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CBPS WILL BE HONORED TO HAVE DAN MATARAZZO AS GUEST SPEAKER

Dan Matarazzo is the Store Manager of West Marine in Merritt Island He'll be the guest speaker for our 04 May General Meeting at 7:00 PM. As the area's largest supplier of boating products, West Marine is also a generous supporter of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. Dan will be discussing West Marine's history, the newly opened Merritt Island store, new products lines and he will answer questions from the membership.

Do try to attend his useful and practical presentation.

National Safe Boating Week Set for May 22-29

Kick off event by attending the Blessing of the Fleet

The Cocoa Beach Squadron will be hosting A Blessing of the Fleet Event at Lee Wenner Park on May 22nd. This is an annual event which is eagerly anticipated by the CBPS member. It will begin at 11 AM. Father Carol Pravis, pastor of St.David's by the Sea will perform the blessing.

Prior to the blessing, qualified Vessel Safety inspectors will be available at the boat ramp and the docks at the park. This is a good opportunity to have your boat inspected and get your 2004 Coast Guard Safety decal. A picnic at the park pavilion will follow the blessing. Everyone is to bring his or her own picnic food and beverages. The Banana River Power Squadron and the Titusville Power Squadron have been invited to participate. We hope you'll attend this most memorable event

For further information call P/C Duane Balkema at 452-5892 or email mbalkema@cfl.rr.com or call Lt/C Pam Johnson at 783-0560 for information or e-mail

SOME THINGS YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

The vessel safety inspection takes between 15 minutes and 1/2 hour depending on the size and type of you boat. The CBPS committee has done 11 VSCs so far this year and hope to do many more for your safety and so we can win a National award. Please have your vessel checked either at Lee Wenner Park or for an individual check by appointment.. The check is a way of being sure your boat is ship shape and safe.

We have 15 VSC Examiners., all qualified, to assist you. They are:

Lt David Collins, AP; Charles L. Dodds, SN; LT Robert Flanigan, SN; P/C Edward M. Kydd, SN; John H. Lynn, P; Cdr Marion (Bud) Miller, JN; Lt Eugene B. Millner, AP; P/C Albert Pappas, SN; P/C Richard Scnoor, SN; P/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN; Richard. Schoonmaker, SN; Lt/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN; P/C Franklin Seebree, SN; & Margaret W. Woeber

Won't you join the ranks of this illustrious group? This is a worth while committee which performs a valuable community service.

Call me to have your boat checked or if you would like to join the Vessel Safety Checkers Committee.

For an individual Vessel Safety Check appointment please contact:

Lt. Bob Flanigan, SN, VSC chairman at 452-4602.

CHOWDER'S SOCIAL

APRIL 30TH
1600—1800

CHOWDER'S SEAFOOD GRILL
6485 S. HIGHWAY 1
ROCKLEDGE
ON THE INDIAN RIVER

\$8.00/PERSON FOR HOT HORS D'OEUVRES

MEMBERS OF BANANA RIVER AND TITUSVILLE POWER SQUADRONS WILL BE WITH US

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT ANN MCCANDLESS AT 253-6243.



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**SOUNDINGS DEADLINE:
THE 10TH OF EACH
MONTH.**



At The Helm

Cdr Marion (Bud) A. Miller JN

First of all, I would like to thank those of you for the many get well cards, emails and phone calls received while recuperating from my recent heart attack. It was really weird! I went in to the Emergency Room one evening thinking I had pulled some muscles in my chest from playing too much tennis and left two days later with a Stent, and having had the opportunity to ride in a helicopter. I'm pleased to say that I'm doing well and hope to resume my normal activities as before, in the not too distant future.

This is a special year for the US Power Squadron as it celebrates its 90th anniversary. It has grown over the years and now has approximately 55,000 members. Our own Cocoa Beach Power squadron was chartered in 1967. Current members, Fred N. Graham, P, Victor Parkerson, S, and P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN, are also Charter members. The next time you see one of these individuals, thank them for having been part of the group of dedicated individuals who founded this great organization, the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron.

It takes strong leadership to form a squadron. It also has taken strong leadership to maintain and grow the squadron since 1967. My predecessors have met the many challenges along the way and that is why we have continued to grow and prosper. One normally thinks of leadership being limited to the Bridge, Executive Committee or Committee Chairmen. My definition is that leadership is shared by all of our members. It can be demonstrated in a variety of ways in addition to the above. Serving on a committee, getting a speaker, taking a class, serving as an instructor, proctoring a Boating Course, becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner, involvement in Soundings distribution, participating in a Boating or Social activity, or the Coop Charting program. As you can see, there are numerous opportunities for each of you to become "LEADERS". So, how about it?

My goal is for all members to be LEADERS in some manner. The challenge to myself and other Bridge members is to provide the opportunity for you to become one. I believe we have done that and many of you have already "stepped up to the plate", so to speak, and we are most appreciative. There still are several critical committee chairperson positions that have not been filled which places an unfair burden on the Administrative and Executive Officers. These are excellent opportu-

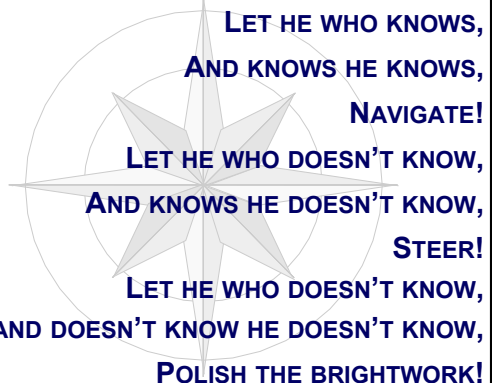
nities for a husband and wife team to serve. Also, an exciting calendar of events has been planned for this year, including a variety of educational, social and boating activities. These are all highlighted in the Soundings and Roster for your planning. A Poker Run in the Banana River is scheduled for May 1, and the annual Blessing of the Fleet and picnic will held in the Indian River at Lee Wenner Park following the boat blessings. Both events provide a good opportunity to get out in the boat and have some fun. Bring your boats to the Blessing of the Fleet to have them blessed for a safe boating season, which also coincides with the start of Safe Boating Week.

Just a reminder that dues renewals will be mailed out soon. We are looking forward to all of you continuing your membership with the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. We believe that we have a lot to offer everyone, and have managed to keep our dues at a low level for some time. Also, membership in USPS provides benefits of lower boat insurance and discounts, as well as significant discount for Maptec or Nobletec navigational software, Boat US membership discount, and a 10% discount on Dell computers. These are all good reasons for being a member, in addition to what our squadron provides.

In closing, If you want to have some fun, sign up for the Coop Charting program. P/Lt/C Bob Schaefer, P, has plans for an exciting year and is looking for volunteers to help expand our squadron's participation in this important area.

Cdr. Bud Miller, JN

A Boater's Credo



LET HE WHO KNOWS,
AND KNOWS HE KNOWS,
NAVIGATE!
LET HE WHO DOESN'T KNOW,
AND KNOWS HE DOESN'T KNOW,
STEER!
LET HE WHO DOESN'T KNOW,
AND DOESN'T KNOW HE DOESN'T KNOW,
POLISH THE BRIGHTWORK!

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Pamela Johnson, P

As Administrative Officer I oversee several committees that aid in the smooth operation. of our squadron. The following are the Chairpersons who will be working in this department;

Chairman :Membership Committee: Lt Doris Valentine
Membership Involvement Committee: Marcia McConkey
Entertainment Committee Lt Ann McCandless
House arrangements Committee: Peter Schmidt
Boating Activities Duane Balkema
Blood Bank Committee: Barbara Millner
Operations Training Committee: Could this be you?
Refreshment Committee: Another important committee
Auxiliary Liason : Marilyn Fliganan
Program : Bill Quinn (a new member and we hope an active one)

Not all positions have been filled, so I'm seeking willing workers who will come to the aid of our organization by volunteering to fill the needed positions.

HELP WANTED

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE
Co-chairmen & Committee

HOUSE ARRANGEMENTS
Pete Schmidt will need help during his travels
Please sign up for his committee

For information about positions call :

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If there are co-chairmen and committee members who will help, these jobs can be easier than they seem.

Indeed , they are very big positions, but with membership cooperation they can be accomplished well. You earn merit marks for your efforts but more importantly you gain the appreciation of the CBPS membership for a job well done...



For A Really Great Day Of Fun- Sign Up For the Poker Run



On Saturday, May 1st the Boating Committee is sponsoring the **2004 Poker Run** beginning at 1130 . Boats will convene just north of the SR 520/Banana River Bridge. The cost for this activity is \$10.00 a hand. This is an opportunity to invite other Squadron members to join you on your boat.

The Poker Run is a day of fun on the water with all the excitement of a game of chance melding camaraderie and the pleasure of boating. For those who have not yet seen or participated in one, a Poker Run is a card game where the players are boaters. They depart from a starting point to four or five stops in a predetermined course on the water. The players pick up one playing card, typically sealed in an envelope, at each stop on the course. When they reach the last stop or return to the starting point, the boat holding the best poker hand wins. It helps to have great weather and a beautiful body of water, but the card stops and the specials hosts that cater to Poker Runners throughout the run are very important to the spirit of the event. At each of the stops, these hosts provide entertainment and refreshments for the participants. But don't take my word for it. Come see for yourself!

P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP, the new Boating Chairman is busy organizing an event that fun filled and safe boating activity. There will be a raft up after the event. Please say you'll come!!! **Call Duane Balkema at 452-5892**
e-mail: mbalkema@cfl.rr.com
or call Pam Johnson at 783-0560: email: ljohnson22@cfl.rr.com

PFDs FOR PETS , PEOPLE , AND CHILDREN



A life vest or a life jacket is a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) that helps you ,your child , and your pet float in the water. Drowning is often silent, takes as little as five minutes and sometimes happens when an adult is nearby. Children and pets should wear a life jacket anytime they are near water such as in a boat or inner tube as well as on docks and river banks.

Buying a Life Vest: If you own a boat, plan on renting a boat or are going boating with a friend, you should buy PFDs for your family and your pets They come in various types and sizes and may not be available in the right size if you rent or borrow. In addition, some types of PFDs will keep you from sinking, but not necessarily from drowning. When buying, check for complete information about the various types. Make sure there is a Coast Guard Approved label. Weight and size are on the label .Always try the PFD on your child or pet. Pick up your child by the shoulders of the PFD; the child's chin and ears won't slip through a when fitted properly. There should be a head support for younger children. A well designed PFD will support his head when he is in the water. Likewise try PFDs on your pets. Some pet stores will permit you to bring animal to the shop so you can carefully fit the PFD.

PFDs save lives only when worn.

SEO REPORT

Lt/C Howard Bernbaum, SN

Garry Pell, P, your assistant SEO, and I attended the D23 Educational Department Seminar in Daytona Beach accompanied by John Mulkey, P representing our commander. The purpose of the seminar was to bring all the district 23 squadrons up to date on what is happening in the education arena.

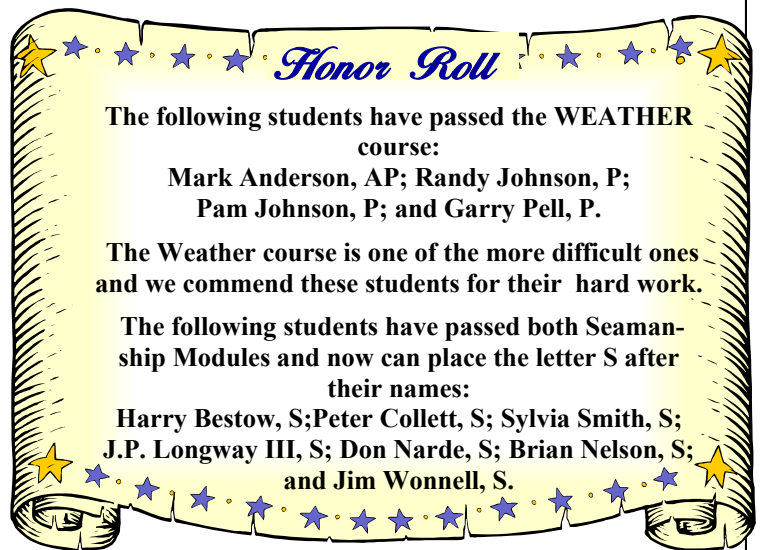
After covering some of the administrative basics the seminar got into full swing with a brief presentation of Power Point and how it can be used to advantage in teaching and presentations. The presenter gave a demonstration showing how user friendly the software is and built a frame with topics swirling in from all over. Very impressive!

Banana River squadron presented their methodology and record keeping on the Public Boating course and reported on the large number of new members which resulted. We made sure to get copies of that presentation and their record forms. Gainesville Power Squadron explained their public boating course utilizing the ABC and Chart Smart books. They too are having success with their course and also have the added advantage of a close relationship and good cooperation from the local Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The afternoon session discussed and presented National's plans for updating our in-house courses incorporating the latest technology in electronics. The revised Piloting and Advanced Piloting course rewrites are just about complete. Beta testing is coming to a close and the new textbooks should be available in September. Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics have been completed and are available now. We have already given our instructors copies of the new manuals with which to get up to speed. The new Cruise Planning text is also available and is now in a smaller carry aboard version. Junior Navigation and Navigation courses are in the process of being rewritten and, hopefully, in an order that may be a little more coherent to the student. Finally, we discussed Instructor Certification requirements and the need thereof. Any of us who teach to the public via our Boating Course must be certified to satisfy the state requirements. Taking Instructor Development or the old Instructor Qualification course satisfies the requirement and only requires a 4 hour seminar update once every four years. Easy enough.

Our Public Boating Course is coming down the home stretch. We plan to give the final exam April 22 and hope to see many new members as a result of the excellent interaction between the proctors, instructors, and the students. We hope our members will give the new members a warm welcome and make them feel as if they belong.

Those members who been loaned sextants for previous JN courses are encouraged to return them as the present JN students need them! Please get them out of the closet where they've been gathering dust!



Coco-Nauts Corner

Barbara Millner, President

The Coco-Nauts held their Card/Game Party Luncheon at the Veterans' Center on April 2nd and it was enjoyed by a fun-loving bunch. Besides having a tasty lunch, we had many great door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, a beautiful wine basket to take chances on, and an opportunity to out-bid our friends on the Silent Auction items. As they say, something for everyone! It was great to have so many of our new members helping in various ways. We want to thank ALL who baked casseroles or desserts, donated items, obtained door prizes, shopped for paper goods and other necessities, served lunches, cleaned up afterwards, and served at countless other jobs. Well done!

Our April 14th meeting, which was held at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge, included a brown bag lunch with the dessert and drinks being provided. The speaker, Janet Steiner from the Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation, gave an interesting and informative presentation.



Many Happy Birthdays

Maggie Woeber—May 7th

Edie Wonnell—May 14th

Future Events

For the May meeting, we're requesting that members bring good used laundered summer clothing to be given to the Women's Abuse Center. (This is a good chance to eliminate some of those articles of clothing that have mysteriously "shrunk" while hanging in the closet). The Center also has a need for children's clothing or toys.

In June, our last meeting before the summer break, we'll be asking members to bring a can of food, which will be taken to the Sharing Center. Also during this month, (date to be determined) we're planning to make bears for the nursing home.

It is good to remember those who are less

CO-OP CHARTING REPORT

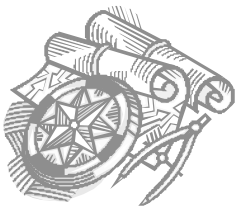
TEN, (count em) braved the rain on Easter Monday to attend the Co-op Charting seminar at the Vet Center. They saw info presented with the computer online projected onto a screen on subjects ranging from how to sign-on the CCWEB page, how to locate geodetic markers by zip code, how the gain credits for their efforts, and how to report their findings to NGS and NOAA. On the nautical side Al Pappas presented info re on the water efforts to correct charts, survey marina services. The new Maptech electronic charts are used in the presentation. Printed copies of sections will be made for those interested in do on the water work of given zones.

Member were asked to sign up for their interested work. Joe Auchter and Larry Hatfield signed for geodetic marker work. Those interested in nautical on the water work were Joe Auchter, Howard Bernbam, Al Pappas, Maggie Woeber, John Mulkey, Bernard Burnett, Barbara Millner and Charles Vilardebo. The Schnoors could not attend because of a death in the family. Likewise the Flanigans and Bud Miller has to miss for health reasons. (excuse the non-reference to title, rank and grade)

I, as Chairman of the Co-op Charting program, thank those attending and the interest shown in participating in the program. Our Squadron should end the year with a good ranking in the District and Nations. Anyone wanting information or assistance can call: **Bob Schaefer 784-9128.**

More information will appear on the Squadron web page: <http://cbps.us>.

Lt Robert Schaefer, P



Co-op charting makes the waterways safer for boaters.

SAFETY ARTICLE FOR MAY

The U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety has issued a notice alerting users of Olin flare guns of a possible defect in some guns. Olin's 12 gauge flare guns manufactured before 2000 may not open wide enough to accept flare cartridges. The Coast Guard is asking all boaters with the older flare guns to test loading cartridge as soon as possible and also at the beginning of every boating season. If the flare gun has this defect, you are asked to send it back for replacement to: Olin Safety Products, Marine Division, 3157N.500W., Peru, IN 46970. Modified guns made to correct the defective opening mechanism are marked with a Coast Guard Approval code, 160028//12/1, Flare Gun Malfunction Alert.

All recreational vessels on U.S. waters must carry on board U.S. Coast Guard-approved visual distress signals. Flares have only a three-year time period from the date of manufacture to meet CG requirements so check the dates on your flares to be sure they are still within this period. Out of date flares may still be carried on board for backup.



P/R/C Jane Schnoor, SCV

BLOOD BANK REPORT

Donating blood is truly about life. It is the most generous gift one can give. Something to keep in mind is that you can donate blood every eight weeks (56 days) up to six times a year. We have scheduled our Blood Drives with this in mind.

If everyone committed to donating at least three times a year, there would be no blood shortages. Advances in medicine, longer lifespans, an exponential population increase in Florida and increased deferrals due to strict FDA guidelines have severely lowered our community blood supply.

Many thanks to the following members of our squadron who participated in the March 24th drive.

Joe Auchter, Scott Kee, Ed Kydd, John Lynn, Duane McConkey, Marcia McConkey, Barbara Millner, Gene Millner, Paul Pfadenhauer, and Peter Schmidt

Non-Members participating included: Patsy Galloway and Ron Galloway.

The Bloodmobile will be at the Veterans' Center on Thursday, May 20th. Please sign up at the May meeting or call me at 452-500 to be one of our donors.

Lt Barbara Millner, S



CO-OP CHARTING MEETING

Thanks to those who attended. With their cooperation CBPS hopes to have a successful co-op charting year. Not all members are pictured

Our thanks to our
sponsors.

John and Merri Mulkey
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Pkwy
Merritt Island, FL

**PICTURES FROM ANTIQUE BOAT SHOW
PHOTOGRAPHED BY TRENT MILLIKEN**

The Mt. Dora Antique Boat Show is held annually at Mt. Dora, FL, the 3rd weekend of March. Antique cars, unusual machinery and all manner of older boat hardware are also on display. The antique boats are operated on Lake Mt. Dora, giving the spectator the opportunity to evaluate their performances. It is a unique show, one worth seeing. Carmen and Trent try to make this an annual event. For that time in March when you say there is "nothing to do", take a short drive to Mt. Dora and enjoy their annual boat show.

Below: Baby Bantam ('39) manufactured in Butler, Pa.—
To the right — model Sailboats.



The Commander's Reception Was Beyond Compare



Cdr Bud Miller, his lovely first mate, Judy, and Gene and Barbara Millner, the most gracious hosts in all of South Florida, greeting their guest beneath a Squadron banner.



Above, the four of our hosts are in a more relaxed setting. The majesty of the trees, the ducks swimming in the river, the beauty and serenity of the Indian River, the squirrels playing in the trees all created a tranquil setting for the Commander's Reception, hosted by Cdr Bud Miller and his charming first mate Judy at Gene and Barbara's home. The Millners have provided the use of their home and grounds for the past 15 years and have got to be the most gracious host and hostess I have ever encountered. Commander's come and go, but Gene and Barbara are forever (We all hope).

One hundred one thanks to all those who helped Bud with this event. He couldn't have done it without the cooking skills of Harry Bestow assisted by Jerry Blanchard and Charles Vilardebo who transported needed supplies in his truck.

Approximately 118 members and guests attended the reception. This event grows and grows because this soiree is one of the best events the Squadron offers its members.

Many members came by boat. Among them: Vince and Gwynne Barber, Al Pappas and Maggie Woeber, Randy and Pam Johnson, Mike and Denise Stone, John and Doris Valentine, Johnny and Ann McCandless, Duane and Marge Balkema, John and Susan Lynn, Ron and Barbara Norris, Bob and Mary Beth Mittauer, Ron and Pat Leveridge, and Howard and Rhoda Bernbaum.

The following morning, those who spent the night enjoyed a sumptuous breakfast served very elegantly by Barbara with help from Marge Balkema, Gwynne Barber, and Ann McCandless. Our thanks to Bud, Judy, Barbara & Gene for making this Commander's Reception a memorable occasion..

CBPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

MAY 2004

01 Sat. Poker Run
Details

04 Tuesday 1900-2100
General Meeting
Veterans Memorial Center

12 Wednesday
Coco-Nauts Monthly meeting TBA
Always enjoyable.

15 Saturday 1400-1700
District 23/Titusville PS Picnic
Sand Point Park—Titusville
Great food, fun, and music

20 Wednesday 0900-2100
Blood Bank
Veterans Memorial Center

19-23 Spring Governing Board
Hilton-Pittsburgh

22 Saturday 1100 –1500
Blessing of the Fleet
Lee Wenner Park, Cocoa

25 Tuesday 1900-2100
Executive Board Meeting
Veterans Memorial Cen-
ter



CBPS mourns the loss
of P/C Sasseen, SN.

JUNE 2004

01 Tuesday 1900-2100
CBPS General Meeting
Veterans' Memorial Center

12 Saturday
Marker 21 Overnight Cruise

12 District 23 Council Meeting

16 Coco-Nauts Monthly Meeting

18 Friday 1800-2100
Reverse Raffle Fund Raiser
Veterans' Memorial Center

19 Saturday 1130-1330
Coral Bay Rendezvous

22 Tuesday 1900-2100
Exec. Board Meeting
Veterans' Memorial Center

A hearty welcome to our newest member, Bill Quinn, and his wife, Cheryl, who hail from Ohio. Welcome aboard. We were pleased to have guests, Dick and Ruth Finn, members of the Charleston Power Squadron, and Melanie Shelnett, a friend of Ann McCandless, at the CBPS general meeting.



**MAKE RESERVATIONS
FOR THE FABULOUS
CBPS PALM COAST
RENDEZVOUS
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE
BY MAY 15TH**

DATES; OCTOBER 8, 9, 10 AND 11

A 3 day weekend (Columbus Day) with rooms available- \$79 a night. These vastly discounted rates will apply for 3 days before and 3 days after the event for those who want to spend more time there. The dock rates are \$1.35 per foot plus electricity

With 2 fine restaurants at the marina, an Olympic sized swimming pool, 7 miles of bike trails (walking trails) on the intracoastal waterway and a fabulous golf course, there's plenty to do and many invited guests from other D/23 Squadrons.

CBPS will have a dock picnic on Sat. night, and boat hopping and room hopping as we enjoy cocktails with our D/23 friends. Fri, Sat and Sun nights. The Sat Night picnic at the dock will probably cost about \$5 per person.

Think about joining us for this awesome boating rendezvous.

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL
P/C DICK FILLE: 868-1883 (HOME) OR
868-1883 (CELL)
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY**

To our members who have been ill: A doctor offers medicine for your body
but this get well wish offers medicine for your spirit.

ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday, 15 May, 2004

WE HONOR YOU AND PRAY FOR YOUR SAFETY!

Each third Saturday in May the nation salutes all of the men and women in all branches of the service who protect our country and you. They can be called upon at a moment's notice to perform a risky and perilous mission for freedom and country. They train diligently both physically and mentally so they will be prepared to prevail in any mission they face.

Just how did it all begin? Well, each branch of the military had their own day of celebration. But, on August 31, 1949 then Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day.

President Harry Truman also announced the holiday in a presidential proclamation on February 20, 1950. All branches of the military were asked to celebrate on this day and they complied on the first Armed Forces Day which was held the following year on May 20, 1950.



Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the Gentle autumn rain.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

Author unknown

MY FRIEND, TED - GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

Lt/C Howard Bernbaum, SN

Ted Edson was a sailor unlike most of the sailors encountered around the marinas or aboard small cruising boats. Most sailors tend to be a little casual, a euphemism for out and out sloppy. They are generally garbed with deck shoes, no socks, shirts sometimes clean, but always having a history of former chores- a little grease stain from that oil change here, some blue spots attesting to the color of the last bottom painting there, and of course, the final touch, a smudge of varnish to complete its stylishness. Now, there you have a sailor! A sailor walks with a list, a rolling gait, a cocky strut, but not Ted.

Ted's attire never gave evidence of manual labor and he didn't sweat. A hint of perspiration perhaps, but he never sweated. He didn't sway or roll when he walked. Rather, he bounced along with perhaps just a tinge of a strut. Rather, then my trying to describe Ted, one can capture his essence by the recounting of a journey made about 14 years ago.

3 sailors and Ted decided to sail to Bermuda in a 36 foot Columbia sloop. The trip began flawlessly. The weather was beautiful, the sea calm and the wind out of the southeast permitting a bow reach all the way to Bermuda. The auto pilot was set and the boat sailed itself all day. The crew just sat round and enjoyed pleasant surroundings and pleasant conversation. As usual, the off watch was too keyed up to sleep so everybody stayed in the cockpit. Dinner time rolled around and Ted surprised us. To be sure that the cruise had an auspicious beginning, he had brought 4 filet mignons and the sides to go along with them. He assumed the Chef de cuisine role and proceeded to prepare a dinner fit for aristocracy. Our tongues were hanging out as the odor of sautéed onions and mushrooms wafted through the companionway. Dinner was delightfully accompanied by a fine red wine. Indeed, the cruise was off to a great start.

The next morning Ted arose and received his first disappointment. He had prepared a list of shower assignments and in his unique manner, told the crew members to take turns showering as assigned.. The skipper immediately interrupted. "Ted" he said, "I'm sorry, but no. The tanks only hold one hundred gallons of water and that is for drinking!"

It was only a few short hours later that the rudder was carried away and the cruise definitely was in deep water. A week later at 0400 a Coast Guard 41 boat shoved a tired, smelly crew and disabled boat up against the fuel dock at Harbor Town Marina and Resort on the south shore of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The crew disembarked at a deserted facility. After reconnoitering, the disheveled sailors discovered a public bathroom with all the important accouterments, but no showers. The crew cleaned up as best they could and returned to the boat where a proper portion of grog was doled out. Actually, it was some pretty decent Scotch and the crew relaxed and sipped away, neat - no chaser. It was a while before Ted's absence was noted. Oh well, he was high energy and undoubtedly was walking around looking at all the multi- million dollar yachts.

At daybreak Ted returned. He had found a proper facility and had shaved, showered and changed clothes. He returned to the boat dressed to the T's - white shoes, slacks, and a powder blue blazer set off with an ascot. He announced he had found the country club and they were serving breakfast. "Everybody, shave, shower, and get dressed. I've made a reservation." His smile grew a little thin when there was no enthusiastic response.

Finally, the skipper arose and went below. The rattle of the pressure pump could be heard indicating running water. A short time later, the skipper reappeared with a scruffy beard. He wore deck shoes, no socks, khaki pants, green shirt and an orange tie. The other two crew members shrugged, finished their Scotch and one said to the other, "I'm ready, what about you?" The brief response was, "I'm hungry. Let's go." With that, the skipper took off his tie and they all left for the country club except that Ted walked on one side of the street and the crew on the other. He refused to be seen with that scraggly bunch.

At the country club, the hostess was very gracious and not only seated them, but, seated them in the center of the dining room. The crew's reputation as the adventurous band who had barely survived a disaster at sea had preceded them and for one brief moment they were celebrities. Ted, somewhat mollified, condescended to sit at the same table with the them.

There is no question that he would rather have sailed with Admiral Vanderbilt than with us, but, he was charitable and put up with our particular brand of sloth. Ted never sailed with that crew again, but our friendship endured.

It was through Ted that I joined CBPS over 25 years ago. We spent many happy times aboard his boat while co-op charting. While we chartered, we enjoyed nature's beauty and each other's company. He and his wife, Carol, helped found the Brevard Museum. Ted died on March 13, 2004. He had a joyous zest for life and I'll miss him. I'll always remember the happy times.



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FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE

D/Lt/C Les Tribut, AP, Administrative Officer

TIME TO RENEW AND RECRUIT MEMBERS

It's Spring time again and May is the month we all are required to renew our membership in a show of support to our Squadron, District and National campaigns. With your renewal, you send a message of confidence to this great organization and continue to enjoy all the benefits it accords us and the community.

It's not just about the money! Sure, we need your dues to enable to continue the USPS community services, Safety Campaigns, VSC's and our Co-op Charting campaigns. It also allows us to enjoy our passion for safe boating through education with a bonus of social camaraderie among our members.

National spends a good deal of money to see that we, the members, have the very best in educational material and equipment to do those tasks we took an oath to fulfill.

By renewing, you also are supporting our community and country. Yes, whether you know it or not, USPS takes part in many programs and projects that project a positive image and attitude toward life, as we know it, right here in the good old USA. By renewing your membership in USPS, you show support for our Educational Programs, Boating Activities and contributions to the community. Your membership allows our programs to continue and lets you, the members, enjoy the social camaraderie, services and friendships of all USPS members.

It is we, the Squadron and District members" who keep our organization moving forward. With our show of support and our engagement in the "Power of One" campaign which asks each member to recruit one new member this year, our Squadron can grow. Accept that challenge and you will be assisting USPS in continuing its rich and proud heritage of service to the boating world and make America's Boating Club grow.

The District 23 Bridge requests that you take part in your Squadron activities and District functions and make D/23 proud of its contribution to USPS. We have the following activities planned.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend:

- 1. District 23 Spring Picnic, May 15, Sands Point Park, Titusville, Fl.**
- 2. 2004 National Governing Board Meeting in Pittsburg, Pa. 19 - 23 M**

Coming later in the year:

2004 National Fall Governing Board Meeting; Jacksonville, Fl 8 -12 Sept

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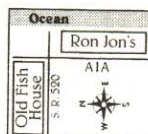


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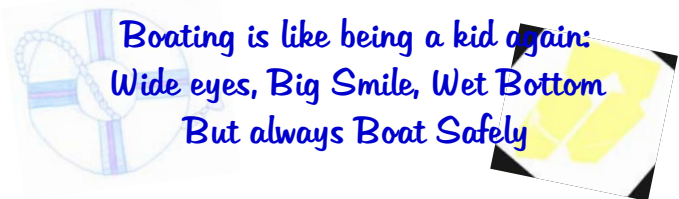
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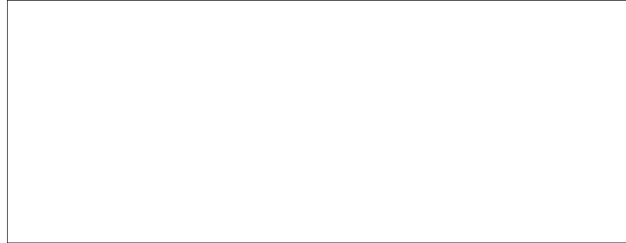
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