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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 03 January, 2012 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Guest Speaker

As of printing date of the Soundings, we do not have a guest speaker. If one becomes available, we will have Brian Grigsby email it to you!

Attention on Deck

If anyone would like to have a copy of your picture in front of the tree at the holiday party, please email me (debra.burleson@bellsouth.net), and I will get a copy to you!

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articles of interest you'd
like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander Kermit Forbes, P



2011 is now complete, and I want to thank all of the many volunteers for making 2011 a most enjoyable year for Susan and I.

We hope that each of you had a most enjoyable holiday season.

We want to welcome back the snowbirds.

We hope that 2012 will be more successful than 2011 with more people taking the Safe Boating Course and becoming active members of the squadron.

The nominating committee struggled with getting a slate of officers for the upcoming year, with past commanders taking over the top two positions. I would like to urge the new people, and others that have not served on the bridge, to become involved with the squadron and help us help the public have safe and enjoyable boating seasons



Fred Adame, on the right, is presenting Adrienne Goldstein her St. John's N Club pin. She was voted into the club at the D23 Fall Conference.

The plaque behind them is the James F. Bruner Award for 2011. Our squadron received the award for 2011 for having most members achieving the grade of JN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



By the time you read this, we shall be in the Florida Keys aboard Cat House, hopefully enjoying nice weather and studying for the Navigation and Cruise Planning classes. Anyone going to the Keys is invited to stop at Plantation Yacht Harbor Marina (PYH), in Islamorada, Mile Marker 87 on US1, if by car, or ICW marker 78, if by boat (Cell phone 321-223-9556).

As you know, we achieved 90 VSI in 2011. We will be looking for a higher number in 2012. Hopefully, I can do quite a few at PYH. Once again, all the best for the New Year.

**Vessel Safety Inspectors
Lance Vandenberg and Kermit Forbes**



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER P/C Lance H. Vandenberg, P



Our next meeting will be held on January 3rd at the VA center. We are still in process of providing a speaker for the meeting. We are trying to get the person that rowed across the Atlantic in a 21 ft boat to come and share his story of survival.

There is a D23 council meeting in Daytona Beach on Saturday the 14th of January. This is a important event as it will provide training for the new and continuing Bridge officers. Anyone planning on attending and wanting to car pool should call me.

This month our boating activity will be a rendezvous and overnight at Bird Island on the south Banana River on Saturday the 21st. Please contact Duane Balkema to sign up for this event.

Our executive board meeting will be held on January 26nd at 6:00pm at the Merritt Island Library.

Our squadron has completed 90 vessel safety inspections so far this year. Anyone wanting to become an inspector should contact me to let me know you are interested. We are planning to hold a one day training session on Saturday January 21st. The cost is free and lunch will be provided.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C John F Mulkey, AP



Our next Piloting Class will start on Thursday January 12, 2012 at Wuesthoff Hospital from 7:00 PM till 9:00 PM. You will need a Piloting Kit (\$25.00) and a copy of Weekend Navigator (both for \$41.00). You will also need a set of Dividers (10.00) and a USPS Plotter (\$5.00). If you need to buy everything it will total \$56.00. There is a \$10.00 fee for an extra student sharing a book. The course will be taught by P/C Sue Kneeland, SN with P/C John Mulkey, AP assisting. Call John at 633-0094 or e- mail j_mulkey@bellsouth.net to sign-up.

Our next Navigation Class starts on Monday January 9, 2012 also at Wuesthoff Hospital from 7:00 PM till 9:00 PM. The cost of this course is \$130.00. P/D/C Fred Adame, SN will be the instructor with Lt Dennis Peterson, SN assisting. Call Fred at 635-9455 or e-mail fredadame@mac.com to sign up.

Last month I forgot to thank Lt Adrienne Goldstein, JN and her husband Lt Robert Goldstein, AP for the great job they did teaching the Seamanship Class. You know when all the students pass that the instructors did a good job of teaching.

Honor Roll:

The following members have all passed Seamanship and now hold the rank of Seaman John Fritz, S - John McMahon, S- Ron Raphael, S - Bob Rutigliano, S - Jan Scholtz, S John Scholtz, S - Cliff Schommer, S - Diana Schommer, S

SECRETARY

LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Thanks to all who donated food to the Brevard Sharing Center. Bob & I were very happy to deliver such a generous amount from our squadron members again this year. Thank you again!!

Please update your Roster with these changes:

New Email and phone #

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Coco-Nauts Corner
President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts had their annual holiday luncheon on December 10th at Branos Italian Grill in Cocoa Beach. We had 42 that attended the event.

Our next meeting will be at the Island Tiki Grill in Merritt Island on January 11th starting at 1130a. Everyone seems to like this location for our meetings. The room we normally dine in comfortably will seat up to 25+. It would be great if we had that many ladies to attend the luncheon..

We plan to have our Friendship salad luncheon at the Cocoa Village Marina on Wednesday Febuary 8th starting at 1130a. Everyone should bring their favorite salad to share. At this meeting we always have a bakery cake, and we will be furnishing paper products and beverages.

Doris Valentine and I discussed at the holiday luncheon, that we need to host a fund raiser this year to help out the squadron! If you have any ideas, please share them with either Doris or myself. The card party has always proved to be a fun fundraiser, but it is a lot of work too! Last year by selling tickets, for Macy's Shop For A Cause sale, we made around \$450!

I myself forgot to pay Marian Sweigart for my dues at the holiday luncheon, but they are due now. They are \$6 for renewable members and \$7 for new members. You may mail her a check, or pay at our next luncheon!

Happy New Year to each and everyone of you!

January Birthdays

11 - Carolyn Bonnett
21 - Donna Longway





D23 Galaxy

P/D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr., SN

The end of the year is just about here and the D 23 Nominating Committee is wrapping up their nominee selections for the district bridge. If anyone of our D23 squadron members has a desire to serve in a district bridge position, let the Nominating Committee know ASAP. The Nominating Committee must publish the names of the nominees in January.

And speaking of January, D23 has two big events in this month.

First is our winter council meeting to be held on Saturday, 14 January in the ARC facilities in Daytona Beach. As in the past, the Daytona Beach Squadron's Women Auxiliary will have their wonderful breakfast ready for us just prior to the start of our meeting. This council meeting is dedicated to training the newly or about to be elected Squadron Commanders as to what their counterparts in the district do. So now is the time to mark your calendars for Saturday 14 January and start thinking about sharing of rides with your fellow squadron members. D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN the D 23 Secretary will have the info as to the best driving way to the ARC facility at a later date.

Second item of importance in January is the USPS Annual Meeting to be held this year at the Hyatt in Jacksonville. The official dates for the meeting are 22-30 January 2012. Of course most of the action for squadron members takes place on Wed-Sat of that week. And most important, once again D23 is the host district so we MUST turn out in great numbers to let the other districts and the national bridge see that we are alive! Our own R/C Don Clark, N from our Ocala Squadron is the chairman of the NMC (National Meetings Committee) and Don and his wonderful committee are responsible for putting together the agenda for the meeting. Depending on your interest there is something for each of us. For example if you are interested in Amateur Radio, attend the Amateur Radio meeting; or if you have an interest in Co-Op Charting they too have a meeting. Yes, there is something for everyone. So do plan on attending and remember the actual USPS meeting, voting, etc. day is Saturday. And yes, I am sure Don will be looking for assistance to man the registration desk. So if you have time, give Don a call or email him. He will be forever grateful!

As the holidays approach, please be careful both on the road and waterways. And have a joyful and blessed Christmas and Hanukkah with your family and love ones. This is a time to reflect on the many blessings we received during 2011.

Hope to see you at the D23 council meeting in January.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

December 2011

- 22 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 25 - Sunday, Christmas Day**

January 2012

- 01 - Sunday, New Years Day**
- 03 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center**
- 11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting/Luncheon, Island Tiki Grill**
- 14 - Saturday, Winter Council, Daytona Beach, ARC Facility**
- 21 - Saturday, Rendezvous & overnight at Bird Island on S. Banana River**
- 25 - 29 Wednesday thru Sunday, USPS 2012 Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL**
- 26 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

February

- 07 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting/Bridge Election, Brevard Veteran's Center**
- 15 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Friendship Luncheon, Cocoa Village Marina**
- 23 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 25 - Saturday, Squadron COW, Eau Galle Yacht Club**

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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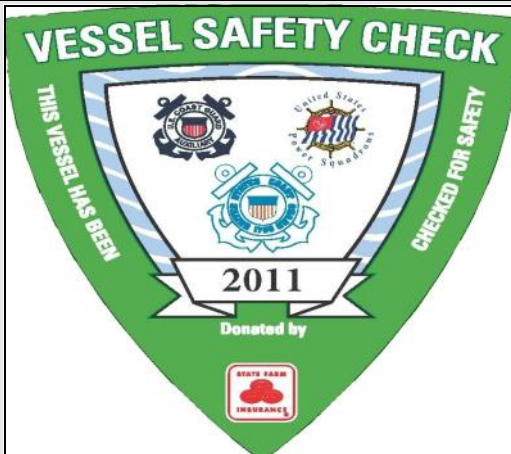
Boating Committee Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema A/P

Call 321-452-5892 and advise what Squadron Boating Events you would like to see on the 2012 boating schedule. All suggestions are welcome. Our location in Florida has so many boating destinations possible, and having events with others can be a lot of fun. Advise if anyone is planning a run to Miami, or the Florida Keys.

Writing this, the Boating Parades have not happened yet, but hope folks got out there to enjoy them. Captain Hiram's was a blast the end of November with 18 making it there. Special thanks to Cdr. Forbes braving the rough weather.

January 21, 2012, Saturday, we are looking for boaters to join in on a "Cruise to Bird Island and Overnight," expecting good weather. This Bird island is on the west of marked channel in Banana River, just south of the south tip of shorter Merritt Island. It's across Banana River from Patrick AFB and has good beaches. Call 452-5892 for details.

Kermit Forbes tying his boat up at
Captain Hiram's 11-24-11



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 08 February @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron 2012-2013 Nominations

Bridge Officers & Executive Committee

Commander:	P/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P
Executive Officer:	P/C J. P. Longway III, P
Educational Officer:	Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN
Administrative Officer:	Lt/Robert D. Ritigliano, S
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Treasurer:	P/C Michael A. Stone, P
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Asst. Secretary	1/Lt Carolyn Bonnett, P
Asst. Treasurer	1/Lt Marsha E. Kirkwood, S

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P/C Susan L. Kneeland, SN
Lt Louis F. Harlow, AP
Lt George S. Guerrero, S

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Asst. Chair/2 years	P/C George Hess, SN
Member/3 years	P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN

Nominating Committee

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Asst. Chair/2 years	P/C Kermit B. Forbes, P
Member/3 years	P/C John F. Mulkey, AP

Auditing Committee

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Member/3 years	P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN

(prepared by J.P. Longway III, Michael A. Stone, Paul Ragusa, Kermit B. Forbes, Lance VandeBerg & Gerard Meunier)

**CBSPS Photo Gallery
Holiday Party 12-03-11
Rockledge Country Club**





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Dress code

Sun.-Tues., 22-24 Jan.

USPS casual or other appropriate attire.

Wed.-Thurs., 25-26 Jan.

USPS polo or other appropriate attire.

Fri., 27 Jan.

USPS polo or dress shirt and tie with blazer or other appropriate attire.

Sat., 28 Jan.

Daytime Uniform F. Men: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt with black four-in-hand tie, black uniform trousers, black belt (if worn), black socks, black shoes, or other appropriate attire. Ladies: Regulation long-sleeve white shirt, black skirt or slacks, black crossover tie, black shoes, black purse (if carried) or other appropriate attire.

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Reserve your room

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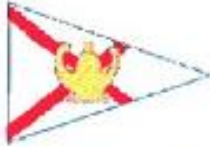
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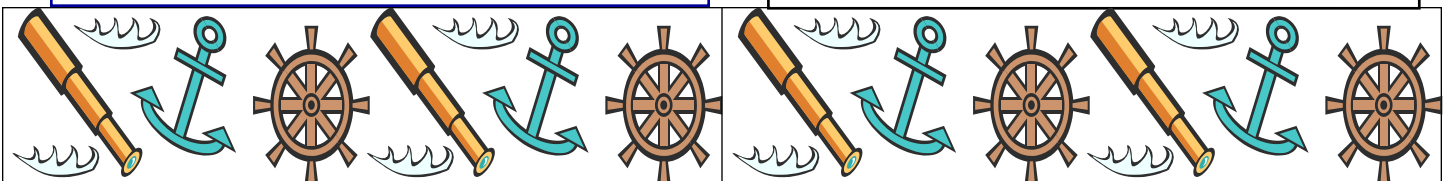
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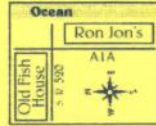


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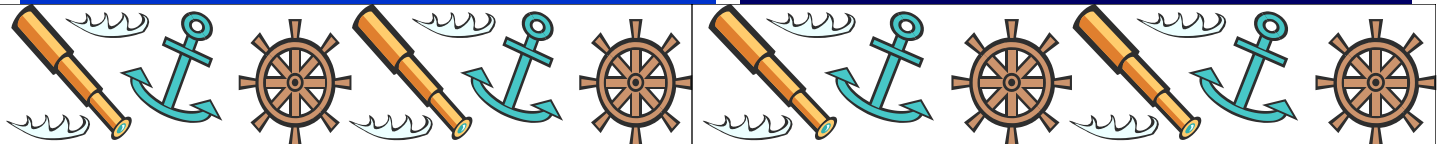
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