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## General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, March 1, 2005; 1900**

**Cocoa Civic Center**

**430 Delaney Avenue, Cocoa Village**

Cocoa Beach Power Squadron welcomes Les Tribout at the March General Membership meeting. Les will share his adventures aboard the Queen Mary 2 (QM2) with a power point presentation detailing the many intricate features of this wondrous ship. The QM2 is the world's largest passenger ship, weighing in at 150,000 gross tons. She arrived at Ft. Lauderdale's Port Everglades following her maiden, six day voyage across the Atlantic.

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like to submit...**

*At The Helm*

**Lt/Commander John Mulkey, P**

At this writing the Change of Watch ceremony has not happened yet, but will be history by the time you read this. Because of the excellent preparations made by our Past Commander Bud Miller and the old Bridge I am sure it will have been a success.

Cdr. Bud Miller is due much thanks for his outstanding leadership over the past year. He has led the way in finding us free classrooms and also a new meeting place. This has freed up resources and allowed the Bridge to spend more on needed budget items.

The new Bridge has been hard at work even before the Change of Watch. We have been working on a new budget, calendar and planning new events.

We have planned Educational programs, **but we need students.**

We have planned boating activities, **but we need boaters.**

We are planning picnics and outings, **but we need participants.**

Well, by now you must have guessed that one of the key things for 2005 will be membership involvement. **YOU** are the Squadron and **YOU** are the key to a successful year!

We all have boating friends who are not members of the Squadron. Ask them to join. When we have a boating activity invite a new member or an older member who no longer has a boat.

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for doing such a wonderful job of filling positions on the Bridge. I am truly fortunate to have such a talented group to work with.

Please mark your calendars for March 19 at 1200 hours. That is the date for our "Meet the Bridge Picnic" at Kiwanis Island Park on Merritt Island. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Lt/C John F. Mulkey,P

# ***EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT***

***Lt/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN***

As I begin my tenure as the Executive Officer I look back over the my past year as Secretary and am grateful for all the assistance that I received from the members who made it such an enjoyable time.

I wish to thank the Soundings "crew" that included two editors, Rhoda Bernbaum and Linda Feldes, the advertising salesman Duane Balkema, and the distribution chairman Paul Pfadenhauer. Postings on the WEB site were the responsibility of Larry Carr. The Ship's Store was under the charge of Paul Whitney who was assisted during his absence by the Assistant Secretary Joan Montfort. The Roster was once again published by Fred Adame and the mailing was done by Marilyn and Bob Flanigan and Marian Sweigart. And to record the year for posterity, thank you to photographer Trent Miliken and Historian Duane McConkey.

This year is off to another great start. The new PRO chairman, Sylvia Smith, will be assisted by a committee consisting of Marian Sweigart and Larry Hatfield. Already this group has met and arranged the publicity for the upcoming Boat Smart Course.

Bob Flanigan is the new Safety Officer. Charlie Dodds will take over the VSC program while Bob Schaefer will continue with Coop Charting. Gene Millner is wearing two hats, Liason and Legislative Officers and will continue to keep the membership informed of current boating issues. A new face to the squadron but a veteran member, John Wurst, will be the Radio Technical Officer.

I am excited to be able to work with this group of talented volunteers and am looking forward to another successful, fun-filled year.

## ***SEO REPORT***

***P/D/C Fred Adame, SN***

First, let me thank you for having elected P/C Sue Kneeland, SN, and me to head our squadron educational department for the coming year. We will work hard for you and try to live up to the confidence you have placed in us.

We are just a small part of the large educational team that will be running our education program for 2005. On the team are many conscientious instructors who make up our three local boards: the Local Board for Boating stages the boating classes, the Local Board for Advanced Courses runs the Advanced Grades (S, P, AP, JN, N) and the Local Board for Elective Courses conducts the Elective Courses for our members. In addition we have a Teaching Aids Committee and Educational Department Registrar. It's a big team with a big job.

That big job is to carry out one of the prime functions of USPS – education. Remember the mission of USPS? *To promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.* While fellowship is important, it is promoting boating safety that has made the Power Squadrons the nationally recognized organization that it is (and given us our 501 C(3) tax status.) Education is the biggest part of this and it is education that really makes our organization unique.

Other boating organizations have cruises and social events. Other clubs perform civic service activities. But only one organization has an extensive program of educational courses and learning guides, for the public and for its own members. That organization, of course, is the United States Power Squadrons. We have a mission and we work hard at it. As a result, we enjoy the fellowship that social activities provide as we celebrate our accomplishments.

So, what's the message in all this? If you want to get more out of your Power Squadron experience, get involved in education. Proctor or teach at one of the boating courses (Boat Smart starts on 2 March, call Lt. Pete Schmidt, P, 455-9366); take an Elective Course or the next Advanced Grade course (look for the schedule next month). You'll make new CBPS friends and get that special feeling that comes from belonging to America's oldest and finest boating safety organization.

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Jay Longway

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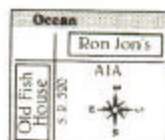
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**Contact Doris Valentine to Sign Up.**



# **GALAXY 23**

## **From the District 23 Bridge**

### **D/C George Fontes, AP**

Now that District and all Squadrons have completed our Changes of Watch we get busy on a new year. In most aspects things will be the same. Be assured that changes are inevitable. We will have our problems but I can easily predict that we will have many fun times.

It is very difficult to get something without putting something in to it. How can work be fun? A simple example: You enjoy a squadron picnic. You received the enjoyment of the picnic but to do so you had to go to the picnic, you had to participate. You could enjoy the picnic more if you helped with the picnic in any of the many small tasks: planning, cooking, setting up, cleaning, service, etc. To make a long story short, get involved, participate. This example can be applied to most of the activities we have, to include education classes, co-op charting, setting up a meeting place, safety booth, vessel safety checks, etc. Just as important, take one of the many education classes yourself. There are many ways to get involved and meet new friends at the same time having fun.

At the same time I'm suggesting that you get involved, our senior members should be trying to get new members involved. By senior members I mean senior in experience with squadron activities. The senior members may not realize it but they receive satisfaction and have fun getting a new member involved. This year all members should get involved, or more involved, for your own enjoyment. One way to start is to introduce yourself to someone you have not personally met before.

If it is not fun, it fits in the category of work. I feel very confident that our newly elected Bridge Officers will do a good job this year but they can only produce outstanding results if all members are enjoying themselves. How? You guessed it, by getting involved. I hope to visit all squadrons at one of your meetings or social activities. I hope I can live up to what I preach and meet you personally. As the saying goes, my door is always open. In our case the door is e-mail, telephone, letter or my visits.

Overall the District and Squadrons had a highly successful 2004-2005. I hope, together, we can do the same and have fun at the same time. We can do it by working together. Remember District is here to be the link between National and you. We provide workshops, guidance, help as needed, in general we hope to make your job easier and hopefully have fun.

In May we are planning a District picnic on 14 May in conjunction with a Bridge Meeting and a Council Meeting. The Council meeting will be very brief. We are still planning, details will come out soon. The Spring Governing Board will be held in Charlotte, NC, 1- 5 June. In October we hope to have a Cruise/Rendezvous at Hickory Point, Lake Harris. I wish you all a successful Watch year and hope everyone becomes involved. Have Fun.

# ***ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT***

*Lt. Ann McCandless, S*

Join us for the Meet The Bridge Picnic, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> , at Kiwanis Park, Merritt Island. Thank you **Doris Valentine**, for volunteering to organize this event. Doris is a CBPS member who keeps all of us involved by continuing to help with activities, while also serving as our Membership Chairman. We truly appreciate all that you do for the squadron, Doris. THANKS!!

And speaking of Membership Involvement, we have an outstanding team this year. **P/C Lt Bill Hayes, L Pam Johnson, and Lt Doris Valentine** will work together for the presentation of the new Leadership Training program. The CBPS will participate in squadron activities as well as complete the new Operations Training Course.

New member **Lt Larry Burleson** readily agreed to chair the House Arrangements Committee, and the Programs for the monthly meetings will be planned by **Lt Johnny McCandless**.

**Lt Duane Balkema** will lead the Boating Activities Committee. Duane will lead **P/C Bud Miller, Sam and Jan Greenwood, Jack and Kay Wursts and the Schoonmakers** in planning some exciting boating events. Members of the Entertainment Committee include **Tuck and Betty Craven, Gene and Barl Millner, Doris Valentine, Gary Kingrea, and Charlie and Angie Vilardebo**. What a great group. We can all look forward to fun times this year!!

**Lt Edie Wonnell** has stepped forward to Chair the Blood Bank Committee, a very important activity that we provide for the community. **Marsha McConkey** will chair the Refreshment Group with assistance from **Cheryle Quinn, and Barb Millner** has agreed to fill the Auxiliary Liaison Office.

Thank you, all of you for your time and service. The Squadron can look forward to an exciting year because of YOU.

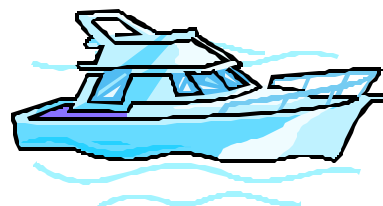


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**Welcome aboard!**





## **COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

### **MARCH:**

- 01-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 02-Wednesday; Boat Smart Class, time & place to be announced
- 08-Tuesday; 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach
- 19-Saturday; 1200-1500, CBPS Spring Picnic, Kiwanis Island Park, Merritt Island
- 24-Thursday; 0900; Blood Bank, Veterans' Center, Merritt Island
- 29-Tuesday; 1900-2100, Exec. Board Mtg; Merritt Island Library, N. Courtenay

### **APRIL:**

- 05-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 23-Saturday; Coco-Nauts High Tea & Fashion Show
- 29-Tuesday; 1900-2100, Exec. Board Mtg; Merritt Island Library, N. Courtenay

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.

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## *Coco-Nauts' Corner*

*Lt. Barbara Millner, S, President*

FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS and **COLOR** EVERYWHERE! Yes, that pretty much describes our wonderful evening at the Bonnett's lovely Stonewood rec room. Our rescheduled luau was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and was enjoyed by 80 party-goers in Hawaiian attire. Marge Balkema did an outstanding job with decorations, and they were admired by all. Our evening's entertainment, the hula lesson by Barbara Norris with her "students" Duane, Ed, Gene and Randy, was hilarious. (We're still wondering how we got the guys in those outfits)! Carmen Milliken was the lucky winner of the adorable Hawaiian bear.

The drawing for our first Holiday Basket was held at the February Power Squadron meeting. The winner of the beautiful Valentine basket was Jay Longway.

Our February meeting is always a special one, as it's our Friendship Meeting and Luncheon. This year was no different! The plentiful salads were wonderful and we had a great turnout of members and guests. Thank you, Arlene Gage, for inviting us to your condo rec room once again.

Recent additions to the Coco-Nauts' roster are Betty Auchter, Lea Collins, Jan Greenwood, Peggy Guerrero, Joan Herrick and Susan Lynn. Welcome, ladies!

Our March meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Cocoa Beach. The banquet manager has requested that the Coco-Nauts pay with one check. So, with that in mind, you will need to pay our treasurer the set fee of \$10 as you go in, and that will include the tip and tax. For this meeting we have to ask you to pay with cash or check, as our Coco-Naut treasurer is not set up to accept credit cards. Your caller will be able to give you our menu choices. The meeting will be held on the second floor, and you will find an elevator in the lobby if you prefer that to the stairs. Speakers for this meeting will be Peter & Marilyn Schmidt who will be talking to us about their escape from Africa in the boat that they built. This should prove to be a most exciting presentation! We're planning to have the speaker, lunch and then our meeting. A lot of planning needs to be done at this meeting for our fundraiser in April. Please sign up to help, as there are plenty of jobs that need to be filled.

Tickets for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> High Tea & Fashion Show are available by contacting Doris Valentine (452-1835) or at a Coco-Naut or Power Squadron meeting. Invite your friends to join you for a great afternoon.

Coco-Nauts with March birthdays include:

5<sup>th</sup>—Jane Schnoor  
6<sup>th</sup>—Pam Johnson  
9<sup>th</sup>—Betty Craven  
14<sup>th</sup>—Barbara Millner  
18<sup>th</sup>—Nancy Gordon  
22<sup>nd</sup>—Sylvia Smith  
26<sup>th</sup>—Kay Hance  
28<sup>th</sup>—Penny Fille  
28<sup>th</sup>—Evelyn Tribout



Happy Birthday, everyone!

The Boat Smart class will soon be starting. If you haven't taken this course, please consider joining the class.

## BLOOD BANK REPORT

Eddie Wonnell

Since I am a fairly new member of the Power Squadron and I know there are several others who have recently joined, I thought it would be a good time to review our Blood Bank Program.

CBPS has a credit program with Florida's Blood Centers. We earn one credit for each pint of blood donated by our members. Our account credits can be used by any CBPS members and their family member who reside in Brevard County and are in need of blood. This is not only your immediate family but also aunts, uncles, and in-laws.

Blood is always in demand. Yes, it is true many times you can give your own blood before your scheduled surgery but think of auto accident victims who may need as much as 50 pints of blood after a massive blood loss. Giving blood is truly a gift of life.

Please join us on March 24<sup>th</sup> at our next donation date. The "Big Red Bus" will continue to meet us at the Veterans' Center beginning at 9:00 AM.

Thanks to all those who donated January 27<sup>th</sup>!

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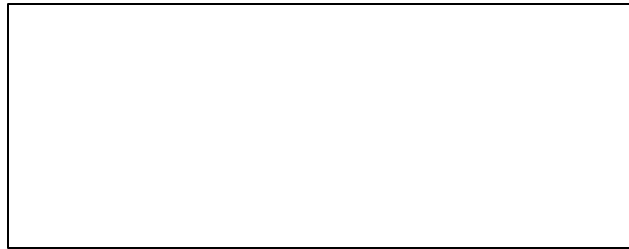
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