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## General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, March 6, 2007, @ 1900**

**Cocoa Civic Center**

**430 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa Village**

## P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

Sandy will present a brief over-view of the changes that are occurring in the Education Department of USPS. Included will be an over-view of the new USPS University program and a description of the four Seminars that are available for the public.

Sandy has been active in USPS for 14 years. She holds the grade of Senior Navigator and has taught Cruise Planning, Instructor Development and numerous sessions of the public boating courses. She is currently CBPS's SEO



**The next blood donor drive is March 7th, 0900 at the Florida Blood Center on Rte. 1, in Rockledge.**



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# AT THE HELM

**Commander Mike Stone, P**

As your new Commander, I want to thank the membership for electing me to this challenging and rewarding position. I am honored to serve as your Commander during our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Although I have not been a member for the whole 40 years, this is the 19<sup>th</sup> year for Denise and me with CBPS. These 19 years have not only educated us on boating, but have given us many wonderful new friendships.

This issue of the Soundings initiates the new Bridge year for CBPS. I want to thank all the people that came forward to accept positions on the squadron bridge and the departmental committees within the squadron. It is extremely gratifying to see squadron members actively supporting their squadron. Without their support, the squadron could not function effectively.

The squadron is off to a great start. Virtually all departmental and committee positions have been filled. We are fortunate to follow in the footsteps of a Bridge that provided a truly outstanding year for CBPS. The membership was also very active and supportive. It will be a very difficult act to follow but I believe that we are up to the challenge.

My primary goal for this year is to see the squadron return back to boating. We are a boating organization and it is time for us to return to those roots. With the large number of boat owners in the squadron, there is no reason why we cannot renew our commitment to active boating. The boating safety and educational courses that we have taken need practical application on the water to reinforce our book learning and make us more knowledgeable and safe boaters.

The Entertainment and Boating Activities Committees have been working to put together a very busy and exciting calendar of events for the year. It promises to be exciting and a great opportunity for members to be even more actively involved in squadron activities.

PLEASE, take the time to get involved in the squadron. The amount that you participate is directly proportional to the amount of fun and enjoyment that you receive from squadron activities. This is your squadron and it needs your support to continue to be the best squadron in District 23.

This is an especially important year for CBPS being the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. We will be having a special Anniversary celebration the weekend of Sep 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar for this special event. There have been many wonderful achievements in the past years, but TOGETHER, we have the opportunity to make the 40<sup>th</sup> year especially memorable!

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S

As of the Change of Watch, we accept and establish new positions, responsibilities and/or a commitment to support the Squadron's efforts when asked or needed. This year I'm pleased to accept the opportunity to be your Executive Officer. As usual, each year is a new challenge for individuals in elected positions, as well as others in staff, auxiliary, lead and support positions.

Personally, I'm looking forward to this next experience as part of my Squadron learning curve. February starts the process of transitioning to the new leadership changes. Initially, in the near term, I will have a working session for the Executive Officer's staff to gain a better understanding/appreciation of each position's responsibilities and expectations. As a result of this session, hopefully we'll be able to identify opportunities to improve and make the things that we do more effective and responsive to the needs of the membership. We encourage anyone who may have a suggestion/recommendation to please advise either the relevant chairperson or me, so that we may give it proper consideration.

**For your information:** US Coast Guard Marine Safety Bulletin 04-07 (01/10/07), has been issued. It is part of their educational outreach initiative to identify the proper use of Marine Sanitation Devices and ensure compliance with federal, state and local laws regarding the discharge of sewage from recreational and commercial vessels within federal and state waters. It addresses the various types of proper devices, cites the Florida law requiring all vessels 26 feet or longer, with an enclosed cabin and berthing facilities, to have a working toilet on board. It defines a "No Discharge Zone", as a body of water where the discharge of treated and untreated sewage is prohibited. Local restrictions may also apply, as is the case in the Port of Canaveral where no sewage discharge, treated or untreated, is permitted. It further provides the guidelines for use of "Y - valves". A copy of the subject bulletin may be obtained from either Lt Bob Flanigan, SN (Safety Chairman), or me.

## SEO REPORT

P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN



I am wearing a new hat this year and serving as your new SEO. I am pleased to be taking over this position but wonder if I can ever keep up with my predecessor, P/D/C Fred Adam, SN. Although I lack his experience and skills, I do share his enthusiasm for the great educational opportunities that we can offer as members of USPS.

I have spent the last few days lining up instructors and creating a tentative schedule of classes to be taught during CBPS's 40<sup>th</sup> Year!

We will begin with a ten-week Piloting Course on 19 March at 1900 at Wuesthoff Hospital. The books have been ordered but anyone who still wants to join may do so. Contact me immediately (321-267-2689) and I'll order your books.

On 16 May we will teach our spring Boat Smart Course at Cape Canaveral Hospital under the administration of P/C John Mulkey, P. This is currently the only class we present to the public and members are needed to teach and proctor.

In June we have two exciting courses scheduled. Sail will be taught by Lt. Thomas Schrader, AP, beginning on 11 June. On 20 June, Lt James O'Malley, AP, will begin Advanced Piloting.

Other courses planned for this year include: Engine Maintenance taught by Lt. Gene Millner, AP; Weather taught by P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN; Seamanship taught by Lt. Robert Goldstein, AP and Lt. Adrienne Goldstein, S; and Instructor Development taught by Lt. Dee Neve, S.

As you can see, we have an ambitious line-up of courses and now we need an enthusiastic group of students. Please join us!

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

**Lt/C Joe Derrico, P**

The administration department is responsible for the “internal affairs” of our power squadron.

The committees in the Admin Department include:

Membership involvement

Boating Activities

Meetings and programs

Entertainment

Operation training

Over the next few months, you will meet the new chairperson (s) of each committee and learn of their goals and their dedication for keeping the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron a viable, progressive organization while having fun.

Thank you Jay Longway for setting up a great Administration Department and Thank you Doris Valentine, Pam Johnson, Susan Kneeland, Jim Wonnell, Edith Wonnell, Denise Stone, Barbara Millner, Debra Burleson, and Ann McCandless for helping the new kid with his job.

**REMEMBER**, fellow members, we can only do our job if you help by being involved, attending functions, support boating activities, giving blood, attend meetings, suggesting new members and saying YES when asked to help.

## **ANNUAL HARBORTOWN “FLEA MARKET & BOAT SHOW**

The annual Harbortown Marina “Marine Flea Market & Boat Show “ will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, the Squadron will maintain a booth to promote Squadron activities and provide boat inspections. Members will be needed to man the booth and provide boat inspections. A sign-up sheet will be available for volunteers of this event during our Squadron meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event to promote our Squadron and to look and buy boat stuff. Point of contact for the event is Lt George Guerrero, 783-4940.

## **CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

Check the web site and your email for updates!

### **February:**

- 18 - Sunday, 1600 - 1900, Change of Watch Dinner, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn Resort**
- 20 to 25 - Wed/Sat, USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL**
- 27 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

### **March:**

- 06 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 07 - Wednesday, 0900, Blood Donations, Florida Blood Center, Rt. 1 in Rockledge**
- 19 - Monday, 1900, Start Piloting Course, Wuesthoff Hospital Cafeteria, Rt.1 Rockledge**
- 14 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Luncheon**
- 23 to 25 - Fri/Sun, USPS D23 2007 Spring Conference, Altamonte Springs Holiday Inn**
- 27 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 31 - Saturday, Afternoon time is to be announced, Kiwanis Park**

### **April:**

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 11 - Wednesday, 1130, Cocoa-Nauts' Luncheon**
- 14 & 15 - Sat & Sun, Harbortown Marina's Marine Flea Market & Boat Show**
- 21 & 22 - Sat & Sun, Time to be announced, Blessing of the Fleet Cruise**
- 24 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

**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.**

## OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2007-2008

Date	Day	Event
April 21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday-Sunday	Blessing of the Fleet Cruise
May 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday-Sunday	Melbourne Harbor Cruise
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Sunset Café Lunch Cruise
September 15 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday-Sunday	CBPS 40th Anniversary Cruise Eau Gallie Yacht Club
November 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday-Sunday	Cocoa Village Marina Cruise
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island

### The Marine Electronics Course test results are in!!

The following members all passed this challenging course:

Clay Bernichon, Joe Cordero, Joe Derrico, Jay Longway, Johan Neve, Lynne Schaeffer,  
and Lance Vandenberg.

Congratulations to each and thank you to their instructor, Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

**P/C John Mulkey, P**

**In accordance with the BYLAWS OF COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON, INC. and those of UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS; the following members in good standing are nominated as indicated." All have been interviewed and are willing to serve.**

**In accordance with ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.1 Candidates for office to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.**

### **BRIDGE**

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Lt/C Michael A. Stone, P</b>
<b>Executive Officer</b>	<b>Lt/C J.P. (Jay) Longway III, S</b>
<b>Educational Officer</b>	<b>P/C Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN</b>
<b>Administrative Officer</b>	<b>Lt/C Joseph A. Derrico, P</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Lt/C Kynric M. Pell, P</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lt/C Richard D. Schoonmaker, SN</b>
<b>Ass't Educational Officer</b>	<b>P/C Samuel H. Greenwood, SN</b>
<b>Ass't Secretary</b>	<b>1/Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P</b>
<b>Ass't Treasurer</b>	<b>Lt Marsha Kirkwood</b>

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**The Board of Directors consists of the above Bridge members plus the following: +P/C John F. Mulkey, P, +Lt. Doris Valentine, +Lt. Collette (Joan) Montfort, S, and +Joseph Auchter, AP (+ Member at Large)**

### **ELECTED COMMITTEES**

<b>Rules Committee Chairman</b>	<b>P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN</b>
<b>Ass't Chairman 2 yrs.</b>	<b>P/C John F. Mulkey, P</b>
<b>Member 3 yrs.</b>	<b>P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN</b>
<b>Nominating Committee Chairman</b>	<b>Lt. Pamela H. Johnson, P</b>
<b>Ass't Chairman</b>	<b>Lt. Ann McCandless, S</b>
<b>Member 3 yrs.</b>	<b>Joseph S. Auchter, AP</b>
<b>Auditing Committee Chairman</b>	<b>1/Lt. Robert W. Schaefer, P</b>
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<b>Member 3 yrs.</b>	<b>Lt. Duane L. McConkey, P</b>



# USPS DISTRICT 23 2007 SPRING CONFERENCE



23-25 MARCH 2007

The Combined Squadrons of District 23 invite you to a celebration of St. Patrick and other Irish traditions. You don't have to go to the Emerald Isle to share in the riches of our leprechaun friends.

The Irish are known for their hospitality and that is the way the weekend starts with a touch of libation during the afternoon social hour.

At Friday night's Irish Feast, you will sample a taste of the old country with some Irish Stew, Corned Beef & Cabbage and Shepard's Pie. Salad, desert and beverages included. Bring your shamrocks and shillelagh and celebrate the green. Great dance music will be provided by A Family Affair. We may even throw in an Irish Jig for those that have the talent.



Being self-appointed guardians of ancient treasure, the leprechauns are known for their hidden wealth. We will try to entice one of the wee ones to relinquish some of his treasures during the evening; we may even find his pot of gold.



For Saturday's agenda we will follow the lead of our District Commander, with informative workshops in the morning and Council and Conference meetings in the afternoon. The highlights will be the election of our 2007 District 23 Bridge and words of wisdom from the Chief Commander's Representative. The afternoon will conclude with another bit of libation and snacks in our comfortable hospitality suite.

The day will finish off with a formal dinner in the evening celebrating the new Bridge.

Sunday, as always, our informative St. John's N Club will host a buffet breakfast with an interesting speaker. This breakfast is open to all members of USPS and is a great way to start the day before the trip back home.

Hotel reservations are due by 1 February 2007 and meal reservations are due by 10 March 2007. Don't miss out on the fun and camaraderie as we start our district's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Look for the reservations flyer elsewhere in your newsletter.







# USPS DISTRICT 23 2007 SPRING CONFERENCE

23-25 March 2007

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Meal reservations must be received no later than 10 March 2007



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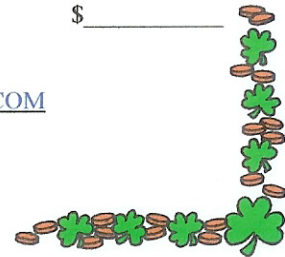
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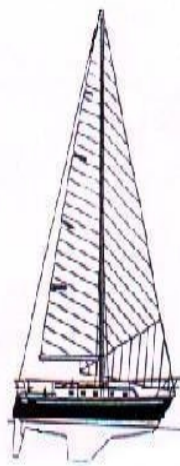
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