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SOUNDINGS DEADLINE: THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

We welcome comments, boating stories and any articles of interest you'd like to submit... E:Mail an <u>Attachment</u> to debra.burleson@bellsouth.net

AT THE HELM

Commander Lance H. VandeBerg, P

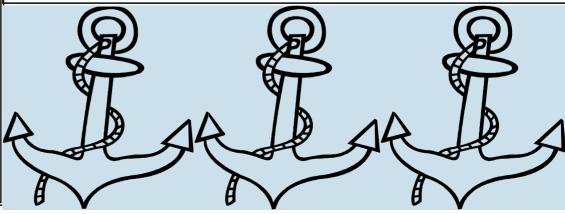


The D23 Spring council was held in Deland on March $27^{th} - 29^{th}$. We had 13 members present from our squadron. Robert Becker, SN, was installed as the new District 23 Commander. Bob has over 40 years experience with the USPS and we look forward to working with him in the coming year.

The executive board met on March 24. As usual, many issues pertaining to our squadron were discussed, including planning for our hosting of the 2009 D23 Fall Conference, and a final budget review.

At our general meeting on April 7th we installed two new members. I would like to thank P/C Mike Stone, P, Lt Denise Stone and Lt Gene Millner, P and Lt Barbara Millner, AP for there presentation on their trip through the Panama Canal and other ports of call. Past member, Ira Bickham, presented a donation of a complete set of alpha flags and a quilt which was made by our woman's auxiliary years earlier. A life member award was given to Trent Milliken, P for earning 25 Merit marks. A USPS award in Journalism was given to Lt Debra Burleson, S, our Soundings editor. We also passed our 2009 budget.

We received a thank you letter from the Veteran's Memorial Center Executive Board of Directors, thanking us for our generous contribution to the Memorial Gardens Project. The donation will be used for a 24" brick and benches for the gardens.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/C Kermit Forbes, P



As we start off the Month of April, everything is pointing toward being able to have a great couple months.

- 1. The water temperature is above 70 degrees and the fish are suppose to be plentiful
- 2. We have a great boating activity scheduled to take place on April 25
- 3. We have a safe boating course scheduled to start May 12
- 4. We have a great boating activity scheduled to take place on May 30
- 5. The temperature of my pool is over 80 degrees
- 6. My boat is running great
- 7. I have a small flats boat that my neighbor and I are ready to launch

8. The squadron has an approved budget (we need to have a fund raiser or two to help support it) Our vessel examiners are off and running with 70 plus completed.

We need every member's input, support, and help to have a successful year. I want to take this opportunity to thank each person on my staff for your contributions of the past, without you the Exec would accomplish nothing.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P



Congratulations to P/Lt/C Brian Grigsby, N, and Dennis Peterson, N, who are the latest recipients of the Coveted N grade. They joined P/D/C Les Tribout, N, Lenny Senibaldi, N, and Bruce Wade, N. Accolades also goes to P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, their instructor and P/C George Hess, SN, Chair/Celestial Sights, who checked over their folders and sent them on to National to be graded.

The piloting class took their exam, which is now being graded at National. Good luck to the six students, and their instructor Lt Jack Wurst, AP, though I don't think this group needs any luck.

Marine Electronics just took their ME 101 exam, and began ME 102. Instructor Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN is leading the way, with personal insights from his many years of sailing.

The Harbortown Flea Market was fun, and it was nice to see so many of you there, though the crowds were smaller than in the past, but the enthusiasm was high.

I have received a letter from Catherine Schweinsberg, director of the Central Brevard Library (Cocoa), who wrote that they had ordered the following books: Boating 101, Essential Lessons for Boaters, Power Boating for Dummies and Your First Power Boat: How to Find, Buy, and Enjoy the Best Boat for you, from monies donated by CBSPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



Membership:

A new Member, Richard Corrigan of Cocoa Beach, is joining our ranks. His phone number is 321-784-2519. Let's give him a call to welcome him and his 33' boat. That makes 3 new members in 2 months. Let this become the trend for this year, and bring our latest 164 membership up.

Membership Retention:

We need volunteers to call a few of our "ghost members" to remind them of the many activities, and interesting General membership presentations coming up. As you know, most renewals are in May and we want to keep our Membership number up. Give me a call!!

Entertainment:

It's all in the "Calendar of Events" page of Soundings but let me highlight a few:

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Sat April 25 th :	Meet the Fleet Rendezvous/lunch	
Sat May 9 th :	Cardboard Boat Race with 2 (may-be 3) vessels to cheer.	
Sat May 16 th :	Blessing of the Fleet & start of Safe Boating Week. Vessel Examiners: Get ready!!	
Thu May 21 st :	BCC Planetarium for a very interesting evening.	
Sat May 30 th :	Boating Rendezvous at Sunset Grill.	

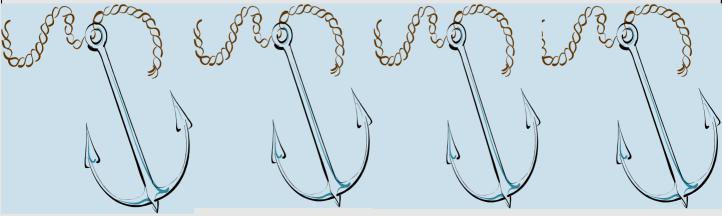
Programs:

Those members that were not at the April 7th General Meeting missed, the excellent presentation by the Millners and the Stones on their cruise to the Panama Canal.

On May 5th, we will look at the challenges (and rewards) of the Great Loop.

On June 2nd, we will see a return of Earl McMillin, ex Head Pilot at Cape Canaveral, and admiralty lawyer for a dozen years. Bring your questions!

On July 7th, we travel overseas to The Amazon River with our very own Doris Valentine.



Secretary

LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P

Here are the changes for the new rosters just received. Please make updates as we notify you.

New Members

Richard Corrigan 1105 Samar Rd. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 784-2519 Email: a88merkur61@msn.com Boat: "Desiree" 33 ft.-Power

Robert & Suzanne Blanks 1350 Dolphin Ave. Merritt Island, FL 32952 452-0148/266-3387 Email: suzgiu@bellsouth.net Boat: Flat Black

Address Changes

Richard Fille: PO Box 40 Hiawassee, GA 30546 Phone: 706-896-7538

Jim & Carolyn Green 133 Garvic Ln. Mt. Airy, NC 27030

John Lynn: 11925 Charlton Lane, Orlando, FL 32827

Edward Noble: 555 Filmore Ave. #408 Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 Phone: 783-4164

Phone Number Changes

James Bowen: 632-8991

Carolyn Bonnett: 205-1246 (also change in Coco-Nauts)

Kermit & Susan Forbes: 449-8784 (also change in Coco -Nauts)

Susan Kneeland: 505-4208 (2nd phone)

Jay Longway:231-5547 (2nd phone)

Phone Number Changes (cont.)

Ronald Raphael: 537-5048 (2nd phone) Edie Wonnell: 254-1449

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Coco-Nauts Corner President, 1/Lt Susan Forbes, S

The Coco-Nauts had a great meeting on April 8th at Applebee's. The attendance was great and I really appreciated it as it was my first meeting. We agreed to postpone our card party until January of 2010, as we have a busy calendar for the remainder of this year. Oct 1, 2, and 3 are the dates for the D-23 Conference in Cocoa Beach, and we will be busy preparing for those activities, in addition to the Harvest party and Italian night. We will have a White Elephant sale at our Italian night in September, so start thinking of things you can donate.

The picnic at my house on June 10th starts at noon, and everyone is to bring something, we will be calling everyone to get a count, and let us know what you are bringing. Spouses and significant others are invited. Next meeting is May 13th at Cape Canaveral Library at 12:00 noon, which is a brown bag luncheon. Drinks will be provided.

Have a wonderful spring



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Jose Rodriguez: marriageone@aol.com		
	Addition to Coco-Nauts	
Scott Sievers: sssievers@oleanderpointe.com		
	Sheri Vandeberg	
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Janet Bryant: donal.bryant@gmail.com	-	

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Galaxy 23 From the District Bridge D/Lt/C Kim Fruda, P Executive Officer

It was great seeing everyone at the Change of Watch. I hope this year will be a year for growth and participation within our organization.

We have the D23 Summer Council meeting on May 9th at the La Cita Country Club. There will be breakfast for \$10.00 per person. I invite everyone to attend. The annual Titusville picnic will follow, which looks like an exciting time with the first Cardboard Boat Race. Let=s see who can keep afloat the longest! I hope to see a lot of participation within all the squadrons. This should be a lot of fun! We have several entries already.

National Safe Boating Week is coming up as well on May 16th through the 22nd. All SEO=s should promote Safe Boating Week by offering a boating course just before, during or shortly after that week. Take advantage of the National program to help promote your local squadron. All PRO=s don=t forget to apply for your share of advertising dollars.

D23 ANNUAL PICNIC 9 May 2008 SANDS POINT PARK, TITUSVILLE

Come one, Come all! Come by car or boat, <u>but COME</u>! Once again D23 and Titusville Squadron have planned a wonderful day at lovely Sands Point Park on the ICW.

The festivities will start at 1130. D 23 will provide: Beer, wine, Soda, Corn on the cob, condiments, gas grills, cooking utensils, paper plates, napkins, cups, plastic forks & spoons etc. We ask that <u>YOU</u> bring a side dish to be shared with others of your group. Bring your own entrees ready to eat or use the grills for cooking.

<u>ENTERTAINMENT</u>: We hope to have a Karaoke unit. Everyone who can sing will be invited to perform. It should be FUN!!! The real highlight will be the Cardboard Boat Race sponsored by Titusville Squadron

<u>DIRECTIONS</u>: By Boat: Titusville Municipal Marina is at Mile Marker 27 on the ICW (1,000 yards north of the Max Brewer Memorial Parkway Swing Bridge)

Directions: By Car: Exit I 95 Titusville area at Garden Street (SR 406) head east. Cross US 1 (just before the Indian River) and continue east. The Park is on your left before the bridge.

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COST: \$5.00 / Adult & \$2.50 kids under 12 Payable at the door

Questions? call P/C Greig Lindner @ 321-489-9862

D23 SPRING/SUMMER BREAKFAST COUNCIL MEETING

May 10 at La Cita Country Club in Titusville from 0830-1130 (just before the picnic) For Breakfast reservations please send your \$10/person check payable to USPS D23 to:

D/Lt/C Jim DePalma 20 Raitree Lane Ormond Beach, FL 32174 (386-677-8741) Deadline for breakfast reservations is 1 May 2009



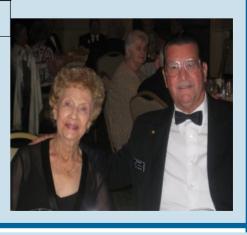
D23 Spring Conference 29-31 April '09





Dick Schnoor all smiles with his 50 MM Award!! Way to Go!!





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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

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

- <u>April</u>

25 - Saturday, 1100 Boating Rendezvous & Lunch Old Florida Grill28 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

May

- 605 Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS Membership Meeting Brevard Veterans Center
- 09 Saturday, 1100 D23 Spring Fling & Cardboard Boat Race, Titusville (great event!!!)
- 📕 12 Tuesday, 1900 America's Boating Course, Cape Canaveral Hospital Medical Plaza (Rm. A)
- ⁴ 13 Wednesday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Meeting Cape Canaveral Library
- 16 Saturday, 1100 Blessing of the Fleet Dragon Point & Eau Galle Yacht Club
- **21** Thursday, 1800 Meet Us at the BCC Planetarium
- 26 Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Committee Meeting Merritt Island Library
- 30 Saturday, 1100 Boating Rendezvous & Lunch Sunset Grill

June

- 02 Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS Membership Meeting Brevard Veterans Center
- **69 Tuesday, 1900 America's Boating Course Test Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 10 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting– Kermit & Susan Forbes home
- 23 Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS 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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Saturday May 30th, 2009 11:30 to 15:00

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Lunch or whatever at:

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By Car: Take Rte 520 E to Cocoa Beach; first Building on right after crossing the causeway.

Boaters: Bring a non-boater to enjoy a day on the water.

Mark you calendars: Boating Activity every last Saturday each month!

BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 29 April 0900a at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!



Blessing Of The Fleet

16 May 2009 @1100

CBSPS Will Join BRSPS For This Event At Eau Gallie Yacht Club

Just West of Dragon Point Followed by a Luncheon

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Contact Lt Doris Valentine @ 321-452-1835 if you plan to attend

Who Am I?

I was born in 1933 during the "Great Depression" in a farm house outside Greenville, Illinois. I spent most of my early years growing up working on the farm, until around my 13th birthday, when my Father accepted a job as foreman for Kaiser Aluminum to build 1500 homes in California. It was here, that I started to learn about the rest of the world.

Several years later, we moved back to Illinois, where I finished High School. In 1953, I took a job with McDonnell Aircraft and furthered my education by going to college to obtain an Engineering Degree.

In 1961, I was assigned to the Mercury/Gemini Launch Team and was transferred to KSC, where I Worked with the "Original Seven Astronauts", and later on worked on the Skylab, Apollo and Titan 4C Programs.

In 1966, I bought a house on Merritt Island in Catalina Isles, married a woman with 2 sons. I had A 40' Flybridge Sportfish CristCraft that we used to fish offshore here and run to the Islands to relax and enjoy Florida. Later on we used it to attend Squadron outings & cruises. We all enjoyed and loved Florida and the waterways here.

CBPS was chartered in November '67 and I was in the first boating class held, which I passed and was sworn in in March '68. I started out as Asst. Treasurer, and at the time we had a bank account of \$50 or less, and I had \$13 and some stamps in a shoe box to operate out of at the meetings.

I later moved on to the position of Cruise & Rendezvous chairman, which I held for several years. Squadron members during those days loved to cruise the Florida waterways from Jacksonville to the Keys. In the early 70's, I accepted the position of Admin. Officer, until our squadron had a shake-up due to the layoffs as KSC. I was sent overseas on assignments building shuttle landing strips in Morocco & Spain, as well as 23 other countries fielding military weapons for the US government. I dropped out of CBPS from 1978-1996 as a result.

We came back to Florida, I retired, and my wife passed away in '95. I reinstated with the CBPS in '96 and was remarried in '99. Since reinstating, I have held the offices of Executive Officer and Commander of CBPS, as well as D23 Administrative Officer, D23 Executive Officer and finally D23 Commander.



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Ed Kydd

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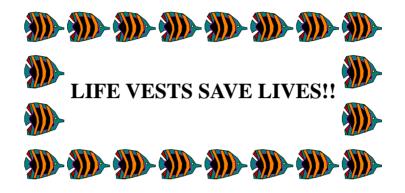


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