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### AT THE HELM

### **Commander Kermit Forbers, P**



Susan and I are looking forward to serving the membership throughout the upcoming year. Without contributions from the members the year cannot be successful.

I want to thank everyone on the bridge for agreeing to help during 2011.

Anyone with suggestions on how to make our monthly meetings more successful, please communicate with someone on the bridge.

Happy boating season.

### Submitted to Squadron by Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P

Have you volunteered yet to work on a committee that may need your help? Why not contact a Bridge Officer and offer your help.

I'm sure some of you know this story. It's not a new story, but worth reading again.

"This is the story about people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Somebody got angry with that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."

Volunteers are one of the most important part of any organization. Without them most organizations would fall apart. Don't let this happen to CBSPS. We need you to help make this a good operating Squadron

# **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



It will be a pleasure to serve on the CBSPS Board once again for at least two reasons:

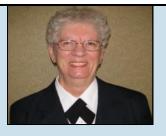
- 1- My house renovation is just about finished. A planned 6-month project turned into 14-month grueling 24/7 nightmare, including 11 months on our catamaran Cat House, comfortable but unable to cope with the blustery north-west winter winds.
- 2- Quite a few of the 2011 Bridge Officers were on the 2009 Bridge when I was the Admin Officer. P/C Kermit Forbes, P, our new Commander, was the Exec; P/C Lance VandeBerg, P, our new Admin, was Commander; and Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P, was and still is our Secretary. I look forward to working with them and all the other Board Members.

P/C Lance VandeBerg, P, has accepted to continue as Chair of the Vessel Safety Check Program. Thanks Lance. Here is his report:

Last year we completed 145 vessel safety inspections. Our first VSC event was held at Kelly Park on February 19th. There will be a training day for new inspectors held on Saturday March 19. Anyone interested in becoming a new inspector should contact P/C Lance VandeBerg,P, at 321-223-7713. We currently have 16 certified inspectors for our Squadron. Other inspection events will be scheduled throughout the year. If you have a boat to be inspected, call to schedule an appointment.

I will be contacting the Chairs of all the other Committees working with the XO to explore their goals and aspirations. Looking forward to working with you all.!

## SECRETARY LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Congratulations and Welcome to the new Bridge Officers and Members-at-Large. A special thanks to those who are going to serve again as chairperson under the Secretary's department. I am looking forward to working with you again in 2011.

Your Secretary is looking for an Historian and a Photography Chairperson. If you are interested, (and I hope someone is), please call me at 452-4602.

Please update your Roster

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# **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER P/C John F. Mulkey, AP**



Education is one of the prime functions of USPS, promoting boating safety through education. The SEO is not the education department, only one small part. We are in need of more instructors for our public boating course. We can only have certified instructors which means that you either need to have been a school teacher or passed our instructor development course. Fred Adame and I will soon be setting up an ID Class and we are in need of students. We have many members that would make great instructors, if only they would become certified. Please let Fred or I know if you would like to take the ID Class. Another course we will be holding soon will be Weather. Winnie Crawford will be the instructor. As many of you already know Winnie is a meteorologist. Each student will receive a Weather manual, three weather maps (with explanations of all the symbols), and a NOAA Sky Watcher Chart. Living in Florida, everyone needs this course.

We will also try to set up a Seamanship class if we get any new members from of our public boating course.

USPS has the best educational courses of any boating organization. We will do our best to make them available to you.

# ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICER P/C Lance H. Vandeberg, P



I am looking forward to a great year serving as your Administrative Officer.

Our quest speaker for March will be Special Agent, Wayne Ivey with Florida State Law Enforcement. He will speak on "Home Protection and How to Protect Yourself at the Mall.

We will have a "Meet the Bridge" picnic in March.

May 12<sup>th</sup> will be the "Planetarium" event at BCC with the IMAX movie on the "Rain Forrest". Cost will be \$12 per person.

There are a few changes for my committee Chair positions: Lt/C Joseph S. Auchter, JN has agreed to Chair the Programs Committee. Douglas Bisset has agreed to Chair the Membership Involvement Committee. We are still looking for someone to Chair the Operations Training Committee. Anyone wanting to serve on a specific committee should contact the appropriate Bridge officer.

The next boating event will be a lunch get together Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Café in Cocoa Beach. It will start at 11:30am. You can come by car or boat. Please RSVP to Duane Balkema.

## Coco-Nauts Corner President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

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The Coco-Nauts had their annual "Friendship" salad luncheon on 02-09-11 @ the Cocoa Village Marina. Many thanks to Ken Charles for allowing us to hold our luncheon meeting there!

We received a letter from P/C John Mulkey, AP, thanking us for our generous donation to the USPS hospitality room 04 February in Kissimmee, FL. There were 9 districts attending this conference. District 23 provided the refreshments, and the other districts provided the beverages. My thanks go out to P/R/C Carmen Adame, AP, for handling our role in the event!

Our next meeting will be 09 March at Marge Balkema's home. This will be a brown-bag luncheon, with Marge providing the dessert and drinks. Her home is exactly 1 mile South on S. Banana River Dr. in Merritt Island, FL. S. Banana River Dr. is across the street from Island Lincoln Mercury. There is a 7-11 on the corner of Hwy 520 and S. Banana River Dr. Marge says please use her rear staircase for easier access. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### **March Birthdays**

01 - Anna Doerr

05 - Jane Schnoor

06 - Pamela Johnson



The following are the nominees for elected positions in the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron for the 2011 - 2012 year. All have agreed to serve.

Commander: P/C Kermit B. Forbes, P Executive Officer: Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN P/C John F. Mulkey, AP Educational Officer: P/C P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN **Asst Educational officer:** P/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P Administrative Officer: Secretary: Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P 1/Lt Carolyn Bonnett, P Asst. Secretary: P/C Michael A. Stone, P Treasurer: P/R/C Carmen Adame, AP **Asst. Treasurer:** 

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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: P/C Lance VandeBerg, P

P/C J.P. Longway III, P

P/C Michael Stone, P



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### February 2011

- 26 Saturday, 1130 Change of Watch, Eau Gallie Yacht Club
- 24 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

### **March 2011**

- 01 Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 05 Saturday, 1130 Sunset Cafe
- © 09 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts meeting & brown-bag luncheon, (Marge Balkema's house)
- 18 20, Fri Sun, D23 Spring Conference & COW, Orlando FL
- 24 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 26 Saturday, 1130 Meet the Bridge Picnic, Location TBD

### **April 2011**

- **№** 05 Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- **№** 13 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Mtg./Luncheon, (Joan Montfort's house)
  - 28 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

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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### March Boating Report, P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

Greetings! I have not completed a boating events schedule as yet, but lets make our first one to be an 11:30 AM Lunch, March 5th, at the Sunset Café. Call please and advise if coming so I can give them a headcount. Come anyway if you forget. Boaters can come by water as they have good docks. Location is the on the Hwy 520 Causeway and the west most business in Cocoa Beach. Bring a friend. We can talk boating events.

I also mention a long time advertiser, The Jaren family, of Banana River Marine/Coastal Marine Repair, will be closing their business the end of February. They have always been good supporters of our squadron, and its events. They opened in about 1950, and have been involved in boat building and maintenance since. Being a mechanic at heart and knowing some of the complex inner working of all mechanical parts, and systems of boats and engines, I really hate to see their talents and knowledge become not available to the boating community. But so it is.



#### **BLOOD DONATION**

The next blood donation will be on 13 April 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





### **CBSPS Photo Gallery**

1st row: l-r, 01 Feb. 11 featured speaker Scott Jackson, financial advisor with Edward Jones in Cocoa Village. 2nd row: l-r, Ev Tribout receiving 5th merit mark, D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr., SN









Coco-Nauts Friendship Luncheon 09 Feb. 11 at the Cocoa Village Marina. Photos continued on pg 13











# Cocoa Beach Sail And Power Squadron Invites You To 44th Annual Change of Watch

Date: Saturday, 26 February 2011

Time: 1130 am (starting with cash bar cocktails)

Lunch: 1230 pm Program: 1:30pm

Place: Eau Gallie Yacht Club

Cost: \$25 p/p

Menu Choice:
Baked Salmon with dill sauce
or
London Broil with bordelaise sauce

Dress: blue blazer/grey slacks or other appropriate dressy/casual attire

If you plan to attend please contact:

Lt Donna Longway, S @ 321-474-8786

or

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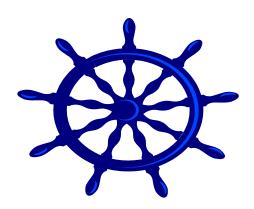








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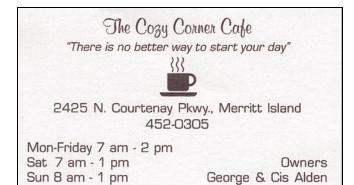
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