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How fortunate we are to have Mark Casburn with Fractional Yacht Management, Inc. as our guest speaker on **Tuesday**, **06 January**. He will talk about two topics: 1. The Air Force Search and Rescue Service and 2. The Fractional Shared Yacht concept. This promises to be an interesting program. Please try to attend.

Mark and Michelle Anderson AP Program Chairmen





The Tuesday 02 December general meeting was more like a party. The members brought refreshments and then sang Christmas Carols to the Karaoke. It was festive; it was fun and everyone had a very, merry time.

Chairman Agnes Bond, helped by Barbara Pennington, Ron Bond, Doris Valentine and Susan Kneeland are to be commended for the work they have done in creating an elegant Holiday Dinner Dance for the enjoyment of the CBPS members.

December 6th was an evening to be remembered. Thank y'all.



Above: Pam Johnson, Ann McCandless, and Sheryle Schaefer dancing and having a great time.

To the I. Howard and Rhoda Bernbaum talking to AI Stevens. The pianist. To the far right members of the Marion Scott Quartet minus AI who is busy gabbing with his fans.





Above- I. to r. Carmen and Trent Milliken (our staff photographer got his picture taken) and Sylvia Smith..and Peter Collett, new members. Welcome to the USPS world.





THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO ALLTHOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CBPS AUCTION 03 NOVEMBER 2003 AND TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED TO MAKE THE EVENT SUCCESSFUL.

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The year 2003 is ending. It has been a mixture of hard work and much enjoyment. It is you, the members of the Squadron, who have made this year successful. May 2004 be as successful.

Cdr Richard Fille. AP

### USPS ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT ROSEN CENTER, ORLANDO Reported by P/C Les Tribout, AP

All members are welcome to at the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, Jan. 14 - 18 '04. USPS will be celebrating their 90 Years of USPS existence. The Chief Commander has some fun things lined up for all who attend on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. (see message from D-23 Commander Bob Flint attached). There will be normal day time activities and meetings on Saturday. The Saturday night Dinner/Dance will be enjoyable as in the past. We (D-23) will as usual have our Hospitality Suite with free cocktails and request attending members to bring Snacks/Finger Food to share while socializing. It's an excellent way to meet other Squadron members and share ideas and build friendships.

If you try it I know you 'll like it and will look forward to attending again and again. Our mem-

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY -- HOW DID IT COME ABOUT?**

"Happy New Year!" Folks will be saying it for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets under way, but the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1.

### **ANCIENT NEW YEARS**

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring).

January 1 has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary. The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year.

Although in the first centuries AD the Romans continued celebrating the new year, the early Catholic-Church condemned the festivities as paganism. New Years has been celebrated as a holiday by Western nations for only about the past 400 years.

### **NEW YEAR TRADITIONS**

Some traditions of the season include making New Year's resolutions. That tradition also dates back to the early Babylonians. The early Babylonian's most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment.

Popular modern resolutions might include the promise to lose weight or to quit smoking, The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

The use of an image of a baby with a New Years banner as a symbolic representation of the new year was brought to early America by the Germans. They had used the effigy since the four-teenth century.

The song, "Auld Lang Syne," playing in the background, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."

You can find much interesting information about New Year customs on the web.

### Days of Auld Lang Syne-The Translated Lyrics Traditionally Sung on New Years Eve

Should old friends be forgotten and never remembered Should old friends be forgotten and the days they shared together

Chorus

For days now in the past, my dear
For days now in the past
We'll drink a toast of kind remembrance
For days now in the past

You can pay for your pint tankard and I will pay for mine We'll drink a toast of kind remembrance For days now in the past We two have run about the hillsides and pulled wild daisies but now we are far apart in distance From those days now in the past

We two have paddled in the stream from morning untill noon but oceans now lie between us since those days now in the past

So take my hand, my trusty friend and give me your hand and we will take a hearty drink together In memory of those days now in the past

Some of the activities during 2003. Lots of fun! Why not join with us in 2004?

### Auld acquaintances are great and so are the new

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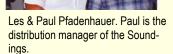
Robert Burns forwarded a copy of the original song to the British Museum with the remark, "The following song, an old song, of the olden times, and which has never been in print, nor even in manuscript until I took it down from an old man's singing, is enough to recommend any air." -A complete history of this lovely classic is available on the web.

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See Dick. See Jane. They are great VSCkrs.

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Mark Anderson extending thanks to guest speaker, Danny McKnight



Below: The hard working Education Committee at work

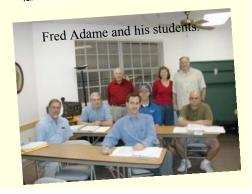


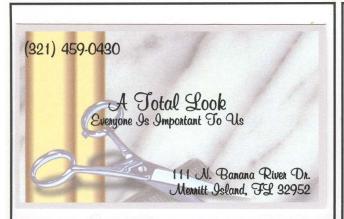


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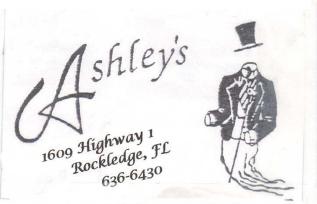
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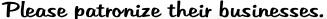
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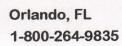
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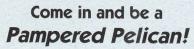
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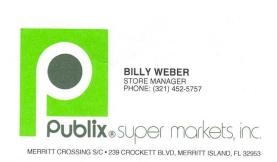


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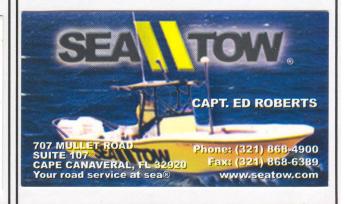
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### COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

November IO, 2003

In accordance with the BYLAWS OF COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON, INC.'and those of UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS, the following members in goodstanding are nominated as indicated. All have been interviewed and are willing to serve. This is the second notification.

### **BRIDGE**

Commander Lt/C Marion (Bud) Miller JN

Executive Officer Lt. John F. Mulkey P

Educational Officer Lt/C Howard Bernbaum SN

Administrative Officer Lt/C Pam Johnson P

Secretary Sandy Schoonmaker SN

Treasurer Lt/C Raymond C. Smith P

Ass't. Educational Officer 1/Lt Gary B Pell Sr. P

Ass't. Secretary Collette (Joan) Montfort S

Ass't. Treasurer 1/Lt Lea Collins, P

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors consists of the above bridge members plus the following:

Cdr Richard D. Fille, AP # John Lynn, P \*

P/C George Hess, SN Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P

(\*) Member-at-Large (#) Immediate Past commander and

Member-at-Large

### **ELECTED COMMITTEES**

#### **Rules Committee**

Chairman Lt Joseph S. Auchter AP
Asst. Chairman 2 Yrs Lt David P. Collins AP
Member ship 3 Yrs. P/C George Hess SN

**Nominating Committee** 

Chairman P/C John Valentine AP
Asst. Chairman, 2 Yrs. P/C Larry Hatfield SN
Member 3 Yrs P/C Susan L. Kneeland SN

**Auditing Comittee** 

Chairman Lt Lloyd McGavin SN
Asst. Chairman, 2 Yrs P/Lt /Michael A. Stone P
Member 3 yrs. P/C Duane L. Balkema AP

Respectfully Submitted,

Franklin L. Sebree S.N

P/D/Lt/C Franklin L. Sebree SN, Chairman

John B. Valentine

P/C John B. Valentine AP

Larry C. Hatfield

P/C Larry . Hatfield SN

Many thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee who worked diligently to offer this slate of fine nominees.

### THE COCO-NAUTS REPORT

Submitted by Lt/C Pam Johnson P, president of Coco-Nauts

At their Holiday Luncheon the Coco-Nauts Nominating Committee announced their candidates for next year and the membership accepted these candidates. They will be sworn in at the Friendship Luncheon in February.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14th at 11:30. This will be a brown bag luncheon with beverages and dessert provided by the Coco-Nauts. The site of the next meeting is to be determined.

The Coco-Nauts would like to thank all their members who generously contributed gifts to Courtenay Springs Nursing Home. Thanks to their generosity 70 beautifully wrapped packages were delivered and the Activities Director from the Nursing Home (Ms Byrd) was extremely delighted.

A special thank you to Marilyn Flanigan who not only sorted and tagged all the gifts but also delivered the gifts to the Nursing Home.

Cocoa Beach Power Squadron
Auxiliary
Nominating Committee Report

The following people have consented to serve as the new Board of Officers for the year 2004-2005 to be voted on January 14, 2004.

President-----Barbara Millner Vice President------Barbara Pell Secretary----------Marian Swiegart Treasurer------- Doris Valentine

Members-at-Large

Joan Montfort Evelyn Tribout Angie Vilardebo Respectively submitted by,
Marilyn Flanigan
Joan Montfort
Jane Schnoor
Thanks to the nominating
committee for a job well

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The New Year is fast approaching and I don't know where the time went. Soon we will be having the Change of Watch, scheduled for February 29, 2004, and we get to do it all over again. I'm looking forward to the new year . We'll be forming new committees and will seek volunteers and chairpersons to staff them. Those who served the squadron in these capacities this past year have done a great job! I sincerely appreciate the support of Lts. Doris Valentine, Ann and Johnny McCandless S, Gary Kingrea S, Randy Johnson P, Pat Clay, John Lynn P, Marilyn Flanigan P, Agnes Bond AP, Mark and Michelle Anderson AP, and P/D/C Fred Adame SN, throughout the year.

While on the subject, wasn't the Holiday Dinner/Dance a grand event? Seventy were in attendance and were thoroughly entertained by the music of Marion Scott and his band. Does anyone know the name of the dance(s) Ann McCandless did? The squadron appreciates all the hard work Lt. Agnes Bond did to create a memorable evening..

We've decided to take a break and postpone the Coral Bay Restaurant Rendezvous for January 24, 2004. You'll hear more about our future plans.

### Lt/C Bud Miller, JN



#### **SEO REPORT** Lt/C Howard Bernbaum SN

In summary, 2003 was a fair year for the SEO department. We offered courses in Sail 102, Seamanship 101/102, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Instructor Development, Cruise Planning, and Weather 101. All told 46 students passed these courses plus we are waiting results for the 8 Weather students. That's the good news. The bad news is that we did not complete Piloting, Advanced Piloting, nor even offer a JN and N class, the latter 2 for lack of students.

As a reminder, we would like to schedule the following courses so please contact Howard Bernbaum 452-0320 or Les Tribout 636-5811.

**Junior Navigation** Monday January 5 Seamanship Monday January 5

**Advanced Piloting Thursday** February 12 **Engine Maintenance Thursday** February 19

As a reminder, Weather 102 resumes in January.

The SEO department wishes everyone a happy and healthy new year.

### **District 23 Winter Council Meeting**

Date: Saturday, 11 Jan 2004 Smyrna Beach Yacht Club Location:

1201 S. Riverside Drive

New Smyrna Beach, Fl. 32168-7706

Schedule: 0900-1000 Continental Breakfast for

tendees

**Bridge Meeting** 

1000-1200 Dept. meetings/workshops.

1200-1315 Lunch

1330-1500 Council meeting

### **Department Workshops:**

Current and incoming Squadron Bridge officers should attend; a workshop on the duties of the incoming Bridge member will be presented.



Lunch: Menu - Soup and Sandwich Buffet, served at the Yacht Club.

Cost - \$12.00/person, which includes the facilities use charge.

Lunch Reservations: Mail Reservation Form & check for \$12 per person, payable to 'District 23', to:

D/Lt/C Ann Fields, SN

3355 NW 68th Ave.

Ocala, FL 34482 Phone: 352-629-6871

e mail: : wafields@earthlink.net

Or, give the Reservation Form & check to Ann at the Annual Meeting in Orlando (will be there 31 Dec 02 thru 4 Jan 03).

All reservations must be in NLT Monday, 06 January 2003.

Uniform-of-the-day: D23 Bridge: Uniform G (black pants, with short sleeve shirt, no tie).

Council Members & other attendees: Uniform G, Blazers, or appropriate attire.

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D23 Winter Council Lunch	n Reservation Form
Saturday, 11 Jan 2003	
(Must be received by 6 Jan	2003)
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Squadron:	
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e-mail:	_ Phone No:
# of Lunch Reservations:	x \$12.00 each = Total

Please make check payable to 'District 23'.

#### **Directions:**

From I-4 or I-95, exit onto Route 44 East. Go east on Route 44Shortly after passing K-Mart on right, you will go over a bridge over train tracks; at second traffic light, turn right onto Live Oak Street (DO NOT cross the bridge over the Intercoastal - Fish Hospital will be on the right). Go one block; turn left onto Andrew Street. Go 2 blocks on Andrew Street; turn right onto S. Riverside Drive. Proceed south along River-

## Spring 2004 Conference & Change of Watch 5-7 March 2004 Holiday Inn West Conference Center

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Everyone knows Gainesville is home to the University of Florida, but bet you didn't know Gainesville began as a settlement in the early 1800s on the banks of the Hogtown Creek, a small creek that still runs through the center of town. Let's turn the clock back to the 1800s for the evening - come join us and listen to Dixieland Jazz while we ride the Riverboat down Hogtown Creek, as folks did in early Gainesville.

Friday afternoon, 5 March, registration opens at 3 pm, followed by our Hospitality Room from 4-6. We'll have a great Riverboat Cruise dinner later that evening - cash bar opens at 6:30, with dinner at 7pm. Come dressed as a riverboat gambler, a southern belle or gentleman, or just someone who loves Dixieland jazz! And you don't want to miss the costume 'competition' for the *coveted* 'Pink Flamingo'!! There'll be Blackjack, Poker, Craps, Roulette, & the Sounds of Dixieland Jazz throughout the evening!

Saturday morning starts with a free continental breakfast for hotel guests, with the Conference registration desk opening at 8 am. The council meeting, department and special interest workshops, and the Conference session will be conducted throughout the day, with a great Deli Buffet planned for lunch. Tours for spouses and guests not attending the meetings will be available to attractions in the Gainesville area or to Cedar Key. After the Conference business is completed, the Hospitality Room will open again at 4 pm, followed by a cash bar and banquet dinner at 6:30 pm.

Sunday morning, 8:30 am, will be the Farewell Breakfast, hosted by the St. Johns' N-Club. All conference attendees are invited to come for breakfast and enjoy the program. The Guest Speaker for the program is Danny McKnight, a dynamic and entertaining speaker, who will talk about his role in the "Blackhawk Down" incident. Danny was involved in "Blackhawk Down", and was a consultant on the movie. He is currently a Homeland Security Officer in Brevard County. The Holiday Inn West Conference Center is conveniently located ½ mile west of I-75, Exit 387, in Gainesville. Room Reservations by 5 Feb 2004 to assure availability & rate.

**Uniform:** Friday evening:

Riverboat/Dixieland costume or appropriate attire.



Saturday, day: Uniform G (black pants/skirt, white short- sleeve openneck shirt), or appropriate attire.
Saturday, evening: Uniform A with bow tie, or appropriate attire.
Sunday Breakfast: Casual

### **USPS District 23 Spring 2004 Conference**

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### **CBPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004**

MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE BLESSED WITH PEACE, HEALTH, CONTENMENT AND RENEWED COMMITMENT TO THE EDUCATIONAL, CIVIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS OF THE COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON.

### JANUARY 2004

### 06 Tuesday 1900-2100

General meeting Veteran's Memorial Center

#### 10 Saturday

District 23 Winter Council Meeting New Smyrna Beach Yacht Club

**14-18** USPS Annual Meeting Rosen Center Orlando

#### 14 Wednesday 1130

Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting Brown bag luncheon –Location TBD

### 24 Saturday 1130

Coral Bay Luncheon postponed.

### 27 Tuesday 1900-2100

Executive Meeting
Veterans Memorial Center

### **FEBRUARY 2004**

### 03 Tuesday 1900-2100

General meeting Veteran's Memorial Center

### 24 Tuesday 1900-2100

Executive Meeting Veterans Memorial Center

### 29 Sunday Change of Watch

Radisson Hotel Details later

### Please plan to attend this special Squadron event.

You're invited to join us at the Moon Hut, 1130 each Wednesday, where the not too elite but very friendly CBPS members meet to eat and enjoy each other's company. Hope to see you there.

### ONE CAN NEVER OWN TOO MANY COOKBOOKS.

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Interested members can also find links to the USPS National Cookbook on the USPS member's home page as well as the Auxiliary Advisory's home

### **USPS 2004 ANNUAL MEETING HOLDS EXPO**

Friday, 16 Jan., will see a ballroom of the Omni Rosen Hotel turned into an exhibit hall which USPS has dubbed "EXPO." EXPO will feature a room full of booths representing each of the many National committees: Education Courses, Cooperative Charting, Vessel Safety Checks, Membership, Public Relations, Marketing, The Ensign, the Auxiliaries (cook book) and more. They are there to answer your questions, offer help and advice and even listen to your suggestions for improvement. This year, thanks to Chief Commander Ted Smith, SN, there will also be booths representing the Coast Guard, Corps of Engineers, Operation BoatSmart and other "outside" organizations. We also hope to have some brand new boats on exhibit. You are free to wander around till your heart's, or your feet's, content. Then stay and rejuvenate at the free District 23 cocktail party in the afternoon. Hoping to see you there.

Reported by P/D/C/ Fred Adame SN



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The Cdr thanks you, the Squadron thanks you, the Soundings Staff thanks you, and I thank you.

Your Soundings Editor, Rhoda

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