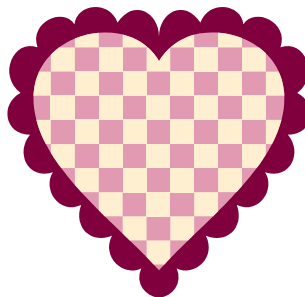
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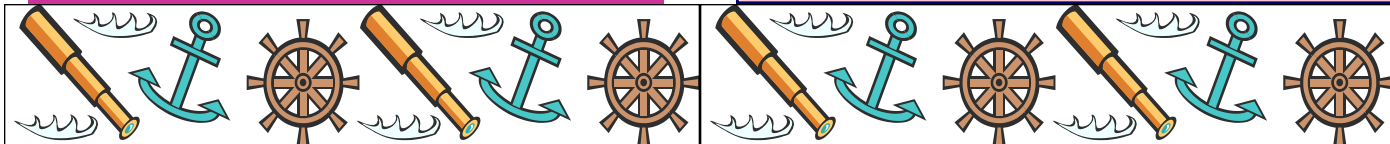
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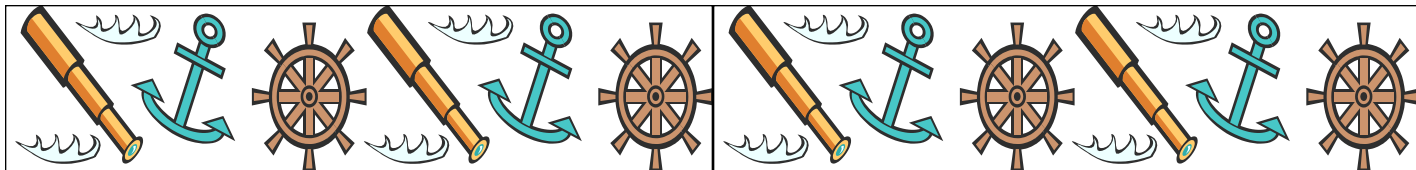
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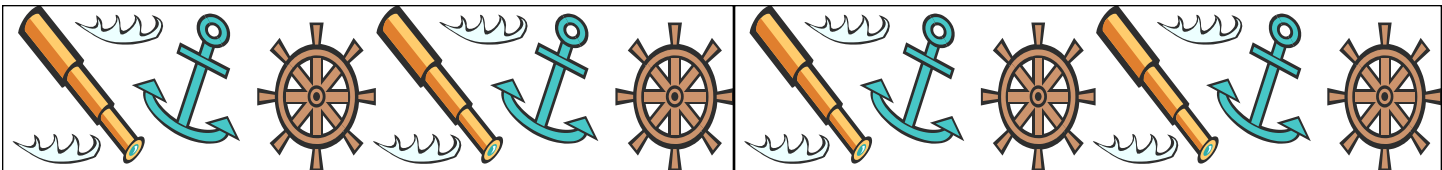
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