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Membership Meeting

**Tuesday August 6, 2013 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island**

Monthly Meeting

We do not plan to have a speaker for the August 6th general meeting, but we will have a surprise event for you. Make sure you attend.

Attention On Deck

The aluminum can collection effort to pay for the "100th Anniversary Celebration", was much lower than anticipated. Please do bring, all your soda/beer cans at the next meeting, so we can avoid a charge for this event!

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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

Cdr. Gerard Meunier, SN



Dear Members,

This is our summer issue and I hope you are enjoying our local hot and humid weather. Nothing like going just about anywhere and come back after a few weeks to notice it full force!

But things are not complacent in our squadron. While our Education department is taking a well deserved pause, our committees for the Banner ceremony on Friday 27 September and the D23 Fall Conference on 4, 5 & 6 October are in full swing to ensure we will have the very best. In case you are not yet a member of these committees, please call Lt/C Bob Rutigliano, AP and/or P/C Lance Vandenberg, AP to volunteer. At the very least, let them know that you do plan to attend.

This squadron's efforts toward our goal of increasing membership are not as expected. We have, as I write this report, 9 Past Due members who did not pay their dues on 31 May. So I shall repeat what I said in the June Soundings, and hope you will all take action, namely "let your non-member boating friends know about our upcoming classes, now offered to the public and, of course, invite them to our next meeting and hand them our CBSPS brochure and our Membership Application form. Let me know if you need a few. We should all carry them or at least have them available in the car."

See you soon at one of our activities (see the Calendar of Events in this Soundings or, share our updated website www.CBSPS.com) with your non-member friends.



Pictured l-r, June meeting speaker: TSPS Cdr., Dave Haslam, ex-captain of the tall ship, Lady Washington, (middle) co-speaker, Nancy Haslam, (last) July speaker: Lewis Rivers of BRSPS, who spoke on hurricane preparedness, of your vessel, and liabilities.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER LT/C Robert Rutigliano, AP



We now have four more vessel safety examiners. Congratulations to those members who took the exam.

On June 13 Lt/Cdr Bob Rutigliano AP and Lt David Keene JN traveled to Edgewater fire station # 57 for a fire extinguisher demonstration. The demonstration was presented by Firemen James White and Brett Holland and was a requirement for the Boat Operators Certification. Thanks to P/C William Benny SN-CN from Ponce Inlet Sail & Power Squadron for arranging the event.

Our 100th. Anniversary celebration plans are proceeding steadily. The committee has been busy contacting members and we should have a total head count soon. I will be collecting aluminum cans at the July monthly meeting to help with the cost of the event. Donations are also welcome. We are supplying lunch at no cost so any help we can get will be greatly appreciated.

If you have not yet signed up to attend or have not received a call from one of the committee members, please e-mail me and get your name on the list. We want to be sure every one who attends gets to eat. The Yacht Club has assured me that boat slips will be available for members wanting to arrive by water.

See you all at the event.



Pictured l-r: Engine Maintenance graduates, Leonard Senibaldi, N, Ron Sageser, AP, instructor, Lt Gene Millner, AP, 1/Lt Winifred Crawford, JN, and Lt/C Bob Rutigliano, AP.

(middle), recent graduates of Seamanship class receiving their re-imbursement checks: l-r, Ron Sageser, AP, instructor, Sandra Schoonmaker, SN, Gary Pepin, S, George Shapow, S, and Janet von Berg, S.

(last), new members sworn in July meeting: l-r, John Fitzgerald, Theresa Fitzgerald, Eric Skaggs, and Glen Meldrum.

SEO P/C Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN



As the month of June comes to a close, there are several members of the education department who are breathing a sigh of relief, your SEO included.

The Hurricane Seminar was presented by P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, on 01 June to a full house of 40 boaters. Atlass Insurance Group provided refreshments and agent Russell Jamieson gave a 30 minute insurance presentation. A special thanks to the panel members: 1/Lt. Winnie Crawford, JN, P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, P/Lt/C Richard Schoonmaker, SN, and Russell Jamieson. Also thanks to the Seminar Chairman/room set up chairman/doughnut purchaser/ moderator, D/Lt/C John Mulkey, AP....talk about wearing a bunch of hats!! It is also imperative to thank the registrars Lt. Marian Sweigert, AP, and Janet von Berg who successfully handled the crowd of folks signing in.

On 22 June, P/Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker SN, presented the VHF-DSC Marine radio seminar with 28 boaters in attendance. Many of the same education department personnel were once again in attendance to see that things ran smoothly. And as always, the Port Canaveral Yacht Club members and staff were our gracious hosts.

On 08 June and 15 June the team of Rick, Sandy, John and Marian could be found at Wuesthoff Hospital presenting the third ABC III class of the year. There were seven in attendance and seven graduated. Steve Keyes accepted membership and has already attended his first seminar along with another new member, John Fitzgerald. It's great to see new members becoming involved in our educational opportunities.

Of the regularly scheduled classes, Seamanship was completed on 03 June and Marine Electrical Systems, taught by Rick Schoonmaker, began on 10 June and will run thru 29 July. Nine members and one non-member are enrolled.

We have one more seminar that should have a big appeal to both our members and the public. On 13 July, Lt. Dennis Peterson, SN, will present a two hour seminar on the use of GPS. Although most of us are comfortable with land based GPS systems, marine GPS navigation systems are totally different and not as easy to comprehend. Mark your calendars and bring your questions to this last of our Seminar Series.

Both the Soundings editor and the Education Department are taking off the month of August so this is the only chance to remind you that September will find us back in business:

09 September, 1/Lt Winnie Crawford, JN, and Lt. David Keane, JN will begin the Sail Class at Wuesthoff Hospital from 1900-2100 at a cost of \$48.00 (\$58.00 sharing a book).

23 September, Lt/C George Shapow, S, will begin the new Marine Communications class at Cape Canaveral Hospital from 1900-2100 at a cost of \$57.00 (\$67.00 sharing a book)

To enroll: go to [www:cbsps.com](http://www.cbsps.com) or contact the SEO at seo@cbsps.com

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LT/C Louis Harlow, AP



The Retention Committee is researching ideas how to improve retention throughout the Squadron. If you have inputs or comments please forward them to me kandlinc426@yahoo.com.

Vessel Safety Checks are in full swing. If you have an outdated sticker on your boat please contact one of your Squadron mates that is qualified to give you a check and issue a current sticker.

Two comments in history relevant today:

Domestic policy can only defeat us: foreign policy can kill us.

John F. Kennedy 1961

In war, truth is the first casualty.

Aeschylus 525 - 456 B.C.

SECRETARY
LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Hopefully you are enjoying your summer with trips, boating, the beach, swimming, etc., Living in Florida we can have all those things all year long. Aren't we the lucky ones! A lot of us take off for other places, to get away from the heat in search of cooler places.

Whatever you're doing enjoy it and keep safe and we'll see all of you when you return in September.

Happy Birthday to all who will be celebrating a Birthday in August 2013

Edward Bonnett	8/31
Margaret Guerrero	8/08
Kathy Harlow	8/20
Edward Hradesky	8/16
David Keane	8/27
Marsha Kirkwood	8/27
Ann McCandless	8/31
John Mulkey	8/04
Geraldine Roca	8/08
Leonard Senibaldi	8/11

COCO-NAUTS CORNER

Debra Burleson, PRESIDENT

Our last meeting until September, was on June 12th at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge. There were only 8 members in attendance, but we did discuss our participation in several upcoming events. The most important one that will require our utmost involvement, will be the Fall Conference October 4-6th, in which we will be providing appetizers, on the evenings of October 4th & 5th and items for continental breakfast on the morning of October 5th. We approved the fee of \$5 for the Harvest Party on November 10th to offset expenses to present it.

We now have Macy's Shop For A Cause tickets to sell for the 3rd year in a row. We started with 100 tickets, which will be sold for \$5 each. All the monies from the tickets goes to the Coco-Nauts! This year, the sale is all day Saturday, August 24th, and you will receive 25% off most items, and 10% off electrics/electronics, watches, furniture, mattresses, and rug/floor coverings. We certainly would appreciate all members of the Coco-Nauts to purchase 1 ticket for yourselves, and to sell some to other family members, neighbors, or friends, and of course, we expect the squadron members to support us, by purchasing tickets for your families, and friends too!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 11th at Brano's Italian Grill in Cocoa Beach starting at Noon! Hope to see you there!

August Birthdays

07 - Genevieve Link
 08 - Geraldine Roco
 08 - Margaret Guerrero
 27 - Marsha Kirkwood





Galaxy 23
From the District Bridge
D/Lt/C John Mulkey, AP
D23 Treasurer



Since the District Treasurer is writing this month's Galaxy Article, it must be that time of the year that we focus on membership retention.

The majority of us are billed in April for our dues and newer members are billed the month before their anniversary month. The easiest way to pay is on line by credit card. You save time and postage. Of course you can always pay by check if you don't like the idea of paying on line.

Every year our biggest problem is membership retention. We have members that are undecided if they want to renew their membership or not. Membership retention is a job for each of us. It is not just the job of the Commander or the Bridge. We all need to encourage members to be involved and pay their dues. Members are more likely to stay members if they attend classes and are involved in social or civic events. They are less likely to drop their membership if they are your friend. Invite new members to go with you to events or for a ride on your boat.



Galaxy 23

Information from the United States Power Squadrons



District 23 Bridge

D/Lt/C Michael C. Scallan, SN
Educational Officer

With the Annual Meeting and the District Conference completed, D23 squadrons can get to the tasks of conducting classes: Public Boating, member courses, and seminars. Many squadrons have already started, and completed these courses. Keep up the good work! Education of the public, and our own members makes for a better and safer boating experience.

As for news from the National Education Department, there is an effort being planned to start adopting course material to on-line teaching. This effort is in the planning stages, and there should be more information to relay to the membership after the Fall Governing Board in September. One area where this is definitely needed is for the JN and N courses. With a "webinar" course, many more members in our district could take these courses since a live setting could be used with the need to travel a great distance to have a class. This method will also be advantageous to other member courses as well, considering the busy lifestyles many lead, to the travel schedules some of have, such as I have.

ED-800 has been significantly changed and should be used for all classes, students, and data entry. The ED-800 system can do the same work as the BCA and should be used instead of BCA. Each page of the ED-800 has a tutorial for help in getting through the learning phase. ALL Squadrons MUST schedule an ABC class at least once each year in order to meet the requirements of remaining a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. That scheduled class must be on the ED-800 system.

We all like to see free classes. Instructor Development, which was previously free, is no longer available in printed form. The free classes were paid by a grant which is depleted. All Instructor development manuals and presentations must now be downloaded from the Instructor Development web page: [Instructor Development Material](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/id/idcourse.htm).

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Other course ordering information is available here: [USPS Course Order Forms](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/files/forms.htm).

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

July 2013

- 13 - Saturday, 0930, GPS Seminar, Port Canaveral Yacht Club
- 25 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 27 - Saturday, 0930 Boating Outing with BRSPS, US 520 Outing to St John's
Possum Bluff

August 2013

- 03 - Saturday, 1100 Boating Outing, Grills on the River
- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 17 - Saturday, 1100 Boating Outing, North Indian River
- 22 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

September 2013

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting - Italian Night, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 09 - Monday, 1900 Sail class starts, Wuesthoff Hospital
- 21 - Saturday, 1000 Boating Outing, Cocoa Beach Canals
- 23 - Monday, Marine Communications class starts, Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 26 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 27 - Friday, 1100 Ribbon 100th Year Flag Ceremony, Port Canaveral 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.

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

THANKS TO OUR BOOSTERS

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Boating Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

June 29, Saturday, we scheduled our “Off-Shore Fishing Event”. Our own L/Cdr Louis Harlow, AP will be hosting.

July 4, Thursday, we scheduled a Raft-Up at 7 PM, and “Watch the Cocoa Fireworks”.

July 27, Saturday Banana River Sail & Power Squadron is planning a boating event on the St. Johns River event to include trailer boaters and Kayaks. Launch would be at the ramp at HWY 520 where it crosses the River and travel is north which is down river for 8 miles. Then the trip back the power boaters would transport people and tow the Kayaks back to the starting point. Contact myself or Ernst Hoffman at Banana River Sail and Power Squadron. We are invited to participate with them.

August 3, Saturday We cruise to Grills on Indian River, just North of Pineda Causeway on US1. We will arrive and order off the menu, eating at 1:00 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there if by boat or land yacht. We can all swap sea tales.

Please will those who took long cruises provide input of where members are cruising.



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 20 August @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!



CBSPS Photo Gallery
Summer Camp at Joe Lee Smith Center in Cocoa 05-29-13 (1st 4 pictures, l-r)
Flare Demonstration by BRSPS at Eau Galle Causeway boat ramp 05-25-13 (next 5 pictures l-r)
Blessing of the Fleet 05-18-13 (last 3 pictures l-r)



CBSPS Facebook Page

Submitted by 1/Lt Winifred Crawford, JN

CBSPS has officially entered into the social media arena with our own Facebook page. It is a free way to publicize our group and a forum for us to share information. If you have a Facebook account, you can find our page at www.facebook.com/CocoaBeachSPS. It was created and is currently administered by Winnie Crawford (JN), but anyone can post information or pictures on the page.

The purpose of the page is to share information about squadron activities and other useful boating information. This could include information about squadron monthly meetings, member awards, class schedules and successes, VSC accomplishments, outreach events, social activities, etc.

There should be no complaining, no jokes, no political/religious posts, no games, no sports rivalries, and no advertisements. Also, we will not post personal information, such as a death or sickness, on the page. That type of information will continue to be sent by email and kept within the squadron membership.

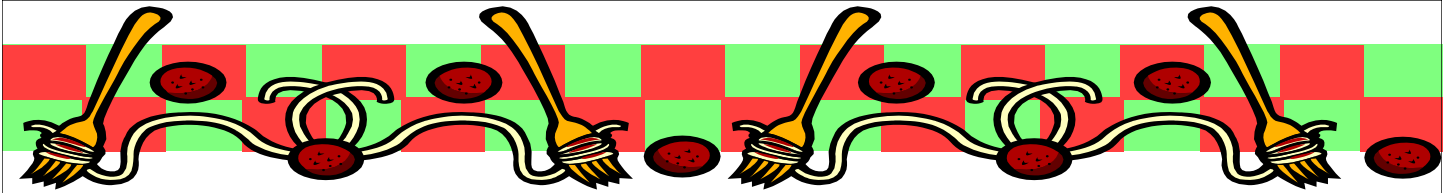
If you are on Facebook, go to the website given above and “Like” us. If you are not on Facebook but are interested in starting, go to www.facebook.com and click on “Help” at the bottom of the website. You can also purchase *Facebook for Dummies* on Amazon in both hard copy and Kindle versions. A new edition is being released in August of this year, but if you can’t wait, make sure to order the most recent edition released in February 2012.

The Facebook page is *not* replacing any other form of squadron communication such as the newsletter, email and the website; it is an addition to them. The administrator will monitor all posts and delete those that are not related to our squadron and its goals, and especially those that do not shed a positive light on our squadron.

The administrator also needs an assistant. If you have some experience on Facebook and would like to help monitor posts and develop the page, let Winnie know. Her contact information is in the Roster.

Although this form of communication will benefit our members, remember that Facebook is open to anyone who might be interested in the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. To make this successful we need postings from the membership including pictures, information about special events and any interesting bits of boating related knowledge. So check us out and join the fun. The more active the page, the more people will look at it and see that we are a good group to join.





CBSPS Annual Italian Night

When: September 3rd @1800 prior to General Meeting

Cost: \$5 p/p



Please bring you favorite Italian dish to Share with others!

Beverages, paper products, utensils, will be provided

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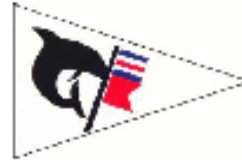


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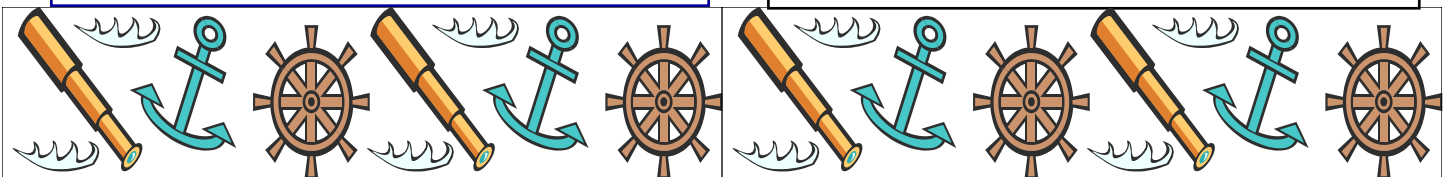
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