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## Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 02, June 2009 @1900  
Brevard Veteran's Center  
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL**

## Monthly Speaker

**We are glad to announce that Earl McMillin has agreed to speak at our membership meeting once again. Please mark the date on your calendar, as talks or presentations are very Interesting.**

## ATTENTION ON DECK

**Donna Longway is still collecting, food, soda & beer tabs for either a local school or the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect them in a zip lock bag and bring them to the meetings or call her @ 321-449-9037.**

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MONTH**

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

E:Mail an Attachment to  
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# AT THE HELM

**Commander Lance H. VandeBerg, P**

**On May 5<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Board of County Commissioners meeting. The Board approved a resolution proclaiming May 16 – 22 as National Safe Boating Week, and recognized several organizations and agencies in Brevard County that work so diligently to educate the boating public and keep them safe.**

**At the general membership meeting, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN received his life membership award having received 25 merit marks. Congratulations Howard. We installed another new member, Richard Corrigan. Welcome aboard. The presentation was given by Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN, on his trip of the Great Loop.**

**The D23 summer counsel meeting was held May 9<sup>th</sup> at the La Cita Country Club in Titusville. There were three main topics of discussion which were: The sale of USPS educational material by National to book stores and library's, the elimination of the Governing Board meeting in September, and only holding one per year, and changes in the way the USPS Financial Committee handles the investments. The new directory of D23 officers was distributed.**

**Following the counsel meeting we all gathered at Sands Point picnic area for lunch and the cardboard boat race. CBS&PS had over 50 members in attendance. Our boats showed extremely well, and it was evident our boat builders put a lot of time and effort into the project. Even though, we didn't win the race, we all had a great time and look forward to next year.**



## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**P/C Kermit Forbes, P**



We are well into the year and we are still struggling with what to do about money. We have too many people trying to reduce expenditures, and not trying to increase income. The budget we have presented is about as bare bones as it gets.

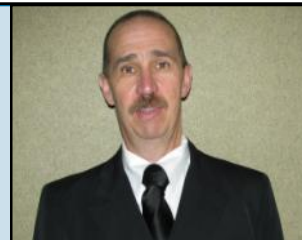
The squadron is all about education of the public and our membership, all of the monies spent are connected to education, not personal expenses.

What does it take to have a successful squadron? It would be nice if each member would give us their thoughts on what they believe it would take to have an enjoyable and successful year. Input from everyone is very important and necessary.

Please help your bridge keep the ship heading into the future, not drifting backwards. Make a suggestion on how we can increase income and provide the necessary education the public needs to have a safe boating experience.

## **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**

**LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P**



**Congratulations to Kenneth Charles, Ralph Crawford, Winnie Crawford, David Keane, Nancy Keane, and Scott Sievers on their successful completion of the USPS Piloting Course.**

**On 23 April 2009, the recent CBSPS members that were awarded the "N" (navigator) grade, along with their instructors, P/D/C Fred Adame, SN and P/C George Hess, SN, and their mates celebrated at the Chart House in Melbourne, FL. The members that achieved this grade is as follows:**

**P/D/C Les Tribout, N  
Lenny Senibaldi, N  
LT Dennis Peterson, N  
P/LT/C Brian Grigsby, N  
Bruce Wade, N (Titusville Sail and Power Squadron)**

**Marine Electronics is proceeding on schedule.**

**America's Boating Course began on 12 May 2009 at Cape Canaveral Hospital.**

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



### Membership Recruiting:

No new members that I have heard of.

Budget assumes 32 new members. We are already falling behind.

Let's each of us bring a new member. Have Membership Applications...

### Membership Retention:

National sent out the Renewal Notices for May.

Please renew before due date or you will receive a call from one of your Board Members.

Can pay via Internet at [www.usps.org/dues](http://www.usps.org/dues).

### Entertainment:

We had 4 boats and 22 members at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> outing. Good as wind did not help!

Sat May 30<sup>th</sup>: Boating Raft-up/ Lunch at Sunset Grill (see Boating Activities)

Sat June 27<sup>th</sup>: Next Boating Outing/ Picnic probably at Kars Park in Merritt Island.

July 4<sup>th</sup>: Cocoa Village fireworks: Cancelled due to lack of interest.

### Programs:

Tues. June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ex-Head Pilot at Cape Canaveral.

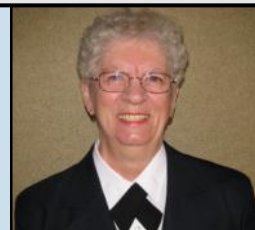
Tues. July 7<sup>th</sup>: Amazon River with our own Doris Valentine.

August: No program?

Sept: The Great Loop, Part 2. The Squadron computer should be fixed by then!

## Secretary

LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Here are some additional changes to the new roster. Please update your roster to reflect these changes.

### Change of Rank

P/C Kermit Forbes, P

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## Coco-Nauts Corner President, 1/Lt Susan Forbes, S

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable spring. Kermit and I spent a week in the Keys with friends from North Carolina and our dog, Baby. The men caught their share of dolphin and we had a great time. The following two weeks will be spent with my Mother who is traveling here on Mother's Day and is coming with a couple from Pa. Memorial Day Weekend we will have our daughter Justine here to round out the month of May. While it will be an exciting and full month, I will be glad when June arrives.

On June 10th we will be having a picnic at our home for all of the Coco-Nauts and their spouses or partners. Kermit will be cooking his famous pork loin and I will have iced tea and all paper goods. Please email or call and let me know what you are bringing to share. Phone # is 449-8784. Also bring your bathing suits if you want to swim, and be here at 12:00. Directions are from 520 heading west turn right on N. Banana River Dr. proceed to Pelican Creek Estates, take right on Pelican, right on Albatross, go 2 blocks, turn left on Reef Ct., and it is the first house on the left.

Don't forget the rendezvous May 30th at the Sunset Grille. We will have a great time.

### CBSPS AWARDS



Trent Milliken-Life Time Membership (25 Merit Marks)



Debra Burleson-Distinction in Journalism Award (Sounding)



Clay Bernichon-Operations Training



## D23 Galaxy

### D/Lt/C Walter C. Fields, SN

### Educational Officer

Your District 23 Educational Department has been very active and busy since our last Annual Conference. In April we held the annual D23 Educational Department Workshop and Seminar in Satellite Beach. Many thanks to Commander Lucy Hixenbaugh and the Banana River Sail and Power Squadron for providing an excellent facility for our workshop and a most delicious lunch. The Assistant National Education Officer, Herman Green as our guest speaker at our workshop. Herman pointed out that it is the local Squadrons, not National, which makes USPS work, and encouraged us all to make our voices heard. That opened up a very lively discussion on one of the issues that is before us today - whether or not we should open up our members courses to the public, and if so, how do we go about selling these courses. As you may be aware, the USPS Board of Directors has indicated that they are in favor of selling these courses to the public, but as of yet have not proposed a plan of how that would be done. The consensus of those present was that we should not allow our member courses to be sold to nonmembers via commercial means. This issue will be before the Governing Board in September and we need to make our voices heard as Herman pointed out. I encourage everyone to let your Squadron Commander and local Executive Board know how you feel about this issue so that we as a District can vote your wishes. Each Squadron Commander is a voting member of the USPS Governing Board as is your District Commander. Those Squadron Commanders that cannot attend the Governing Board can pass their vote to the District Commander along with direction as to how their Squadron wants to vote. Remember, you are USPS, and your vote counts.

By now all of the District 23 SEOs should have received the forms and instructions for each Squadron to nominate their very best instructor for the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. Once a year this award recognizes the five most outstanding instructors in USPS. The process starts at the local squadron level where each Squadron in the District may nominate their most outstanding instructor. These nominees then are submitted to the District where the very best in the District is selected and nominated for national judging. In the final judging the Chapman Award Selection Group of the Instructor Development Committee recognizes the five winners who represent USPS most effective and outstanding volunteer instructors of the year. Each of the five winners are awarded a plaque, a gold lapel pin, and their names are inscribed in a permanent log book kept at USPS Headquarters. In addition, their squadrons receive a high quality Astra IIIB sextant in a handsome wood presentation case given in the winner's name and an LCD projector. The Chapman Award is the most prestigious recognition that USPS can bestow on a member. Our District has had three winners of this award in the past. They are P/D/C Fred Adame, P/R/C Ann Fields, and P/D/C Richard Leatherman. We hope to add one more winner to this prestigious list this year. Every Squadron has at least one outstanding instructor that has given his or her time to the education of other squadron members and the public. Now is the time to start the process at the Squadron level. I encourage each Squadron in District 23 to recognize their most effective instructor by nominating him or her for the Charles F. Chapman Award. The deadline to submit the nomination package to me for D23 judging is 24 July 2009.

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

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

**May**

- 26 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 30 - Saturday, 1100 Boating Rendezvous & Lunch Sunset Grill

**June**

- 02 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center
- 09 - Tuesday, 1900 America's Boating Course Test Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 10 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting- Kermit & Susan Forbes home
- 23 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 27 - Saturday, TBD Boating Rendezvous/Picnic at Kars Park

**July**

- 07 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 25 - Saturday, Boating Activity TBA
- 28 - Tuesday, 1830 Executive Committee Meeting- Merritt Island Library

**August**

- 04 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSBS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 25 - Tuesday, 1830 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 29 - Saturday, Boating Activity TBA

**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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**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
11:30 to 15:00**

**Raft-up/Dock at East end of channel just S of Rte 520**

**In 9 ft of Water on Banana River  
Latitude: 80° 36.9' West  
Longitude: 28° 21.4' North**

**Lunch or whatever at:**

**Sunset Waterfront Grill & Bar  
500 W. Cocoa Beach Causeway  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
321-783-8485**

**By Car: Take Rte 520 E to Cocoa Beach; first Building on right after crossing the causeway.**

**Boaters: Bring a non-boater to enjoy a day on the water.**

**Mark you calendars:  
Boating Activity every last Saturday each month!**



### **BLOOD DONATION**

*The next blood donation will be on 24 June 0900 at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!*





### CBSPS PHOTO GALLERY (D23 Spring Conference-Cardboard Boat Race 09 May 2009, Titusville FL)





# *Oktoberfest At The Beach*

**It's time to roll out the barrel, dust  
off the beer steins, and iron up your  
lederhosen and enjoy the  
USPS District 23 Fall Conference  
2-4 October 2009**

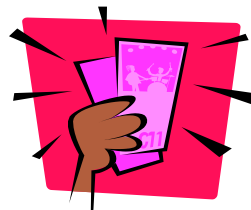
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**02-4 October 2009**

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The USPS rate for the event is \$89.00 + 11.0% tax per room per night. If paid directly by check to CBSPS by 8/28/09 no taxes added.  
 Check in time is 1500; check out is 1100

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**2-4 October 2009**

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FRIDAY EVENING – GERMAN OKTOBERFEST BUFFET (Extensive variety buffet from salads to black forest cake) # \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$30.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 SATURDAY LUNCH – BEACH BLANKET DELI BUFFET (salads, fruits, sliced deli meats, cheeses, condiments, etc.) # \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$15.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 SATURDAY EVENING – PLATED DINNER – CHOOSE: CHAMPAGNE CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_ or LONDON BROIL # \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$31.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 SUNDAY “N” CLUB BREAKFAST – FULL AMERICAN BUFFET (juices, fruits, eggs, potatoes, meats, pastries, etc.) # \_\_\_\_\_ @**\$14.00** \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MEALS \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOTEL & MEAL TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact CBSPS for any special diet needs. Please make checks payable to CBSPS and mail to: P/C Susan Kneeland, SN

## Captain Jim Green Sailing From FL to NC (part I)

I thought you might be interested to know that I am sailing our 30 ft Easterly from Cocoa, FL to Washington, NC. I found two 24 year old guys to help me on [www.findacrew.net](http://www.findacrew.net) and we are sailing the boat mostly on the ocean to NC. One of the guys has never been on a sailboat before. The other has experience on an 83 foot motorboat, but not on sailboats..

We motored from Cocoa to Titusville, and borrowed a rubber dinghy from a friend to motor the rest of the way to Ponce De Leon Inlet. Along the way, my green crew ran us soft aground in the Mosquito Lagoon. The guys jumped in, and the boat lightened a lot, so it was easy to put it into reverse and get going. We sailed through the night to St. Augustine, after stopping for dinner. No one had told me that St. Augustine inlet is used by ships, and the chart didn't seem to give the depths, so we anchored for a couple of hours during the afternoon of the next day before the mid-flood came in. While we were anchored, the waves were big enough that about 15 dolphins came and checked us out. They would swim through a wave which was higher than the deck, and look at us at eye level. That was really neat. It turns out the depth was nearly 30 feet in the channel! We stayed for several days to rest and enjoy the city. We frequented a bar that had Spanish guitar music, owned by the city, in one of the oldest buildings, where the clothing was authentic to the period of time. [http://www.staugustine.com/stories/121302/com\\_1185128.shtml](http://www.staugustine.com/stories/121302/com_1185128.shtml).

On the way out of the inlet, we met some huge waves. One had to be at least 10 feet, so I dropped my Lowrance handheld GPS into the cockpit floor where it got soaked. It turned out to not be waterproof as advertised, and it was fried. I had to resort to an old e-Trex Venture GPS, which doesn't have any navigation buoys on it. We punched in the city that we wanted, which was Fernandina Beach, and sailed up the coast for our next destination. I then started up my laptop computer with Maptech, Streets and Trips USB GPS. We were then able to enter the inlet safely. Along the way to Fernandina, we went through three wicked storms, and at one point we were sailing with bare poles at about 3 mph, and had gale force wind with stinging rain. Because I had a green crew, they didn't clear the jib sheet initially before raising the jib. The jib flogged itself badly and pulled out several seams, and one of the panels blew away. It was an old sail, and was very fortunate to find a nice retired guy in Fernandina Beach, who knew how to fix it. He had all the right equipment to repair it, so he and I worked on it for three hours to fully repair it. He didn't charge me anything, but I'll send him \$\$\$, someday when I can. We used an old "Sailfish" sail that I had onboard to make the new panel which, was bright yellow. Now the Jib has one bright yellow panel! I'm convinced that God protected us many times throughout this trip.

We motored from Fernandina to St.Simons. On the way we met a submarine, and they told us to stay to the side of the channel as we passed it within a hundred feet. (Cool!) Later the same day, we were passed by a cruise ship, on the ICW, which was a surprise? We stopped for fuel at Jekyll Island to find they were sold out! We figured we had fuel enough to make it. We arrived in St. Simons around 2100 the next day, We lucked out, got a ride into town from the marina. The guy was so super nice, and gave us his phone number so we could call him, for a ride back to the marina.

It was a very long channel to get back out onto the ocean from St. Simons. We had to motor into a headwind and a current for several hours, just to get to our rhumb line. Finally, we set sail after midnight and the sky was overcast, almost no stars, and really murky. There aren't any cities off the coast of Georgia really, so there was no comforting glow from the shore. The wind was predicted to increase after midnight, but it actually lessened. The next day the sailing was great, and the waves built to about 8 feet in the late afternoon as we sailed into the Tybee Roads inlet. A storm hit just after we dropped sails, and started motoring up the channel. It's lucky there wasn't a ship coming down the channel because we had blinding rain with about 50 ft visibility for about 5 minutes. Then the rain stopped, the biting sand gnats came out, and needless to say we forgot to bring insect repellent!

Our next stop will be to Charleston, SC and we will need to stay well off shore to avoid the many shoals that extend for miles. We will encounter again the absence of city lights along the shore. The wind is predicted to be gentle from the SE, and should be a pleasant sail. Wish us luck, and as I say to everyone I meet, please pray for our safety.

## Who Am I ?

I was also a depression baby. In fact, I was born the day after Pres. Roosevelt declared a bank holiday. Fortunately my mother had saved \$35.00 to pay the doctor so he didn't hold me for ransom. My early boating days consisted of fishing with my father in small row boats. I always had a love for boats although, my exposure was limited to row boats on an occasional day excursion on the Hudson River in NY. When I was 15 going on 16, I went to a party where I met my future husband who really introduced me to boating. He had been boating since he was 10 years old and really had salt in his veins. The year before we married, we pooled our resources and purchased a small sailboat. On our first trip out, 15 minutes after purchasing it, I promptly turned it over. The writing was on the wall, I needed to learn a lot about all this nautical stuff.


When we became involved with USPS, we took many of the courses and I took all of the electives but stopped short of JN and N. One day my husband spotted a Plath sextant for sale in the NASA bulletin and decided that he would like to have it. He had already completed the navigator course, so to save his conscience, he decided that I really needed to take JN. He really is a sweet talker and the next thing, I knew, I was struggling through the course with Howard Bernbaum, and several other members. I must admit it was a thrill to finally see JN after my name. That wasn't enough for my Simon Legree, who roped me into taking the Navigator course, since I now supposedly was on a roll. Bill Hayes gave the upcoming Navigator students a short course on stars the summer prior to the course beginning. Bill encouraged us to get started taking our sights, and thanks to Bill I had 500 sights to choose from when I did my sight folder. Needless to say "he, who had gotten me into this", had to accompany me on my trips to the beach before sunrise and sunset to time my sights. I must say he didn't grumble too much.

In 1982 I joined USPS when women were admitted to membership. At that time C/C Bruce Steere, SN asked me to write a column in THE ENSIGN to encourage women to become involved more fully with the Squadron and to show just what women were presently doing for USPS. I wrote the column for several years until I was asked to serve as the Secretary for CBPS. The following years I proceeded up the chairs to commander. During this time I had been a member of several national committees and rear commander was one of them. After serving as an R/C, I was asked to serve on the D/23 Bridge. That was great fun ,especially my year as District Commander.





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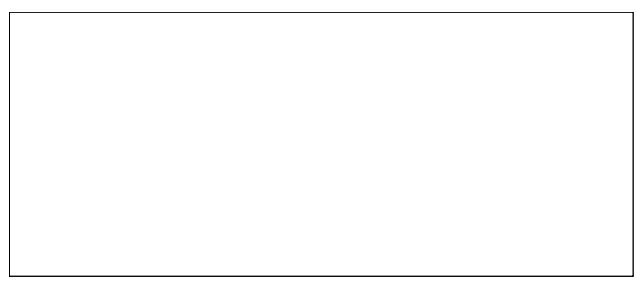
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