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Membership Meeting

Tuesday June 05, 2012 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Attention on Deck

Bob Atkins, one of our members, will be the speaker of the month! He will be speaking about manatees, the boating laws pertaining to manatees. Please plan to attend!

Attention On Deck

I hope everyone will have a great summer, traveling near and far! Sure would like you to share your fun & adventures with everyone via The Soundings starting with our next issue, which is the September issue. Lots of times, when I publish The Soundings, I always need extra articles about boating issues. I will start on the September issue sometime on or about August 10th.

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THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

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

E:Mail an Attachment to debra.burleson@bellsouth.net

AT THE HELM

Cmdr. Lance H. VandeBerg, P



Last month was a very busy month for our squadron. It started out with a county commission meeting to pass a resolution for Safe Boating Week to be May 19th through May 25th.

At the general meeting, we had an excellent speaker from Florida, Fish, and, Wildlife, Kelly O'Donnell, spoke on their various research projects on the intercoastal waterways.

We also voted, and passed the new budget for 2012, and also voted and passed changes to our bylaws prepared by and presented by Lt David Collins, JN.

We met in early May, with Matt Culver, Boating and Waterways Coordinator for Brevard County, to discuss issues that we can work together on in the future to promote safe boating.

I attended the D23 Spring Conference at La Cita Golf and Country Club in Titusville, and the picnic following with the cardboard boat race on 12 May. Highlights from this meeting will be discussed at the next general meeting.

I want to thank the Cocoa Beach Boating Club, Commander John T. Haralson, for their generous donation, of \$288 following their dissolution, after 35 years.

The Relay for Life at Cocoa Village was a huge success. Our squadron raised over \$1700 in donations. Thanks to Bud Miller, for all his effort in coordinating our participation in this event. We will plan on participating in this event again next year.

The picture below, is Kelly ODonnell with Florida Fish and Wildlife.

Thank you all for your support and have a wonderful and safe summer.



**EXECUTIVE OFFICER
P/C J. P. Longway, III, P**



First, thanks to all those members who make time to put forth efforts that make the Squadron interesting and successful in achieving set goals and events.

On Saturday, 5 May, the following members, i.e., Kermit Forbes, Lance VandeBerg, Ron Raphael, & Bob Rutigliano performed 12 Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) at Kelly Park, which now brings our total to 73. Hopefully, we are on our way to achieving our set goal of 200 for the year.

On Friday, 11 May, Lance VandeBerg, Bob Schaefer and I met with Matt Culver of the Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office, to discuss various options for us to assist their efforts to provide Intracoastal Waterway Awareness of the constraints under which pleasure and commercial vessels operate to ensure the best protection against dangerous encounters. We agreed that there are various areas of the waterways that need surveys to provide current information. The objective will be to provide information that will be used as the basis for updating the 2005 edition of the "Boating and Angling guide to Brevard County", as well as having data available for the Federal Government's NOAA initiatives as part of Co-op Charting initiative. We collectively agreed to develop an action plan and associated schedule.

On Monday, 14 May, Lance VandeBerg and I met with principals of the Veterans Memorial Center's Board of Directors. The intent was to status their growth & building plans, discuss current rental fees, availability of classrooms, joint sponsorship of events, and presentation/loan/display of Squadron Burgees flown in space.

Request that all members find time to volunteer and support, contribute and participate in the various Squadron Educational, Community & Fraternal activities.

**P/C Kermit Forbes, P
VSE Chairman**

Safe vessel examinations are off to a good start for 2012, we have 85 completed.

Following are the examiners that have completed a minimum of 10:

Al Pappas, Ron Raphael, Bob Rutigliane, and Lance VandeBerg.

We had a great time performing inspections on Saturday 5/5 and Saturday 5/26.

I also want to ask each member to check to see if their boat has been inspected, if not please call Kermit (321-449-8784) to get it scheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER LT/C Robert Rutigliano, P



Our next general membership meeting will be on June 5th, starting at 1900, with the meeting to follow at 1930. The speaker, will be Bob Atkins, and he will be discussing manatee laws, and how they affect boaters. Should be an interesting meeting!

Our cruise, and cookout planned for 21 April, was cancelled, due to foul weather predictions, however, the planetarium event was a great success. We had a large turnout, food was delicious, and the entertainment gets better each year.

The next executive committee meeting is 24 May at the Merritt Island Library, beginning at 1800.

I have e-mailed Kate Cunningham from the American Heart Assoc. that we have about 10 members interested in the extended CPR class. As soon as I can find a room to hold the class, I will schedule it.

May 12th. was the cruise to Titusville, for the District 23 picnic and cardboard boat race. The wind kicked up the Indian River enough to prevent many boats from the rendezvous, however two boats were present. Past Cdr. Forbes made the attempt, but was turned back due to rough seas.

Our Squadron was well represented and a good time was had by all.

The blessing of the Fleet is scheduled for May 19th. At the south side of S.R. 3 bridge over the Banana River. Round up at 1030 hours and the blessing will begin at 1100 sharp. Picnic at Kelly Park to follow.



Pastor Jay Bergstress from Cocoa Beach's Lutheran of the Resurrection conducted the Blessing of the Fleet and Lt Robert Rutigliano, P piloted the Blank Check

ASSISTANT SEO P/C John Mulkey, AP

It's a good thing that we had our booth at the CFFW Flea Market at Harbour Town. We would not have had any students at the April ABC3 Public Boating Course because once again Florida Today didn't run our press release in the paper. I would like to personally thank all of you that helped out at the Flea Market. We only had six students in the class and so far have had only three students take the final exam. All three passed and all three have taken advantage of the six month free membership. Please welcome Joe Greene, Wayne Senesac and Donna Erickson to CBS&PS. Be sure to introduce yourselves to them at the first opportunity.

We are looking for someone to be in charge of the July ABC Course as I am getting a knee replacement in late June and may not be able to do it myself.

We have not received the results from National for the Piloting test, but I know three students that have received their Pilot stamp from National and I suspect that all the students passed thanks to the great job done by P/C Sue Kneeland, SN.

The Navigation class is on going. We are trying to get a Cruise Planning Class started. This fall we would also like to have a Weather Class and Advanced Piloting Class.

SECRETARY LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P

Your Secretary is looking for someone to be the Historian for the Squadron. This is a job that really is not hard. If you like scrap-booking this is a job for you. Also a good way to earn a Merit Mark. Pictures from different events held by the Squadron are given to you by the Photographer of the Squadron and other people that have taken pictures that they think you might want. You in turn put them in a scrap-book. Lt Denise Stone, P, who has done this job for several years, and done a very good job, has decided that due to health problems right now, must hand the job over to someone else. Please! I hope there is someone who will step up and say YES, I will do it !! Please contact your secretary at 452-4602 or bobmar2215@bellsouth.net

Please add these changes to your 2011 Roster. (New 2012-2013 Roster will probably be out around the middle of June and ready for the July General Meeting.)

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Farewell to Transfer Out to BRSPS

John Fritz

Coco-Nauts Corner

President, Lt Doris Valentine

We had a great luncheon meeting this month with 19 attendees at the Tiki Grill, on Merritt Island. Everyone seems to like this place..... the lunches are good, and the venue very receptive to holding a meeting!

Our focus right now, is on our luncheon/game party fund raiser in October. Solicitation letters were distributed, and I do want to emphasize on members asking certain vendors where they shop or dine to help us out with gift certificates, etc. for door prizes.

Also, tickets for the occasion are held by our Treasurer, Marian Sweigert. We have 60 of them printed currently , and expect all Coconauts to be responsible for at least one ticket and hopefully, you will sell additional tickets. Remember, it's a FUN DAY for all, and has always been a successful fund raiser for the Coco-Nauts !!!

After the June meeting, we will be on hold for the summer! That should give you the opportunity to get out there and do some selling!!! We will get all the results at our September 12th meeting, wherever it will be held! I'll see you all then, as I'll be absent from the June meeting I will be in Alaska thinking of all of you, as the meeting is being conducted by my very competent Vice President, Debra Burleson.

August-September birthdays will be in the next issue of The Soundings!

June Birthdays

03 - Millie Kirkwood
04 - Doris Hess

July Birthdays

03 - Susan Kneeland
06 - Francesca Ragusa
13 - Debra Burleson
22 - Marian Sweigert
26 - Adrienne Goldstein
27 - Carmen Adame



Cocoa Village Relay for Life Cancer Walk P/C Bud Miller, JN

Congratulations to the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron and many thanks to those of you who contributed and participated in this event. Because of your support our team raised over \$1,700, significantly exceeding our goal of \$1,000. Although we are primarily a boating educational and safety organization our participation demonstrates a willingness to help others in the community when called upon. Special thanks go out to L/Cdr. Bob Rutigliano for setting up the booth at the Cocoa Village Riverfront Park, and to P/D/C Les Tribout, SN and Ev for their generous support. Finally, as a result of our accomplishment, the Squadron received a certificate from the American Cancer Society recognizing us as a "Rising Star".



Bottom row: l-r, Joan Montfort, Bob Rutigliano, Jay Longway, Bud Miller

Top row: l-r, Bob Brown, Ron Raphael, Donna Longway, Diane & Cliff Schommer

Participants not pictured: Judy Miller, Charlie & Angie Viladerbo



Time For A Cure

Relay For Life of Second Life 2012



2012 CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

May

24 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

June

05 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

13 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Island Tiki Grill, Merritt Island

23 - Saturday, Cruise to Mathers Bridge & over nigh raft-up

28 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

July

03 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

07 - Saturday, Cruise or Drive to Old Florida Seafood & Grill

26 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

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

Photo Gallery

D23 Picnic 05-12-12 and CBSPS Blessing of the Fleet 05-19-12



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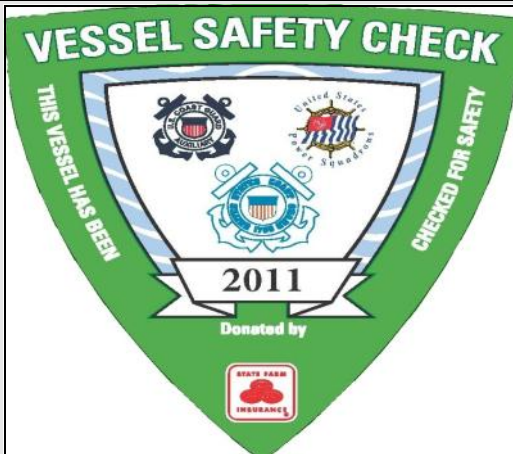
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Boating Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

As I write this, folks are preparing to attend boating events, "Cruise to Titusville D-23" and "Blessing of the Fleet". Many thanks to participants coming from our Squadron and others.

Next we have on the schedule is, "Cruise to Mathers Bridge Anchorage Area & Raft-up & Overnight" Saturday, June 23, 2012. We would plan to make our way to a point just southwest of old Dragon Point, which is the southern tip of Merritt Island, arriving around 3:00 PM. Based on the wind we would anchor favorably and have a toast to a good evening. Should there be rain or bad weather forecast we can shift the date. Should be good fun. Sailors we would like to have you in the raft-up.

Saturday, July 7, 2012 we have scheduled a "Cruise to Old Florida Seafood & Grill" on the mainland, on Highway US1, 2 miles north of Highway 528. Plan arrival around 11:40 and we should eat by 12:00. Land Cruisers please come as well. Maybe it won't rain as it did last year. Ed Bonnett, if it does rain, we will get you a better seat as I recall that you got wet from rain.



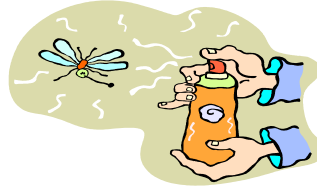
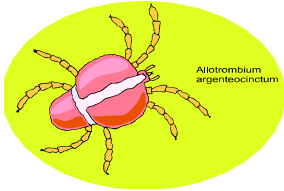
BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 30 May @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!



Florida Prayer for Summer

Bless this house, oh Lord, we cry,
 Please keep it cool in mid-July,
 Bless the walls, where TERMITES dine,
 While ANTS, and ROACHES march in time.
 Bless our yard, where SPIDERS pass,
 FIREANTS castles in the grass.
 Bless the garage, a home to please,
 CARPET BEETLES, TICKS and FLEAS.
 Bless the LOVE BUGS two by two,
 The GNATS and MOSQUITOES that feed on you.
 Millions of creatures that fly or crawl,
 In Florida, Lord, you've put them all.
 But this is home and here we'll stay,
So thank you Lord, for insect spray!



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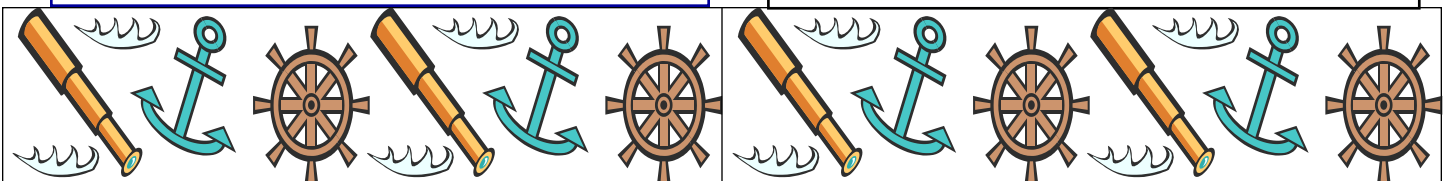
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