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## General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2005; 19:00

Cocoa Civic Center

430 Delanoy Avenue, Cocoa Village

Guest Speaker: Troy Rice

Director

of the

Indian River Lagoon Program

(With Apologies to Paul Harvey...)

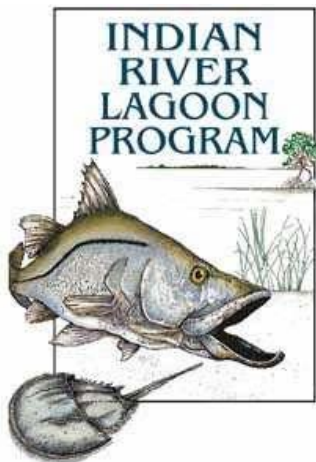
And now, the rest of the story...

Troy Rice is the Director of the Indian River Lagoon Program, an organization comprised of over 20 federal, state and local governments, non-profits, businesses and the public who are working in consensus to protect and restore the Indian River Lagoon. He is responsible for managing the Lagoon's multi-million dollar restoration initiative, including the management of numerous water quality storm water retrofit projects, habitat improvements and environmental education programs throughout the estuary. Troy also oversees EPA assistance grants, annual state legislative budget requests, procurements and program planning.

Prior to becoming Director, Troy worked as the Project Administrator for the Program for nine years. He has also served in the US Air Force, being stationed in Europe and here in Brevard, at the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base.

Originally from Colorado, Troy holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Colorado, and a Masters of Science in International Relations from Troy State University. Troy is a graduate of the Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute with the University of Florida, and the 2003 class of Leadership Brevard. As a volunteer, Troy offers his knowledge and experience to the Leadership Brevard Program Committee and the Brevard Tomorrow Land Use and Growth Committee.

Please join your fellow members for another interesting evening in The Village...See you there!



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articles of interest you'd  
like to submit...**

*At The Helm*

**Commander John Mulkey, P**

The number of members attending the May Membership meeting was really impressive!

I believe that the change to the Cocoa Civic Center is proving to be the right move for us.

If you haven't attended a meeting there yet you really owe it to yourself to check it out. The City of Cocoa has refurbished the building and it's a wonderful place to hold our meetings.

The day after our Membership meeting P/C Bud Miller, JN held a meeting with his committee to plan for the District 23 Fall Conference. After the meeting stayed around for lunch at the Cozy Corner. We must have had 17 CBPS members in that little side room at the restaurant. P/C Miller remarked that our lunch crowd was bigger than some squadrons. Adds a new meaning to "Cozy Corner"!

The Titusville Raft-Up suffered the same fate as last year's Poker Run...WIND!!!

It seems like we are in a weather pattern that gives us bad weather on the weekends. Hopefully this will change for June. We plan to have GREAT WEATHER for the scheduled Poker Run on June 11, 2005.

I don't want to sound like a broken record but if yo haven't sent your dues in yet, please do so. We will be calling members this month that haven't sent in their dues. We don't want to lose a single member.

Each one of you is an important part of the CBPS. Thanks for making Cocoa Beach Power Squadron the biggest, and my opinion, the BEST Squadron in District 23.

Commander John Mulkey, P



## ***EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT***

***Lt/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN***

Did you ever stop to think that the Executive Department houses the committees that provide some very useful services to our community?

The most obvious are the Vessel Safety Exams that members conduct for boaters with whom we share our waterways. While talking with the boaters in the process of completing the inspection, the examiners share their expertise and answer safe boating questions--sometimes a mini "safe boating" lesson at the launch ramp!

To date, CBPS Vessel Safety Examiners have completed over 170 boat inspections. That means that there are now 170 boaters who are operating vessels that are either safely equipped or who are aware of any deficiencies that they may have.

During the month of May we recognized Safe Boating Week. Not only did we "bless" our own boats but we had a group of members who distributed Safe Boating literature to the public elementary schools on Merritt Island and Cocoa Beach.

The squadron also provides a service to NOAA through the Co-Op Charting Program. Lt. Bob Schaefer, P, conducted a training session on this subject and soon a whole new group will join the veteran reporters to assist in up-dating charts and locating markers, hopefully duplicating last year's success of being number 1 in District 23.

Although the squadron cannot as an organization become involved in legislative issues, our membership needs to be informed and then to act independently, as they see fit, on issues pertinent to boating. Thanks to John Lynn and Gene Millner, squadron members are kept up-to-date and several have become instrumental in influencing decisions that affect access and usage of local waterways.

It is gratifying to count up the number of members who are involved in these community services. Too often we focus on what the members are not doing and overlook the fact that there are a lot of folks doing a lot of good things for our community. Thank you to all of your time and efforts that reflect so highly upon the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron!

## ***SEO REPORT***

***P/D/C Fred Adame, SN***

We now have seven new Seamen in our crew! Seven members completed the Seamanship course and all seven passed the two, module examinations and can now place an "S" after their name. They are, in no particular order: Larry Burleson, Richard Herrick, Donna Longway, Ken Windsor, Bob Bradley, Bob McComb and Myles Wilkinson. Congratulations to these students who all stuck with it and did their homework and congratulations and thanks to Lt Bob Mittauer, AP, who did a great job of leading this class and preparing them for the two examinations.

Word must have gotten out that Lt Gene Millner, AP, was teaching the Engine Maintenance course because we have eleven members enrolled. The course is being taught in a comfortable classroom at the Cocoa Library and will have it's final exam on 22 June. Be sure to sign up next time it is offered.

Looking ahead to the summer, we plan to offer two relatively short member courses during the warmer months. They will both start the week right after the fourth of July.

After he gets back from a cruise to the Bahamas, Lt John Lynn, P, will teach Cruise Planning at our conference room at Wuesthoff Hospital. This is a relaxed and interesting course that covers all the peripheral items that go into planning for a cruise. John is well qualified, having sailed all the way to Bermuda, as well as to the Bahamas. The course will start on Thursday, 7 July, and will be held in a room just off the ground floor cafeteria. There's free coffee! If you call me soon to sign up, you'll be guaranteed a book on opening night.

The second of our summer offerings is Instructor Development. (For you old timers like me, it used to be called Instructor Qualification.) This is a course not just for instructors but for anyone who would like to gain experience in making presentations before a group. It even includes Power Point! The atmosphere is friendly and supportive and the instructor, Lt/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN, is an experienced teacher, herself. And better yet, the course book is free! You'll have a book on opening night if you sign up early by calling me at 635-9455.

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## Administrative Officer's Report Lt./C Ann McCandless, S

I would like to thank Al Pappas, Bud Miller, Pam Johnson, and Jane and Dick Schnoor for supplying the names of and the information about the speakers we have enjoyed at the CBPS monthly meetings. If you know of someone whose topic of information would be of interest to our group, please contact Lt. Johnny McCandless. He will be glad to arrange for them to address our meetings.

Speaking of monthly meetings, we're already looking forward to the August meeting when Angie and Charlie Vilardebo will assist us in planning the ALWAYS ENJOYABLE ITALIAN NIGHT. Be thinking of your favorite dish you'd like to share!! See the SOUNDINGS for more information!!

Duane Balkema continues to do an outstanding job as Boating Activities Chairman. Thank you, Duane!! And thanks to Kay and Jack Wurst for coordinating the Titusville Boating Activity. Great Job!!

## Secretary's Report Lt/C J P Longway III, S

Thanks to our Soundings sponsors for their timely renewals. I would ask those are not presently active Sponsors to consider helping with a minimum donation to offset the expenses necessary to publish and distribute the monthly Soundings.

Lt. Pam Johnson, P has agreed to be the permanent backup to Mailing Committee Chairman, Lt Paul Pfadenhauer, P. Thanks, Pam for agreeing to assist Paul and Joe Auchter, AP in the mailing process.

As a reminder, Members, if you have any address, phone or email changes, please let me know by email at [jpl3x@yahoo.com](mailto:jpl3x@yahoo.com) or calling 449-9037. This allows me to make timely updates to the USPS Data Base and the Squadron roster/ mailing lists.

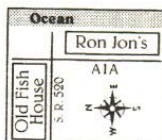
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***Italian Night is back by popular demand.  
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# **GALAXY 23**

## **FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE**

### **D/Lt/C Erv Dunn, SN**

### **Education Officer**

Clara, Clara, Clara... you didn't tell me about all the paperwork !!! The winter/spring education programs are in final stages. An active schedule by all Squadrons.

Still not getting HQ 800's from all Squadrons. Please make an effort to get your schedules of Public Boating classes posted on the USPS web page. This info will then be transmitted to Boat/US and various Florida State agencies who will publish and direct some potential Boating candidates to your phone or email contact. Also, I presume all SEO's know to send electronically or mail the ED-27's to HQ **immediately** after the final exam. If you send your ED-27 report to HQ via internet, HQ will automatically forward a copy to me. Otherwise, address the other copy to me, stamp and mail. See, the easy way is via internet.

Please start thinking about your Squadron candidate for the 2005 Chapman Award. Mid March all Squadrons received a packet with forms and instructions for recommending your most outstanding instructor. The Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching is presented annually to 5 individuals selected from District nominations who have shown outstanding performance in instruction of USPS courses.

Last year only 3 Squadrons from D/23 submitted a candidate. This year let's have 11 Chapman candidates. As the rules say, you can submit the same candidate again, write the nomination up a little different, another slant, etc. This is salesmanship !!!

With 11 resumés to judge, the field is much deeper and the District selection for the National competition is a greater honor for the individual and the Squadron.

SEO's please review the packet of information with your Commander and send your recommendation and write-up to me not later than 1 August 2005.

Any questions ??, Give me a call.

***P/Lt/C Robert W Schaefer, P.  
Honorable Co-op Charting Chmn.***

## ***How to Ease Info Geodetic Marker Recovery For Co-op Charting Credits (first of How-To articles)***

There are three parts to getting credits for geodetic marker recovery in the co-op charting program.

1. Homework to locate the markers you want to locate. This is computer work thru [www.geocaching.com/mark](http://www.geocaching.com/mark) (CTRL+click to enter site now and be sure to save to favorites all web page references so you don't have to enter address again—once is enough) where you locate markers thru a zip code. The web page lists the markers by PID #. Left click on the PID and read more about a marker. In the right column you may see that a member of the geo-caching club has found the mark and may have taken pictures. Easiest to locate at first a marker that member shows. They don't seem to report their findings to NGS.

2. Go out and find the mark. Take a pic of it with a GPS next to it showing the Lat and Lon so you can compare the Lat and Lon shown for the PID #.

3. Report the finding to NGS at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/FORMS-PROCESSING-cgi-bin/recvy-entry-www.pri> Fill out the form. If you have more than one PID to report, fill out the form, then back up and fill it out for the second PID, etc. A marker may only be reported once every 12 mos. The form will ask at the end if this mark is available for satellite viewing. Ans yes or no.

Next report the finding to/FORMS- the co-op charting page. This is where you send the report to the District Chmn for award of credits. Speaking of credits when report time spent report all your research time and time of finding the mark and reporting or them to NGS and Co-op charting.

If you have not logged into the co-op charting program go to <http://www.usps.org/national/coch/site/top.html> (CTRL+click to enter site) Click on CCWEB in left column and in the next page again click on CCWEB—at upper right. This will bring up a practice page enter page. To enter it use the username A000000 (that's 6 zero's). In the second space enter yourself as a general user and then use the word "test" for the password. This will bring up the actual practice page. There is a change of profile line. Go to it and fill out the questions. Use 'cocoab' for your password. Log out to the home page and then re-enter with your USPG #, general user and password 'cocoab" Go to making a report and fill out the first form of those participating in the recovery. Go to geodetic reports. Change the date at the top first. Then fill out the requested data. Put in date reported to NGS and ultimately fill in the time and mileage info. At the bottom send report to Dist Chmn. The form will ask if you really want to send the report now and ans. Yes.

When you sign into the co-op charting page—practice or home—you will see on the left a column of add'l info pages. Best to take the time to read what is there. The guide at the top has many add'l pages. You don't have to read it all but best to review.

You may wish to read the credits document so you get the best bang for your efforts and time!!!!!!!!!!!!

Have fun! Next month we'll take a look at the navigable water effort .

# CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

## JUNE:

- 07-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 08-Wednesday; 11:30; Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting - MI Moose Lodge
- 11-Saturday; 12:30-4:30 PM; Poker Run at 520 Bridge
- 28-Tuesday, 1900-2100; Exec. Board Mtg; Merritt Island Library; N. Courtenay Pkwy.

## JULY:

- 04 & 05–Monday/Tuesday, 18:00-21:00 Fourth of July Raft up off Lee Wenner Park
- 05-Tuesday; Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 26-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.

Members, please take note that we have a wide selection of supplies and clothing in all sizes available for immediate purchase from the Ships Store. If there is a particular item or size that is not in the inventory, I/Lt Joan Montfort, S will order it for you with an advance payment.





## *Coco-Nauts' Corner*

Barbara Millner, President

The Coco-Nauts held their May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Merritt Island Red Lobster and were given a startling message concerning 'Identity Theft' by Julie Torpy from the Sheriff's Department. Tips were given to help prevent becoming a victim to this costly financial crime. She also shared ideas on what to do if you've become a victim of identity theft.

This year's fundraiser, a High Tea & Fashion Show, was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Faith Lutheran Church on Merritt Island. Over a hundred ladies attended this event which was headed up by Kay Wurst. We thank Kay for all the work that she put into making this such a success. It was evident that Marge Balkema had been busy, as her artistically arranged flowers were everywhere! The table hostesses added to the elegance of the event with their beautiful table settings—again with fresh flower arrangements on each of the twelve tables. Scones, finger sandwiches and desserts—along with several varieties of tea were enjoyed by attendees. Modeling was done by Lea Collins, Linda Feldes, Linda Granger, Donna Longway and Judy Miller, who are five of our newer members. This event was truly a team effort with so many members becoming involved. Thank you to all who bought tickets and to those who worked so hard!

Our last meeting before the summer break will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge. A salad luncheon is planned for this meeting. Cindy Flachmeier, Director of the Brevard Domestic Violence Program for the Salvation Army, will speak on the topic of 'Trafficking of Young Children'. At this meeting we'll need to discuss what the Coco-Nauts will be doing to assist with the District Fall Conference being hosted by our Squadron. We hope to see you there!

Coco-Nauts with June birthdays include:

2<sup>nd</sup>—Kay Wurst

4<sup>th</sup>—Doris Hess

Happy Birthday Ladies!!!



## Chaplain's Corner Denise Stone, P

Please keep the spouses and the families of P/C John Valentine, AP and Vic Grumblatt, SN and Life Member in your thoughts and prayers. Both members died recently, John on 4/5/05 and Vic on 3/30/05.

They will be missed by all of their friends in the Squadron and District 23. Both families have expressed their appreciation to the Squadron for attending and participating in the respective Funeral Services.



**Membership Update:** If you haven't sent in your dues yet,

**PLEASE DO SO NOW.** We don't want to lose ANYONE!

## Welcome aboard to our New Members...

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# DISTRICT 23 FALL CONFERENCE

It's not too early to mark your calendars for the District 23 Fall Conference being hosted by the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron at the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort. The dates to set aside for this fun-packed weekend are September 1-October 2, 2005. At \$79.99/night, double occupancy, these rates at a beachside hotel cannot be duplicated! Even better, the rates are good for three days prior to and three days after the Conference.

Although the main purpose of the weekend is to conduct the official business of District 23, there are several fun-filled events for all squadron members and their guests.

After a visit to the CBPS Hospitality Room, begin your weekend on Friday night at a "Tailgate Party" in the hotel's Manatee Room. Featuring a Beach Blanket BBQ, the dress of the evening is your favorite sports team's attire: professional, collegiate, football, baseball, NASCAR (a chance to name your game). The evening's entertainment will be compliments of the ever famous Jammin' Joe and Son.

While the District Meetings are being held on Saturday, two special events have been scheduled for non-participating members, spouses and guests. At 0930, the Blue Dolphin, a covered tour boat, will leave Port Canaveral for a one and a half hour cruise through the Canaveral Lock, onto the Banana River and into the Barge Canal viewing the abundant wildlife along the way. Reservations, with payment, are being taken in advance for this event. At 1330, Gourmet Chef, Robert Mittauer, will conduct a cooking demonstration. There is no charge but it is requested that reservations be made in advance to assure adequate seating.

Lunch is open to all attendees, reservations required. With a combination of salads, fruit, breads, cold meats, and dessert served in a casual buffet style, the meal will provide a relaxing interlude between meetings and special events.

As the planned activities wind down, attendees may relax poolside or take a walk along beautiful Cocoa Beach.

The CBPS Hospitality Room will be open prior to the Saturday evening's formal dinner featuring a choice of three entrees. Reservations are required. Drawings for door prizes and the raffle winners will be held at this time.

And just when you think your weekend is finished, the "N Club" is hosting a breakfast for all attendees on Sunday morning. Reservations to this event include a guest speaker and a hearty breakfast to sustain you on your journey home.

Remember, September 30-October 2, 2005...a weekend with something for everyone! Make your reservations early so you don't miss any of the excitement!

## *2005 Boating Activity*

### **Recap of Raftup with Titusville PS**

Our first boating event of the season was a qualified success...qualified primarily because of the wind. Otherwise, the weather could not have been more pleasant. The sun was out and the temperature was perfect. But the threat of wind, which really did not materialize until late afternoon, kept several of the smaller boats in port.

There were just two boats, both sail, from Titusville PS. CBPS had four boats...Serenade, Fair Dunkum, Prime Time, and Shelly D. Prime Time and Serenade's dink did water taxi duty to the island. Although small, the island was pleasant enough with a long bar running southeastward, providing shallow water to disembark the taxis and a safe area for children to play.

We had hoped for a little mixing with the other squadron members, but alas that was not to be. Titusville people stayed on their two rafted sailboats, and CBPS people were either on the island or comfortably seated on Fair Dinkum. By late afternoon, most of the boats had departed, as the predicted wind forecast an uncomfortable night at anchor. The return trip was a little bumpy and, for the smaller boats, a little wet, though not dangerous.

If you want to hear about the importance of a shakedown cruise, talk with the skipper of the Shelly D. He and his mate had some anxious moments before arriving safely at home.

Everything considered, we all enjoyed the day on the water.

### **Coming Events**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, is the Poker Run, on Banana River, near the HWY 520 Bridge.** The event starts at **12:30, just South-West of the HWY 520 Bridge**, in your boat. We assemble and get instructions. This is another fun event for all the family. It requires collecting a 5 card hand from boats and docks via instructions given and whomever gets the best hand wins a prize. Speed is not important at all. Balkema at 452-5892 has all the info. The event lasts 3 to 4 hours.

**Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> is the Raftup on Indian River just off Lee Wenner Park to watch the City of Cocoa Fireworks display.** The raft-up should be assembled by 6:00 PM, but many will come much earlier. Some will overnight, others not. Schoonmakers at 453-8130 have all the info.

### **2005 Boating Activity Schedule for Cocoa Beach Power Squadron**

<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>CONTACT/COORDINATOR</i>	<i>PHONE #</i>
Cruise to Titusville & Raft-up (Spoil Isl. South of Titusville Swing Bridge)	April 30/May 1	Jack & Kay Wurst	259-6431
Blessing of the Fleet off Lee Wenner Park in Cocoa 11am (picnic follows)	May 21	John Mulkey/Duane Balkema	452-5892
Poker Run on Banana River 12:30 at 520 Bridge - 4:30 PM	June 11	Duane Balkema	452-5892
Fourth of July Raft-up off Lee Wenner Park In Cocoa 6 - 9PM	July 4/5	Rick & Sandy Schoonmaker	453-8130
St. Johns River Cruise to Springs, starting from Astor	August 27	Need a volunteer w/Trailer Boat	452-5892
Palm Coast/Labor Day 3 day trip (Cruise on N following weekend)	September 3/4/5	Dick Fille	868-1883
Cruise to Melbourne Harbor for Weekend at Docks	September 17/18	John Lynn	537-8438
Halloween on Water Ski Island & Overnight if desired	October 29/30	Stan & Jan Greenwood	254-2449
Cruise to Marker 21 & Overnight (near Grant)	November 5/6	Need a volunteer	452-5892

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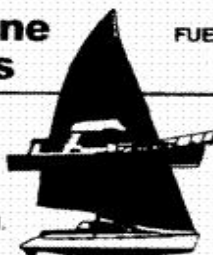


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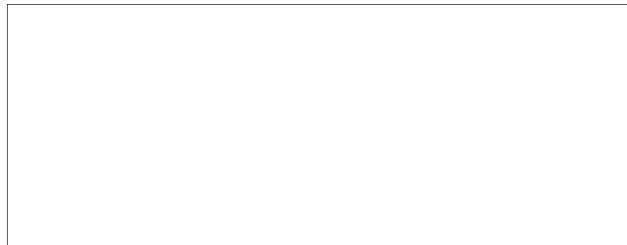
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