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## Without Water Where Would We Be? Elizabeth Thomas, P.E., DEE To Speak At March 14 Meeting— Topic: St. John’s River Water Management

Sounds like a repeat of Dr. Gerry Roseberry’s report at the January meeting, but it’s not! Are we obsessed with this subject? A little!

But this time, our guest speaker, for our March 4th meeting, will give us some insight about the St. Johns River Water Management and what is being done to resolve water conservation, water problems and discuss solutions.

Our speaker, Elizabeth Thomas, P.E., DEE graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree and from the University of Central Florida with a Master’s Degree in Environmental Engineering. She has worked in both the private and public sector and has been a practicing engineer for over twenty years. In 1995, she joined the St. Johns River Water Management District and is now a Senior Project Manager in the Water Supply Management Division and Reuse Coordinator for the District working on new water supplies for the rapidly growing central Florida region.

## CHANGE OF WATCH OFFICIAL—NEW BRIDGE INSTALLED

### THE PAST BRIDGE DESERVES MANY THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

The Change of Watch Installation and dinner was held at the Doubletree Hotel on Feb. 16 at 4:00 P.M.

The newly elected 2003-2004 Bridge is now officially in charge of leading the Squadron in all its activities and it is hoped that they will do honor to their positions as their predecessors have done.

Speaking for the membership, we extend our appreciation to the 2002-2003 Bridge Officers; Cdr Les Tribout, AP, and Ev Tribout, his charming wife, who helped him however she could, Lt/C Richard D. Fille, P, P/C Edward Bonnett, SN, Lt/C Marion A. (Bud ) Miller, JN, Lt/C Michael A. Stone, P, Lt/C Howard M. Bernbaum, SN, 1/Lt Agnes M. Bond, AP, and 1/Lt Raymond C. Smith. Under their able direction the Squadron completed a successful year. Many thanks. While thanking people we must not forget Lt Doris Valentine and Lt Pam Johnson, S, who have made all arrangements for the Change of Watch installation dinner.



The newly elected Bridge displaying their burgees: Howard Bernbaum, Pam Johnson, Lea Collins, Bud Miller, Ray Smith, Gary Pell, Dick Fille, and Bob Schaeffer.

Photographer: Trent Milliken

Below, Commander Dick Fille, AP, being sworn in as the new CBPS commander by D/C David C. Legg, Sr, SN



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### A Squadron Welcome to new member:

Joseph Chrzaszcz and Mate: Rita  
1370 Wekiva Drive  
Melbourne, 32940  
751-9926

#### Welcome, New Coco-Naut Members



Angie Vilardebo, Marilyn Mutchler, Lorraine Pell, JoAnn Monai, Gwynn Barber, Jean Gaudreau, Ann McCandless, Ann Lawton, and Marilyn Schmidt



POKER RUN

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## PRESENTING THE NEW BRIDGE 2003-2004

### **The Bridge Commander**

Richard D. Fille, AP  
868-1883

### **Executive Officer**

Lt/C Robert W. Schaefer, P  
784-9128

### **Administrative Officer**

Lt/C Marion A. Miller, JN  
638-1247

### **Educational Officer**

Lt/C Howard M. Bernbaum, SN  
452-0320

### **Secretary**

Lt/C Pamela Johnson, P  
783-0560

### **Treasurer**

Lt/C Raymond C. Smith, S  
799-1991

### **Asst. Educational Officer**

P/C Lester Tributou, AP  
636-5811

### **Asst. Secretary**

1/Lt Lea Collins, P  
631-3911

### **Assistant Treasurer**

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784-5184

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635-9455

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633-0094

Lt John H. Lynn, P  
537-8438

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799-3635

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Lt. Trent S. Milliken, P

CBPS picked a winner when we elected **Richard Durham Fille** as our Commander. He was born in Hamilton Ohio, attended Princeton University, Heidelberg University (Germany), Salzburg Summer School (Austria) and Miami of Ohio. He had majors in International Politics and Economics for which he earned a BA degree, and then an MBA in Finance and taught Economics at Miami of Ohio.

Dick and his wife, Penny (from Milwaukee) were married in 1959 and have 2 daughters, 1 son, and four grandchildren.

Dick started his business career as Investment Analyst for Robert W. Baird and Co. in Milwaukee, moved to Green Bay, WI in 1963 and worked as an analyst and representative for Baird. In 1970 he was hired by Associated Bank Corp to head their Green Bay Trust Investment and Portfolio Management operations. It would be easy to go on about his many business endeavors, but let's move forward to the late 80's when he started his own consulting business.

Dick and Penny moved to Cocoa Beach in 1993. They have a family business that provides accounting a cash flow management to physicians. In addition, Dick still provides investment management for some trusts and endowment investment management for some trusts and endowment funds.

A man of many interests, Dick enjoys boating, golfing, computers, photography, and the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron.

Is it appropriate to say, "Hail to the chief?"

### **Introducing Our New Executive Officer**

Robert W Schaefer, P, was born 9/14/31 in Salina, Kansas. Education Sacred Heart Grade and High School, Notre Dame University, University of Kansas Law School, Lawrence, Ks. He started law practice in 1956 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, with a law firm and remained with the firm until he retired in m 1996 to Cocoa Beach with his wife, Sheryle and their boat, DA BOAT.

He served on City and municipal Planning Commissions and Board of Adjustments; Nat'l Secretary and Board Member of Easter Seal Society and State Pres; V-P and Board member of Germans from Russia Historical Society; Pres of Nat'l Railroad Museum in Green Bay; etc, etc. He joined the Green Bay Power Squadron in the 70's, became inactive and rejoined in Green Bay in '97. He sailed in Green Bay for years on three different boat--starting with a 28', then 36' and finally a 39' Erickson. He now has an 18' electric powered boat by Duffy Marine. He plays some golf and plays around with the computer and Internet. He is a man of much intellect and little talk.

He is the President of a corporation which builds dormitories in Green Bay at the University of Wisconsin. 14 have been built so far. This a charitable project. We doff our hat to you, Bob.

When Bob provided this material he concluded with, "Feel like I am doing my obit". Not hardly, Bob. As Executive Officer of the Squadron you'll be "Stayin' Alive!"

### **And here's Howard, your new SEO**

"Learning the ropes" is a naval expression which quite literally means getting an education about something and gaining experience in its use.

I think you'll find that the new bridge members will "learn the ropes"

Howard M. Bernbaum, SN has been a member of the CBPS since 1979. He was raised in West Palm Beach where he learned to sail at the ripe old age of 8. By age 11 he was the proud owner of a Moth class sail boat which he raced for 4 years. He graduated from Miami Beach High School and earned a couple of degrees from the University of Miami & a MSME from Memphis State. His career resulted in his having lived in several different parts of the country including New York, Pittsburgh, Memphis and finally Merritt Island. Howard has owned 4 different sailboats, including the current Hunter 37, and has owned 3 power boats. He has cruised the Abacos several times and has been up and down the Intra - Coastal Waterway as far north as Hilton Head Island and as far south Key West. He sailed to Bermuda last year with John Lynn and Ray Sayyah. Howard has been the Assistant SEO for the past several years and looks forward to working for CBPS as the SEO. He's also looking forward to having Les Tributou, Assistant SEO, share some of the work. While living in Memphis he was an Assoc. Professor of ME and as an Asst. scoutmaster spent his spare time camping and canoeing with the boy scouts.

Howard has been working as co-editor of the Soundings, and his wife, Rhoda, and he have agreed that when on the water he is the Captain, things are a little bit different when they are on terra firma.



## AND HERE'S MARION,

(affectionately known as Bud)

### our new Administrative Assistant

Bud is a man who does well whatever he does. In his job as secretary of CBPS he was in charge of the Soundings and worked with the Soundings editor cooperatively. He's a darn good writer, too.

He grew up in Tampa, Florida, moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he went to high school and college. Upon graduation from Georgia Tech he entered into business and lived in Kansas City, Sunnyvale, and Northridge, California., Hagerstown, Maryland,. He then he moved to Brevard in 1983 where he and his wife Judy have since resided.

Along the way he obtained an MBA from the University of Santa Clara, worked in Aerospace manufacturing and operations management, he retired 3 years ago from the Kennedy Space Center.

His boating activities began in high school while living in Atlanta starting out with a Scott-Atwater boat with a 5HP engine. His next boat was one that he and his father built from a Chris Craft kit that was powered by a 10 HP Mercury engine which seemed like a lot of power back then. While in college he moved up to a 12 ½ foot ski boat powered by a 25 HP Johnson. Since returning to Florida he has owned a bow rider, center console, sailboat, and currently a 30' Sea Ray cruiser. Ever the perfectionist, he is still looking for the right boat.

Since joining the CBPS in 1990, he has served as Chairman of Programs, and Boating Activities committees for three years each, Squadron Secretary, and Vessel Safety Inspector. He also served as president of the Space Coast Georgia Tech Club and as a member of the Cocoa Rotary. Club His wife and first mate Judy, are health and exercise conscious and have managed to stay perennially young.



Bud and Judy photographed at Coral Bay Restaurant by Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW

### SECRETARY

One might think that the Secretary only takes minutes. Not so when you are the Secretary of CBPS. The Secretary heads up the Soundings, seeing to its production and mailing and advertising., keeping up-to-date records of all members of this squadron and more tasks than there is space to list.

We are fortunate indeed to have Lt /CPamela H. Johnson, P, as our Secretary.

She has been a member of CBPS since September 20, 2001. Pam was born in Chicago, IL and has lived in Mississippi, Arkansas, Georgia and Virginia. Her husband, Larry Johnson, P, and she now reside in Cocoa Beach. They have lived here since November 2000 and joined the ranks of happy homeowners in March 2001.

They began boating in November 2001 when they purchased their first boat which is a 22 ft 2001 Sea Doo Islandia Jet Boat

They enjoy cruising and fishing on both the river and on the ocean.

Last year Pam was the hardworking Entertainment Chairman of the Squadron. Her work experience as a project coordinator equipped her well for that position and for her new position on the Bridge She puts her heart into everything she does. This energetic, efficient woman will be an excellent addition to the Bridge as our new Secretary. She has also been elected as President of the Coco-Nauts. She's going to be a mighty busy woman.

### THE CBPS TREASURER WILL BE

#### LT/ RAYMOND C. SMITH

Ray has been a member of CBPS for something less than 2 years. However back in the early 70's he belonged to the Staten Island Power Squadron (NY) and though he had been inactive since 1977 his membership was reactivated when he applied to CBPS

His wife, Rita, and he became boaters late in life when they bought an older classic wooden Matthews that Ray spent far more time working on than cruising. They later bought Gingham in Maine, registered her in New Hampshire.

While they had Gingham they brought her from New England, did most of their cruising in NY & NJ waters and eventually brought her to Florida thru the ICW at which time they retired.

They arrived in Florida, October, 1977, and lived aboard at the Diamond 99 Marina until January, 1978, when they bought a house in Satellite Beach. Due to Rita's failing health and other pressures they sold their boat shortly afterward.

Ray stayed out of boating until the year 2000 during which time the Smiths moved to Suntree. Rita passed on, and Lynne, his daughter arranged a relocation to FL to be with her father, and the two moved to Cape Canaveral living in the house the house she had built.

Ray has since bought a 1988 Sea Ray (26' in/out) named Sea Hawk after his college teams. He has barely used it thus far and it is indeed suffering from disuse which he hopes to change very shortly.

We welcome you to your new position on the Bridge.

## MEET OUR NEW ASSISTANT

### SEO

You all know Les as Cdr Les. He will be working with the SEO who is happy to have the conscientious, hardworking P/C Lester R. Tribout, AP, as his assistant.

P/C Lester Tribout AP, was born August 16, 1933, and spent most of his younger years in a farming community, Greenville, Ill. When he was 12 years old his father was made a manager with Kieser Aluminum Co. and the family was transferred to San Bernadino, Ca. The family returned to Ill. in 1948. Les attended and graduated from O'Fallon Township High in 1951 and went to work for McDonnell Aircraft Co. in St Louis, Mo. He attended St Louis Univ. and received his M. E. Degree in 1960. In 1961, he was assigned to the Mercury/Gemini Space Program and in Nov. '63 was transferred to KSC. In 1966 Les remarried and raised two boys and his daughter who grew up on Merritt Island. He worked with all "Original Seven" Astronauts on Mercury/Gemini and all follow-on Space Programs. (continued next page)

## ASSISTANT SEO P/C LES TRIBOUT

(cont'd)

His name is etched on the monument at the "Space Walk of Fame" in Titusville as a Space Pioneer. (He's proud of the small mark he made in history.) He was in the first Boating Course the CBPS taught at M. I. High School in 1968. He joined the Squadron in March 1968. He was Cruise/Rendezvous Chairman, later Asst. Sec., then Asst. Treasurer, and then Admin. Officer when sent overseas in the early 70s. He returned to U. S. in March '80 and was assigned to the Shuttle Launch Team as Manager of McDonnell Douglas GSE, Trailers, Vehicles & Test Facilities for Manned Launches until the Challenger explosion in Jan. '86.

In Feb. '86 Les was assigned to the "Senior Needle" Advanced Tomahawk Missile Program.

He retired from McDonnell Douglas in 1992. His wife, Marijane, passed away in 1995. In 1999 Ev and he were married and they began getting involved in CBPS activities. In 2001, Les became Exec. Officer and then Cdr in 2002.

"And a right good Commander too."

## MEET THE NEW ASST. SECRETARY I/LT LEA COLLINS, P

Leah and Dave Collins have been members of USPS for ten years. Leah was working in Brussels for Intel International as a Marketing liason between the Benalux, Italy, France, and the USA.. She met Dave in Brussels, they dated for three years and moved to Florida in 1981. Her two passions are theater and boating. She recently appeared in a play at BCC in the Experimental Theater and they recently sold their sailboat, La Chaloupe. Dave and she now own a "stink pot" Deviation, a Chris Craft. Last November they went on a short cruise with the Power Squadron, and enjoyed themselves immensely. She and Dave collated merit mark credits for the squadron this year—no small task.

## ASST. TREASURER, GARY PELL, P

He has been a member of CBPS for 2 years. He originally hailed from Toronto, Canada. The family moved to Palm Beach County in 1956 then to Del Ray where he finished high school. He graduated the University of Florida with two degrees in '63 or '67 - BSPT Physical Therapy. Cont'd next column

He became a U.S. citizen in 1961. Garry was in the U.S. Navy from '63 to '65. He served on the aircraft carrier Med.

He and his wife, Lorraine, have two children, Bryan Jr. and Cherie. He works for Health First in Cocoa Beach as a Physical Therapist. He's been there since 1967.

His present boat is an 18 foot run-about, a canoe, and kayak for river use.

Along with material for his biography, Garry showed us his 1826 copy of Bowditch Navigation. What a treasure!

The book contains boating instructions, repairs, navigation tips (anything and everything you want to know about boats and navigation of that day.). The cost of publishing was defrayed by advertising, -page after page of advertising

Because it is classic, I didn't ask to keep it to review, but I thought I would copy part of a page of advertising (yep, they advertised even then), to give you an idea of the merchandising of that time.

Notice the date, May, 1826.

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May, 1826.

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May, 1826.

**SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS.**

## **BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP**

In wooden ships, the "devil" was the longest seam of the ship. It ran from the bow to the stern. When at sea and the "devil" had to be caulked, the sailor sat in a bo'sun's chair to do so. He was suspended between the "devil" and the sea — the "deep". — a very precarious position, especially when the ship was underway.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

As your new Bridge swings into action I would thank the following that have volunteered to serve as committee chairpersons for the next year:

Membership- Doris Valentine	Member Involvement- Clarence Pennington
Boating Activities- Randy Johnson	Entertainment- Lynne Schaeffer/ Agnes Bond
Blood Bank- Pat Clay	Refreshments- Ann McCandress
Boating safety- Mary Jane Schnoor	Operations Training- Fred Adame
Auxiliary Liaison- Marilyn Flanigan	Programs- mark and Michelle Anderson

These individuals can't do it alone. Volunteering to serve on one of these committees is an excellent way to get to know other squadron members, learn more about how it functions, help us to stay one of the best, and earn a Merit Mark. Please check out the Soundings for a schedule of the exciting Entertainment and Boating events we have planned for this year. I will be talking to many of you later.--

## SAFETY REPORT—BOAT US GIVES INFORMATION ABOUT FIRES IN MARINAS

The January 2003 issue of Boat US has an article on fires in marinas, which all members should read. The article discusses how quickly a fire will spread from boat to boat in marinas and in storage sheds as well. Some of the most prevalent causes of most fires are the boats age, to shore power cables (worn or overloaded cordsets and shore power connections) and overloaded circuits. Adding to these problems are boats that get little use and owners who rarely check up on them. However, some of these same areas could cause a fire to your boat while it is docked right in your own back yard. So all boat owners need to be proactive about regular maintenance.

Spring is here and before the boating season gets in full swing, it is time to check out your electrical and fuel systems. Use UL marine approved cordsets and connectors. Don't use extension cords at the dock. And turn off all electrical loads before connecting. Don't hook up if you see burn marks or your cordset won't firmly connect to the power pedestal. Replace cordsets on a regular basis. Never leave engine parts or oily rags around dock areas and ventilate before performing any work on your boat. Install an easy-to-use battery disconnect if your boat is stored in a dry rack. Do not trust your battery selector switch. And if you are in a marina and see fire hazards such as weatherworn wiring or fixtures or unsafe practice report it to the manager. You will be protecting your boat and all of the others in the marina from a potential disaster.

## Coral Bay Restaurant Lunch Cruise Fun For All Who Attended

Although January 18 turned out to be the coldest day of the year, the turnout for lunch overlooking the beautiful Intercoastal Marina was excellent. A total of 41 members, spouses and guests participated in the event and were treated to some good food, fellowship, and intellectual conversations. Although the cold weather did cause many of us to cruise down by auto, kudos do go out to Dave Whaley and Kevin and Pamela Pratt who did come by boat. They've been awarded the "Klondike" award.--

----Bud Miller

## COCO-NAUTS FRIENDSHIP MEETING A SMASHING SUCCESS

The Friendship Meeting on February 5th was delightful! Several guests were present and hopefully they will all come back. Thirty women got acquainted and visited while enjoying the delicious salads brought by the members.

Members were informed that Marie Olin passed away at her home in Georgia on January 30th. Several members remembered Marie fondly. She was a very active member and served as President of the Coco -Nautsco in 1979. Condolences will be sent to her family and a donation contributed in Marie's memory.

Another member, dear to the group, Eula Mae Mullican, was voted an Honorary Membership for the year 2003.

The new slate of officers was introduced. Our best wishes for the year ahead.

Marcia McConkey, outgoing president, thanked the officers of 2002 for their work and support. Marilyn Flanigan, Historian, presented a scrapbook of the year's activities to Marcia and Doris Valentine presented her with a check from the club in appreciation.

Our next meeting will be March 12, 2003 at the "Resort at Cocoa Beach" in the Water Grille (next door to the Hilton) at 11:30 a.m.

See you there.

*Marcia McConkey*



L. to R. Dave Whaley, his brother, Robert and John Azzapo, Alice Whaley's cousin enjoying their lunch after their cold boat trip to Coral Bay.



An award to Kevin and Pamela Pratt who also braved the cold and boated to Coral Bay.



The smiling Bestows and behind them some happy Squadron lunchers.