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General Membership Meeting

Friday, January 04 , 2008 @ 1900

Brevard Veterans Center

400 Sykes Creek Pkwy., Merritt Island

Shirley Bomponi, PhD

Shirley Bomponi is the President and CEO of Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Harbor Beach. Harbor Branch is a leader in Oceanographic research, and in design and use of deep diving research submarines. Their recent research finds include previously unknown life forms at cold water vents within the Gulf of Mexico.

Attention on Deck

At the General Membership meeting on December 4th, the members present voted to change the name of Cocoa Beach Power Squadron to be Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. The vote was conducted in two parts. The first vote was to change the name to include "Sail". The vote was 49 for the change and 11 to stay the same. The second vote was to change the name to be either Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron or Central Brevard Sail and Power Squadron. The vote was 50 to 8 to change the name to Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. One member left before the second vote and one ballot was invalid. The proposed name change has to be approved by District 23 and USPS National Headquarters before we can proceed with the associated actions necessary to make the change. If approved, the change should take effect early next year.

Don't forget, The January General Membership meeting will be on "FRIDAY", January 4th. This is due to a scheduling conflict with the Brevard Veterans Center

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AT THE HELM

Commander Mike Stone, P



With the holidays upon us we are all finding time at a premium. I hope that you are managing to make time to participate in some of the squadron activities that have been planned for you.

As the calendar year comes to an end we need to reflect on our successes.

In April, we moved our meeting location from the Cocoa Civic Center to the Brevard Veterans Center to provide larger and better facilities for our meetings.

In September, we celebrated our CBPS 40th anniversary with a great party at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club with a record attendance of 85 people.

At the December general membership meeting, we voted to change the squadron name to be Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. District and National have to approve our proposal before we can proceed with the change. If approved, we can expect the change to take effect early next year.

Charlie Dodds, SN, reports that we will achieve at least 190 VSE's. We still have time to get a few more inspections done. If you haven't had your boat inspected, how about helping out by calling one of the VSE examiners listed in the roster.

Thanks to our Boating Committee Chairpersons, Denise Stone and Barbara Millner, we have had a busy boating schedule with good participation from our members. You will have one more chance to participate in a cruise and you don't even need a boat to do so. See the flyer elsewhere in the Soundings for the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge cruise in January.

Denise and I hope that everyone has a healthy and prosperous 2008.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C J. P. Longway III, P



My sailing & power brothers and sisters, at years end we are in the midst of transition from winding down from 2007 and gearing up for 2008. We, (and I mean all) need to be ready to move forward with the dedication to our squadron and one another, to jointly take the necessary actions to set goals, identify areas where we can be more productive, assume positions that help the team effort to achieve our objectives, and finally, we need to be more visible and beneficial to the community that we live in and are committed to serve as part of our civic duty.

The new Bridge, Board of Directors and Elected Committees have been identified and are looking forward to continue moving the squadron in the right direction, at the right time, by doing the right things right. They need your support, input and commitment to assist them to be successful in their endeavors on behalf and in the best interest of the Squadron. Please keep in mind, "the Squadron is not an "I" organization, but is a "We" organization. We must function with the mindset of "One for All, and All for One" if we are to be an effective, worthwhile and fun organization to be a part of.

Cheers to the Membership's New Year

SEO REPORT

P/C John Mulkey, P



Here's hoping that everyone had a happy Holiday Season!

Well, the Education Dept. made it through another year with the help of many members. I want to thank all of you that helped me make 2007 a successful year. First, thanks to all the instructors for doing a great job of teaching. Thanks to all of you that helped with Boat Smart. Thanks to the members that helped recruit students for the classes. Last but not least, thanks to those of you that took the classes. It takes the work of many to have a successful year!

With the start of a new year I thought I should remind you of the courses being offered by USPS. Our courses are divided into two areas; Advanced Grades and Elective Courses. Under Advanced Grades we offer Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation. Our Elective Courses include Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance. Weather, Sail, Cruise Planning, and Instructor Development.

Seamanship is a more thorough coverage of the Squadron Boating Course and is a pre requisite for the other Advanced Grade courses. Piloting is an important course for the local waters enabling the student to understand the need for and how to plan routes. It includes a knowledge of charting; time, speed, distance relationships; bearings; fixes; course plotting; and introduces GPS as a piloting aid. Advanced Piloting includes more of the same, but introduces advanced positioning techniques and the effects of tides and currents. The Navigation course gives the student a thorough knowledge of the theory and practice of celestial navigation. Throughout these courses, the use of GPS navigation is introduced with its attributes and its limitations.

The elective course titles pretty much describe what is in the courses. The student must bear in mind that these courses are not intended to make professional mechanics out of the student, rather, to make us aware of the care and maintenance required and to enable us to take care of some of the problems. The courses are all extremely useful for the kind of boating we do in this area and are of even more importance to those who sail to the islands. Instructor Development is unique. While not a boating specific course, it teaches us the importance of communication and gives us several techniques. For those who are willing to teach public boating classes, the ID course is required for USPS certification.

Weather Class will begin on January 7, 2008 and Advanced Piloting will begin on January 23, 2008. You can get in touch with me at 633-0094 or email me at j.mulkey@bellsouth.net

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Joe Derrico, P



HAPPY NEW YEAR. This is the time of the year to make new resolutions, to make a promise to yourself and others that you are going to change. You promise to do things differently, be more helpful to others, and through volunteering be more helpful to yourself and to the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. The old adage that 20% of the people do 80% of the work in volunteer organizations always seems to rear its ugly head. Lets resolve to change the percentages to 25,30, or even 40. On the 26th of January Ann and Johnny McCandless are hosting at their community recreation room a seminar given by our most able presenter Fred Adame, SN. In "Operation Training" you will learn about understanding the USPS organization and its history, with emphasis on our local sail and power squadron. You will be assured this program will be interesting and informative, as I did. It will be on Saturday, so make your reservations now. Make that resolution to learn, be better informed and a true Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron member. The \$5 fee covers coffee and donuts, and a great lunch worth twice the price, so I will see you there!

PS: GIVE BLOOD!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



I want to thank all of you who have been renewing your donations for the Soundings Sponsors. We will gratefully accept any new donations at anytime. There is no set amount. Just what you would like to donate for the year. Your donations are a big help to the Squadron for assisting with the expense of printing the Soundings.

I want to wish all of you a Very Happy and Blessed New Year!

BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation is on January 9th, at 0900 at the Blood Center on Route #1 in Rockledge.
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COCO-NAUTS CORNER

Carmen Adame, President

Thank you to all Cocoa-Naut members who made the joint Squadron-Auxiliary Holiday Party a BIG Success. VP Betty Auchter was co-chairman with Lt. Susan Kneeland, SN, who also happens to be an Auxiliary Member. Betty designed and guided the members at the centerpiece workshop. The centerpieces made a festive statement to the party attendees. Again, Marge Balkema provided a special basket for the raffle and I wish to recognize her artistic talents. The turkey and ham which the Auxiliary provided was taken care of by P/P Marilyn Flanigan and Betty Auchter with special thanks to Hayes Meats. A special thanks to member Guinda Derrico for entertaining everyone with her unique voice and seasonal songs. It is another example of the unique talents many members of the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron are blessed with. Thank you for sharing those talents with us.

Many members came early and stayed late for set up and break down; Deborah Burleson, Betty Auchter, Jane Schnoor, Doris Valentine; I hope I did not miss anyone. All members contribute so much. Just think of all the covered dishes that we all enjoyed with the turkey and ham. We look forward to another year of support for the Squadron and one another.

Lobster Shanty was the setting for the December Holiday luncheon. The ladies had a good time and a good lunch. It was a break from the tasks still left undone to celebrate Christmas, Chanukah and New Years.

The January 9, 2008, meeting will be held at the Cocoa Beach Library in the Jane Von Thron room at 11:30 a.m. While we eat our lunch, (brown bag) plans will be made for the 40th anniversary celebration which will be held in conjunction with the Squadron at the member's meeting in February. Also, it is time for the Friendship luncheon and election of new officers.

At this time, a President-Elect and Secretary position is open for a competent and vibrant lady(to take charge. Contact Deborah Burleson for more information.

Happy New Year to all!!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

7 JANUARY:

- 04 - Friday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center ******
- 07 - Monday, 1900, Weather Course, Instructor: P/D/C Dick Schnoor, SN, Wuesthoff Hosp.**
- 09 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Cocoa Beach Library**
- 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, Lt Jim O'Malley, SN, Cocoa Library**
- 26 - Saturday, 1000 to 1500, Operations Training & Leadership Development, Suntree**

****** Reminder that the General Membership Meeting is on Friday the 4th, not Tuesday !**

FEBRUARY:

- 05 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center**
- 13 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, TBA**
- 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**
- 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**

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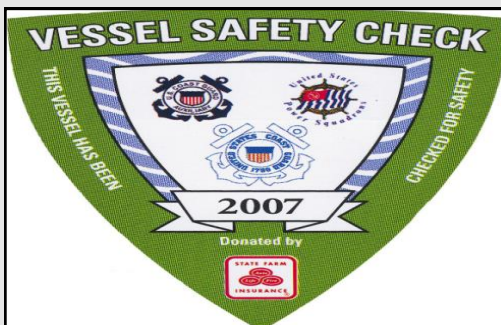
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OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS

Date	Day	Event
January 20th	Sunday	Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island

Contact Denise Stone at 453-5807 or Barbara Millner at 452-0500



Vessel Safety Exams

To date, there are 190 vessel exams completed. Please contact Lt. Charlie Dodds, SN @ doddsc@bellsouth.net to schedule an exam.



Galaxy 23

From the District Bridge

D/C Donald C. Clark, JN

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all of the members of District 23, from the District Bridge. Happy New Year, too.

This is a special season of the year when we all like to dispense with business and turn our attention to our families and to the thought of the blessings which we have received. The year 2007 has been a special year for us in District 23, especially since it is the celebration of our 50th Anniversary. Let us be proud of our accomplishments this year. Let us reflect on the “good” things which we have done. Using the “good” as a lens to focus on the vision of progress for the New Year and years beyond.

To those who are passing the gavel during this holiday season, I hope you can say: “a job well done”. I still look to you for your help as a mentor for others in your squadron or in district to meet the challenges in the future.

After the holidays, we will have our new D 23, Officer Orientation/Training at the Holiday Inn Altamonte Springs on 19 January 2008. See the flyer elsewhere in this publication. Who should be there? Every newly elected bridge officer and squadron committee chairman, all district committee chairmen, and all members of the District Council. This is the time to learn your new job for the next “bridge year” which is 2007-2008. There is no conference at this meeting, only “District Council” at the end of the day.

Again, I have changed the format for this meeting also. I am trying to get a cadre of well trained, well rounded officers in the squadrons, so we are changing the format to try to do just that. The District Bridge will do the training, this time, in an open forum atmosphere. With as much show and tell as possible and as many questions and answers as possible.

After that, we will be looking at the Annual Meeting in Dallas 20 thru 24 February for those who have chosen the National Organization and its committees as a venue to serve and to learn and to pass on your talents. It would be wonderful to see some new faces there from D 23. Now that the meetings are away from Florida for a few years, we will see who has the real commitment to USPS.

For the faint of heart, I will be happy to take your proxy and vote for you. At the proper time, I will remind you, in case you will not be going to Dallas.

In March, we will have the D 23 Conference and Change of Watch, in Ocala, on the 28–30th at the Ramada Inn sponsored by the Ocala and Gainesville Squadrons. All are invited to that, Ocala and Gainesville promise another great affair.

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TIME: 2:00 PM

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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!!

OPERATIONS TRAINING and LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
CLASS
SATURDAY, 26 JANUARY 2008

WHAT TIME: 1000 hrs - 1500 hrs (10:00am - 3:00pm)

WHERE: 1000 Villa Drive, Suntree

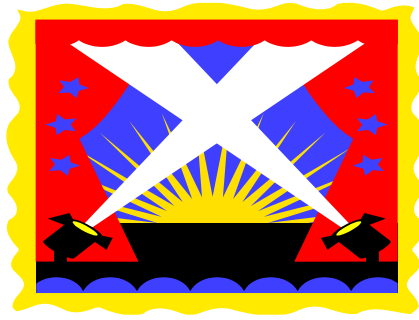
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March 28-30, 2008

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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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USPS DISTRICT 23 2008 SPRING CONFERENCE

28-30 March 2008

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