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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 03 May 2011 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Our next guest speaker for the May 3rd meeting will be William Habich, with the Florida State Fish & Wildlife Commission. He will speak on fishing and wildlife monitoring on the Indian River Lagoon.

Attention on Deck

D23 picnic and cardboard boat race is May 7th. Picnic registration starts at 1000. Cardboard boat race starts at 1100, with lunch beginning at 1200.

Bring a dish to share with others and whatever main entrée you want. Grills are available for your to cook your entrée if required. Corn & beverages included in the admission price.

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boating stories and any
articles of interest you'd
like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander Kermit Forbes, P



We had a well attended "Meet the Bridge" at Lee Wenner Park. I would like to give a special thanks to Doris Valentine for coordinating the event and Lance Vandenberg & Duane Balkema for providing the transportation for getting things to and from the park.

I also wanted to thank Duane Balkema & Doug Bisset for coordinating the rendezvous at Ski Island. I hope more people can attend the next boating activity which is the Blessing of the Fleet on May 21 with refreshments at the Forbes house afterwards.

I want to thank Michael Stone, Carmen Adame, Lance Vandenberg, & Gerard Meunier for their contributions in preparing the budget for 2011.

Again, if there are any suggestions for making our squadron grow, please contact someone on the bridge .

Have a safe, enjoyable, and fun boating season.

L-R: Lt Barbara Millner, S, presenting a check to CBSPS on behalf of the Coco-Nauts, Arthur Buswell award presented to Lt Debra Burleson, S and Dennis Petersen, SN being awarded his SN certificate of Educational Achievement and the Cdr. Erwin Rudolph award.



SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

P/C John F. Mulkey, AP



At the D23 Spring Conference in Orlando we won several awards. Our website won recognition by The National Communication Committee as one of the best websites thanks to our own Larry Carr. The Soundings also received the Distinction in Journalism Award thanks to Debra Burleson. The Arthur Buswell Award for the member being the most helpful in promoting the activities of his or her squadron was awarded to Debra Burleson.

Education Department won the Advanced Grades Achievement Award by having the highest percentage of Advanced Grades for 2010.

Congratulations goes out to Dennis Petersen, SN, for achieving his Certificate of Education Achievement for Senior Navigator.

Last year we only held one ABC Public Boating Course even though we scheduled two. This year we have scheduled four. We are planning one at Boaters Exchange for their customers on June 11. ABC Public Boating Course is scheduled for June 18 & 24 at the Lighthouse Christian Church on Merritt Island. On July 16 & 24 and again on October 1 & 8 at Cape Canaveral Hospital we have scheduled the ABC Public Boating Course.

If you are interested in taking Instructor Development or Weather please contact me at 633-0094.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C Lance H. Vandenberg, P



The Harbor Town flea market was held on April 2nd & 3rd. Several of our members took turns manning our booths, passing out brochures, and taking sign ups for Vessel Safety exams and the Boating Safety courses, to be held this June and July. Twenty people signed up for a free vessel safety exams. The weather was fantastic and attendance was very very good.

We had a "Meet the Bridge" picnic on April 9th at Lee Wenner Park. Sixty five people attended. Thank you to Doris Valentine for a great job organizing this event.

Our next guest speaker for the May 3rd will be William Habich with the Florida State Fish & Wildlife Commission. He will speak on fishing and wildlife monitoring on the Indian River Lagoon.

May 12th will be the "Planitarium" event at BCC with the IMAX movie on the "Rain Forrest". Cost will be \$12 per person, and everyone is asked to bring a finger food. Please sign up at the next general meeting on May 3rd with Lt Doris Valentine.

The next boating event will be the Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday May 21st. Contact is P/C Duane Balkema 321-452-5892.

June 25th will be a boat cruise to Mathers Bridge. More details to follow.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



We will be at the Coastal Anglers Magazine event on Saturday May 7th at Boater's World on US1 in order to promote our goals and again we need volunteers. Please call me at 267-304-7514 or any Board Member if you have any questions.

Some of our goals at these events still are:

- Sign up recruits for the next Boating class
- Sign up boats for VSC (Vessel Safety Checks)
- Sign up new Members.

At the Flee Market at Harbortown Marina, we did sign up 10 potential students, and 20 requests for VSC Inspections.

Talking about VSC, the VE (Vessel Examiners) are invited to come Saturday April 23rd and Sunday May 22nd at Kelly Park's boat ramp from 0800 to 1200. Please call Lance VandeBerg at 452-2514 for a time slot.

SECRETARY
LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Congratulations to Lt Debra Burleson,S, for her great job in producing the outstanding publications of The Soundings, and winning for the Squadron the USPS Distinction In Journalism Award for 2010.

I want to thank the members for letting me know of your changes, for the 2011-2012 Roster. I will not print all the changes in this report, because soon the Roster will go to press, and you will have all the changes in the new Roster. P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, Roster Publication, & P/C Mike Stone, P, Roster Contact/DB2000, have worked hard to make sure we will have a good Roster.

May is the time that some of you, will be leaving to go north for the summer. Bob & I wish you a safe journey wherever you go, and hope all the snow and winter temps have left when you get there. See you in the Fall.

Also we would like to welcome our new member Paul K. Rowe, Jr., of St. Cloud, FL.

Coco-Nauts Corner
President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts had their monthly meeting at Joan Montfort's "farm-house" home in Canaveral Groves on April 13th! It was very gracious gesture for her to invite us to have our meeting there, and, as it turned out, it was such a beautiful day for a meeting overlooking her lake! Her son Mark, was the grill chef for our hotdogs, and Donna Longway picked up the accompanying items from Publix. Francesca Ragusa came early, along with Donna to help set up the affair. Many thanks to Joan, Mark, Donna & Francesca for helping to make this an enjoyable event! Much to our surprise, Marcia McConkey was in attendance, with the other 14 of us!

Our next meeting will be at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge on May 11th starting at 1130a. You may brown bag or order from the menu there. We discussed possible locations for our June, September, October, November & December meetings, and tossed about the idea of a fund raiser in the near future!

If any of you know of someone you would like to speak at any of our meetings, please let me know, so we can arrange it! The October meeting would be an ideal time to have a guest speaker, since it will be at the MI Moose Lodge again!

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

May Birthdays
 07 - Maggie Woeber





D23 GALAXY

D/C James J. DePalma, SN

Our change of watch is complete and I am privileged to be Commander of District 23. First, I must congratulate and thank our Central Florida Squadron and especially Barbara Estevez and Kat Feder for a job well done. They have certainly raised the bar and I'm sure future District meetings will continue to be a pleasure. If you missed this past weekend, you simply missed a great time and a very important District function. P/D/C Bob Becker has turned over this command in excellent condition and I will do my best to maintain it and improve it as well.

Our next District event is our Spring Council and Picnic on May 7 at Lacita Country Club and picnic hosted by Titusville Sail & Power Squadron. The cardboard boat race will be the highlight of the day, I'm sure. More on this event in next month's Galaxy from D/A/O Joe Sackett.

This year our Civic activities will be focused on working with the USCG Flotillas in our areas in accordance with the commitment made by C/C Frank Dvorak. D23 is in a unique position. We alone have the specialized skills for this task and I'm certain the Auxiliary will be very appreciative of our assistance.

Our incoming D/E/O Dick Conrad is planning the next Education Seminar and I'm sure it will be very worthwhile. He's following P/R/C Walt Fields who certainly improved our Education Program and I know Dick will do a great job as well. The OTW capability of our programs is not shared by any other organization and I expect the Auxiliary will be taking advantage of the invitation we have extended to them. This OTW capability alone should increase our attraction to new members. The Seminar offerings continue to be increased and remain a great way to attract the Public.

Vessel Inspections continue to go well and should continue to increase. USCG will shortly announce a program for Inland Lakes and Waterways which will present many opportunities for Vessel Safety Checks by our members. In addition it will give Central Florida, Gainesville, Harris Chain and Ocala Squadrons several great PR opportunities.

It will be a very busy year and I'm sure your Bridge is up to the challenge. We are counting on your cooperation.

In closing I must sadly acknowledge the recent passing of P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN. Dick served USPS, D23 and Cocoa Beach SPS for many years in many positions. His passing leaves a great void. He will be missed. Please include him in your prayers. Our condolences go to his widow, Mary Jane, who is also a very active member.



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

April 2011

28 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

May 2011

03 - Tuesday , 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

07 - Saturday, Titusville Picnic/District Cardboard boat race

11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Merritt Island Moose Lodge

12 - Thursday, 1800 Meet Us at the Planetarium

21 - Saturday, Blessing of the Fleet

26 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

June 2011

07 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

06 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, location TBD

23 - 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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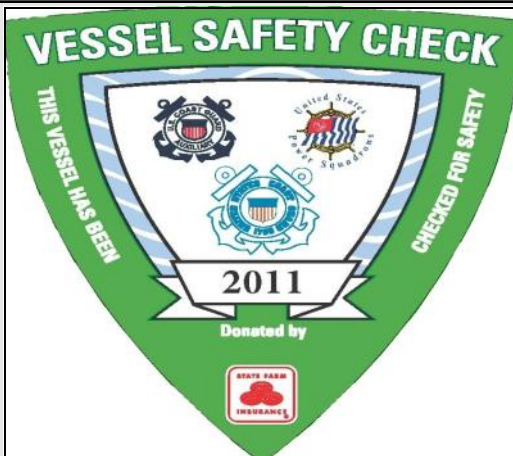
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May Boating Report, P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

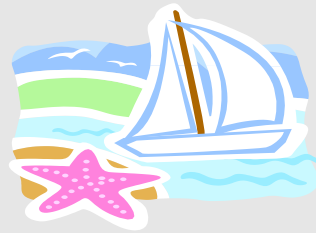
This is the busy boating season in the community we all enjoy. I worked our booth at the CFFW Harbor Town Flea Market and talked to boating folks. CFFW Powerboat Poker Run is May 14th and May 19-22 is the Space Coast Super Boat Grand Prix in the Port. They need volunteer Boats over 24 feet long to assist with the Grand Prix. May 7 is USPS District-23 Titusville Event and Cardboard Boat Race. This year we do not have a boat in the race.

Our Saturday at 11:00 AM, May 21, 2011, our "Blessing of the Fleet" will be held on Banana River, just SW of the Highway 520 Bridge. This is the start of National Safe Boating Week. You can view the Blessing from shore by pulling your car off the east bound lane of Highway 520 before approaching the high bridge over the channel. Boaters should plan to be in the Boat Channel passing under the Highway 520 Bridge at 10:00 to 10:30 AM Saturday and join into the Circle of boats forming up. All boaters are welcome.

Continue to circle until 11:00 when the lead boat will break off and proceed toward the Blessing Boat and idle slowly by it. Everyone should follow closely. Looking sharp on your boat, 50 feet before coming even with the Blessing Boat, on VHF Channel 72, announce the name of your boat, the captain and crew names. The Reverend Scott Holcombe from St. David's By The Sea Episcopal Church of Cocoa Beach on the Blessing Boat will address the passing boat with blessings. Keep moving and each boat is blessed and returns to the circling area. For the next year it is hoped that the boat and crew will enjoy safety and good luck with operations. When all boats are Blessed, proceed to Cdr. Forbes house on Pelican Creek Canal and he is providing hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring what you want in the way of drinks.

Saturday, June 25, 2011 we plan a "Cruise to Mathers Bridge and Overnight" south in the area of Old Dragon Pont. And July 4th, Monday Evening, we plan a raft-up at 5 PM in the Banana River just south of Sunset Café to watch Fireworks. Call 452-5892 for Info on all events.

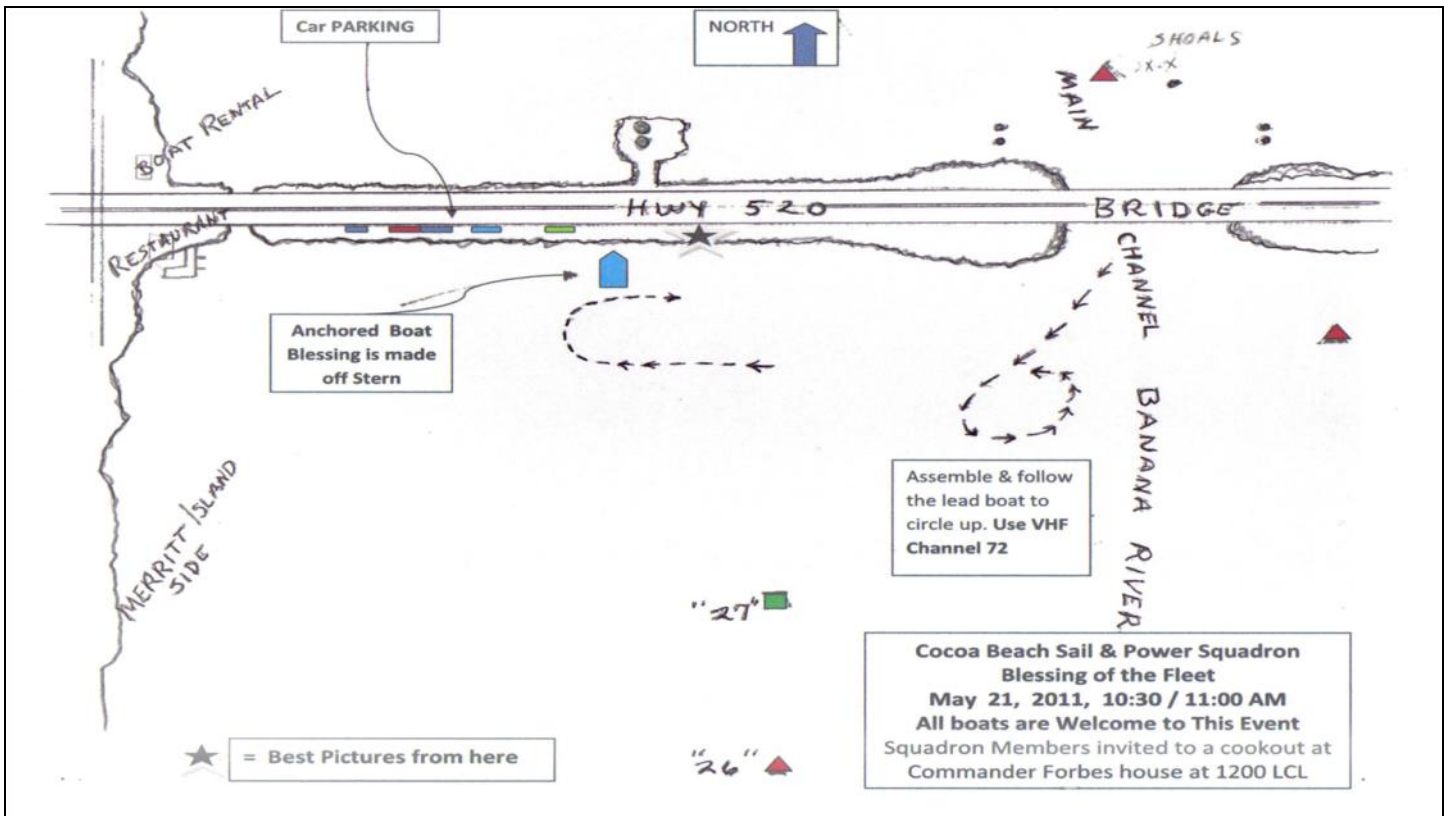
Provided on page 9, of this publication, is a map of the “Blessing of the Fleet” location!



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 18 May 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





Article Submitted by P/C Al Pappas, SN

Recently, I have heard from local sailors that the Marine Patrol Officers have been inspecting boats operating here in our local area. Some have received citations for various discrepancies. We all know what equipment we are required to have for operating conditions. The below Florida Vessel Safety requirement is for your information and appropriate action, for safe sailing and boating!

Chapter 327 VESSEL SAFETY

327.56 Safety and marine sanitation equipment inspections: qualified.

1 - No officer shall board any vessel to make a safety or marine sanitation equipment inspection if the owner or operator is not aboard. When the owner or operator is aboard, an officer may board a vessel with consent, or when the officer has probable cause or knowledge to believe that a violation of a provision of this chapter has occurred or is occurring. An officer may board a vessel when the operator refuses, or is unable to display the safety or marine sanitation equipment required by law, if requested to do so by a law enforcement officer, or when the safety or marine sanitation equipment to be inspected is permanently installed and is not visible for inspection unless the officer boards the vessel.

It is obvious in this paragraph that an officer of the law must ask for consent to board. The officer can still board if the captain refuses, but the words "if requested to do so by a law enforcement officer" are pretty clear. And the reasons they can use to board are very specifically laid out: inspection of safety and marine sanitation equipment.

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Meet The Bridge Picnic April 9, 2011

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The time and effort invested trying to make this a successful outing was incredible, on my behalf ! However, the affair which began at 1130a on 04-09-11 and was mostly over by 12:30p, when members began their mass evacuation. By 1:00p, there was one table left with a handful of people! It seemed as though just a few socialized, and it was a desirable location on the river! I announced at the general meeting to bring comfortable chairs to sit on, but I was the only one who did, and I was unable to sit during the event, since I was still collecting monies for persons who had not made arrangements in advance to attend. If you had gone to a sit down restaurant for lunch, you would have spent more time, and not had the comraderie! This was just an occasion to eat and run!

I know this is a volunteer organization and a lot of tasks are thankless jobs!

As a result of my hard work trying to organize this event, along with others, I am resigning as Entertainment Chair. I really do not believe that short-term events such as these are justified!

Submitted by Lt Doris Valentine

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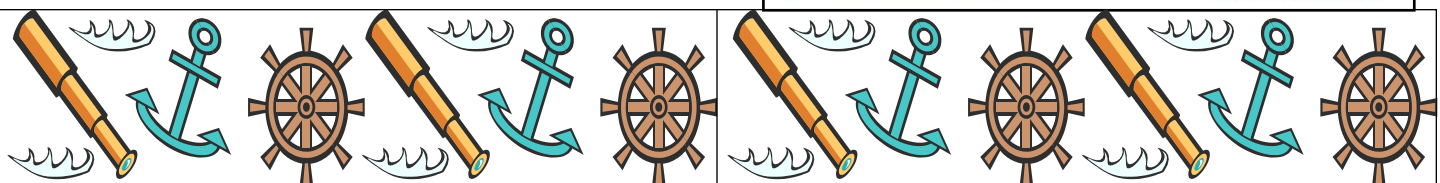
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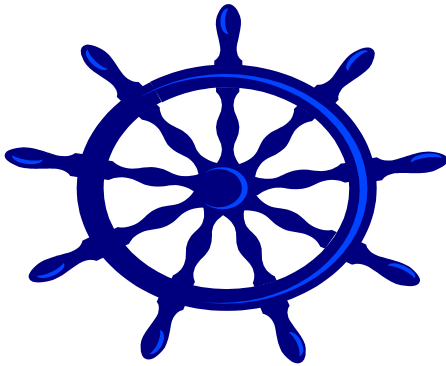
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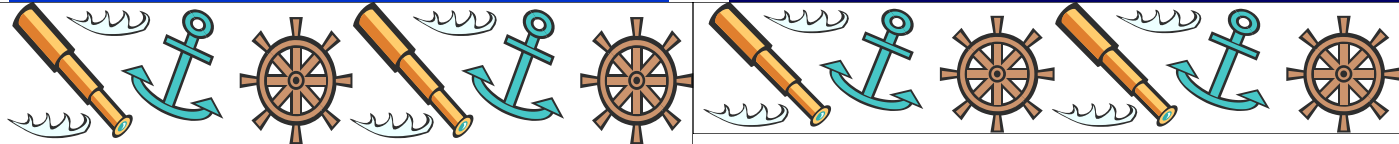


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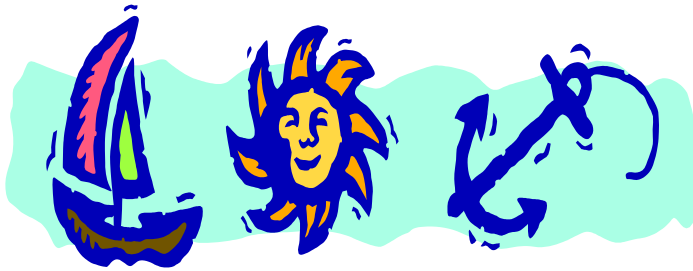
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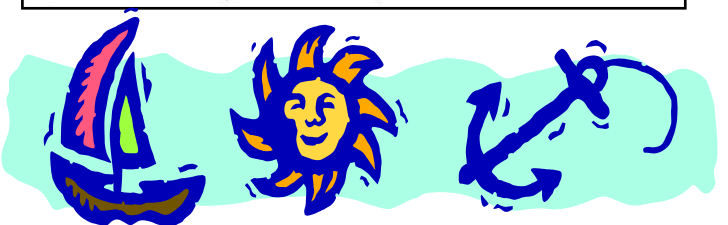
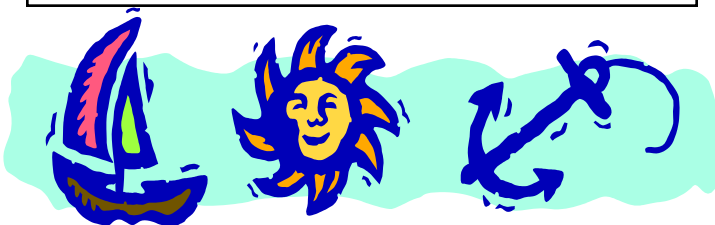
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