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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2006, 1900

Cocoa Civic Center

430 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa Village

The guest speaker is still

"To Be Announced"

THE CBPS FUNDRAISER & SILENT AUCTION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

There were many winners, but the \$1200 reverse drawing winner was Lt. John Lynn, P. Congratulations! Thanks to all who helped make this event successful, especially the McCandless's efforts. Check out the pictures on our CBPS website. Following are the businesses that contributed to the fund raiser: Space Shirts, Cozy Corner Café, Ray's Tire Center, ACE Hardware, Island Bar-B-Q, Silk Flowers by Pat, Hobbs Pharmacy, Chowders, Charlie & Jake's, Publix Super Markets, Beef O' Bradys of Merritt Island, Beef O'Bradys of Viera, Skin Essentials, Holiday Inn Conventions Center, Holiday Inn of Cocoa Beach, and Jon's Fine Jewelry.



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boating stories and any
articles of interest you'd
like to submit...

AT THE HELM

Commander Sandy Schoonmaker, SN



For several of us this is an exciting edition of the *Soundings* as it is our first opportunity to share with the membership the status of the departments for which we have just assumed responsibility.

As your new Commander, I feel honored to be able to report on the over-all status of the squadron. CBPS is an active and successful squadron that has had excellent leadership over the many years of its existence. Those of us on the new Bridge are fortunate to have such great examples to follow.

Since January, we have been working together to set up the activities and events for this year. We think that we have a good beginning for a great year. This will only be true, however, if we are leading the membership in a direction in which they want to go. With that in mind, we welcome your ideas and comments.

My personal goal for this year is to see an increase of membership involvement in the planning and implementation of the activities of the various departments. It is wonderful to have a large attendance at social events. We all feel pride when CBPS wins the District 23's award for having completed the most Vessel Safety Exams or having recorded the highest number of Co-op Charting credits. We applaud those members who support our educational department by taking courses and assisting in teaching and proctoring. The members who are directly involved in these events are gaining the maximum benefits from our organization, and in turn, our organization also benefits.

However, there are many members who are missing these opportunities. They may be new members who don't realize how to become involved or they may be members of long standing who have just drifted by the wayside. It is these members to whom I want to address our efforts this year.

I can't do this on my own. I am requesting that each of you who is an involved member to reach out to less active members by inviting them to assist in the planning of an activity; by inviting them to join you in attending a class; by asking them to join you in a boating activity; by visiting with them in the social time before a monthly meeting; by sharing with them your enthusiasm for CBPS.

The reality is twofold: *membership* is our most powerful attribute; *membership involvement* is our guarantee that Cocoa Beach Power Squadron will continue to be a successful organization. Let's all do our part by recognizing and acting upon the importance of these two facts.

Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C J P Longway III, S

As I transition from being responsible for the Secretary's function, I would once again like to extend my appreciation for all the efforts of those members who ensured the secretary's' charter and responsibilities were successfully executed and accomplished on behalf of the membership during 2005-2006.

I now look forward to transitioning to and assuming the responsibilities of the Administrative Officer. I'm very fortunate to be once again supported by an exceptional staff of members who can assume responsibility to facilitate and coordinate other members to ensure we have fun in achieving successful conclusions to our many planned boating activities and social events. The Administrative Officer and staff are responsible for Membership, Membership Involvement, Entertainment, Meetings and Programs, Boating Activities, Blood Bank Donations, Leadership and Organizational Training, Coco-Nauts Liaison, and oh yes, Refreshments. At the time of this publication, we all still looking for a member that will assume the responsibility for the "Refreshment" function. This will simply require the establishment, coordination and implementation of a sign-up schedule so members can volunteer to provide various goodies and beverages, and ensure the clean-up of same after our monthly meetings throughout the year, and other potential events, if necessary.

SEO REPORT

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN

As my fifth year as an SEO draws to a close (I keep doing it until I get it right) I would like to thank all the members who worked hard keeping our educational program underway. Lt Bob Mittaurer, AP, and P/C Sam Greenwood, SN, both taught Seamanship courses; Lt Gene Millner, AP, taught Engine Maintenance; Cdr Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, taught Instructor Development; Lt John Lynn, P, taught Cruise Planning; Lt Jim O'Malley taught Advanced Piloting and Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker is teaching Weather. Let's not forget Lt Pete Schmidt, P, who ran two Boat Smart courses and Lt Marion Sweigart, AP, who recruited students. Thanks also to the many Boat Smart instructors, proctors and administrators and to my assistant, P/C Sue Kneeland, SN, who helped in so many ways. They all contributed and had a good time doing so.

There's now a new academic year ahead of us. First of all, if you'd like to do some instructing, or just get some polish as a public speaker, try the Instructor Development (ID) course. We'd like to have an accelerated course starting about 2 March; not enough students as yet. If you're interested, give me a call ASAP. Next on the horizon for our members are Sail and Piloting. Sail is fascinating, for both the sailor and power boat folks and you can learn it from an experienced cruiser, Lt Tom Schrader, AP. You might even get a chance to see Tom's boat/home up at Harbor Town.

The NEW Piloting Course is a great way to learn about plotting and using your GPS together. It's even worth retaking the course if it's been a while since your last class. Exact start dates for both Sail and Piloting depend on enrollment for ID and classroom availability but now's the time to get on the lists). Give me a call to be assured of books when the classes begin.

The big news is our Boat Smart courses. The next one will start at 1900 on Wednesday, 15 March, at Cape Canaveral Hospital. This course will run for four weeks. If you'd like to help out as proctor or instructor, call the course chairman, P/C John Mulkey, P, at 633-0094. You get to enjoy coffee and pie afterwards at Steak and Shake®. Be sure to tell your "uneducated" friends about this course.

Looking ahead, we will be presenting a one-day Boat Smart course on 20 May, as part of Safe Boating Week. This will also be at Cape Canaveral Hospital. More on this later.

All in all it's busy time. Get involved and you'll get more out of you USPS experience.

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The national Auxiliary Advisory Committee presented the 2004—2005 Membership Enhancement Award to the Cocoa Beach (FL) Coco-Nauts during the District 23 fall conference. This national award recognizes the auxiliary with the greatest membership gain during the previous year. The Coco-Nauts increased their membership by 40 percent.

P/R/C James Acheson, SN, of the national Committee on Rules, and I presented the award to Coco-Nauts President Barbara Millner, S.

Runners-up were New Orleans (LA) Squadron Auxiliary with a 21 percent increase, Fort Walton (FL) Squadron's AHOY with a 20 percent increase and the Fort Vancouver (WA) Lady Skippers with a 15.3 percent increase.

IP/R/C Carmen Adame, AP

Auxiliary Advisory Committee

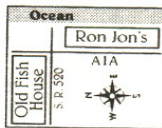
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From the District 23 Bridge

D/C Les Tribout, AP, Commander

“Let’s Increase USPS Public Awareness in Your Community”

It has long been a goal of mine to increase the public awareness of USPS and the role our Squadrons play in promoting safety on our waterways and teaching them better boating techniques. When I became a member in 1968, we had to pass a 12 week course that looks like a combination of the Boating/Seamanship & a portion of Piloting Courses we now present. When you cruised into a Marina, Yacht Club or out on the waterways flying your Ensign - you were looked at as a”Cut Above” the other boaters’. Around the docks and in the restaurants, you would get many questions about USPS and how to become a member.

Want to get Noticed ? I say fly your Ensign and when asked, spread the word about all USPS has to offer (which is a lot more today than back then). Your PRO has business size cards with dates for your next Boating Course and General Meetings. Carry them with you and pass them out selectively.

Pursuant to this goal - I ask that all Squadron XO’s and PRO’s rev-up your promotions of Boating Courses, Public Appearances and VSC Programs in your local areas. I also ask all you members to support these activities and all of your new Officers and Chairmen when they ask you to participate at your General Meetings.

We have just completed our D23 Spring Conference and “Change of Watch” in Jacksonville 3 -5 March’06. Speaking for all of D23, I want to thank The Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron for an excellent Spring Conference. The hospitality, meetings and whole COW ceremony was a credit to their members’ enterprising spirit and leadership.

If you did not attend, the following members were elected:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Dist. 23 Commander | > D/C Les Tribout, AP | > Cocoa Beach |
| Dist. 23 Executive Officer | > D/Lt/C Don Clark, JN | > Harris Chain |
| Dist. 23 Education Officer | > D/Lt/C Erv Dunn, SN | > Jacksonville |
| Dist. 23 Asst. Education Off. | > D/Lt Linda Trent Legg, SN | > Ocala |
| Dist. 23 Administrative Officer | > D/Lt/C Stan Hartman, AP | > Titusville |
| Dist. 23 Treasurer | > D/Lt/C Paul Reichert, AP | > Ponce DeLeon Inlet |
| Dist. 23 Secretary | > D/Lt/C Rob Baird, AP | > Harris Chain |

Welcome Aboard to Rob Baird as 2006 D23 Secretary. Together, we will continue the work our predecessors have started and also future District Educational Programs and Events. In my address at the COW I introduced the goals I have set for D23 this year. I was careful not to set them too high and discourage participation. If the Squadrons start promoting now and put forth a little effort - “they are attainable”!

If you did not attend the Spring Conference - be sure to watch and read your Squadron Publications (especially Sqd. Off. & PRO’s) for District activities and events coming up this year. We District Officers request the support of Squadron Officers and Chairmen with reports and other important requirements this year.

We are pretty good at attracting New Members, but keeping them interested and active seems to lag. When a New Member pays to join, they expect to receive some benefit from the Organization - we do not follow through in most cases. I agree, they also need to show interest and get involved. That’s what gets everything started! We must encourage them to “Get Involved”. This is where leadership becomes a priority. To enhance your Squadron’s ability to lead, teach the “Operations Training ” & “Leadership Development”courses. You will see positive results in your Squadron’s capabilities. If you are not stepping up and taking an elected position or Committee spot -”Your job then is to support the members who do”!

I have the utmost respect and admiration for those officers who have gone before me and gave their time, weekends, and have traveled long distances to meetings to help broaden the influence, and have improved USPS recognition in our communities.

Let’s Get Started!

BLOOD BANK
BY: EDIE WONNELL

The next blood donation is March 15th, 2006 at Florida's Blood Center, Route 1, Rockledge

Some Facts About Blood:

Every 3 seconds an American needs a pint of blood.

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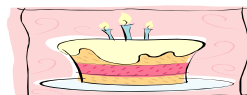
Joe Auchter, Carol Hayes, Jay Longway, John Lynn, Jane Sebree, Frank Sebree, Edie Wonnell and Jack Wurst



Coco-Nauts Corner

The March meeting of the Cocoa-Nauts will be held at the Moose Lodge on Merritt Island on the 8th at 11:30 AM. It will be a brown bag luncheon....dessert and drinks will be provided. We are fortunate to get Dolores Cross as our speaker. Dolores is the Director of Volunteers for Cape Canaveral Hospital and is a very interesting speaker.

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|--------------------------------------|------|--------------|------|-------------|------|
| <u>March Birthdays:</u> Jane Schnoor | 5th | Pam Johnson | 6th | Ute Lissek | 6th |
| Barb Millner | 14th | Sylvia Smith | 22nd | Penny Fille | 28th |
| Evelyn Tribout | 28th | | | | |



ONLINE STORES

We continue to augment the National Educational Department web page at: <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/> with new opportunities for our members.. In addition to the new bookstore front that transports members seamlessly to a site at McGraw-Hill/International Marine to purchase more than forty outstanding marine publications at a 35% discount using a credit card, we have added access to two Maptech sites. Not only do you have the capability to purchase the latest Chart kit and software at a discount, but you can get free downloads of every NOAA chart directly from the Maptech server. These charts work with virtually every navigation software program including the CD that comes with our Boating and Piloting courses. An additional button leads to the C-MAP On-line store for additional electronic charting discounts for USPS members.

DISTRICT 23 SPRING CONFERENCE: MARCH 3, 4, 5, 2006
HOLIDAY INN AT BAYMEADOWS – JACKSONVILLE *RESERVATION FORM*

SPECIAL RATES: Double-occupancy per night - \$69.00 / room (fee subject to tax)

Please reserve as follows: Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ # of people _____

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Reservations are due by February 23, 2006 and will be accepted on a space available basis after that date.
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DISTRICT 23 SPRING CONFERENCE: MARCH 3, 4, 5, 2006
Meal & Event Reservation Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Rank _____ Grade _____

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Please indicate the number of participants and fees paid for the Meals listed below:

FRIDAY NIGHT: Margaritaville Theme Night w/ Buffett & Buffet: # _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON: Lunch Buffet # _____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET: Plated Formal dinner:
Two (2) entrée choices including Salad, Rolls, Vegetables, Rice Pilaf, Coffee/Tea & Dessert.
Chicken Cordon Bleu: # _____ @ \$24.00 = \$ _____
Prime Rib: # _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____

SUNDAY: "N" CLUB BREAKFAST: Breakfast Buffet # _____ @ \$12.00 = \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Reservations are required in advance for all meals and events must be received by February 23, 2006.
Make Checks Payable to JSPS – Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron Activity Fund.

Mail Food Reservations To:
 P/C Calvin Ray, 4350 Ortega Farms Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32210

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

MARCH:

- 03-05, District 23 "Margaritaville" Spring Conference, Holiday Inn, Jacksonville**
- 07 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 08 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Merritt Island Moose Lodge**
- 11 - Saturday, 1200-1530, Meet the New Bridge Chili Fiesta, Manatee Park**
- 15/22/29 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Course, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 28 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

APRIL:

- 04 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 05 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Exam, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 08 - 09 - Saturday/Sunday, CFFW Flea Market, Harbortown (CBPS Booth & VSE's)**
- 12 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Place: TBD**
- 25 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 29-30 - Saturday & Sunday, Boats Only Rendezvous at the Millner's**

MAY:

- 02 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 07 - Sunday, New Member's Reception**
- 10 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Place: TBD**
- 13 - Saturday, District 23 Picnic, Rendezvous & Council, Titusville SPS**
- 20 - Saturday, One-Day Boat Smart Course, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 20-27 Sat to Sat, National Safe Boating Week**
- 23 - Tuesday, 1830-2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 27 - Saturday, 1100, Blessing of the Fleet, Lee Wenner Park Pavilion in Cocoa**

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.

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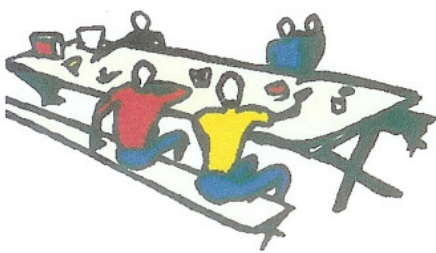
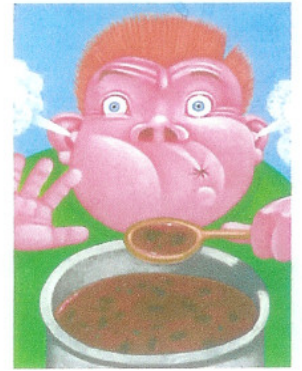
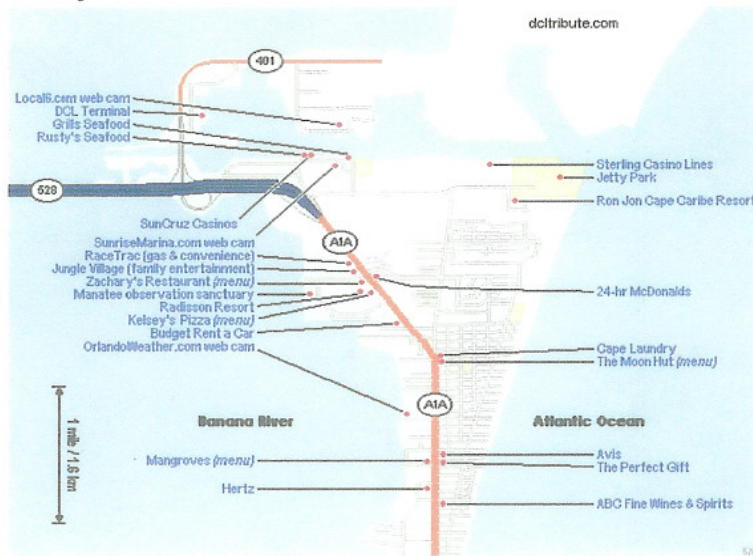
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Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Meet The New Bridge Chili Fiesta



Where: Manatee Sanctuary Park
701 Thurm Boulevard
Cape Canaveral, Florida



When: Saturday March 11th
Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Fee: \$5.00 Per Person Plus
Appetizers, Salad, Bread, or Dessert



Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks Provided



Games & Prizes Galore



BOATING SURVEY

To up-date our Roster and more successfully plan on-the-water activities, we need the following information. Mail it the address below; email to the address below; bring it to the March membership meeting. If you own a boat, PLEASE take time to complete this!

Your Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Your Boat Name: _____ () Sail () Power

Boat Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____

Where Your Boat is Stored: _____ Where You Normally Boat _____

Which are boating activities you enjoy:

- () Local day cruising () Bahamian cruising () Fishing, on-shore
() Fishing, off-shore () Anchoring out, daytime () Anchoring overnight
() Cruises to marinas () Water skiing/tubing
() Other, be specific _____

Mail or email to: P/C Duane Balkema, 830 S Banana River Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32952
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Boating Committee Chairman

P/C Duane Balkema AP

We have a Committee and are busy working the 2006-2007 schedule. We have room for more members and particularly want new members to the Squadron. Inclusion is the word of the day. Events are targeted to big and small boats, power and sail, and we do not want to forget those that may us an oar, etc. Your input is appreciated.

Regarding new Committee members, if you happen to enjoy paddling a canoe through areas like the Cocoa Beach Thousand Islands, come and join and help us get it on the schedule. You may be surprised to find others that want this type activity. Also those that trailer boats, we want you to volunteer. Committee members can take one event and "Champion" that event by promoting and organizing it. Do not think the Cruisers or the Sailors are the only focus. But then, if John Lynn plans a sail to the Abacos this year, we want him to put it on the schedule encouraging others to do this type activity. Give me your ideas at balkemam@bellsouth.net or call 452-5892.

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Preliminary Biological Status Reviews Complete

Tallahassee– Three biological review panels, each consisting of five experts appointed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), recently completed preliminary biological status reviews of three Florida’s imperiled species. These reviews were conducted in response to petitions to re-evaluate the status of the bald eagle, gopher tortoise, Florida manatee and Panama City crayfish.

The current recommendations include:

-**Bald Eagle**– Remove from the imperiled species list. Since 1980, bald eagle populations have rebounded dramatically. Research indicates the species does not meet any of the listing criteria. Today, we have more than 1,100 active eagle nests.

-**Gopher Tortoise**– Reclassify the species from species of special concern to threatened. Continued population and habitat decline contributed to the recommendation in this assessment.

-**Florida Manatee**-classify the species from endangered to threatened. The manatee population has increased over the past few decades, but threats still remain that could cause the population to decline significantly in the future.

Experts will present final peer-reviewed classification recommendations to the Commission in June in West Palm Beach. The management plan will include public input.

ORLANDO MAGIC GAME

Bob Flint– Seminole Power Squadron

The Seminole Power Squadron has arranged to have us, as a group, to go to the Orlando Magic Game on 15 April, where they will be playing the Philadelphia ‘7ers at 7PM. At 6PM, we will be in the Luxury Suite at the TD Waterhouse Center (holds about 200) and will have Pat Williams there as a speaker.

During the game we will be seated in the Lower Bowl and we have arranged to have the Power Squadron recognized on the Jumbotron Scoreboard.


Ticket price for all the above action is \$32. Lower Bowl seats are normally around \$50. We are opening this up to any District members and families/friends who would like to share the evening with us. We do request you wear your Squadron shirts for that night.

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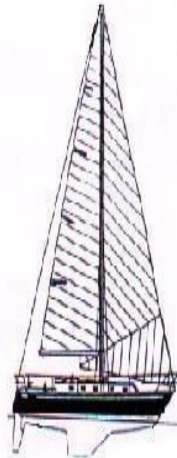
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