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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 02, March 2010 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Our featured speaker, for this month will be Dr. George Maul, honorary member of CBSPS. His topic will be an ocean observing system the he is setting up. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this meeting!

Attention On Deck

If you are planning to attend the D23 Spring Conference in Jacksonville, FL March 26-28th, please mail your check for meal choices to:

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COCO-NAUTS



AT THE HELM

Commander John F. Mulkey, P

I am honored that you have again elected me to be your Commander. We have many challenges before us. The last couple of years have been hard on organizations like ours. Membership is down all over the country. Many people just don't have the disposable income to pay dues.

My goal for this year is to get us better known. How can we attract new members if they don't know who we are or what we do. I have had people tell me they thought USPS was a part of the US Government!

On February 6, 2010 Ernst Hoffman, SEO of Banana River Sail and Power Squadron, and I met with Carl Motes who is in charge of education for Division 17 (Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne and Orlando) of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. They are wanting to work more closely with us. We are looking into a joint venture for the upcoming National Safe Boating Week, possibly at the Lee Wenner Boat Ramp in Cocoa.

We need to work more closely with both Titusville and Banana River. I have talked with their Commanders about doing some joint advertising which will help keep our costs down while getting information out about us. We have also discussed working more closely on boating activities, co-op charting, education and social activities. Members who are directly involved in these events are gaining the most benefit from our organizations. By working together all our organizations will benefit.

To keep the members we have now, we need to keep them involved. Please take time to get to know the new members. Reach out to those less active and invite them to an activity or class. Visit with them during the social hour before meetings.

Hopefully, by working with the other Space Coast Power Squadrons we can have a successful year.

Your Bridge Officers are going to do everything in their power to keep us a successful organization, but it takes your involvement to make it so.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Robert F. Flanigan, SN



Lt Bob Schaefer, P, had a co-op charting seminar/training session on Feb 12 at the Cocoa Beach Library. He had a fair turnout and it was a very informative session.

Lt George Guerrero, S, is in charge of setting up the booth for the Harbortown Marina's Flea Market and will be on Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11, 2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Joseph S. Auchter, JN



We look forward as a new Bridge to fair weather, new members, and more students in our Safe Boating Classes. The weather was not favorable for boaters in the area with high winds, cool weather, and turbulent water offshore that made offshore boating very unsafe in 2009.

P/C Duane Balkema, AP, our new incoming Boating Activities Chairman, we hope will have many opportunities for squadron activities, weather permitting, inshore and offshore.

Jim Wonnell, AP, will, as he has before, bring us guest speakers that are informative on the marine world, we so enjoy. Jim will also bring us up to date on events world-wide, as they relate to boating safety.

Marian Sweigart, AP, will chair the squadron's Membership Involvement Committee, as well as, being the contact for persons inquiring about our Safe Boating Course.

Returning chairpersons, Donna Longway, S, Barbara Millner, S, P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN, and Doris Valentine will again offer their expertise in the membership, entertainment, and Operations Training.

Dr. George Maul, honorary member of CBSPS, will be our speaker at the March general meeting. His presentation will be about the ocean observing system that he is setting up, where boaters, "meaning us" report on weather, currents, waves, and flotation debris. The information that is collected will go into a mathematical data system, for wide spread use - perhaps to put the Bermuda Triangle mystery to rest!

Please support the chairpersons so that we will have a successful 2010.



SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P



Welcome aboard ASEO 1/Lt Ken Charles P, and all of the new bridge members. Members wishing to take the Boat Operators Certification Program can contact me or visit USPS.ORG.

This is a on the water training course and there are minimum requirements that must be met.

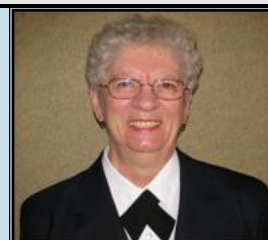
WANTED: STUDENTS to take courses! **REWARD:** Education, camaraderie with fellow members, and the satisfaction of one day probably obtaining a full certificate.

We have an enthusiastic group of students steadily plotting along in the Advanced Piloting Course with, Lt Dennis Peterson, N, diligently navigating at the helm. His support team of Lt Jack Wurst, AP, and P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, are a special addition to this adventure. As the class steadily sails along with an ETA of March 10, 2010, time will tell if we computed the accurate course toward our final way point.

Hope to see you at the Change of Watch on February 21, 2010 at 1600hrs

SECRETARY

LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Have you any changes for the 2010 Roster? If so, please call me at 321-452-4602 or email to bobmar2215@bellsouth.net Thanks.



Coco-Nauts Corner

President, Debra Burleson, S

This will be my first message/article as the newly elected President. I can't believe, Carolyn Bonnett was able to talk me into taking the position. What finally convinced me to accept the position, was the fact that Doris Valentine was agreeable, to accept the VP position once again. Doris is always a tremendous help to the Coco-Nauts, as well as supporting our squadron and members! Not only Doris, but they are more persons that I won't mention know, but I know they will be willing to help as well! I know, I have large shoes to fill, but I plan to give it my all, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you throughout the coming year!

We had our annual Friendship Luncheon on 13 February at the Cocoa Village Marina. Although it was cold and windy, we still managed to have 25 members show up, with many great salad dishes for lunch, followed by a delicious cake from BJ's. We also had 2 new members installed at this meeting. The new members are Anna Doerr and Tammarra Mycoskie! Welcome aboard to the both of you!

Our next meeting will be held at Brano's Italaian Grill, 3680 N. Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach on 10 March @1200. This is the same location where we had our Christmas luncheon. We will be ordering from the menu. Doris Valentine says they have a reasonably priced luncheon menu. Our April meeting will more than likely will be at the Moose Lodge in Merritt Island on 14 April @1130. If there is a change, the new location will appear in the next Soundings.

I will begin adding our Coco-Nauts birthdays to my report, beginning with this issue. If you were not at the February meeting please call me @ 321-454-3171 or email me at my Soundings or squadron business email address, which is debra.burleson@bellsouth.net

March Birthday's

01 - Anna Doerr
 05 - Jane Schnoor
 06 - Pamela Johnson
 14 - Barbara Millner
 28 - Ev Tribout





Galaxy 23

**From The District Bridge
D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr, SN**

February means that spring is right around the corner and that our D 23 commander's year is just about over. March brings us spring and our D 23 Spring Conference on 26-28 March.

It has been a good year, not great, but good. Our nation's economy tanked and along with it many who would have bought boats had reasons to put their money elsewhere. Thus potential members were hard to find. We lost a few members from each of the squadrons dropping our D 23 membership below 1,000 members. But things are improving somewhat and hopefully the economy will turn and the new boaters will appear once more.

I have just spent the day attending the Membership Committee meeting at the USPS Annual Meeting and the Board of Directors has asked all of us to bring 6,000 new members into the USPS ranks for the balance of the year. If accomplished we will end the year with a little over 40,000 members. Can it be done? Impossible? Some say so but if each of us in D 23 brought in just one new member we alone would end the year with over 1,800 members. So let's get out there and start RECRUITING. Last September the Governing Board extended for another 3 year period the relaxation of the rule that a new member had to take the Squadron Boating Course. Now it is possible to ask any boating friend of yours to join with us. One of the best ways to get new members is during our vessel inspections. While each of our Vessel Inspectors carries the form outlining the USCG required equipment to be inspected, why not have each inspector also carry a new member application form? The new member application form is available from your squadron Membership Chairperson. We should not pass up this golden opportunity to recruit new members. Belong to a yacht club or cruising club? Another great opportunity to invite the members to join with us. Remember, each one of us is a salesperson for USPS. Let's show headquarters that we in D 23 not only are up to the challenge, let's prove we can do it!

In talking with members of our Jacksonville Squadron, they assure me the spring D 23 conference will be one of the best yet. Special rates at the Hyatt right on the St. Johns River waterfront, a Friday night patriotic theme, great food, good guest speakers on Saturday and a chance to meet many of our USPS friends. I would like to see many of our newer members attend and let them see what the district does. Promote the conference to each and all within your squadron. You and your members will not be disappointed!

It has been an honor to have served as your D/C this past year and with your support next year will be a GREAT year!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

check website (cbsps.com) or e-mail for updates

February 2010

- 21 - Sunday, 1600 CBSPS COW, International Palm Resort , Cocoa Beach
- 25 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting-Merritt Island Library

March 2010

- 02 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- 10 - Wednesday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Brano's Italian Grill, Cocoa Beach
- 13 - Saturday, 1130 Meet the Bridge picnic, Kiwanis Park, Merritt Island
- 25 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting-Merritt Island Library
- 26 - 28, Friday - Sunday, D23 Spring Conference, Jacksonville FL
- 31 - Wednesday 0900 Blood Donors Day at the Blood Center on US 1 Hwy, Rockledge

April 2010

- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- 10 - 11 , Saturday & Sunday 0800, Harbortown Marina's Flea Market
- 14 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts, Luncheon Meeting, Merritt Island Moose Lodge
- 22 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

Note:

CBSPS 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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EDGEWOOD JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL BOATING SAFETY CLASS CDR. JOHN MULKEY, P

On January 28 and 29, 2010 members of the Banana River Sail & Power Squadron, and I had the pleasure of teaching Safe Boating to over 500 students. The classes averaged about 40 minutes so we limited the Thursday class to life jackets and safety equipment. On Friday, Boater's Exchange of Rockledge provided us with a 17 ft. skiff and a 22 ft. sailboat. The students enjoyed boarding and learning about the boats.

Edgewood is a “school of choice”. Students have to apply and be accepted to attend. We all agreed that this group of students was the most polite and attentive that any of us had ever seen. We have been invited back next year but will have to cover different subjects as all but the incoming 7th grade students will be the same.



L-R (both pictures) Frederick Mueller, John Mulkey, Ernst Hoffman & Robert Becker



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 31 March 0900a at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron

A Unit of the United States Powers Squadrons

5 January 2010

The following are the nominees for elected positions in the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron for the 2010-2011 year. All have agreed to serve.

Commander	P/C John F. Mulkey, P
Executive Officer	Robert F. Flanigan, SN
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Asst Educational Officer	Kenneth G. Charles, P
Asst Secretary	Carolyn Bonnett, P
Asst Treasurer	P/R/C Carmen Adame, AP

BoD Member at Large	Cdr Lance H. VandeBerg, P
" " " "	P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN
" " " "	David D. Keane, P
" " "	Lt Francesca N. Ragusa, P

COMMITTEES (previously elected individuals are shown for information only)

Audit Committee

Member (1 yr)	Marsha E. Kirkwood, S (elected previously)
Member (2 yrs)	P/C Edward W. Bonnett, SN
Member (3 yrs)	Lt Robert W. Schaefer, P

Nominating Committee

Member (1 yr)	Cdr Lance H. VandeBerg, P
Member (2 yr)	P/C J.P. Longway III, P
Member (3 yrs)	P/C Michael A. Stone, P

Rules Committee

Member (1 yr)	Leonard T. Senibaldi, N (elected previously)
Member (2yrs)	Lt David Collins, JN (elected previously)
Member (3 yrs)	P/C George Hess, SN

Section 11.1 of the CBSPS By-Laws states: "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."

Nominating Committee:

Lt Joseph S. Auchter, JN
 P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN
 Charles K. Vilardebo

CBSPS Photo Gallery



Feb. '10 Featured Speaker, Matt Culver from Brevard County Natural Resources Office & The Boating & Waterways Program



Lt/C Marilyn FLanigan, P, reading new Bridge nominations



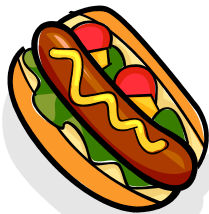
D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr., SN conducting new Bridge election

Coco-Nauts Friendship Luncheon 13 February 2010



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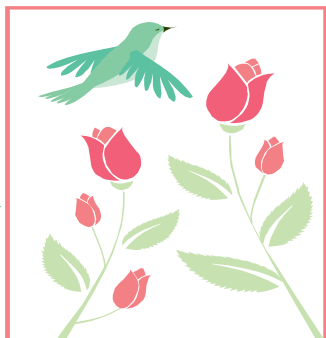
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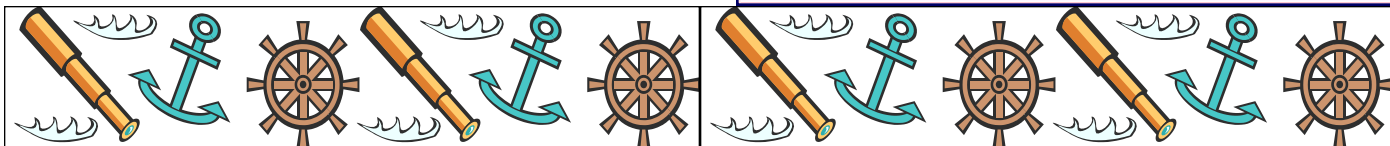
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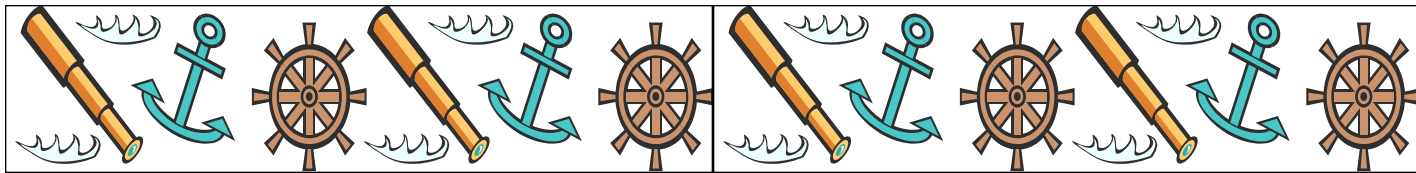
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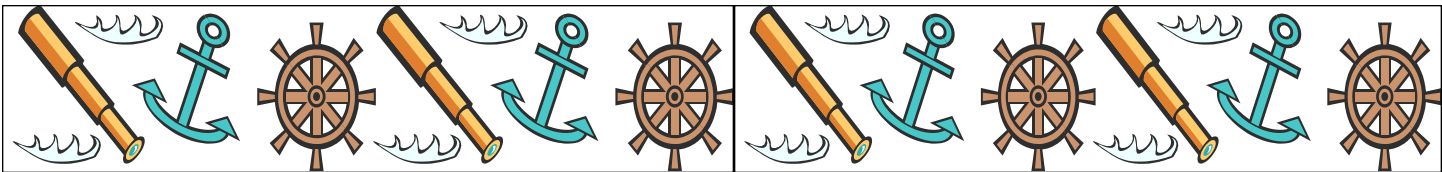
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