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## Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 06 March, 2012 @ 1900**  
**Brevard Veteran's Center**  
**400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL**

## Monthly Speaker

**Matt Culver, Boating and Waterways Program Coordinator, with the Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office will be our next speaker. Please mark your calendar, and plan to attend!**

## Attention on Deck

**There are lots of new boating events scheduled for the 2012-2013, please check them out inside the newsletter on page 8. Also information, pertaining to Meet the Bridge Picnic and the Planetarium events are on pages 10 and 11!**

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# AT THE HELM

**P/C Kermit Forbes, P**



**I want to thank my bridge officers for all their help during the past year.**

**I want to thank the appointed committees and the elected committees for being part of a very successful year.**

**What happened during 2011?**

**We educated more of the public than the previous year about safe boating.**

**We adopted Sykes Creek Pkwy as part of Keep Brevard Beautiful.**

**We established a scholarship to be presented to a deserving student at Florida Tech in memory of P/C Richard Schnoor.**

**We maintained our membership at the same level as 2010.**

**We had a local Blessing of the Fleet.**

**Our boating activities were well attended.**

**Again, thanks for being part of a successful year.**

## Relay For Life Cancer Walk

**Mark your calendars for April 28, 2012 which is the date for the Cocoa Village Relay for Life Cancer Walk that will be in the Riverfront Park and starts at 2:00 PM. The Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron is formally entering a Team to participate. Last year we participated on an informal basis but still was able to raise \$500. This year our goal is \$1,000 of which \$200 has already been contributed.**

**The Squadron will have a booth set up to promote our boating safety programs which we did not do last year. Members will be asked to sign up, join our team, and contribute to achieving our goal at the March and April meetings. This is a fun event. It is called a Walk and many do. There is no set limit to the number of times around. That is entirely up to the individual as some just sit on a bench, watch others, visit the other booths or just enjoy the nice weather.**

**I volunteered to serve as Team Captain as three of the four members of my family consisting of my sister, father and myself all have had Cancer. Only my sister and I have survived it. I am living proof that there are treatments to combat this dreaded disease. Programs such as the Relay for Life Walk do help raise the funds to continue the fight for a cure.**

**Please call me at 638-1247 if you have any questions or need additional information.**

**P/C Bud Miller, JN**

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### **J. P. Longway, III, P**

Well I'm back in the groove, as a result of being recycled and selected/nominated to be your new XO. I'm pleased to be taking over this position once again and its responsibilities on behalf of the Squadron, and especially in support of my good shipmate and friend Cdr. Lance H. VandeBerg, P. First, in the near term, I will schedule an XO staff working session to ensure we are fully manned, ready to carry out our positional responsibilities, identify areas that need focus those results in opportunities to improve our functional duties and commitment to our community.

Collectively, we ask that other members give consideration to helping various Committee's when asked, or volunteering to become a certified Examiner in the Vessel Safety Check Program. In addition, we ask that the membership please remember that Squadron is a "We" or "Us" organization, and is not a "They" or "Them" type. We're in this together, and therefore need all of the membership to participate in and contribute to this "TEAM" effort. So please offer to do your share in some way.

As my final note, I would like to personally thank P/C Kermit B. Forbes, P and his Bridge, Executive and Elected Committees and staff members for performing the many numerous tasks that operated the Squadron's Education, Public Service & Fellowship activities this past year. They have made significant progress in promoting the Squadron in our community, retaining our membership, promoting effective safe boating skills, and holding enjoyable fraternal activities. Ladies and Gentlemen, "Job Well Done".

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

### **LANCE H. VandeBerg, P**

Our next meeting will be held on March 6 at the Veterans center in Merritt Island.

Our annual Chile/Soup cook off at the general meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Congratulations to winner Donna Longway.

The "Change of Watch" was held at the Eau Gallie Yacht club on February 25<sup>th</sup> with social hour starting at 11:30 am. Bob Becker, our District 23 Commander handled the proceedings.

Several members helped to move our storage unit over to Mr. Store-it on Cone Road Saturday the 11 of February. This will be a good cost savings for the squadron of about \$500 year.

Our executive board meeting will be held on March 22nd at 6:00pm at the Merritt Island Library. As usual, we meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

I am proud to announce that we have certified two new inspectors for our VSC program. They are Bob Rutigliano, S and Ron Raphael, S. Our squadron currently has 12 active inspectors.

Our Entertainment committee, Jay and Doris have spent a lot of time putting together our schedule of activities for this year. I want to thank them for their hard work and effort on this important task.

Our Boating activities chair P/C Duane Balkema, AP, along with Lt/C Bob Rutigliano, S have worked hard on putting together a boating activities schedule for this year. I want to thank them for their effort on this important task.

As I transition back to Commander for our Squadron this year, I am looking forward to a fun time and lots of camaraderie with all our members, both old and new.

## **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**

**LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN**

**It will be a pleasure to be your Squadron Education Officer for 2012. Thanks to P/C John Mulkey, AP, for staying on the Board as Assistant SEO. I will sorely need his help and that of all the other members involved in Education as this is a new “hat” for me.**

**As you all know, I will be travelling extensively so a lot of communications will have to be via phone and/or email. I also intend on finishing the 3 courses I need to achieve SN in 2012.**

**To that end, I am presently studying Cruise Planning. This is a very interesting and practical course which I recommend to all. It’s an “easy” course and can be taken solo, but you will then miss the class camaraderie which inevitably happens.**

**Another kettle of fish is N (Navigation) currently in progress every Monday night. By the time you read this the class will be about halfway through the manual. All 6 students (3 from CBSPS and 3 from Titusville) are thankful for P/D/C Fred Adame, SN and Lt. Dennis Peterson, SN’s patience with us. On Wednesdays, P/C Susan Kneeland, SN is teaching Piloting to 7 students and that class is also progressing well. We might want to do an AP class in the Fall.**

**Other courses which have been requested were Weather and Engine Maintenance. Please let me or John know which courses you are interested in.**

**For the general public, we have three ABC3 Public Boating Courses scheduled: April 21 & 28, 2012, July 21 & 28, 2012, and October 13 & 20, 2012. These classes will be held at Cape Canaveral Hospital. Also, we are working with Boaters Exchange to hold two public boating courses there.**

## **SECRETARY**

**LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P**

**Not much to report at this time of the year, but here are some changes, to update your existing roster.**

**Maggie Woeber is in an assisted living facility, after hip replacement and physical therapy! Her address and phone # at the facility is 7365 Orchestra Lane # 703 Viera, FL 32940, (321-253-0543)**

**P/C Kermit Forbes, P, has a new email address (kermitforbes@att.net) and a new cell number (321-794-0399)**

**Email change for Carol & Bill Hayes: seehaze@att.net**

**Just A Reminder: If you have any changes, that need to be in the new 2012-2013 roster, please call or email me at (321-452-4602) or (bobmar2215@bellsouth.net)**

## Coco-Nauts Corner

### Vice-President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts had their last meeting at the Cocoa Village Marina on Wednesday, February 8th! There were 22 ladies that attended the meeting, and we had 5 new ladies to join the auxiliary. The new additions to the Coco-Nauts, are as follows, Patricia Parsons, Geraldine Roca, Barbara Rutigliano, Jan Scholtz, and Diane Schommer.

We have decided to wait on the game/card party until the fall of this year, and possibly, October.

Our next meeting is going to be on March 14th, at the Island Tiki Grill, in Merritt Island, starting at 11:30a. Then tentatively, we plan to have the following meeting at the home of Joan Montfort, who lives in Canaveral Groves.

If you are a new member, please send your email, and telephone number to Marilyn Flanigan, @bobmar2215@bellsouth.net, or call her @ 321-454-3171. If you contact Marilyn, she can provide the information to president, Doris Valentine, so she can send you reminders, of monthly Coco-Naut meetings, and other pertinent information. If you do not have a email address, just remember that the Coco-Naut meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of most months. If there is a change, it will appear under the Coco-Nauts Corner in the squadron's newsletter, "The Soundings!" Also, if you would like your birthday recognized, in the Coco-Naut's Corner, for your birthday month, please let Doris Valentine, or myself, know your special day.

#### March Birthdays

05 - Jane Schnoor  
06 - Pamela Johnson



## 2012 CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

### March

- 03 - Saturday, Cruise to Lee Wenner Park, Cocoa, Fl
- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 07- Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Island Tiki Grill
- 22 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 23 - 25 Friday - Sunday, D23 Spring Conference and COW
- 31 - Saturday, 1130, Meet the Bridge, Kiwanis Park, Merritt Island

### April

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Joan Montfort's home
- 14 - 15, Saturday and Sunday, 0800-1600 Boat and Flea Market, Harbortown Marina, Merritt Island
- 26 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 26 - Thursday, 1800, Planetarium, Cocoa Florida

### May

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 05 - Saturday, 1700 Blue Dolphin Cruise, Kelly Park , Merritt Island
- 12 - Saturday, D23 picnic, Titusville
- 19 - Saturday, Blessing of the fleet and picnic, Kelly Park, Merritt Island
- 08 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Location TBD
- 24 - 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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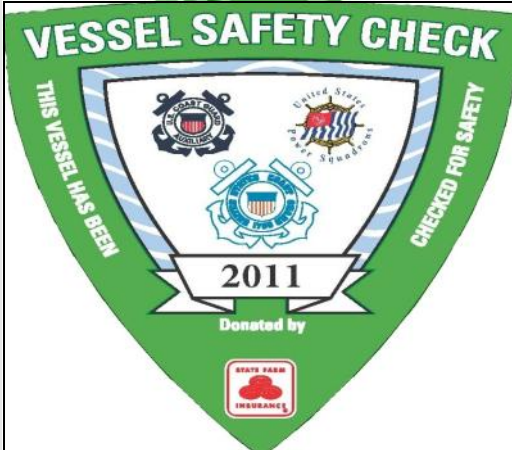
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# Boating Committee Report P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

The 2012 Boating Activities Schedule is printed elsewhere in the Soundings. We look for your participation as is possible. New members please contact myself, at 452-5892 if any questions about any of the activities planned or otherwise. If two or three members want to raft-up and grill steaks out there, call and see if we can get others involved. Also, like Diane and Cliff have discussed going to the keys, possibly there are others who are thinking about doing the same and want some company. I may help facilitate a group thru this column.

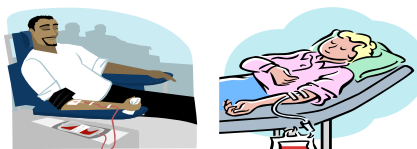
It is short notice, but March 3, 2012, we plan a Cruise to Lee Wanner Park for lunch at 12:30 and fun. There are good docks to tie up or and a launching ramp. Then on April 21, 2012, we will Cruise to Water Ski Island to eat at 12:30. Beach the boat on the sand or flag a ride from anchored boat to shore.

We had 8 boats and 20 people, on our January 21, 2012, "Cruise to Bird Island and Overnight," expecting good weather. Al Pappas got stuck on a sandbar but otherwise a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who came. See below.



## BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 04 April @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!



## **Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron BOATING SCHEDULE 2012/2013**

**Officially Bridge Approved/February 10, 2012 dlb**

<b>March 3, Saturday</b>	<b>Cruise to Lee Wenner Park, lunch at 12:30, Plenty of dock space (someone bring Horseshoes)</b>
<b>April 21, Saturday</b>	<b>Cruise to Water Ski Island near the Locks, Eat at 12:30, Fire/Grill provided to cook on</b>
<b>May TBD</b>	<b>Cruise to/watch District Cardboard Boat Race--Titusville District 23 Picnic</b>
<b>May 19, Saturday</b>	<b>Cocoa Beach SPS Blessing of Fleet--On Banana River at West End South of Highway 520 Bridge--11:00, Followed By a Picnic at Kelly Park, MI at 12:00</b>
<b>June 2, Saturday</b>	<b>Sunset Cruise Aboard Blue Dolphin, Depart 17:00 from Kelly Park, \$23.00 per person</b>
<b>June 23, Saturday</b>	<b>Cruise to Mathers Bridge anchorage area for raft-up, overnight and return (meet at 3:00)</b>
<b>July 7, Saturday</b>	<b>Cruise to Old Florida Seafood &amp; Grill &amp; Eat, 12:00, North 3 miles of Hwy 528 on US1</b>
<b>August 11, Saturday</b>	<b>Cruise to Grills on Indian River, eat of the menu 1:00</b>
<b>Sept 22, Saturday</b>	<b>Cruise N on Indian River-Raft up North of first Spoil Island North of Barge canal(1:00 Raft up)</b>
<b>Oct 20, Saturday</b>	<b>Cruise to Sunset Café &amp; Eat, 11:30, Hwy 520 CCB</b>
<b>Nov 18, Sunday</b>	<b>Cruise South on Banana River to Samson Island, Satellite Beach for Nature Tour (arrive 1:00--Is a city water taxi)</b>
<b>Dec 1, Saturday</b>	<b>Treasure Hunt in Cocoa Beach Canals, Meet South of Hwy 520 bridge on Banana River at 1:00, Prizes</b>
<b>Jan 19, Saturday 2013</b>	<b>Cruise to Bird Island S on Banana River &amp; Overnight</b>
<b>Feb 16, Saturday 2013</b>	<b>Eagles Nest</b>





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<b>Saturday Breakfast - Hotel Deluxe Continental</b>		<b>FREE</b>
<b>Saturday Lunch - Chicken Breast Teriyaki, Southern Green Beans, Whipped Sweet Yams, Salad, Rolls</b>	\$15.00 _____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Night Plated Dinner</b>		
Choice #1 Prime Rib _____ Choice#2 Glazed Alaskan Salmon _____	\$31.00 _____	\$ _____
"N" Club Sunday Breakfast - Country Buffet — followed by guest speaker	\$14.00 _____	\$ _____
	Total for meals	\$ _____
	Total # _____ of rooms (through GSPS) x \$69	\$ _____
	Total amount of check	\$ _____

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***SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012***

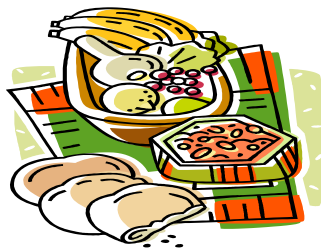


***Cost: \$5 p/p***

***Social and 50/50 Raffle: 11:30-12:30***

***Lunch: 12:30 - until????***

***Hot Dogs, hamburgers, beverages, and paper products will be provided. Everyone should bring a side dish to share!***



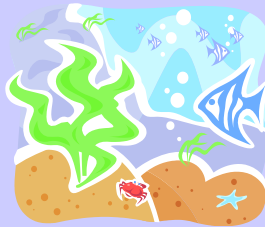
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***When: Thursday, April 26th***

***Cost: \$12 p/p , And Guests Are Invited Too!***

***Social: In Gift Shop 18:00-18:30***

***Hors d’oeuvres: 18:30-19:15***

***Everyone Bring A Dish/Finger-Food To Share With 6-8 Others!***

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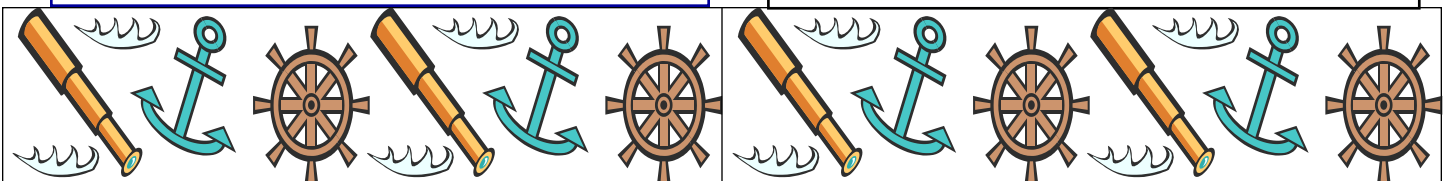
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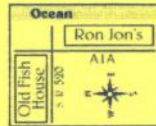
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