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AT THE HELM

Commander John F. Mulkey, AP



At the February Membership Meeting you will be electing a new Bridge to guide us through 2011. Unfortunately, with the exception of two new Members at Large, all the other nominees have served on the Bridge before, some of us many times. It would be wonderful to find new people willing to serve on the Bridge, but to have that happen we need to do a better job of recruiting new members. Hopefully, giving a passing student of the ABC Boating Class a free six months membership will get us some new members.

When you see a new person at a membership meeting go up and introduce yourself to them. Don't let a new member sit by themselves. Invite your boating friends and neighbors to a meeting. Tell them about the classes we are having. Help promote CBS&PS.

On a more up-beat note, our Chile Cook Off was a big hit. Three members tied for first place; Lt George Guerrero,S – Joan Montfort,S –Lt/C Paul Ragusa,AP. If Lt Howard Bernbaum,SN, chili had received one more vote we would have had a four way tie for first place. I hope that this becomes an annual event. If so, maybe next year we could start a little earlier, set up "stations" to get away from long waits in line, and vote on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Our Change of Watch is on February 26, 2011, 11:30 a.m. at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. This is one event you don't want to miss. The food is first class and the price is right. I would like to thank P/C Al Pappas, SN, for sponsoring this event. Please contact Lt Doris Valentine or Lt Donna Longway, S, to make your reservation.

The D23 Spring Conference hosted by Central Florida Sail & Power Squadron will be held March 18th to 20th at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in Orlando. Friday Night's party will have a "Pirate Theme," with a prize for the best costume. Look for the registration form in this month Soundings.

I have enjoyed serving as your Commander again. It was much easier this time around. I tried to keep the business part of the meetings as short as possible, but still informative and fun. I want to thank all of you for your help and support for this past year. Please give the new Bridge the same help and support.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER LT/C Joseph S. Auchter, JN



The Chili Cook-off at the Jan. meeting was a huge success. We had 11 entries, with 3 winners--Joan Monfort, George Guerrero and Francesa Ragusa. Each winner will keep the trophy for 4 months. We had a successful evening, with many members in attendance. Evidently, the word "Free" was a big encouragement for so many members to attend! Many thanks to Doris Valentine and Donna Longway on making this event go so well.

Items from Messing about in Boats.

Where was the US Navy Born? At least five saltwater communities still lay claim, although Congress decided in 1965 that Whitehall N.Y. (on Lake Champlain several hundred miles from Seawater), was the real birthplace. The claimant places are Beverly and Marblehead in Massachusetts, Machias, Maine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Providence, Rhode Island. Maybe we should take a vote! The US Navy will station 24 women officers in teams of three or four on the following US Subs---USS Wyoming, USS Georgia, USS Ohio, and USS Maine. The lone head for officers on each sub will be fitted with a reversible sign. I wonder what the sign will say!

Large tabular ice floes are common in the Antartic, but are rare at the North end of the earth. But an iceberg four times the size of Manhattan Island recently calved off one of Greenlands two main glaciers, and it will keep scientists and others busy for the next two years as it drifts into East Coast Shipping

SECRETARY LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



I want to thank the Coco-Nauts for their donation of food to the Brevard Sharing Center and the donation of women products and linens for The Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program.

Please make the following changes to your roster:

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Clay Bernichon, P clayeb@att.net

Address & Phone # change: Marsha Kirkwood PO Box 542206 Merritt Island, FL 32954-2206

321-338-2200 (H)

Remove from Fleet Roster:
Boat Name: Serenity 33' cabin cruiser

Captain(s) Paul & Francesca Ragusa

Squadron Education Officer LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, AP



The Junior Navigation class is nearing its destination. The students will soon be taking their sights. Once the celestial sights are evaluated by National Education, and the sight folder is approved, successful candidates then take the exam, which will cover everything learned in Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Junior Navigation. Good luck to all.

We hope to have a weather class by spring.

Coco-Nauts Corner President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts met at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge on Jan. 12th! We had a nice short meeting, and discussed the upcoming Friendship Luncheon, to be held @ 1130 am Feb. 9th at the Cocoa Village Marina. For this luncheon meeting, everyone is to bring their favorite salad to share with others that attend. Paper products, beverages and dessert, will be provided. I will send out a reminder ahead of time. Mark your calendar and plan to attend, since this is always one of our nicest meetings.

We haven't decided all our meeting places for the year, but so far we planned to have the March 9th meeting at Marge Balkema's house, April 13th meeting at Joan Montfort's house, and back to the Merritt Island Moose Lodge for the May 11th meeting. We shared other ideas about other fun meetings for the remaining months of the year that we meet, but nothing concrete yet!

February Birthdays

06 - Fricky Vaugn

08 - Patricia O'Brien

11 - Helen Kydd

20 - Betty Auchter





GALAXY 23 From the District Bridge D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr, SN Commander

It's the New Year and it should be an exciting year for D 23. First off we have the D 23 winter council meeting on Saturday, 22 January being held at the ARC center in Daytona Beach. If you attended the fall D 23 Conference you will remember that several "ad-hoc" committees were formed to report on several items: the continuance of having two yearly D 23 Conferences; moving some of our D 23 treasury money into gold were two of the topics that will be reported on at the council meeting. And this is the council meeting that our D 23 bridge Officers spend some time with the incoming D 23 squadron officers showing them what we can do to assist them in their squadron positions. So please insure that the old and the new bridge officers attend the council meeting.

Right after the council meeting the next USPS event is the Annual Meeting. Again it will be held in Orlando at the Disney resort complex. Here is a chance to meet many of our USPS members from all over the country, islands etc. It is also a chance to see the USPS in action. Committee meetings, booths featuring USPS activities along with several related marine type activities are always high on the "to see" list of attendees. And of course the awards event on Friday and the actual annual meeting on Saturday will be more of the highlights for those attending. So be sure to spend at least one and hopefully additional days attending the annual meeting the week of 31Jan-5 Feb. Check the USPS web site for more info. And oh yes, once again the meeting is held in OUR territory and we are the host district. Don Clark and his gang of National Meeting Committee people will need plenty of assistance. Give Don a call and see what you can do to help out!!

Squadron Changes of Watches should be completed by the time of our D 23 Spring Conference hosted by our newly formed squadron, Central Florida Sail & Power Squadron. Cdr Kat Feder and her crew promise us a great conference. The Friday night theme is PIRATES! I am sure there will be lots of info regarding this conference on the D 23 web site as well in each of the D 23 squadron publications. So be on the lookout and mark the dates.

While all of the above items are of great importance, the most important topic is still MEMBERSHIP!! Only each of you can build our squadrons back to where they were several years ago. The economy appears to be getting better and hopefully more potential boaters will be heading for the water. Go after them. Get them to take our ABC3 course. Sign them up as new members of your squadron. We have the best courses available along with the best organization for boaters. Make it happen.

The following are the nominees for elected positions in the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron for the 2011 - 2012 year. All have agreed to serve.

Commander: P/C Kermit B. Forbes, P Executive Officer: Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN P/C John F. Mulkey, AP Educational Officer: P/C P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN **Asst Educational officer:** P/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P Administrative Officer: Secretary: Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P 1/Lt Carolyn Bonnett, P Asst. Secretary: P/C Michael A. Stone, P Treasurer: P/R/C Carmen Adame, AP **Asst. Treasurer:**

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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: P/C Lance VandeBerg, P

P/C J.P. Longway III, P

P/C Michael Stone, P



January 2011

- 22 Saturday, D23 Council Meeting Daytona Beach
- 27 Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

February 2011

- 701 Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 6 09 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Friendship salad luncheon, Cocoa Village Marina
- 03 06, Thu Sun, USPS Annual Meeting, Walt Disney World, FL
- 26 Saturday, 1130 Change of Watch, Eau Gallie Yacht Club
- 24 Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

March 2011

- 6 01 Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 09 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting/Luncheon, (Marge Balkema's house)
- 18 20, Fri Sun, D23 Spring Conference & COW, Orlando FL
- 24 Thursday, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

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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February Boating Report, P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

We had a grand local boating event at 6:30 AM, January 4th, at Port Canaveral. The Disney Dream, a new 4,000 passenger ship arrived to their own arranged fanfare. As always, it suddenly appears out of the dark, with all of its lighting on. As it progressed past us at Jetty Park, Disney Company had arranged multiple Jet skis pulling very colorful kites high in the air ahead of the ship. At near direct center of midpoint Jetty Park, multiple fireworks were launched from the upper decks of the ship. It was all very colorful and well done. Security was everywhere on the water and shore and even all around us spectators. (see pictures of the Dream on pg. 9)

Some History about Disney Ships is that many Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron members with boats were invited to welcome the Disney Magic and Disney Wonder early morning arrivals. Disney had reached out to invite participation by all boaters and boat clubs in pre 9/11 Security times. I remember P/C Ed Bonnett working the connection with Disney. Ed Bonnetts, Gene Millners, Mike Stones, and Duane Balkemas Boats were out there as others I do not remember. My Flybridge was loaded with people as we all lead the first big ship in, then a year later the other one. Banana River Power Squadron also had several boats out there.

I wanted to thank all who participated in Squadron Boating Events this past year. We have such wonderful access to water for personal boating. Those landlocked mid-USA United States Power Squadron members would surely envy us for our easy access. Alas, I will admit that Manatees, regulations, high costs, ethanol, and a sour economy are making it much harder to enjoy the sport of personal boating wherever you live. My Economy Project comments over the past season have been intended to show boating can be pursued at lower cost. Still I would if I could prefer to take delivery of a new twin diesel powered Flybridge Sport Cruiser of around 45 feet. Any comments for next year boating are appreciated.

BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 16 February 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





CBSPS Photo Gallery

The new Disney Dream that pulled into Port Canaveral on 4 Jan. 2011 & The chili cook-off held at the general meeting also on 4 Jan. 2011













3-way tie for the winner! L-R: George Guerrero, Joan Montfort & Paul Raguse









Cocoa Beach Sail And Power Squadron Invites You To 44th Annual Change of Watch

Date: Saturday, 26 February 2011

Time: 1130 am (starting with cash bar cocktails)

Lunch: 1230 pm Program: 1:30pm

Place: Eau Gallie Yacht Club

Cost: \$25 p/p

Menu Choice:
Baked Salmon with dill sauce
or
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Dress: blue blazer/grey slacks or other appropriate dressy/casual attire

If you plan to attend please contact:

Lt Donna Longway, S @ 321-474-8786

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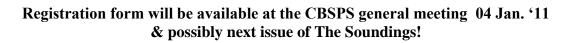
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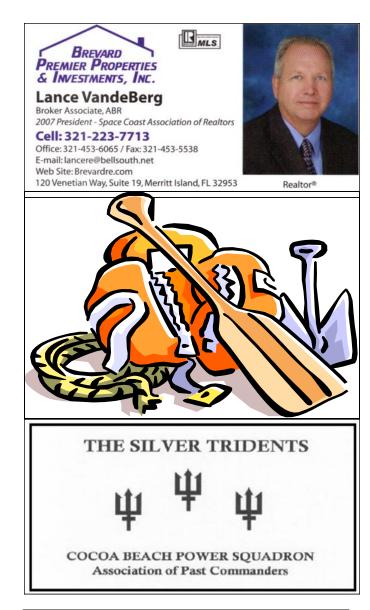
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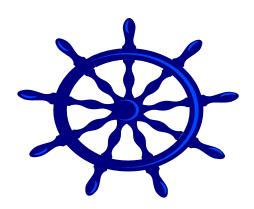








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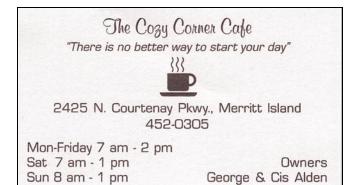
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