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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 09, 2007, @ 1900

Cocoa Civic Center

430 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa Village

Vessel Maintenance

Mike Tavano, General Manager, and Ken Bohannan, Service Manager of North Courtenay Boat Center, a dealership for sales and service, including mobile service, will focus on the following topics.

Fuel Maintenance/Alert: most common problems, ethanol, F10 & gasohol and diesel fuel update.

Oil for 4 stroke engines.

Trailers: state requirements, tires and suspension.



REMINDER

The Squadron's next blood bank donation is scheduled for Jan. 10th, 0900, at the Florida's Blood Center, Rte. 1 Rockledge

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AT THE HELM

Commander Sandy Schoonmaker, SN



Happy New Year!

"Where has this year gone?" is such a cliché statement, yet there are times when you simply can not rephrase the truth. Although the 365 days that comprised the year 2006 have slipped rapidly by, they will not go as being unmemorable for me.

The year began with the election of the Bridge that was sworn in at the well-attended Change of Watch in mid-February. Throughout the ensuing days I was thrilled to see the classes and activities that had been so carefully planned go from words on paper into events that were well executed and well attended. My goal at the beginning of the year was to see increased member attendance at social events and educational classes. With no comparative statistics from previous years I can not verify an increase of the members involved but can affirm that the numbers in attendance were adequate enough to justify my opinion the goal was achieved.

The year did not pass without some sadness as death claimed several of our members and sickness haunted others. Throughout these times the squadron membership remained available to offer what comfort was possible.

But now the year has passed into our individualized memories and we are eager to see what 2007 will bring. From the squadron perspective we have some educational opportunities that begin in January and continue throughout the year. Refer to the SEO's report on page 3 of this newsletter for details. Please support these classes; they're what USPS is all about.

We have also finalized plans for the 40th Change of Watch on 18 February. Sign-ups will be available at this month's meeting scheduled for <u>9 January</u> at the Cocoa Civic Center. The COW is a "reservation only, pay in advance" event. Details are listed in this newsletter. This is a very special evening for the squadron and your attendance is greatly appreciated.

In the meantime, plans are underway as Commander-elect Mike Stone, P, is meeting with the members of the next Bridge to formulate a calendar of events for your participation. The group will soon be calling to fill in the committees and the roster of teachers for the courses. Please say "yes" when called so that you can contribute to the success of 2007.

In closing, my toast to you all for a Prosperous, Healthy and Happy New Year!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT P/Lt/C Mike Stone, P

Happy New Year from the Stones!

Next month I will assume the duties of Commander and I really appreciate all the hard work by the Nominating Committee and Executive Committee elect in trying to fill all the bridge and committee chairmen positions. There are still a few committee positions that need to be filled. We need to fill the committees and are actively seeking volunteers. It would greatly help us if you would review the various committees and let us know which ones appeal to your interests and talents. With over 200 members, it is difficult to contact you individually to ask you to serve, so please feel free to volunteer!! You may call me at 321-453-5807, or e-mail me at mstone11@cfl.rr.com.

I am excited about the up-coming Squadron year because the past year's successes will be difficult to beat. The in-coming bridge fully intends to provide quality educational classes, boating activities, and social activities that you have come to expect.

All the committee chairmen and committee members in the Executive Department have worked hard all year and I greatly appreciate all their efforts and support.

I want to thank all of you who have agreed to be active as officers and committee chairmen for next year. The committee has been working hard at reaching as many members as possible to fill these positions.

SEO REPORT P/D/C Fred Adame, SN

Things are busy in your Educational Department. Marine Electronics, under Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN, has 8 students enrolled and the second of three module exams has been given at the Wuesthoff Hospital classroom. Seamanship, taught by P/R/C's Jane and Dick Schnoor, SN's. had all its 11 students take their final exam on 6 December.

Meanwhile, Junior Navigation is progressing nicely on Wednesday afternoons at the Cocoa Library. Six students are enrolled, one of whom is Cdr Bruce Wade, AP, from Titusville Sail and Power Squadron.

Looking to the future, our next course will be Cruise Planning. This will be held in the Cocoa Library on Wednesday nights at 1830 starting on 10 January. It's an easy, interesting course which covers the many peripheral issues in planning a long cruise. It's probably one of the most entertaining courses offered by USPS. Sign up by giving me a call at 635-9455.

Our other course offering for next spring will be Piloting, taught by Lt Jack Wurst, AP. This course will start on Monday, 12 March, and will begin at 7:00 pm each night. It's the natural follow-on to Seamanship and is open to any member. It covers basic navigation by dead reckoning and GPS.

For all you instructors out there, we have scheduled a special Instructor Recertification Class for Saturday, 13 January at the Merritt Island Library, to start promptly at 0930. It will run for just two hours. If you have taken Instructor Development you may need to be certified. The instructor will be our own Cdr Sandra Schoonmaker, SN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S

First, on behalf of Donna and I, we sincerely wish that all our associate Squadron members enjoyed, or are still enjoying their Christmas and Holiday season. We especially hope the New Year brings much happiness and good health to all.

The New Year will start the transition process for the Change of Watch by providing new leadership, changing positions, staffing committees, assuming new responsibilities and tasks, et cetera, that will allow the Squadron to move forward on a positive note. This means that each and every member must accept a measure of responsibility to support this initiative, by providing their contribution and being part of this team effort. In addition, we must strive to ensure that we have the proper balance amongst our allegiance to the USPS, providing community and member education, continuing our civic involvements, ensuring active and diverse boating activities, and scheduling fraternal social gatherings.

Our goal should be an active compliant national organization that also addresses the needs, ideas recommendations of the membership, and continually looks for opportunities to improve all that "stuff" that we do. To achieve this goal, please consider and ensure that you are responsible for or involved in at least one of the many activities/tasks that are required to ensure we are successful in our endeavors. Thanks!!

Safety First

The most recent (2004) annual U.S. coast Guard safety numbers indicate that four times more people died in boating fires than in Carbon Monoxide (CO) incidents. And, normally, there's no property damage from CO incidents. Today, it's extremely rare for a boat owner to go without a smoke alarm in his home. Yet it's also rare for this same person to install a smoke alarm in his boat. It's a basic, inexpensive and important consideration. Carbon Monoxide is really lighter than air, not the same weight. Thus, it will accumulate from the ceiling down. For that reason, manufacturers of CO detectors recommend these units be mounted within six to 12 inches of the ceiling.



Coco-Naut's Corner Pam Johnson, President

Our December 13th Holiday Luncheon held at Ron Jon Surf Grill was a very nice, intimate affair. Though we were a small group we were able to get some important business conducted. We discussed how we would spend some of the funds from our November Fundraiser, such as our gift to the Squadron plus other needy causes we are interested in supporting. We reviewed the Nominating Committee's candidates for 2007-2008. Barbara Millner and Marcia McConkey volunteered to be on the Auditing Committee to inspect our books and make sure all was in order. I will be carrying out an investigation into a potential venue for a Coco-Naut year end theme party.

After the meeting Pam Johnson, Marsha McConkey, Barb Millner, Denise Stone and Doris Valentine dropped all of our collected toiletries, canned good and nursing home gifts to the Salvation Army, the Sharing Center and the Courtenay Springs Nursing Facility. We had an amazing outpouring of support from all our members and I believe every one of the aforementioned charities was very pleased.

The Coco-Naut officers would be remiss if we did not expound on our extremely successful Card Party/Silent Auction Luncheon. We all breathed a sigh of relief because we have replenished our coffers and we know every one who attended had a very enjoyable time. As you are aware, a lot of planning and a lot of hard work went into this annual event and I want to give credit to all individuals who helped bring this fundraiser to fruition. Our appreciation goes out to those of you who worked at it, attended it and supported it monetarily even though you could not be there:

Carmen Adame	Betty Auchter	Barbara Bakmazian	Marge Balkema	Arlene Bestow
Carolyn Bonnett	Janet Bryant	Debra Burleson	Pat Cordero	Guinda Derrico
Linda Feldes	Ruth Finn	Marilyn Flanigan	Arlene Gage	Alice Gourley Benton
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Genevieve Link	Donna Longway	Ann McCandless	Marcia McConkey	Carmen Milliken
Merri Mulkey	Lorraine Pell	Sandy Schnoon- maker	Jane Sebree	Denise Stone
Marian Sweigart	Evelyn Tribout	Doris Valentine	Fricky Vaughn	Angie Vilardebo

Special thanks you to Marian Sweigart for being the reigning queen of collecting auction items and door prizes from the community, Hutch and Judy Hutcherson for contributing from the Holiday Inn and Sun Cruz Casino respectively, and thank you Carmen and Trent Milliken and Arlene and Harry Bestow for soliciting from Ace Hardware and Juice and Java respectively. A big thank you to Debra Burleson for unselfishly contributing her brand new retirement gifts to our silent auction. Also I know Merri Mulkey really appreciated winning the beautiful Holiday Basket supplied by Linda Feldes. All of these donated items made a big impact on our fundraiser's bottom line. A detailed list of all contributors will be displayed in our February issue. Let's utilize these merchants to show our appreciation for their generous support.

The next Coco-Naut meeting will be a brown bag luncheon in the Captain's Room at the Cocoa Beach Public Library on January 10th from 11:30 am – 12:45 pm. Our guest speaker will be Sylvia Shapiro from the United Order True Sisters, Inc.(U.O.T.S), A Cancer Service Organization, the oldest women's philanthropic organization in the country.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S:

11th Carolyn Bonnett

21st Donna Longway



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

January:

- 09 Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 10 Wednesday, 0900, Florida Blood Center Donations, Rt. 1 Rockledge
- 10 Wednesday, 1130, 1245, Coco-Nauts' Brown Bag Luncheon, Cocoa Beach Public Library/Captains Room
- 10 Wednesday, 1830, Cruise Planning Course, Cocoa Public Library
- 20 Saturday, D23 Council Meeting, Silver Lake Community Church, Leesburg
- 20 Saturday, Samson Island Park- Grand Canal Satellite Beach, See Boating Schedule
- 23 Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

February:

- 🎙 06 Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
 - 14 Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Luncheon
 - 17 Wednesday, 1830, Cruise Planning Course, Cocoa Public Library
 - 18 Sunday, 16 1900, Change of Watch Dinner, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn Resort
 - 21 to 24, Wed to Sat, USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL
 - 27 Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

March:

- 06 Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 12 Monday, TBD, Piloting Course, Place: TBD
- 14 Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Luncheon
- 23 to 25 Fri/Sun, USPS D23 2007 Spring Conference, Altamonte Springs Holiday Inn

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

INSTRUCTOR REQUALIFICATION COURSE OFFERED

All instructors of public boating course classes are required by USPS to have successfully completed an instructor training course and to have been awarded a Certified Instructor Card which expires four years from the date of certification. CBPS has traditionally asked that individuals teaching squadron courses also be certified.

Any member who took the old Instructor Qualification course and any member who took the Instructor Development prior to or during 2003 will find their Certification Card has expired. These individuals are required to attend a two-hour training course in order to be re-certified.

Cdr. Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, has scheduled a recertification course for 13 January 2007 from 0930-1130 at the Merritt Island Library on Courtenay Avenue. There are openings for 20 individuals and sign-ups must be made in advance.

The course content is geared to reviewing strategies of teaching adult learners using a variety of techniques. Discussion of Power Point presentations is included. There will be no public speaking requirements for this course.

Please email Sandy at schoon67@netzero.net to reserve one of the limited spaces.

Nominating Committee Report P/C John Mulkey, P

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 (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.

BRIDGE

Commander

Lt/C Michael A. Stone, P

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Lt/C J.P. (Jay) Longway Ill, S

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P/C Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN

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Ass't Educational Officer

Ass't Secretary

Ass't Treasurer

Lt/C Richard D. Schoonmaker, SN

P/C Samuel H. Greenwood, SN

1/Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P

Marsha Kirkwood

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors consists of the above Bridge members plus the following: +P/C John F. Mulkey, P, +Lt. Doris Valentine, +Lt. Collette (Joan) Montfort, S, and +Joseph Auchter, AP (+ Member at Large)

ELECTED COMMITTEES

Rules Committee Chairman P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN

Ass't Chairman 2 yrs. P/C John F. Mulkey, P

Member 3 yrs. P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN

Nominating Committee Chairman Lt. Pamela H. Johnson, P

Ass't Chairman Lt. Ann McCandless, S Member 3 yrs. Joseph S. Auchter, AP

Auditing Committee Chairman 1/Lt. Robert W. Schaefer, P

Ass't Chairman Joseph S. Auchter, AP

Member 3 yrs. Lt. Duane L. McConkey, P



St. Johns N Club

By D/Lt/C Donald C. Clark, JN

This article is to inform the general membership about the history and purpose of the St. Johns N Club. The St. Johns N Club was established on September 1, 1968 at the Halifax Yacht Club in Daytona Beach. The purpose of the N Club has remained unchanged since its initial inception; that is to encourage squadron members to acquire the grade of N and a full certificate; to assist in the Squadron s JN and N courses; to further develop the skill of existing Ns, and to foster social camaraderie among its members. Any member or family member of the United States Power Squadrons in good standing who has attained the grade of Junior Navigator is eligible for membership in the St Johns N Club.

The current membership of 44 Members meets for breakfast on the Sunday following a District 23 Conference. Usually there is a guest speaker following breakfast and a short business meeting to end the day s activity. The meetings are lively and often include discussion of some point related to the lore of navigation. The Sunday breakfast meetings are open to ALL District 23 members and guests - not just N Club members. All USPS members and guests are invited and encouraged to attend and enjoy breakfast, the speaker, and the camaraderie. The next breakfast meeting is Sunday, 25 March 2007 at the Altamonte Springs Holiday Inn.

The study of celestial navigation as presented by USPS is not intended to be something done by some technical purist, but it is a lore steeped in history to be maintained as a useful skill. This skill is not intended to compete with the GPS technology of today, but is a viable back-up when electronics fail the voyager. While the principles of JN and N are based on the mathematics of spherical trigonometry, you don t have to understand the mathematics to comprehend the subject matter and pass the courses. You can learn this extremely useful skill while using only simple addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The new USPS JN course is now available, and all who have acquired the grade of AP are encouraged to enroll in this new and exciting offshore navigation course.

The St. Johns N Club burgee, in the shape of a rectangular ensign, is shown above. The black background represents the night sky. The stars are the Gemini Twins, Pollux and Castor, for whom the early U.S. manned space launches were named. Due to their declinations, the zeniths of these two stars at meridian passage are approximately the southern and northern latitude limits of District 23 and the source and mouth of the St. Johns River for which the Club was named.

The current executive committee of the St Johns N Club consists of: R/C Ann Fields, SN, Captain; P/C Edward Kydd, SN, First Officer; D/Lt/C Donald Clark, JN, Secretary; P/C Robert Becker, SN, Purser; and Members-at-Large P/D/C David Legg, SN and D/Lt/C Erv Dunn, SN. Contact any of these officers, or any member of the N Club, for more information about the St. Johns N Club.

Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Auxiliary Nominating Committee Report

The following people have consented to serve as the new Board of Officers for the year 2007-2008 to be voted on at the January 10, 2007, Coco-Nauts Meeting.

President ------ Carmen Adame
Vice Pres.---- Betty Auchter
Secretary----- Jane Schnoor
Treasurer---- Doris Valentine
Member's- at- Large ----- Debra Burleson

Mary Conklin Carmen Milliken



Fall '06 Seamanship course conducted by P/R/C's Jane and Dick Schnoor, SN

D 23 Winter Council Meeting January 20, 2006

Directions:

Silver Lake Community Church, 34030 Radio Road, Leesburg FL.

Church is off of Highway 441 in Leesburg. Coming from south on 441 turn right at Radio Road. Landmark: Barnhills Buffet Restaurant. From north turn left at Radio Road, Barnhills will be on your left at the light. Proceed down Radio Road until road curves to your left (about a mile), Church is on your right. Go to www.mapquest.com/directions/

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Uniform: Uniform is	G (White short-sleeve shirt with black pants/skirt) or other appropriate attire
Schedule:	
	Bridge Meeting
0930 - 1025	March 2007 Conference Committee Meeting
0930 - 1025	Bring raffle gifts/door prizes & giveaways 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting - bring history/pictures
0930 - 1025 0930 - 1025	Workshops - TBD
1030 - 1155	Workshops - TBD
	LUNCH
	Department Meetings and Incoming Officer Training
1300 1425	P/D/C and P/C Involvement Roundtable
1430 1530	Council Meeting
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OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2006

Event	Date	Day	Contact	Notes
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	12/23	Sat	Charlie Dodds 7957882	Casual-Call contact
Samson Island Park off Grand Ca- nal-Satellite Beach	1/20/07	Sat	Gene Millner 452-0500	Park has trails, tables dock & Porto lets
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	1/27/07	Sat	Duane Balkema 452-5892	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup	2/24/07	Sat	Duane Balkema	Casual-Call contact

*Note: Ski & Sailboat Island every 4th Saturday are casual & expected to be great fun talking boats & having events. Call & advise if coming, and the contact will inform you of any others planning on attending. Locations can be changed to satisfy those attending. The contact will have the information on changes. D. Balkema Chairman 452-5892

Past & Present Squadron Boating by P/C Duane Balkema

In December, **Our Cruise to Sunset Cafe**, Cocoa Beach netted 7 boats operated by: Evan Bonnett & Dad (ED), Duane Balkema, Donald Bryant, Duane McConkey, Al Pappas, Charlie Vilardebo and another. John Mulkey had a mechanical and reverted to car to get there. Over 40 people attended to enjoy sharing a meal. It was a lovely day and a good time was had by all. Thanks Charlie Dodds for organizing. Note the photographs posted on the website. As ever a good job by Trent! Thanks.

Cruise to SAMSON ISLAND on GRAND CANAL Satellite Beach is our next Boating Event, to be on Saturday, 1/20/07 at 11:30 AM. This a beautiful nature park with trails among the trees, benches, fireplaces and Porta potty. Docks are on the Grand Canal side of the Island and on the South Side Cut. Question: Why is it called "Samson Island"? The answer is interesting. If you plan to come, advise Duane Balkema at 452-5892 or at the meeting. As ever, we would like a fine turnout!

If members would like to contact Ruth Kadenbach, her new address is 1200 South Courtenay Parkway, Apt. #600, Merritt Island, FL 32952-3816. Her phone number is (321) 455-2358.

USPS DISTRICT 23 2007 SPRING CONFERENCE



23-25 MARCH 2007

The Combined Squadrons of District 23 invite you to a celebration of St. Patrick and other Irish traditions. You don't have to go to the Emerald Isle to share in the riches of our leprechaun friends.

The Irish are known for there hospitality and that is the way the weekend starts with a touch of libation during the afternoon social hour.

At Friday night's Irish Feast, you will sample a taste of the old country with some Irish Stew, Corned Beef & Cabbage and Shepard's Pie. Salad, desert and beverages included. Bring your shamrocks and shillelagh and celebrate the green. Great dance music will be provided by A Family Affair. We may even throw in an Irish Jig for those that have the talent.

Being self-appointed guardians of ancient treasure, the leprechauns are known for their hidden wealth. We will try to entice one of the wee ones to relinquish some of his treasures during the evening; we may even find his pot of gold.

For Saturday's agenda we will follow the lead of our District Commander, with informative workshops in the morning and Council and Conference meetings in the afternoon. The highlights will be the election of our 2007 District 23 Bridge and words of wisdom from the Chief Commander's Representative, P/C/C Joseph Kennedy, SN. The afternoon will conclude with another bit of libation and snacks in our comfortable hospitality suite.

The day will finish off with a formal dinner in the evening celebrating the new Bridge.

Sunday, as always, our informative St. John's N Club will host a buffet breakfast with an interesting speaker. This breakfast is open to all members of USPS and is a great way to start the day before the trip back home.

Hotel reservations are due by 1 February 2007 and meal reservations are due by 10 March 2007.

Don't miss out on the fun and camaraderie as we start our district's 50th anniversary year.





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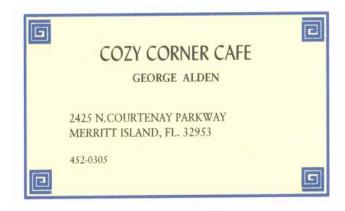
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