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# **Attention on Deck**

Please remember our senior power squadron members who would like to attend our monthly meetings and/or functions that may need a ride. If you know of a friend Or neighbor that might be in need of a ride please make yourself available to accommodate them.

Please note that P/C Budd Miller, JN has provided an overview of the changes to the Squadrons By-Laws on pages 8-11.

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### AT THE HELM

Commander J. P. Longway, P



My sincere thanks to the membership for your nomination and election approval to be your Commander during the 2008–2009 term. As always, I'm very grateful to those fellow members who make-up the Bridge, Board of Directors & Elected Committees, whom assist in leading the Squadron on behalf of and in the best interest of the membership. And, finally, thank you to the many dedicated members who serve on the various staffs/committees which carry out the numerous tasks that operate the Squadron's Education, Public Service & Fellowship activities.

There are many challenges ahead. We need to identify, implement and improve, as necessary, those methods of operation & activities that will: respond to the requirements and expectations of the USPS/D23; further promote the Squadron throughout our community; retain and grow our membership; increase member's participation in meetings, operations and events; provide more effective safe boating skills/knowledge; be an active partner in making our community better; and hold fun fraternal activities that strengthen our fellowship commitment to one another.

At any time, please contact me, any Bridge officer or appropriate staff/committee chairperson with concerns /improvements as to the Squadron's operations. Also, be prepared to provide suggestions as how we can address or improve same. I can't impress on the membership enough, that the Squadron is a "We" or "Us" organization, and is not a "They" or "Them" type. We're in this together, and need all of us to participate in and contribute to this TEAM effort.

As I mentioned at February's General Membership meeting, if you are available and able to car pool and assist in easing other member's effort to attend our meetings and events, I would encourage you to please take the initiative to offer to do so.

On a personal note, I and my first (soul) mate Donna, are committed to serving and representing the Squadron throughout this upcoming year. Since our involvement in 2003, it has been an enjoyable experience thus far. We have expressed to each other, how fortunate we've been to become acquainted and friends with such a special group of dedicated Americans. We look forward to carrying out our obligations, and having your support in doing so.

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT Lt/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P

I appreciate the opportunity of serving on the Bridge of the CBS&PS. I am looking forward to a great year being involved in the activities and functions of the squadron. I have enjoyed meeting so many new people within the last couple of years and respect there knowledge and enthusiasm of boating. I especially want to thank those people who devote their time and energy to the many activities and committees within the organization. I believe that safety, education, and having fun are key to our success.

So far this year, we have completed 34 vehicle safety inspections. If you know of anyone that may need an inspection this year, please let one of our inspectors know. A couple of committee changes this year to note are; Francesca Ragusa co-chairing the Public Relations committee with Joan Montfort, and Gerard Meunier replacing John Lynn as the Legislative Committee Chair

## SEO REPORT P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN

Well, here I am, back in the saddle again. This is the last time, I think, although Carmen replies to that with a laugh. It's just that I believe that education is the most important reason for the Power Squadrons.

After the organization was founded in 1914, it prospered for a few years with Navy style maneuvers and boat drills but membership started to fall off as the military spirit of World War I faded. What saved USPS was a change of emphasis to nautical education. After that, growth increased steadily until our organization was actually providing some education for the Navy during WW II. It's still important and the one factor that makes us unique among marine recreational organizations.

And we're still at it in CBSPS (hard to get used to that new abbreviation). Advanced Piloting started on 23 January at the Cocoa Library under Lt Jim O'Malley. We have four members enrolled; wish we had more. It's the top level, inland navigation course; prerequisite for the course is the completion of Piloting. I've got two books left. If you're a quick study, it may not be too late to start.

Weather is full, taught by P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN, at Wuesthoff Hospital. If you missed this course, plan ahead to take it next time around. It takes some study but gives you lots of good information that's useful both on the water and for your land based activities.

If you've heard words at our meetings like "LHA, declination and plane of the celestial equator", it most likely came from our budding group of navigational astronomers. These are the five members taking the Navigation course, taught every Monday afternoon at the Cocoa Library. This is the TOP navigation course in USPS and, although "a lot of fun" does involve some work and study. You may see us on the beach observing the heavenly bodies.

Right now 1/Lt Paul Ragusa. P, our Assistant SEO, and I are about to plan our schedule of courses for the coming year. The only course listed so far is our Boat Smart course which will start on 14 May at Cape Canaveral Hospital. When we publish our schedule of member courses for the year, we hope you will sign up for a course that's not yet on your USPS transcript. You'll not only learn something new and interesting but you'll stretch you mind a bit, get to better know some other members and, yes, even have some fun!

See you in Class!

# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Jim Green, P

As your new Administrative Officer, I look forward to working with the incoming Bridge to make the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron something that we can all be proud to be a member of. Over the next few months, the new chairperson of each committee will be working hard to keep the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron a viable, progressive, educational organization while still having fun. We hope to increase our club membership, participation in boating activities, and educational programs. Thanks to all the new members of the Administration Department for your support: Doris Valentine, Pam Johnson, Donna Longway, James Wonnell, Duane McConkey, Joe Auchter, and Barbara Millner.

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

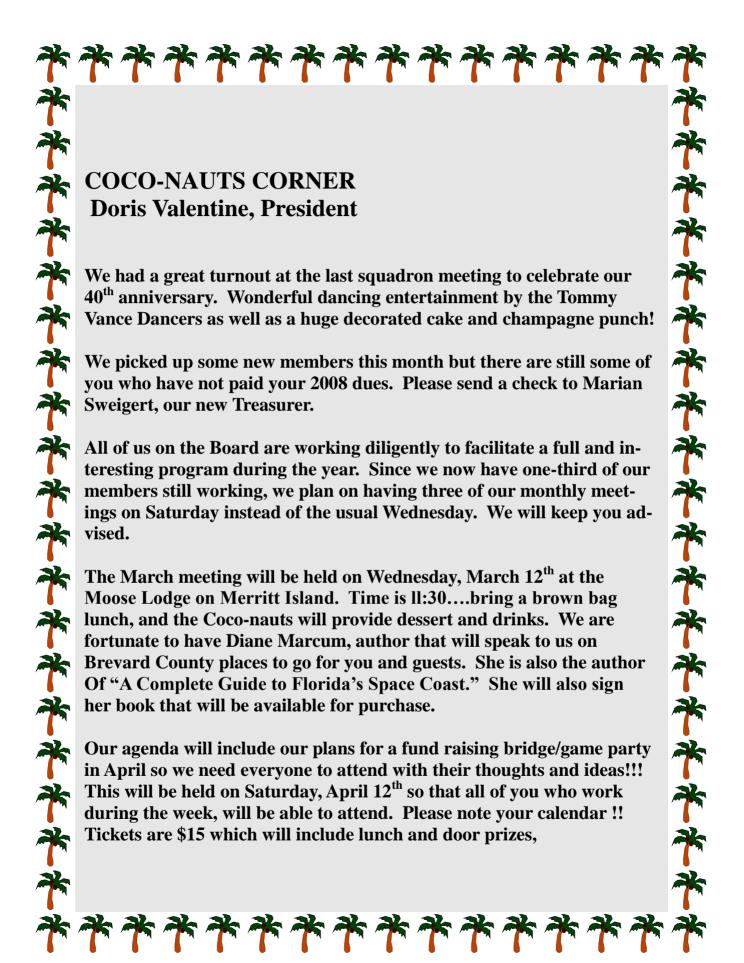
Next Blood Drive Tuesday, March 11th at the Rockledge Blood Center. You could receive a \$10 gift Certificate for the Olive Garden or Red Lobster, or a T-Shirt just for donating.

The annual Harbor Town Marina "Marine Flea Market & Boat Show" is expected to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 12th & 13th. 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 signup sheet will be available for volunteers of this event during our Squadron meeting on March 4th. This is a great event to promote our Squadron and to look and buy boat stuff. Point of contact for this event is Lt

## SECRETARY'S REPORT Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



I want to thank all my 2007 Committee Chairs for consenting to stay on their respective positions for the 2008 year. Coming into the position of Secretary in the middle of the year would not have been an easy job if it wasn't for all your help. A BIG THANK-YOU to the Out going Bridge Officers. Thanks for all your help in leading me in the right direction to Complete my duties. I didn't feel that I was all alone in my quest to be a good Secretary. I'm looking forward to working with the new Bridge Officers and for a successful new year for a successful new year for CBS&PS.



#### **CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

Check the web site and your email for updates!

#### **FEBRUARY:**

- 20 to 23 Wed to Sat, USPS Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX
- 26 Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library

#### MARCH:

- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  04 Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center
- 🧦 05 Wednesday, 0900, Blood Donation, Brevard Blood Center, Rt. 1, Rockledge
- 🍸 12 Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon, Merritt Island Moose
  - 15 Saturday,1130-Meet the Bridge, Merritt Island Kiwanis Park off Hwy 520
  - 25 Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library
  - 28 to 30 Fri to Sun, D23 Conference & Change of Watch, Ocala, FL

#### **APRIL:**

- 01 Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center
- 🤊 05 Saturday, 0800 to 1700, Harbor Town Flea Market & Boat Show
- 06 Sunday, 0800 to 1700, Harbor Town Flea Market & Boat Show
- , 12 Saturday, 1030, Coco-Nauts Card Party, Community Church, Cocoa Beach
- 22 Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Mtg., Merritt Island Library
- 26 Saturday, TBD, Ski Island Raft Up, North of Port Canaveral Locks

#### MAY:

- 🤊 01 Thursday, 1800, BCC Planetarium "Living Seas" IMAX movie
- 06 Tuesday, 1900, CBS&PS General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Ctr
- . 14 Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon, Merritt Island Library
- 🗸 27- Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Mtg., Merritt Island Library
- 31 Saturday, TBD, Blessing of the Fleet & Picnic, Cocoa Village Riverfront Pk.

#### Note:

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.

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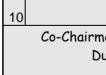
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1	*Ski Island Landing & Hot Dog Roast	26-Apr	Sat			
2	Traditional Blessing of the Fleet	31-May	Sat			
3	Indian River Cruise to Chow-	28-Jun	Sat			
4	Cocoa Fireworks raftup	4-Jul	Fri			
5	Cruise/drive to Cocoa Beach Pavilion at CB Country Club	16 Aug	Sat/ Sun			
6	Conch Key Grill Cruise & Party Indian River / US1 South	20-Sep	Sat			
7	Melbourne Harbor Cruise & Overnight for Weekend	24-26 Oct	Fri-Sun			
8	Old Florida Grill Cruise & Party Fron- tenec	22-Nov	Sat			
9	Sunset Café Cruise	6-Dec	Sat			
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#### **BLOOD DONATION**

The next blood donation is on 30 April at 0900 at the Blood Center on Route #1 in Rockledge. All donations are appreciated.

# Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Proposed Amendments to Squadron By-Laws

#### **GENERAL:**

By-Laws are being amended for two reasons. One reason is to add "Sail" to the Squadron name which was previously approved by the membership. The other is to update our Bylaws to be compatible with the USPS National Model Bylaws. Most of the changes due to the latter only involve wording changes, clarifications, or re-formatting. Changes in substance are minimal.

#### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES:**

**Cover Page** – Name changed to add "Sail".

**Article 1** – <u>Section 1.1</u>, Name changed to add "Sail".

Article 2 – Section 2.1.6, "Reserved", deleted.

Section 2.2.6 added to define "Office".

Section 2.3 revised to clarify meaning of "Gender".

**Article 3** – Section 3.2, "Apprentice Members" added as membership class.

Sections 3.6 and 3.7 renumbered to 3.7 and 3.8 respectively.

<u>Section 3.6(new</u>) added to clarify apprentice membership and age increase from 18 to 23.

<u>Section 3.8</u> deletes blanket membership invitation and is renumbered as 3.9, "Reserved".

<u>Sections 3.9-.11</u> renumbered to 3.10-.12 respectively.

- **Article 4** <u>Sections 4.1 and 4.2</u> deleted and title renamed, "Reserved" Apprentice policy moved to new Section 3.6.
- **Article 5** "Generally" added to title.

<u>Section 5.1</u> was reworded to clarify that this applies to all officers and committee members, elected or not.

<u>Section 5.1.1</u> reworded to clarify that all elected officers and committee members must be active members. Deletes reference to appointees.

<u>Section 5.1.3</u> reworded, no change to content.

- Section 5.1.4 revised to add "as defined by USPS bylaw 4.3, in this squadron simultaneously, except as provided in 5.2 herein or for a short term period due to overlapping term of office."
- <u>Section 5.1.5</u> changed to "Reserved". Deletes limitation that no individual is eligible for election to Commander for more than two consecutive terms of one year each.
- Section 5.1.6 reworded, no content change.
- <u>Section 5.1.9</u> reworded to add "shall surrender", "significant" "and property".
- Section 5.1.10 adds "assistant administrative officer".
- <u>Section 5.2</u> Title revised to delete "and Committees".
- <u>Section 5.3</u>- Adds "assistant administrative officer" and rank of all assistant officers.
- <u>Section 5.8.2</u> Adds "one of whom shall be" and "for a term of three years.
- <u>Section 5.9.1</u> Last sentence is added.
- <u>Section 5.9.6</u> "Reserved" replaced by responsibilities for the Housing committee.
- <u>Section 5.9.8</u>- Minor rewording, no content change.
- **Article 6** <u>Section 6.6.3</u>, Format change to add sub-sections (a)-(c) New item (c) added.
  - Section 6.6.7, minor word change.
  - Section 6.6.8, Reworded, no content change.
  - Section 6.6.9, Reworded to simplify and state "Caused to be prepared and filed in a timely manner all required \_\_\_\_" rather than "Prepare and file".
  - Section 6.6.10, Minor word changes.
  - Section 6.7.7, Minor word changes.
  - Section 6.8.2, Minor rewording with addition of clarification that "year is normal watch of Bridge officers".
  - Section 6.9, adds "or proposed on its own initiative".
  - Section 6.10, "audit" changed to "review".
- **Article 7** <u>Section 7.4</u> revised to add "Except when a different USPS policy applies to this squadron", and "Squadron" at beginning of last sentence.

- **Article 8** New Sections 8.2, 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 added to incorporate the USPS Reinstatement policy.
- **Article 9** <u>Section 9.1</u> corrects the squadron business date meeting to "Tuesday", and adds the second sentence.
  - Section 9.5 changes number of active members who can request a special meeting from "10" to "at least 10% but not less than six".
  - Section 9.6.1 added new to clarify policy for electronic communications to squadron members.
  - Section 9.9.4, Section "11.5" is referenced.
- **Article 10** <u>Section 10.1</u>, Minor rewording to introduction. Also, Section numbers for each business item are deleted. "Adjournment" item deleted.
  - Section 10.2 Changes responsibility for questions of procedure not covered herein from the "Law Officer" to the "chairman of the Rules committee or designee"
- Article 11 Section 11.6 is deleted which stated "Elected officers shall assume the responsibilities of the office upon election to said office at the annual meeting."

Per USPS National, "It is conventional for officers to assume their office at the Change of Watch and not on the date of election". 11.6 would only apply if the officers were installed at the time of election, which we do not.

- **Article 12** <u>Section 12.2</u> "officer or" deleted.
  - Section 12.4, revised to delete "which would otherwise be unavailable" at end of sentence.
  - <u>Section 12.5</u>, redefines squadron's fiscal year as "twelve consecutive months beginning the first day of February each year" and deletes "ending on the last day in January".
- **Article 13** <u>Section 13.1</u>,minor rewording to state "USPS Policy".
- **Article 14** <u>Section 14.</u>1, minor rewording to state "USPS Policy".

**Article 17** – <u>Section 17.3</u>, clarifies responsibility of squadron secretary to notify members of USPS approved bylaw changes.

**Article 18** – Section 18.1, adds "Sail" to Corporate Seal

**Certification Page** – Added to document approval of bylaws/changes by Squadron membership and USPS National. District approval is not required!

Submitted by: Rules Committee: P/C Bud Miller, JN (Chairman) P/C John Mulkey, P P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN

#### **CBPS Members:**

The Squadron Rules Committee is proposing changes to our bylaws to incorporate the squadron name change which adds "Sail", and update our bylaws to be compatible with the USPS National model. The changes are mainly in wording or clarifications with some minimal amendments to substance.

A draft of the proposed bylaws changes has been approved by the USPS Rules Committee, and our squadron's Executive Committee. The next step is for our members to approve the revised bylaws which could happen at the March meeting.

Copies of the revised bylaws will be available for review at the February meeting and are being forwarded in the attachment to our members by email, which contains a listing of changes to current bylaws. Also, members can review the new proposed bylaws on our website, <a href="www.cbps.us">www.cbps.us</a>, for reference purposes. Changes are highlighted in blue italics and underlined.

P/C Bud Miller, JN Chairman, Rules Committee

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On Saturday, registration will be open from 0800 to 1000, and the Hospitality Suite will be open for coffee. While we take care of D23 business on Saturday, spouses not involved in the meetings will have an opportunity to visit the Florida Carriage Museum and Resort...a world renowned national treasure. There are also many other wonderful activities happening in Ocala that weekend to choose from. Saturday lunch will be a deli buffet with sliced roast beef, turkey & ham. After the District Conference on Saturday afternoon, the Hospitality Suite will again open at 1600. Saturday evening will be our formal dinner and Change of Watch. The Ballroom will open at 1830 with a plated lemon pepper chicken or prime rib dinner served at 1900. We'll close the evening with the drawing of raffle tickets and door prizes.

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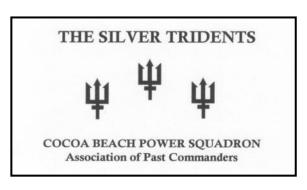


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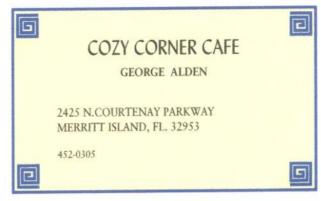


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