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## Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 01 May 01, 2012 @ 1900  
Brevard Veteran's Center  
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL**

### Attention on Deck

**Kelly O' Donnell, with Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, will be the May speaker. We hope all members will try to attend!**

### NOTICE OF BY-LAWS UPDATE

The CBSPS by-laws are being updated to reflect past amendments to the USPS by-laws. The changes follow the latest "Model By-laws" published by the National Rules Committee, have been given informal review by a representative of the National Rules Committee and have been approved for proposal to the general membership by the CBSPS Executive Committee. The revised by-laws will be available for review by the membership at the April and May regular business meetings and a vote will be taken at the May meeting for their adoption.

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**THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH**

We welcome comments, boating stories and any articles of interest you'd like to submit...

E:Mail an Attachment to **debra.burleson@bellsouth.net**

# AT THE HELM

## Cmdr. Lance H. VandeBerg, P



As we head into the summer months, I look forward to enjoying all the activities we have planned for our members. This is also the time that many of our members take off to their summer residences. We will miss them but look forward to their return in the fall. Hoping they have a safe journey and fun on the water this summer.

Remember this month we have two very important events. First is the D23 Summer council meeting and picnic at Sands Point Pavilion in Titusville on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The picnic begins at 11:00am and will feature the cardboard boat race which we will not be entering this year. Second is the Blessing of the Fleet scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> on the Banana River and should be a well attended event as it was last year.

I also would like to send out "Congratulations" to D/Lt/C John Mulkey, AP, who won a very prestigious award, The Walter Hogrefe National Award for "Outstanding SEO"! Way to go John! John is one of the hardest workers that we have in our squadron, and now he is moving up to take on the position of D23 Treasurer . We are very lucky to have an outstanding member like John, and please don't hesitate to help, when he needs your support! (He received this prestigious award during the D23 Spring Conference in Ocala, FL on 24-25 March 2012!)

### Annual Harbortown Boat/Flea Market March 24-25, 2012



L-R: Lt George Guerrero, S, P/C Larry Hatfield, SN, and Lt Louis Harlow, AP

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**P/C J. P. Longway, III, P**



The Executive Staff has collectively agreed to focus on investing more time, effort and resources to enhance our public relations initiatives. This means that we want to be constantly looking for opportunities to project the Squadron's image as much as possible throughout the community. We need to display our colors, i.e., burgee, banner, booth, etc., wherever we have the chance. We need to continue to identify and utilize the Squadron's Website, which is both our internal & external communication vehicle that provides current educational opportunities, activities, events, links, and on & on. Also, we need to continue and cultivate new partnerships to mutually assist one another, in achieving our objectives and goals.

Vessel Safety Checks are one very important initiative for the Squadron's to promote safe boating awareness and compliance with US & state requirements, as well as promote visibility throughout the community that we are a free resource to ensure vessel owners are compliant with same. For those of you members who are looking for a way to contribute to Squadron's efforts, this is an opportunity to be a contributor to assisting those other members performing as vessel safety examiners. We are setting the goal for checking 200 plus vessels in 2012, as a milestone to better our positive 2011 achievements.

Finally, many educational, community awareness and fraternal events are scheduled for 2012-13. Please make time to support/attend the Squadron's many activities and events. We will achieve our goals if every member is on board, stroking and giving as much as they are able to do so. Thanks to all members for taking the time and effort to support "your Squadron".

Attached to its carrier aircraft, 17 April 2012, Discovery heads out from Kennedy Space Center, for the final time. The orbiter is bound for Washington, DC, and then on to the Smithsonian Institution.



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
**LT/C Robert Rutigliano**



The speaker at the next general meeting, on May 1st, will be from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The April 21st. Cruise to ski island will rendezvous at the south side of S.R. 528 bridge in the Banana River main channel at 1115 hours. At 1130 hours we will convoy to the island in an attempt to draw some attention to the Squadron. Have your C.B.S.P.S. brochures handy and get on the sand and meet the boaters. I will have a gas grill on hand for those wanting to grill hot dogs and burgers. If you need a ride, call me or Duane and we will arrange it. Lets make this event a boat filled day and get those hulls wet.

April 26th. Is the visit to the Planetarium. This event is a great evening with friends and good food, not to mention the entertainment. Mark your calendar's.

The next executive committee meeting will be on the 19th. of April.

For those members that were unable to attend the April 3rd. General membership meeting, the speaker was Kate Cunningham from the American Heart Assoc. She gave a CPR demonstration and spoke on clearing a choking victim's airway. She offered to give an in depth free class on CPR/ First aid if there is enough interest. There was a sign up sheet at the meeting. If you are interested in attending such a class, please contact my e-mail address, [brevardhauling@cfl.rr.com](mailto:brevardhauling@cfl.rr.com) and I will get your name on the list.

As mentioned last month, we are looking into a deep hull / sail boat event in the up coming months. Those interested can e-mail me and sign up.

Boating is our thing. Safe boating is our goal. Let's oil up those boat lifts, scrape off those barnacles, hoist those sails and fire up those engines. Summer is fast approaching and the waterways beckon.

**ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE, WE HAVE A PICTURE OF THE DISCOVERY, MAKING IT'S LAST FLIGHT ON THE BEACHES OF SPACE COAST, TO IT'S NEW HOME!!! GOOD-BYE....AND WE WILL...**

**See you at the Smithsonian!**

## **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**

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



We have changes to the training page on our website (cbsps.com), thanks to Larry Carr. Those changes are mostly to the ABC3 courses. Please take a look at the website cbsps.com, and send your changes/requests to P/C J. P. Longway, III, P. Our website is becoming an ever import communication tool.

Piloting open book exams, have been taken, and sent for grading by National. Many thanks to P/C Susan Kneeland, JN, for teaching this course!

The Navigation is on-going. First sights have been taken. One student has already finished his Sight Folder.

So far, 6 members expressed an interest in taking Cruise Planning before the revised/upgraded version start later this year. This is the last chance to do it the “old fashion” way with P/C Al Pappas, SN. The course fee is \$37. P/C John Mulkey, AP, and I are looking for a location to start ASAP. Please contact P/C John Mulkey, AP, if you are interested.

We have many requests for the ABC3 course. The next class is at Cape Canaveral Hospital on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 1 PM. We will also have courses at that location in July and October.

## **SECRETARY**

### **LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P**



I am very sorry that Bob & I missed the “Meet the Bridge Picnic”, but was told there was a good turnout, lots of food and everyone had a good time.

Bob was still in the hospital at that time, but was discharged on April 3. Thanks for all your prayers, cards and phone calls to check on him.

The new Roster will be coming out soon, and I hope that if you have a change that you want to be in the new Roster, you will contact me either by phone 452-4602 or email [bobmar2215@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobmar2215@bellsouth.net)

If I do not get your changes, what is in the Roster now will be in the New 2012-2103 Roster.

It is most important that we get all changes before the new Roster is printed.

Please change these emails in your 2011 Roster for these people:

Carol K. Hayes, N: [carolkhayes@att.net](mailto:carolkhayes@att.net)

Channing(Bill) Hayes, Jr.,SN: [channinghayes@att.net](mailto:channinghayes@att.net)

## Coco-Nauts Corner

### President, Lt Doris Valentine

Our April meeting was held at the Moose Lodge on Merritt Island on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We had 21 members present, as well as 12 guests. We had a wonderful speaker, Ben DiBiase from the Florida Heritage Society. He informed us about skeletons being found—, that dated back thousands of years ago, and about the Ais Indians, who lived here during the 16th to the 18th century.

We all thoroughly enjoyed his informative talk and pictures and learned a lot about “where we live” !!!!!

We enjoyed the husbands, that were able to attend, and hope they enjoyed our speaker, and learned more about us Coco-Nauts.

Discussion ensued regarding our Fall fund raising card/game luncheon party scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>. More information will be provided in later issues of the “Soundings.”

For your information, we now have 50 paid up members..... seven of which just signed in during the past 60 days!!! From what I’ve learned from National, this is one of the largest Auxiliary’s in the country!!!!

Before I end, a very HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY to.....Maggie Woeber (we missed you at the meeting)

May Birthdays

07 - Maggie Woeber



## Cocoa Village Relay for Life Cancer Walk

Squadron members are reminded that the Relay for Life Walk is scheduled for April 28, 2012 at the Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 2:00PM and we will start our walk at 3:00 PM. We have Booth 18 assigned for our use to promote our Squadron activities. Facing the stage, it is located to the left(South) across from the circular walkway. That is where everyone should meet.

We need more participants and if you could spare an hour or two come join us so we can have a good showing. We have no set time for how much walking to do. When the fun stops we stop.

As mentioned before, this is a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. Although donations have exceeded last year we are still short of the goal for this year. Again it would be appreciated if you would make a donation to the American Cancer Society. There are several ways to do this. Mail me a check, call me and I will pick up or bring check or cash to the Relay.

Another way to donate is by an online contribution. I have done this twice and it works. The following will guide through an online donation process:

Enter [www.relayforlife.org/cocoavillagefl](http://www.relayforlife.org/cocoavillagefl)

Click on "Signup" on Right Hand Side

Click "Join a Team" in center of screen.

Type in Team Name: "Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron"

Click on " Search for a Team"

On "Search Results"click on "Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron"

Click on " Donate to our Team" or "Join our Team"

You will then be asked to provide information to make an online donation.

Call me if you have need assistance with the above.

Families and friends are also invited to participate and join us. There wil be a lot going on that day(and night) and I believe all will have a good time, young and old. Ask your friends and family members to join us.

The Squadron sincerely appreciates your support for this most worthy cause.

P/C Bud Miller, JN

RelayTeam Captain



# Time For A Cure

Relay For Life of Second Life 2012

**2012 CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

**April**

26 - Thursday, 1800, Planetarium, Cocoa Florida

28 - Saturday, 1400, Relay For Life Cancer Walk, Cocoa Village

**May**

01 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

09 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, Island Tiki Grill

12 - Saturday, D23 picnic, Titusville

19 - Saturday, Blessing of the fleet and picnic, Kelly Park, Merritt Island

19 - Saturday, 4th Annual Space Coast Boating and Waterfest, Kiwanis Park, Merritt Island

19 - Saturday, Safe Boating week begins

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

**June**

05 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

13 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon, location TBD

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

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





**Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron**  
**A Squadron of USPS, A National Boating Organization**



**Announces its annual "Blessing Of The Fleet" to be held Saturday, May 19, 2012**

**Location:** On The Water, Banana River, just Southwest of the Highway 520 Causeway Bridge. Go under the bridge South & head Southwest forming into a circle.

**Time:** Be there at 10:30, Blessing is 1100 Local Time, Sharp

**Action:** All boaters are WELCOME TO BE BLESSED...

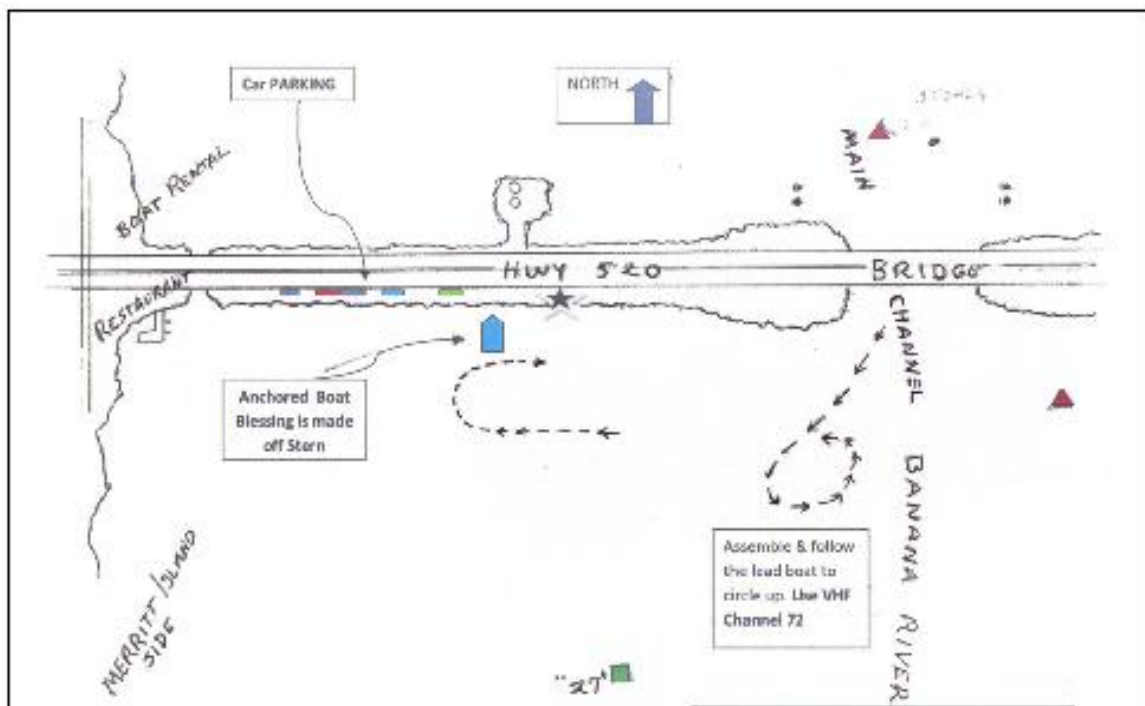
Be on your boat, in the area at 1030 Local Time, and **join up in a "circle of boats"** - fall in line behind the last boat. Listen on VHF Channel 72 for instructions.

P/C Duane Balkema, AP with 23 foot Chaparral will assume the boats Lead Position of Circle of boats in preparation for Blessing.

The Coast Guard will arrive at 1040 Local Time and at 1100 Local Time, Leading All Boats Past the Stationary (Anchored) Boat where the "Blessing" occurs.

**As you pass the Blessing Boat, Say your Boats Name, The Captain & Crew names on VHF Channel 72 or shout across, do not stop or change speed. Keep spaced 30 feet Apart in the line and as you pass.**

Our Pastor will "Bless" the Boat & Captain by name as they proceed past. For another year, the plan is that the blessed boat and crew will be safe and have no problems.



2Duane Balkema 452-5892

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## **CHINESE CABBAGE** **Submitted by Maryann Infusino**

**1 Head Nappa Cabbage**  
**1 or 2 Bunches Green Onions**  
**2 Pkg Ramen Noodles (discard the seasoning)**  
**1/2 cup slivered almonds**  
**3/4 stick margarine**

**Break up noodles (small) and saute in margarine with almonds and sesame seeds\*. (Very slowly as they can burn easily) When browned drain on paper towel in a colander.**  
**Chop up cabbage and green onions~store in a plastic bag in fridge. Also store noodles in another plastic bag when cooled. Mix together right before serving with added dressing below.**

### **Dressing for Salad**

**1 cup oil**  
**1 cup sugar**  
**1/2 cup white vinegar**  
**2 tbs soy sauce**

**Mix in a jar with tight lid and shake well before use. Add to salad 10-20 minutes before serving to keep salad crunchy!**

**\*sesame seeds~ I have used toasted sesame seeds and just added them when the noodles are cooled.**

**(Many of you have asked for Maryann’s recipe, and she has now taken the time to share it with us!!!)**



### **BLOOD DONATION**

***The next blood donation will be on 30 May @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!***



## **HIGH-LIGHTS FROM THE D23 SPRING CONFERENCE, OCALA, FL.**

**23, 24, 25 March 2012**

**Submitted by P/D/C Les Tribout,SN**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** ,, Ev & I arrived around 1530hrs and members started pouring in around 1600hrs. The Hospitality Room opened and everyone was discussing family things, trip up there, Squadron Business and Activities, etc., sipping on cocktails and feasting on a huge table of heavy Horsd'oEuvres.

The Friday night theme was set up as if you were on a Luxury Cruise Ship heading for the Islands. They took our pictures, Island Music, and "Guess What"? There was a murder on board. Someone killed Karl, and we had to solve it. They gave us a list of suspects. It turned out that Hercules, a suspect, had a wife who was overcome with jealousy and she killed Karl. No one picked her for the killer, I thought it was Cosmos. Lotta fun for all.

Food was Islanders type and very good.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>** ,, By the time the Conference started at 1315hrs, the head count was over 90 members and family in attendance. Real good showing!!

Council & Conference Meeting went well and everybody made their reports, announcements, etc. R/C Walt Fields,SN from Ocala announced that the Ocala Squadron had turned in their Charter and would be completely dissolved 31 March 2012. Any members wishing to remain in the USPS would have to go to Gainesville Squadron about 30 miles up I-75 for their meetings.

The Nominating Committee presented the New Slate of Officers & Committees for 2012 -13. A vote was put to the membership, passed and meeting recessed to the Banquet later in the evening. Then back to the Hospitality Room and more enjoyable conversation and food.

The Banquet Saturday evening was great, Prime Rib & Grilled Salmon all around with all the trimmings and Carrot Cake to top it off.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**, was the "N" Club Hot Breakfast with Eggs, Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy, Potatoes, fruit, coffee, tea, juice, on & on,,etc.

The Speaker was excellent, a gal named Mary McClead who along with her husband sailed around the world. It took them 10 years and what stories she had to tell interested everybody. The presentation included lots of pictures, it was great.

Also, starting at this Conference, All Squadron Members and their guest are invited to the "N" Club Breakfast & Speaker" portion and then the formal meeting will begin to cover "N" Club business.

**The Council & Conference Meetings:**

The Chief Cdr's Rep. for the Conference was R/C Lee Popham,AP from Miami, Fl. Lee did a yeoman's job representing the Chief Cdr. John Alter,SN.

Briefly his message to us was, all Squadrons have to do is:

1. "Elect Officers"- Have a Nominating Committee present a slate of Officers to be voted in to lead your Squadron.
2. "Education & Elective"- Schedule and teach the Boating Course, Advanced Courses.
3. "IRS", Be sure to have your Treasurer fill out a form 990 and submit it to the IRS to keep the tax free exemption for your Squadron.
4. "Reward Your Members"- Schedule activities and track the members who serve and reward them with a Merit Mark. This is the only way we have to reward members for their work accomplished. Obviously, some squadrons are not operating according to USPS bylaws!

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**Strong and committed.** Lee stated that D23 was one of the top performing Districts in USPS. We had to merge the Orlando Squadron with the Seminole Squadron and now it is the "Central Florida S & P Squadron. Now that Ocala has announced they are disbanding and what members they have are going up to Gainesville Squadron, we need to keep the nine Squadrons in D23 .

**He also touched on membership.** We need to follow up on members who have not renewed their dues. If you know someone who has not renewed, give them a call and see why they did not re-up. Sometimes, all it takes is a little communication on our part to get them back and involved in

**Your 2012-13 D23 Bridge Officers & Committees are:**

**D/C Abraham B. (Abe) Cahill,SN - Jacksonville Sqd.**

**DXO Timothy (Tim) Henke,AP - Harris Chain Sqd.**

**DEO Michael C.(Mike) Scallan,SN - Central Florida Sqd.**

**DAO William J. (Bill) Fehr,N - Banana River Sqd.**

**D Secy Ernst G. Hofmann,JN - Banana River Sqd.**

**D Treas John F. Mulkey,AP - Cocoa Beach Sqd.**

**Asst. DEO Thomas R.(Tom) Fruda,JN - Daytona Beach Sqd.**

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**Nominating Comm. Chairman; P/C Eugene Grant,JN- Central Florida Sqd.**

**Rules Comm. Chairman; P/C Enrique Estevez,AP - Central Florida Sqd.**

**Education Meeting:**

I attended the Education Meeting Chaired by Outgoing DEO D/Lt/C Fred Adame,SN which most of the time was spent covering the changes to the Course Material coming out now. Most of the changes were in the Marine Electronics course and the JN & N Courses Materials.

Outgoing D/C Bob Becker along with the Chief Cdr. Rep. dropped in on the meeting for a brief Q & A session. One of the problems found at the Squadron level in the Education Dept. was the lack of a schedule of Courses to be taught the coming year. He and Ann Fields both stated that each squadron must have a schedule of Courses to present to the members so they can also make plans and fit the time frame into their schedules.

If you just get up at a meeting and say, who's interested in this Course or that Course, how are they supposed to react? Give them a schedule in advance so they can have time to consider and respond in a timely manner.

**"Did You Know"**

1. If Any of you are thinking about going over to Europe or Asia in your own boat or thinking of renting a boat over there and cruising around,, you must have a "On The Water Certificate" and USPS can help you with that. We now have an "On The Water" program. ( if anyone is interested, call me and I will give you the contacts). The fee is \$189.00.

2. The D23 Summer Council Meeting at La Cita Country Club starts at 0830hrs and D23 Picnic after the meeting starts at 1100hrs at Sands Point Park Pavilion in Titusville, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Make plans now to come and most arrangements are the same as last years. Bring a side dish to share and Hot Dogs, Burgers, Steaks, etc., for your main course. Charcoal grills will be there and ready for you to cook and use!

P/C Duane Balkame,AP is trying to get members with boats to rendezvous and then cruise up the ICW to Titusville Marina (or anchor out). That is a good trip to use your boat and give it a good shake-down for your summer cruising. I would guess that it would take about 60 gallons of fuel for the twin engine boats and somewhat less for the smaller boats.

Titusville Squadron is looking for entries in the "Cardboard Boat Race". Get Busy Guys!!

Bottom Line is,, we all had a good time and it was a good Conference. Each of you members should try to attend a conference. The next one is in Daytona Beach, in October. Stand by for details.

# D23 SPRING PICNIC & BOAT RACE

May 12, 2012 Sand Point Park, Titusville

Items needed for the raffle baskets and auction:

Baskets



Only need a few medium & large

Suggestions

Nautical Items



Wine and Wine Glasses



Coffee & Tea



Nautical Children Others



The baskets can be made around any theme. For example: gardening; Christmas; children; tools; cosmetics; beach; travel; pets; auto; and other holidays.

Higher value items are auctioned and these are especially welcomed as they bring in more revenue for the Squadron.

In the past we have had such diverse items as a telescope, metal detector, fishing pole, a fishing trip, inflatable dinghy, and even a captain's chair.

Please bring your contributions to the April 19th meeting or call Anne Merritt, (321)385 9814 for collection.

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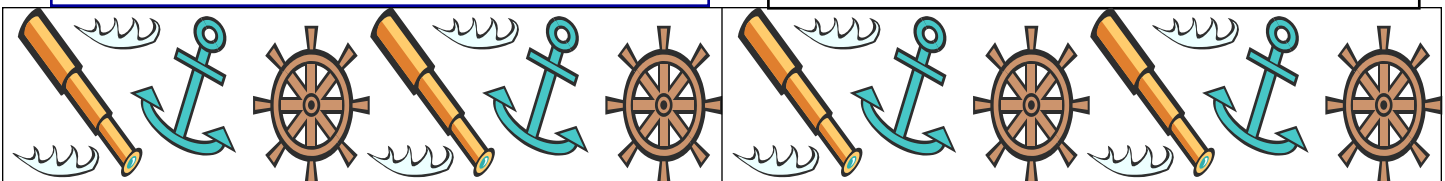
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