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D/Lt/C Lester R. Tribout, AP: Speaker At General Meeting Tuesday, January 4, 2005

CBPS is honored to welcome D/Lt/C Lester R. Tribout as guest speaker for the January 4 General Meeting. D/Lt/C Tribout and his lovely wife Evelyn were originally scheduled to speak to us at our September meeting. As you may remember, the hurricanes took center stage and the meeting was cancelled.

D/Lt/C Tribout will share his adventures aboard the Queen Mary 2 (QM2) with a power point presentation detailing the many intricate features of this wondrous ship. The QM2 is the world's largest passenger ship, weighing in at 150,000 gross tons. She arrived at Ft. Lauderdale's Port Everglades following her maiden, six day voyage across the Atlantic. The arrival of the QM2 marks the first time Florida has become part of a trans-Atlantic port-of-call. Dubbed the world's busiest departure point exclusively for warm water cruise ships, Florida's selection by Cunard to serve as the U.S. homeport for this trans-Atlantic vessel solidifies the Sunshine State's leadership as the Cruise Capital of the World.

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



At The Helm

Cdr Marion (Bud) A. Miller, JN

There is an old saying that "time goes fast when you're having fun". If true, I must have really had a lot of fun this year because 2004 has flown by. Being Commander keeps you busy but it's been "fun" busy, if you know what I mean.

As we approach the end of 2004 I would like to make you aware of several important events that will occur early next year. One is the annual Marine Auction that was rescheduled from last November to Monday, January 24, 2005. It will be held at the Comfort Inn in Cocoa Beach. This is a major fundraiser for the Squadron and please volunteer to help solicit donations from local businesses or work during Auction! We got a late start due to the hurricanes and have a lot of catching up to do. Our Auction chairman is Jim O'Malley.

The good news is that after this year we may not need this Auction for fundraising. Throughout the course of this year, your Bridge and Executive Board have implemented several initiatives to increase revenues in Soundings advertisements and higher Ships Store sales, and reduce operating expenses in several areas. The main source has been a reduction in Rental expense which resulted from securing outside classrooms for less or no cost. Another initiative was the Reverse Raffle which proved to be a much easier fundraiser.

The other item is the Change of Watch (COW) which will be on Sunday, February 20, 2005. This is an annual event where the new 2005 Bridge is installed. The COW will be held at the Holiday Inn in Cocoa Beach. Look for more details in the Soundings. Of course, elections for Bridge, Executive Board and other positions will be held at the meeting prior to the COW. I'm certainly looking forward to the event and have the gavel all warmed up.

Another event I would like to mention is the USPS National meeting which will be held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando, January 5-9, 2005. This is a meeting for everyone. Actually, it's a series of very informative meetings and seminars, combined with exhibits related to Power Squadron activities. I would recommend that members, especially new members try to attend one of the day's sessions. You will certainly come away with a positive feeling about the Power Squadron and what we do, plus meet fellow members from throughout the USA. Check out the December Ensign on Page 41 for the schedule of activities.

Finally, it's time to get back to class. Seamanship will be starting in late January. This is the prerequisite for taking the new and greatly improved Piloting course, and soon to be released Advance Piloting course. I understand that feedback from the new Piloting course has been very positive, but why wouldn't it be when you combine the new material with an excellent instructor like P/D/C Fred Adame, SN.

Well it's time to say goodbye to 2004 and hello to 2005. Judy and I wish all of you a happy, prosperous and safe new year. Let's all make a New Year's resolution to blow the dust off our boats and get them in the water.

Commander Bud

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C John F. Mulkey, P

The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron has the good fortune of having some very talented committee chairpersons in the Executive Department. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them. I sincerely hope when the new Bridge is elected that they would offer their services to the new executive officers.

- Our PRO Jay Longway did an excellent job of promoting the Fall Boating Course.
- Lt. Robert Schaefer, P has done an outstanding job with Co-Op Charting. We are looking forward to charting the depth of the canals of Cocoa Beach
- Safe Boating Chair P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN has done a great job of promoting boating safety .
- Boat Show Chair P/C Larry Hatfield SN has been very active in getting our booth in the Marine Flea Market and Super Safety Days. We have signed up many people to take the boating courses through his efforts.
- Lt. Eugene Millner, AP, Chair of the Legislative Committee, has given us many reports at the membership meetings.
- Vessel Safety Check Chair Lt. Robert Flanigan, SN has done a good job of getting his committee to get boats inspected

These committees are not "one man shows". To be successful they need your help! Many hands make the work load light. Thanks to all who have helped.

Let's make 2005 the best year ever!

SEO REPORT

Lt/C Howard Bernbaum, SN

We are starting a new year and it occurs to me that many of our new members know we have an educational program, but, are not really familiar with what we offer. You old timers can skip the next few sentences.

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 Mechanics, 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 tide and current concepts, set and drift, and advancing position techniques. Junior Navigation introduces the celestial sphere, Sextant, and sight reduction methods. With this course and a little practice the student could perform celestial navigation with the pros. 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 squadron courses, the ID course is required for USPS certification.

When a student has completed all 11 courses, he achieves the grade of Senior Navigator and can display the letters SN behind his name. It is an achievement and one in which many of us take great pride.

Our current Piloting course is moving right along and we all seem to be enjoying ourselves. The new course is well done with Fred Adame, SN making improvements as we go. The Seamanship course is scheduled for January and there are many members who should take this course. Please indicate your interest by contacting either Garry Pell at 784-5415 or me at 452-0320 for details. For those with e-mail capability, we can be reached at: beachpell@aol.com or howardb@cfl.rr.com

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Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

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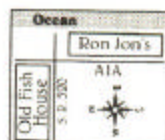
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P/C Larry Hatfield, SN

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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 the election.

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Member 3 yrs.	P/Lt/C Robert Schaefer, P



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FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE

DEO D/LT/C Clara L. Ross, SN

I hope you all had a great Holiday Season. The New Year brings with it the USPS Annual Meeting, held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando Jan 5-9, the D23 Winter Council meeting, held in Leesburg Jan 22, and the D23 Spring Conference in March. Hope to see many of you at each of these events.

During the week of the Annual meeting, there are meetings, workshops, the Teaching Aids Competition, and Expo, all of which provide USPS members useful information and ideas. And there's lots of free social opportunities for everyone, with Wednesday night's 'Kick-off' party, Thursday night's 'Power of Fun' national competition, and Friday night's Hospitality Rooms. D23 will host a Hospitality Room Friday, Jan 7, from 5-8pm; D23 will provide the beverages, and we ask D23 members to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. The Hospitality room number will be available after check-in, so contact DAO Les Tribout when you get to the hotel for that information. The Friday night Hospitality Rooms are always a lot of fun, with lots of camaraderie, so plan on coming to the Annual meeting at least for the day on Friday and stay for Hospitality. Check recent issues of THE ENSIGN for the schedule of events.

The Winter Council meeting will be held Saturday, 22 Jan 05 at the Silver Lake Community Church in Leesburg. This is the one district meeting each year where we provide training for incoming Squadron officers, and this year, we've added training for a few of the Squadron 'Chair' positions. In addition, a 2-hr 'Train-the-Trainer' session for the new AP course will be presented, as well as a 2-hr hands-on Co-Op Charting workshop - bring or borrow a laptop, if you can. Details of the day's activities, times, driving directions, and the lunch reservation form are included in the Call to the Council and are posted on the D23 website. Check with your Squadron Commander for this information, or check out the D23 website at www.usps.org/localusps/d23. A copy of the Lunch Reservation Form is also provided, below.

In your newsletters this month, you'll find the report of the D23 Nominating Committee with the nominations for the 2005 District Bridge and elected committees. The elections and the installation of these officers will be held during the D23 Spring Conference, hosted by the Harris Chain and Seminole Power Squadrons, 4-6 March 2005 at the Holiday Inn, Altamonte Springs. The Host squadrons have planned a great weekend for us, including a Mardi Gras party on Friday night, so make your plans NOW to join in the fun! Information on the Conference weekend, as well as the hotel and meal registration forms, were include in the December issue of your Squadron newsletter; or you can get a copy from your Squadron Commander or the D23 website.

I wish for all of you a very prosperous and happy new year. See you in Orlando!

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JANUARY:



01-Saturday; **NEW YEARS DAY**

04-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Veterans' Center

06-08 Thu-Sat; USPS General Meeting, Orlando

12-Wednesday; 11:30; Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting; MI Moose Lodge

22-Saturday, Coco-Nauts Luau, Stonewood

22-Saturday; District 23 Council Meeting

24-Monday; 1900; CBPS Auction, Comfort Inn

25-Tuesday, 1900-2100; Exec. Board Mtg; Merritt Island Library; N. Courtenay Pkwy.

FEBRUARY:

01-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Veteran's Center - Elections

09-Wednesday; 11:30; Coco-Nauts Friendship Luncheon Meeting

14-Monday; **VALENTINES DAY** 

20-Sunday; 16:00; Change of Watch; Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach

22-Tuesday, 1900-2100; Exec. Board Mtg; Merritt Island Library; N. Courtenay Pkwy.

CBPS 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.

Members are also invited to meet for a casual get together at Murdock's in Cocoa Village on Friday afternoons.

Reminder for the Coco-Nauts Luau:

The Coco-Nauts originally had their Luau scheduled for September 25th. Due to the hurricanes it has been re-scheduled for Saturday, January 22nd.

If you plan to attend you must make your reservations AGAIN with Doris Valentine at 452-1835.

If you don't make a new reservation your name will not be listed at the gate for entry to Stonewood.

Sorry ladies, no exceptions!



Coco-Nauts' Corner

Barbara Millner, President

On November 21st the Coco-Nauts served their annual Harvest Party to 83 Power Squadron and Coco-Naut members. This event helped celebrate the Power Squadron's 90th birthday and was high-lighted by a three-tier cake baked and beautifully decorated by Denise Stone. Pam Johnson's slide presentation of Squadron events throughout the years was shown and was of interest to many. We want to thank Johnny McCandless, Gene Millner, and Rick Schoonmaker for their help in setting up all the tables. Additional thanks go to all the Coco-Nauts who provided so many wonderful side dishes to accompany the meat trays. This was indeed a great way to spend the afternoon—good friends, outstanding food, and gorgeous weather. What more could I possibly add!

The bears that were made at our last get-together have been delivered to the pediatric ward at Wuesthoff Hospital, and are now waiting to be "adopted".

The luau, originally scheduled for last September, is to be held at the Stonewood rec room on January 22nd. If you haven't already signed up, be sure to call Doris Valentine at 452-1835 to make your reservation. For this event, reservations must be made in advance.

Please note the change for our January 12th meeting place which was announced at the November meeting. We will be going to the Moose Lodge on Merritt Island for an 11:30 AM brown bag luncheon.

The Coco-Naut officers would like to thank all of you who have helped make our recent drives for food for the Sharing Center and gifts for the nursing home such a big success. You've helped make the holidays a happier time for many individuals. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Coco-Nauts having January birthdays include:
11th—Carolyn Bonnett
21st—Donna Longway
31st—Sheryle Schaefer



Happy Birthday, Ladies!

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Blood Bank Report

Lt Barbara Millner, S

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Members who donated on December 1st included:

Claudia Gunner
Carol Hayes
Pam Johnson
J.P. Longway
John Lynn
Duane McConkey
Marcia McConkey
Barbara Millner
Gene Millner
Paul Pfadenhauer
Jack Wurst

Non-members participating:

Pat Clay
Patsy Galloway
Ron Galloway
John Kaufmann
Jean Tonitto

Safety Report

P/R/C/ Jane Schnoor, SN

January is the start of a new year which means your 2004 Vessel Check decal has expired. Contact your friendly VSC and ask him/or her to inspect your boat for a 2005 decal. The new decals usually arrive early in the new year.

Before you do, however, just to insure your boat will pass inspection, there are a few things you should check. First thing is to see if all of your lights are working. Boats with stern lights that you take off have a nasty way of becoming corroded and consequently will not work. Cleaning the connections on the boat with a Q-tip dipped in alcohol may clean them up.

Next thing is to check your fire extinguisher to be sure the powder is not caked on the bottom (if so, give it tap on the dock to shake the powder loose.) Next you should check to be sure the needle is in the green zone. This will show you that the extinguisher has pressure and will work if you should need it.

Now we come to the flares which have a habit of running out of date in the wink of an eye. Remember your flares are good for only 3 years from the date of manufacture. Check the date on the flares to be sure they are still within the time limit. When purchasing new flares, check the date on the bottom to be sure you will have a full 3 years of service from them.

Next, sound your horn or blow your whistle, whichever is required for the size of your boat. Your mate or neighbors will surely tell you if it is working!

Last but not least, make sure your life preservers are in good shape as well as your throwable seat cushion. The important thing is to have your boat inspected and to encourage your boating friends to have their boats inspected as well.



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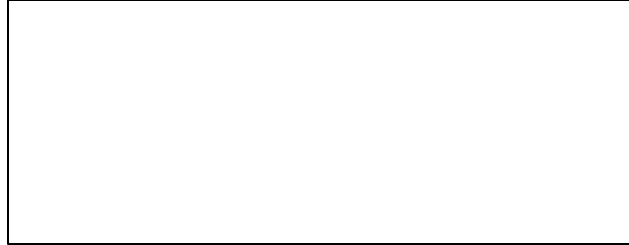
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