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## Membership Meeting

**Tuesday June 4, 2013 @ 1900  
Brevard Veteran's Center  
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island**

## Monthly Meeting

**There is not a speaker scheduled for the next general meeting. It will be, a business meeting only. Hopefully, this will increase membership, and allow you to get out and about earlier !**

## Attention On Deck

**Please check out the upcoming seminars on pg. 11, and mark your calendars to attend with your families. The helpful seminars, are a mere \$10 for you and your family!**

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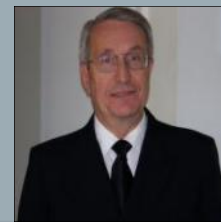
### **SOUNDINGS DEADLINE: THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH**

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

### Cdr. Gerard Meunier, SN



Dear Members,

Those of you who were not at the 7 May meeting did miss quite a bit. The Bridge is trying to keep the official part of the meeting short but that proved elusive as there were so many members to celebrate. We had 3 new Pilots, 7 new Advanced Pilots, a new Navigator, a new Senior Member, 7 Operations Training graduates, 8 "perfect attendance" certificates and last but not least 3 new members sworn in. Thanks to Debra, our photographer, who was quite busy recording those events.

For all of us, this should be proof that our squadron is doing quite well. Our list of activities is sometimes a bit challenging with 2 or 3 activities on a given week-end but it is quite feasible when all roll their sleeves up and pitch in. As you know, we got the Doing It Right award last year but we are shooting for Doing It Better.

Do take a look at the Calendar of Events page in this issue of The Soundings (constantly updated on [www.CBSPS.com](http://www.CBSPS.com)) and ask yourself "where can I participate" or better yet, "how can I help?" The newly offered seminars have been quite successful and you might want to come to, or at the very least, let all your boating friends know about the next three scheduled for 1 June (Hurricane), 22 June (VHF Radio) and 13 July (GPS); they are all pertinent, even for our SNs, as technology changes so fast. By the way, you also want to 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.

Some of our other successes have been the Walk for Life (for cancer research) and Scrap Metal (for our FIT scholarship) fund raisers where we exceeded our goals. Thanks to all who contributed and/or participated. And, our CBSPS Auxiliary, the Coco-Nauts have also been busy raising money so that they can offer some of the goodies they are known for at the District Fall Conference on 4, 5 & 6 October.

We now do have a signed contract with the Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront with \$99.00 (tax included) rooms. This is quite a bargain and you might want to consider a mini "Staycation" there as this rate is valid from 1 to 9 October 2013 if reserved through CBSPS (see reservation form in this issue). Don't wait till the last minute!!

See you soon at one of our activities.

**220 in 2020**

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### **LT/C Robert Rutgilano, AP**



**The board voted against advertising at the Merritt Island theaters. This type of advertising would not reach our target audience. We did vote to move forward with the Face Book page and Lt. Winnie Crawford is working on getting the page up and running. Thank you Winnie for all your hard work on this.**

**The Countywide Trash Bash was very successful. We removed 8 bags of trash from Sykes Creek Pkwy, Fortenberry Road in front of the VMC property and the VMC grounds. Thanks to those who participated.**

**There was a trailer backed up near the front door of the VMC at the May 7 meeting for any one who brought recyclable scrap metal. The scrap metal will be sold to the recycle company and the money collected will go to the scholarship fund. As soon as I have a final total, I will ask Brian to send out an e-mail to all members with that figure. Thank you goes out to all that donated to this event.**

**The squadron cleaned up Sykes Creek parkway and VMC grounds on May 24 in preparation for the Memorial Day ceremonies. We want the Center to shine on Memorial Day to honor our Veterans.**

**P/C Kermit Forbes has Burgee's for sale to any members who need one and if you have a boat, you need one. Contact Kermit.**

**Kermit is also scheduling a Vessel Examiner's class. We have 4 members signed up. If your interested, call Kermit soon and get signed up.**

**See you all on the water.**



**LT/C Bob Rutigliano, AP, & LT Lou Harlow, AP, dismantling an screened porch, for recycling.**



**Trailer load of scrap metal for squadron recycling project.**

## SEO P/C Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN



**SEMINARS ARE A SUCCESS!!!** As with any new endeavor, we entered into the two-hour seminar programs with a lot of optimism and a whole lot more trepidation about how well they would be received. To date, the optimism is winning.

Several of you attended our first Seminar on Weather that was presented by our own meteorologist, Winnie Crawford and that helped increase the number of attendees to 17. The Chart Seminar taught this past month by Susan Kneeland had fewer CBSPS members and more from the public, bringing the number up to 22!

What's even more exciting is that those in attendance at the second seminar expressed interest in a *Hurricane Preparedness Seminar* that we had not scheduled for this year. As a result of this interest, we are going to start Hurricane Season, June 1<sup>st</sup>, with just such a seminar. The Port Canaveral Yacht Club has graciously given us access to their facility for this event and SEO, Sandy Schoonmaker will present the seminar along with a panel of boaters to assist in answering questions from the attendees. It should be a great event. (see the flyer included in this publication for more details)

This is not to distract from the previously scheduled *VHF-DSC Radio Seminar* to be taught on 22 June. Rick Schoonmaker will discuss the use of VHF radios and the implementation of the Digital Selective Calling function, a feature that is relatively new to the boaters of Central Florida.

We are still looking for a few good "do-it-yourself" boaters who need some assistance with understanding the wiring systems on their boats. The *Marine Electrical Systems* class begins 10 June at Wuesthoff Hospital, running through 29 July. Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Cost: \$48.00/\$58.00 for two. Register ASAP at seo@cbsps or on-line at [www.cbsps.com](http://www.cbsps.com).



Keep Brevard Beautiful Clean-up crew: l-r: Cdr. Muenier, Jay Longway, Bob Rutigliano, Joe Greene, Elissa Watts, Brian Watts.



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All members are recruiters, if you know of someone that may be interested in joining us please offer them information. If you are uncomfortable talking to someone about joining let a member of the bridge know and we will talk to them.

Blessing of the Fleet will take place 18 May (south of the 520 Banana River bridge).

There will be no guest speaker for the June General Meeting.

A tidal datum is a level from which heights and depths are measured.

“ No profession in England has done its duty until it has furnished a victim; even our boasted Navy never achieved a great victory until we shot an admiral. “

Benjamin Disraeli: Tancred, 1847

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**LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P**



I hope all of you, have a nice, and safe summer, whatever you will be doing, and wherever you may travel.

Happy Birthday to all who will be celebrating a birthday in June, and July.

**JUNE**

Joseph Green	06/19
Johnny McCandless	06/05
Michael McNamara	06/28
Ronald Sageser	06/20
John Scholtz	06/13
Judy Shapow	06/14
Charles Vilardebo	06/17

**JULY**

Carmen Adame	07/30
Joseph Auchter	07/26
Debra Burleson	07/13

**JULY**

Sidney Gay	07/12
Adrienne Goldstein	07/26
Susan Kneeland	07/03
Peter Knox IV	07/15
Jay Longway III	07/18
Glen Meldrum	07/26
Francesca Ragusa	07/06
Sandy Schoonmaker	07/20
Marian Sweigart	07/22
Doris Valentine	07/27
Donald Weir	07/07

## COCO-NAUTS CORNER

### Debra Burleson, PRESIDENT

We had our card/card party on May 10, and it was very well attended. We sold over 50 tickets, thanks to Doris Valentine, and Marilyn Flanigan, who we the top sellers. There were so many people, that were instrumental, with getting the party underway, starting out with Barbara Millner, who made and printed the tickets for us, as well as persons, who donated door prizes, and made/brought desserts, and pastries to the event. Many thanks to the planning committee, which consisted of Pamela Johnson, Marian Sweigart, Denise Stone, Doris Valentine, & myself. Marge Balkema, made a huge wine/cheese basket, that we raffled, that was very well received. I must mention Mike Stone, who helped the committee set up/and put everything back at the church, and Genevieve Link, who handled the tickets, and money at the front door! We could not have done as well, without everyone's help!!!

Doris Valentine sold the most tickets, but declined the award! She said this would be her gift to the auxiliary.

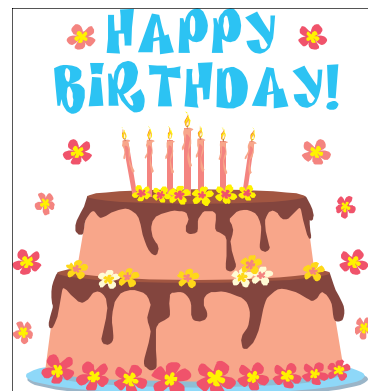
Our next meeting will be held, at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge, on June 12th, starting at 1130am. You may order from the menu, or brown bag! Hope to see a lot of you since this will be our last meeting until September 11th!!!

#### June Birthdays

03 - Millie Kirkwood  
04 - Doris Hess

#### July Birthdays

03 - Susan Kneeland  
06 - Francesca Ragusa  
13 - Debra Burleson  
20 - Sandra Schoonmaker  
22 - Marian Sweigart  
27 - Doris Valentine



**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

**May 2013**

**18-24, Saturday, Safe Boating Week**

**23 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

**24 - Friday, 0800, Keep Brevard Beautiful, Brevards Veterans Memorial Center**

**25 - TBD, Flare demonstration, Eau Gallie Boat Ramp (by BRSPS)**

**June 2013**

**01 - Saturday, 0930, Hurricane Seminar, Port Canaveral Yacht Club**

**01 - Saturday, 1700, Blue Dolphin Cruise, Kelly Park, Merritt Island, FL**

**04 - Tuesday, 1900, General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island, FL**

**08 - Saturday, 0930 - 1300, ABC3 class, day 1, Cape Canaveral Hospital**

**10 - Monday, Marine Electric System, Wuesthoff Hospital**

**12 - Wednesday, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Merritt Island Moose Lodge**

**15 - Saturday, 0930-1300, ABC3 class, day 2, Cape Canaveral**

**22 - Saturday, 0930, Using VHF Seminar, Port Canaveral Yacht Club**

**27 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

**29 - Saturday, 0600, Offshore Fishing, West of Cape Canaveral Locks**

**July 2013**

**03 - Saturday, 1100, Grills on the River**

**06 - Tuesday, 1900, General Meeting, Brevards Veteran's Center**

**13 - Saturday, 0930, GPS Seminar, Port Canaveral Yacht Club**

**25 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting**

**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 fHor updates*

## **THANKS TO OUR BOOSTERS**

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

**Congratulations Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron Members! We knocked it out of the park this time. When all of the dust settles we will have raised a little over \$1,800 for the Cocoa Village Relay for Life Cancer Walk held on April 27, 2013. This is the most ever raised to date. Thank you for all who donated and/or participated in the event. We are a boating fraternity but again proved we are willing to accept the challenge of supporting an unrelated community activity to defeat Cancer.**

**I just came from the final Relay Team meeting for this year and we received the Rising Star award. As a matter of fact the entire Cocoa Village teams raised \$80,400 which exceeded the goal by 30% and is a record! There were only 4 of 13 teams in Brevard County that met their goals this year and we were one of them. In addition, statewide, this relay ranked in the top 10. We should be proud to be a part of this success!**



### **BLOOD DONATION**

*The next blood donation will be on 26 June @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!*





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

**Our May 18, Saturday, Our “Blessing of the Fleet” event should have taken place. I hope the weather cooperated and many boaters came out. Thanks!**

**June 29, Saturday, we have scheduled our “Off-Shore Fishing Event”. Our own L/Cdr Louis Harlow, AP will be hosting this event, that begins early at 6:00 AM on the west side of the Canaveral Locks, waiting for them to open. (of course you can be on the other side as well) Come prepared to fish and to be out there for 6 hours at least. Call Lou on his phone, 243-4869 or email at [kandlinc426@yahoo.com](mailto:kandlinc426@yahoo.com) for details, how to meet, planning or other details. We need 5 boats to hold this event. This can be a great event for all participants. You have plenty of time to get ready beginning now. An interesting side note is that P/C Bud Miller had his video of a previous off-shore fishing trip, that I participated in, at the CBSPS Booth at Cancer Walk in Cocoa last week. We brought home some big fish and was it ever exciting.**

**July 4, Thursday, we Raft-Up at 7 PM, just south of Lee Wenner Park and “Watch the Cocoa Fireworks”. Weather cooperating we should have a good time. Keep me advised if you plan to attend. 452-5892.**

### **OFF SHORE FISHING TRIP with LT/C Lou Harlow, AP**

**Date: June 29, 2013 (Saturday)**

**Meet-Up: West of Cape Canaveral Locks in Your Boat 0600 LCL**

**Equipment: Boat gassed for 6 Hours on the water, Crew and all Safety Equipment**

**Fishing gear for Trolling and Bottom Fishing**

**Rigged Ballyhoo or artificial lures ready to fish**

**Coolers Iced**

**Talk to me, will help with planning**

#### **THE PLAN:**

**Thru the locks when they open and to open water**

**Travel Off-Shore following Lou Harlow who is spotting wrecks**

**(Positions will vary according to weather and weed lines)**

**Rig Lines and Troll for Dolphin, maybe Sail or other**

**Pull in Lines and go to other sites and retry**

**If no luck try Bottom Fish**

**Plan back at Locks by 1200**

**Want to have 5 boats to put on the event, Call Lou Harlow at 321- 243-4869.**

## CBSPS Photo Gallery



Top left, then going clockwise: May 2013 speaker: Russell Jamieson, Atlas Insurance; Instructor Development: Ron Sageser, w/Sandra Schoonmaker, instructor, Cdr. Meunier, John Scholtz; AP Class: Lance VandeBerg, Kermit Forbes, Mike Stone, Bob Rutigliano, John Scholtz, Jan Scholtz, & Rick Schoonmaker, instructor; Senior Member Award: Bob Mittauer, w/Cdr. Muenier; Perfect attendance Award - 1 year: Rick Schoonmaker, Sandy Schoonmaker, Bob Rutigliano, Susan Kneeland, Marian Sweigart, Doris Valentine, & Cdr. Muenier; Navigation Award: Ken Charles, & Cdr. Muenier; New Members: Diana Sageser, Ron Sageser, & Edmund Zahn, & Cdr. Muenier; Piloting Class: Ron Sageser, Joe Greene, Susan Kneeland, instructor, Gary Pepin.



## Boating Seminars



### Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron presents:

	<h3>Hurricane Preparation</h3> <p>Basics of how to plan for the big one. Boat gear, marina contract, insurance, making plans, responsibilities, post hurricane, etc.</p> <p><b>Date: 1 June 2013</b></p>
	<h3>Using VHF &amp; VHF/DSC Marine Radio</h3> <p>Basics of VHF radio are discussed. Boaters are taught how to access Digital Selective Calling (DSC) service with linkage to Coast Guard Rescue 21 System now available in our area. Learn what an MMSI is, why you want one and how easy and free it is to get.</p> <p><b>Date: 22 June 2013</b></p>
	<h3>Using GPS</h3> <p>Explains the principles of waypoint navigation and how to relate your GPS to charts. A generic description of the functions of the GPS, including the numerous "buttons" and how to access and utilize the different screens are covered.</p> <p><b>Date: 13 July 2013</b></p>

**When?** Registration - 9:30 AM Seminar- 10:00-12:00

**Where?** Port Canaveral Yacht Club - 910 Mullet Drive  
Cape Canaveral, FL

**Cost?** \$10/family

Preregister & info at [SEO@cbsps.com](mailto:SEO@cbsps.com) or [www.CBSPS.com](http://www.CBSPS.com)

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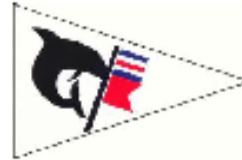
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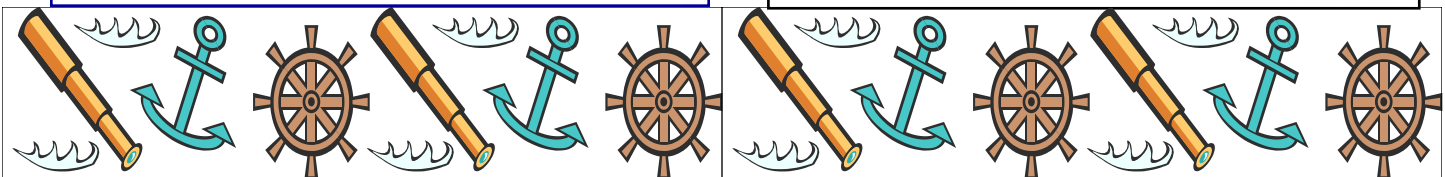
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