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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 05, January 2010 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Our featured speaker, for this month will be our own Gerard Meunier. His presentation will consist of the Canadian section of the Great Loop. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!



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

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AT THE HELM

Commander Lance H. VandeBerg, P



I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year.

The D23 Winter Council Meeting will be held on Saturday 23 January 2010 at the ARC center in Daytona Beach. This is the meeting were the incoming bridge officers will receive training from their D23 counter parts.

This years 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 entrée will be Chicken Basilica or London Broil.

Dennis and Anna Doerr were both sworn in as new members at the General meeting on December 1st. Welcome aboard.

Merit Marks were submitted for approval in November. All 54 nominations were approved by the district and forwarded to National.

We received a very generous contribution of \$2000 in November from the Orlando squadron. The Orlando and Seminole squadrons will combine to form one new squadron.

I have made contact with Oscar Olin's son regarding his 50 year USPS membership award. Oscar is living in Marion County. His son Robert will pick up and deliver the award to him.



New members: Dennis & Anna Doerr

Nov. Speakers: Mike & Denise Stone



Dec. Entertainment: Andrew & Cindy Batten

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/C Kermit Forbes, P



Susan & I hope that each of you had a most joyful holiday season.

I also want to again thank each of my committee chairmen and all the helpers that contributed throughout 2009. As volunteers we did the best that we could do, and I hope that many of you will be able to help again during 2010.

Without volunteers our squadron will not be very successful, so please find some time during 2010 to do something positive.

Please support the upcoming new bridge.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



A very short report to wish you a Happy Holiday season and my best wishes for all your New year resolutions to be accomplished in 2010. Hopefully, some of these will be "Participate in more CBSPS Activities" be they Boating, Membership Recruiting or any of our multiple opportunities for one to serve.

Membership:

I stated in last month Soundings that our membership was 141 based on incomplete National files. Our actual number is 137.

Here is an easy New Year resolution: Let's every one of us bring only one (1) new member to join CBSPS. Think of the results! We might even have to find a bigger room for our General Membership meetings!!

Presentations:

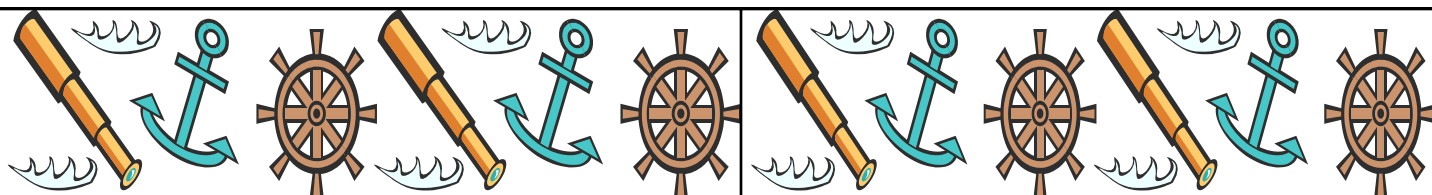
The Andrew Batten recount of the history of Christmas in America was a delight. Thanks to Marilyn Flanigan who arranged this.

Tu Jan 5th: The Canadian section of the Great Loop by yours truly. Many pictures of the Trent-Severn Canal, the Georgian Bay and the North Channel.

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

Boating Activities:

With Old Man Winter upon us, there will be no Boating Activities till Spring.



SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P



Advanced Piloting will begin January 6th at 7PM. There are 10 students meeting at Wuesthoff Hospital Beverly Road class room.

Seamanship had 3 members sign up leaving us 2 short of the minimum class size.

Lt/C Ernst Hoffman, JN of Banana River S&PS contacted me and inquired if any of our members were interested in taking a Weather class. If you are, please contact me. I also asked Ernst if he had anyone interested in Seamanship.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah & A Happy Healthy New Year

SECRETARY

LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Here is an E-mail change for your Roster:

Gerard Meunier – MeunierCBSPS@att.net

I hope all of you have a Very Happy New Year, with Happy Times, Good Health, and may all your dreams come true.



**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Coco-Nauts Corner VP Lt Doris Valentine

We had a wonderful well-attended lunch on Saturday, December 12th at the new Italian restaurant “Brano’s”. We had 44 attendees and we were entertained by a guitar singing ninety plus year-old !!!

The January meeting of the Coco-Nauts will be held on the 13th at the Merritt Island Library. The time will be 12:00 - not our usual 11:30. Bring a brown bag lunch and we will provide drinks and dessert. Hope to see all of you to start the New Year. Also, if you have not yet paid your 2010 dues, please bring a “big” \$6.00 with you !!





Galaxy 23

From The District Bridge
D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr, SN
Commander

Both Patti & I would like to wish all our USPS members and your families a Very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukah and a Happy New Year.!

As we approach the New Year, please be sure to mark your new calendars with the USPS annual meeting in February in Orlando. Since D 23 is the unofficial host, we would like to show the other districts that we are a very active and participative district. Stf/C Don Clark of the Meetings Committee will be looking for assistance from some of us. I would like to see a large turn-out of D 23 members attending the various programs. This is a chance to show USPS that our district is alive and well!

And you, our squadron commanders, be sure to send in the appropriate proxy forms when they are received from headquarters. Make a list of the various scheduled events as outlined in the ENSIGN. Encourage your members to attend one or more sessions. Remember, except for the meals, all the sessions are FREE! It will also give your members a chance to meet other USPS members from around the country as well as the various USPS officers who run our organization.

In January we will be holding our winter Council meeting in Daytona. Your newly elected or about to be elected bridge officers should attend to meet the D 23 officers both current and incoming as well as get some good training from our D 23 bridge officers. It's a chance to ask questions of the officers also. More info regarding the council meeting will be forthcoming on the D 23 web site.

Membership is still the number one priority for our district. Remember, it's your organization and we need to get new blood into it as well as keep those members we currently have. Review your squadron roster and determine who is NOT attending your general membership meetings, taking educational courses or participating in your social events. These are the prospective dropouts. Call them; find out what you have to do to get them to become active members again. Don't wait till they drop out!

Please insure that your newly elected or soon to be elected bridge officers are prepared. Have your current bridge officers spend time with the new officer and go over what is expected of them. They cannot do a good job if they are not instructed in what the position is all about!

Again have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and once it is over let's all have the best 2010 that can be had in our district. It's going to be a GREAT year with your assistance!

CBSPS Photo Gallery

Christmas Holiday Party, Dec. 5 '09 @ Rockledge Country Club



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

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

December

- 21 - Monday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting-Merritt Island Library
- 25 - Friday, Christmas Day (Peace on Earth, Good Will to All!)

January-2010

- 01 - Friday, New Year's Day (Happy New Year!)
- 05 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 13 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 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
- 10 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Location TBA
- 21 - Sunday, 1600 CBSPS COW, International Palm Resort
- 25 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting-Merritt Island Library

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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WATER SKI ISLAND CRUISE & COOKOUT November 21st P/C Duane Balkema

The weather was perfect, if a bit cool, when we all arrived at Water Ski Island. Commander Lance Vandenberg arrived on board Joan and Mark Montfort's Party Barge. Harry and Arlene Bestow and friend came via their Pontoon Boat and Margie and I, Duane Balkema arrived on our Chaparral 24 Deck Boat with guests Pam and Randy Johnson. All bumped their boats up on the beach for easy egress. There were other boats around as the day went by. Mark had a great instant light Gas Burner Grill and CDR Lance provided a true Charcoal Fire for steaks with one of those quick light kit grills. Good conversation and fun was enjoyed by all. We left at close to 3:00 and circled the island before heading home.



BLOOD DONATION

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





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The following are the nominees for elected positions in the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron for the 2009-2010 year. All have agreed to serve.

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" " " "	P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN
" " " "	Robert F. Flanigan, SN
" " " "	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."

For the Nominating Committee

15 December 2009

P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN



Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron

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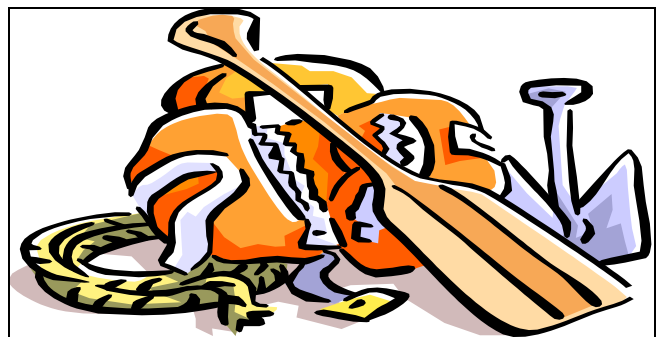
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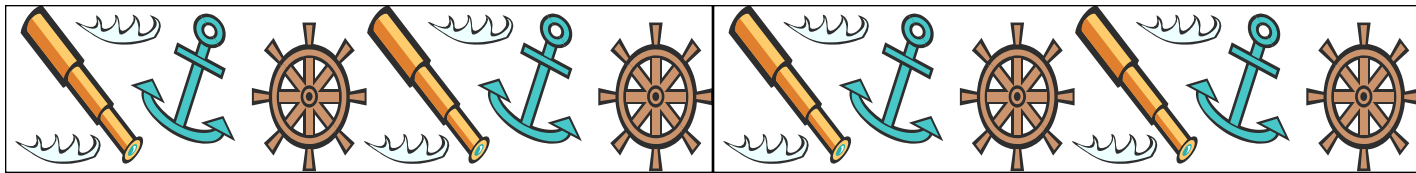


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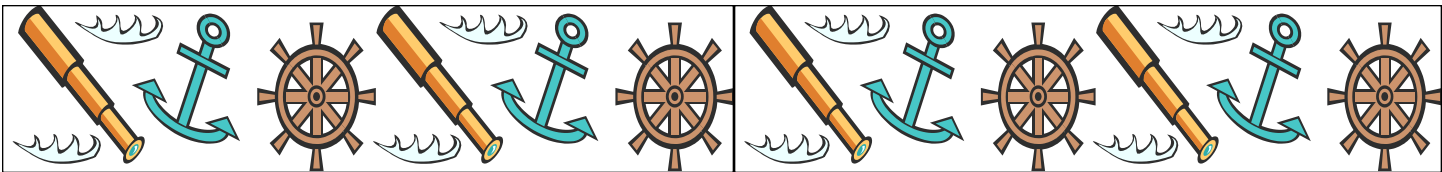
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