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After registration and a wonderful Hospitality Suite, members met at a Tailgate Party that was the envy of everyone at the D-23 Conference. The next day there were many workshops including one on how to protect your boat from hurricane disasters. This was followed by meetings and the District 23 Banquet on Saturday Evening.

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

AT THE HELM

Commander John Mulkey, P



As predicted in last month's "Soundings", the District 23 Fall Conference ran as smoothly as a well oiled clock. A good time was had by all who attended. The Tailgate Party was especially fun. I have it from a member who has attended many, many district conferences that this was the best he could remember. (Thanks, Ed!)

We won the "Claude Wilson Award" for co-op charting and the "District 23 Ship Over Award" for the highest percentage of members paying their dues. We also came in third for one of our teaching aids.

Thanks again to P/C Bud Miller, JN, his committee and the Coco-Nauts for all of their hard work!

Please note that the Annual Fundraiser Night has been changed to January 22, 2006. I need to point out that while we are doing much better financially than in the past, we still need an additional source of income. We only keep a small portion of our dues. The rest goes to National and District. The cost of everything keeps increasing and dues alone will not cover our expenses. We appreciate any consideration of support.

It's not too late to submit Merit Mark information. The Executive Board has been working hard on the Merit Mark information and report. However, if you want to make absolutely sure that you receive the merit mark you deserve for your many hours of volunteering, you can e-mail them to Chairpersons Lt Dave and Lt Leah Collins, AP at lacholoupe@aol.com. Make sure you state the activity worked on, as well as the number of hours worked. This is not "tooting your own horn. It is simply stating fact.

The Nominations Committee has begun the task of nominations for the 2006 Bridge. If asked to serve, please do. I think you will find it to be a very rewarding experience. I have!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

By this time you have probably winterized your furnaces, raked a few leaves and put the boat in storage for the winter...OOOPS! Wrong Squadron. Phew, my nightmare is over!

In that case, why not do something shocking by northern standards and plan a boating weekend?

"Boo at the Beach" is October 29th at Water Ski Island, just north of the Canaveral Lock on Banana River. The Serenade will be there by 1500. Join us on the island, bring along some nibbles and drink, stay on for a cookout supper at 1700 and then, if you are really adventurous there will be a sundown bonfire. Costumes and overnighting are optional.

If you miss this great event, your second chance will occur on November 5 at Marker 21 south of Melbourne at the Spoil Islands east of Grant. A great place to anchor or beach your boat and share some food and drink with your fellow boaters. Arriving after noon, turn west at Marker 21 and anchor in behind the spoil island or beach your boat. P/C Duane Balkema, AP, will coordinate details so give him a call if you plan on joining us.

Rick and I just completed our 32nd Vessel Safety Exam: 16 apiece. Conducting exams is a great couple activity. One of us does the writing while the other inspects each item on the list. From the small runabouts to the 53-foot motor yachts, we not only provide a public service, we have the opportunity to be around boats and boaters. If this may interest you, give Lt Charlie Dodds, Jr, SN a call. USPS even has an instruction course on-line to help you qualify.

Lt Denise, P, and P/Lt/C Mike Stone, P have found Co-op Charting to be a great addition to on-the-water trips. They reported on bridges during their St. John's River Trip. 1/Lt Bob Schaefer, P, will assist anyone who wishes to learn to do this; he will even help you report via the online system. Give him a call!

SEO REPORT

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN

Exams are in the news. Congratulations to all the students who took the Instructor Development course – they all passed their examination. They are Joe Derrico, Lt Peter Schmidt, P, and Roger Cowles. The course was taught by Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN. Three members have taken the exam for the Cruise Planning course, ably taught by Lt John Lynn, P. We are awaiting the results of their examinations. Incidentally, we received letters of congratulations from R/C Walter Fields, SN, Chairman of the Electro-Mechanical Systems Committee, congratulating Lt Dave Collins, AP and Ken Pell, P, for both achieving perfect scores on their recent Engine Maintenance examinations. Lt Gene Millner, AP, was their instructor.

By the time you read this the Boat Smart course will be almost over. It was a small class this time but it certainly was well planned and carried out thanks to the good work of Lt Pete Schmidt, P, who served as chairman. Helping Pete as presenters were Cdr John Mulkey, P, Steve Winter. P, Roger Cowles, Tom Jensen, Joe Derrico, and Lt/C's Rick and Sandy Schoonmaker, SN. Of course we couldn't run the class without our proctors and administrators. They included P/C Sam Greenwood, SN, Howard Bernbaum, SN, Bob Flanigan, SN, P/C Duane Balkema. AP, Jim Wonnell, P, and administrators Lt Marion Sweigart, AP, Lt Doris Valentine, Marilyn Schmidt, and P/C Larry Hatfield, SN

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS and some old members, too. We plan to have a Seamanship course starting on Wednesdays in mid November at the Cocoa Central Library on Forrest Avenue in Cocoa. Probable starting date is 16 November. This is an interesting, easy course which builds on the foundation of the material you learned in the Boat Smart course or the Squadron Boating Course. It's a prerequisite for the other Advanced Grade courses and a great way to meet some other new members. You can sign up at the November general meeting or, better yet, give me a call at 635-9455.

Administrative Officer's Report Lt/C Ann McCandless, S

NEW INFO about the squadron Fund Raiser: DATE: January 22, 2006, TIME: 1500-1700 This event is currently booked at the Cocoa Civic Center. (The Civic Center management has changed and we are waiting to hear as to our status. We will keep you posted!!)

Meanwhile, we will be collecting items for the Silent Auction and monetary donations in exchange for the Reverse Drawing tickets. Remember the CBPS member collecting the MOST money for Reverse Drawing Tickets will be receiving a \$100 cash prize at the Drawing on January 22. And the person with the winning ticket takes home \$1200. Ask Joe Auchter, AP about that. He was the BIG winner last year. So plan to be present. Lots of food and fun for all.

Thanks to our members who do so much "behind the scenes" hard work: Lt Larry Burleson,S, Gary Kingrea, P, P/C Duane, AP, and Marge Balkema, Lt Doris Valentine, Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P, Lt Johnny McCandless, P, and Angie and F/Lt Charlie Vilardebo. These members keep the CBPS activities running smoothly. THANKS!!

Secretary's Report Lt/C J P Longway III, S

Once again, I would like to say thanks to the many, (21), member sponsors who have consistently provided donations to "The Soundings" on an annual basis, as well as to those others whom are donating for the first time. Seriously, you are appreciated very much for your generosity.

And, while I'm in the mood for showering my appreciation for job(s) well done, a tip of my NY Yankee hat to P/C Bud Miller, JN and his team of Committee leads, volunteer members, and the Coco-Nauts, for their combined exemplary efforts. As a result, the District 23 Fall Conference, hosted by the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron was a "WINNER!

In addition, I'd like to make special mention of those involved in making the District 23 Fall Conference Ships Store, Raffle and Door Prize events both fun and financially supportive of the Squadron's focus. Special kudos to Lt Marian Sweigart, AP; 1/Lt Joan Montfort, S; Joe Auchter, AP; Lt Donna Longway, S; Lt Edie Wonnell; Jim Wonnell, P; Sheryle Schaefer, and Lt Larry Burleson, S.

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Tuesday, November 1. 2005, 1900 Cocoa Civic Center 430 Delannoy Ave, Cocoa Village

Guest Speaker: John Lynn, P

John will be presenting pictures and narration about the trip he and his family made to the Bahamas, this past summer, aboard the 35 ' boat TUIT.

John has been a member of CBPS since 1973. He and his wife Susan have served our organization in many capacities, including chairing the successful Auction Fundraiser in the fall of 2003.

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Coco-Nauts Caring for Hurricane Victims

These bears were made by the Coco-Nauts in September at Lt. Barbara Millner's, S residence. Fifteen ladies made 73 bears. They were boxed and then shipped to the Acadiana Outreach Center in Lafayette, LA., for the children who were the victims from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



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For Information, CONTACT Johnny McCandless, 253-6243 or JoAnn, P and Lt Gary Monai, P, 321-799-3635

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

NOVEMBER:

- 01 Tuesday, 1900, General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 05/06 Saturday & Sunday, Indian River Destination Marker 21
- 09—Wednesday, Coco-Nauts' Meeting, 1130, Davids By The Sea
 - 12- Saturday, 1000-1500, Operations Training Classes, Villas HOA Clubhouse
- えの Sunday, Harvest Party; 1500-1700 Kiwanis Park Pavilion, \$5.00 (Bring a covered dish)
 - 22 Tuesday, 1830, Exec. Board Mtg, Merritt Island Library

DECEMBER:

- 01– Thursday, 0915, Blood Donations, Florida Blood Center, Rockledge
 - 16-- Friday, 1800-2200, Holiday Dinner Dance, Cocoa Civic Center, \$30.+ cash bar

JANUARY:

- 22- Sunday, 1500-1700, Fundraiser/Silent Auction, Cocoa Civic Center
- 28- Saturday, Coco-Nauts Theme Party, Stonewood Towers Clubhouse

FEBRUARY:

19- Sunday, 1600-1900, Change of Watch, Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach

CBPS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available.

Members are also invited to meet for a casual get together at Murdock's in Cocoa Village on Friday afternoons.

BLOOD DONATION SITE TO CHANGE

Lt EDIE WONNELL

Our next donation date is December 1^{st.} We will no longer be meeting the Big Red Bus at the Veterans' Center. Instead, we will meet at the Florida's Blood Center at 956 South US Route 1 in Rockledge. The times will still be assigned between 9:15 to 11:00AM. Moving the location to the Blood Center will prevent the last minute cancellations we have experienced in the past.

Thanks to those you contributed on October 6th:

Joe Auchter, AP John Lynn, P

P/C Duane Balkema, AP P/C Susan Kneeland, SN

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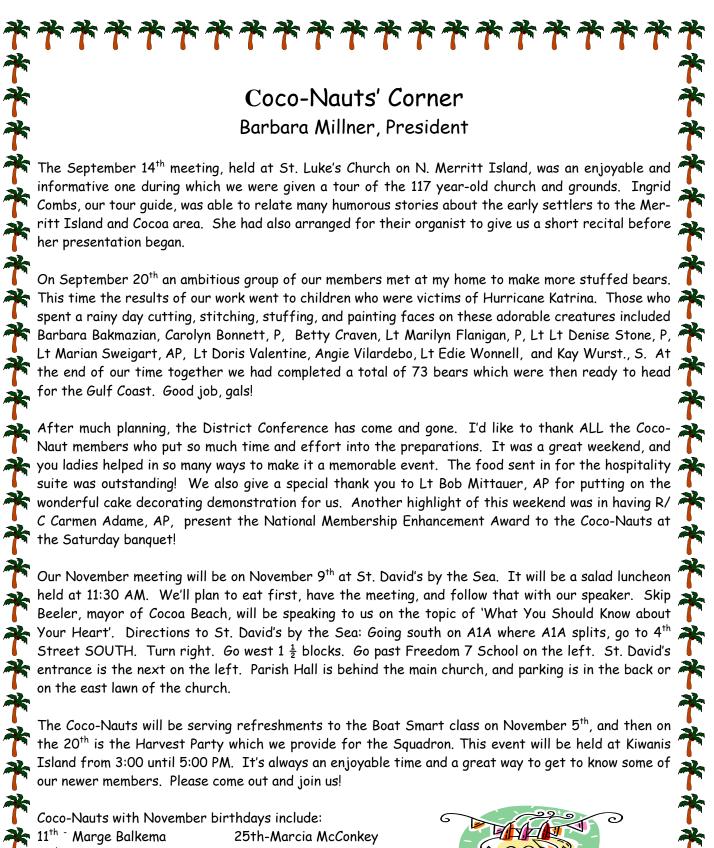
EVENT	DATE	CONTACT	PHONE #	LOCATION
Banana River PS Champagne- Brunch	November 6, 2005 Sunday 1130hrs - 1400hrs	Lt/C Lucy Hixenbaugh BRPS Admin lhixenbaugh@ cfl.rr.com	690-6955	Suntree Country Club \$18.55 each
Operations Training Class	Nov. 12, 2005 Saturday 1000hrs - 1500hrs	Lt/C Ann McCandless, S Class taught by P/D/C Fred Adame, SN	253-6243	Villas HOA Clubhouse, Suntree
Harvest Party	Nov 20, 2005 Sunday 1500hrs - 1700hrs	Coco-Nauts Lt Barb Millner, S	452-0500	Kiwanis Park Pavilion M. I. \$5.00 each
Holiday Dinner Dance	Dec. 16, 2005 Friday 1800hrs - 2200hrs <u>Cash bar</u>	Betty Craven	253-9448	Cocoa Civic Center \$30.00 each
Fundraiser Event/Silent Auction	Jan. 22, 2006 Sunday 1500hrs-1700hrs	Lt Johnny McCandless , P, Lt Gary & JoAnn Monai, P and Lt Marian Sweigart, AP	253-6243/ 799-3635/ 452-3682	Cocoa Civic Center
Coco-Nauts Theme Party	January 28, 2006 Saturday evening	Coco-Nauts Lt Barb Millner, S	452-0500	Stonewood Towers Clubhouse, Cocoa Beach
Change of Watch	Feb. 19, 2006 Sunday 1600hrs - 1900hrs	Cdr John Mulkey, P	633-0094	Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach

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18th- Mary Ellen Whitney 30th-Ruth Kadenbach, AP

24th- Marilyn Grigsby

Enjoy your special day!

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GALAXY 23

D/Lt/C Les Tribout, AP, Executive Officer "Remembering & Recognition"

"Remembering 1/Lt Anita L. Fontes,S"

It is with great sorrow I let you all know the wife of our D/C George Fontes, AP, Anita, passed away 30 Sept.'05, just as we were starting the D23 Fall Conference in Cocoa Bch. Anita & Geo were good friends of ours. We traveled to many Meetings, Conferences, Governing Board Meetings and other D23 functions together. Anita was my Ladies Auxiliary Liaison Officer in 2004 and did an excellent job with the Squadrons and keeping me informed. To D/C Geo Fontes, AP, we in D23 share your sorrow and take care. A donation to the USPS Education Fund will be made in her name.

"Survey Says"

If you did not attend the D23 Fall Conference in Cocoa Beach 30 Sept -2 Oct.'05 - you missed one of the best. The attendance was in the hundreds. I cannot list all the members who made this possible, but I must recognize Cocoa Beach CDR John F. Mulkey,P, his Fall Conference Chairman P/C Bud Miller,JN, and his Committees for the planning and team work to make it such a success. The C/C Rep. R/C Jim Acheson,SN and his wife, Sue, were very impressed with the whole Conference.

CDR Judith L. Prophet,S - Jacksonville was taking notes to use when Jacksonville hosts the D23 Spring Conference 3 - 5 March '06.

A special "Thank You" to R/C Ann Fields,SN for her help and guidance when D/C Geo Fontes,AP was called away and I had to take over the Conference. "Other D23 VIP's":

> <u>P/R/C Mike Scallen,SN - D23 Awards Chairman</u> presented an excellent program assisted by the D23 Bridge and C/C Rep. Jim Acheson,SN. Winners:

Banana River - James Bruner Award (Most new JN's)

Jacksonville - Educational Proficiency
Cocoa Beach - Claude Wilson Coop Charting

Cocoa Beach - Ship Over Award

Banana River - Senior Navigator Award (Most New SN's)

Harris Chain - Welsley Mathews Teaching Aids

Award

There was no winner for the Preston Heath Award (Most JN's to N)

- > ADEO P/C Linda Legg, SN & P/D/Lt/C Dick Leatherman, SN, <u>D23 Training Aids Chairman</u>, had 25 entries for judging; the most we have seen in a while!
- > "Workshop Presenters"
- P/C Kristi Anderson, S, Banana River DB2000 Excellent Job
- P/C Bob Small, AP, Jacksonville CoOp Charting Excellent Job
- 1/Lt Bobby Bray, AP Daytona Bch VSC Workshop Excellent Job
- Manatee Squadron on Fla's West Coast for the "Hurricane Preparedness" presentations. I will send a letter of appreciation!
- R/C Dick Peoples,SN Phase II of his "Leadership Development" Super Job. Nine (9) members completed the course and received Certificates.
- > Other items discussed, and some require a resolution for the D23 Winter Council 21 Jan'06, are:
- Implementing the \$1.80 dues increase by National Finance Committee.
- Finding New Leadership for the Orlando Squadron.
- Reschedule Squadrons Hosting future D23 Conferences.
- P/C Kristi Anderson,S was appointed Chairman of the Committee to plan the "D23 50th Anniversary Celebration", the theme for the 2007 Fall Conference to be hosted by Ponce Inlet. Kristi will need some funding for this!

<u>In conclusion</u>, please work with your Nominating Committees, show some leadership, step-up, take an Officer's job. We need your experience and help in our Squadrons. Where are we without each other and working as a team? Give back to your Squadrons, Communities and your Country by getting involved and volunteering as an Officer in your Squadron or District.

"Reminders"

- 1. Merit Marks are Due
- 2. Plan now to enter the "Parade of Publications". Order 25 extra issues of your November or December Pub's & take

Melbourne Harbor Marina

The weather cooperated for the Melbourne Harbor Marina weekend Sept. 16-18, but there were a few problems with the boats attending. John Lynn, P, had a water hose come loose on the trip down which emptied one of his water tanks; the Sherman's motored into the harbor with a water problem that turned out to be an A/C sump pump; the Jensen's encountered an electrical connection problem on their pier, which caused them to leave the event early and the Balkema's also had an A/C problem.

Tom and Carol Jensen held the Friday dinner on their boat, Green Acres. We had pizza brought in from the Bella's Restaurant.

Saturday morning Tom & Carol, Al & Maggie, John & Susan and Patrick, Patty & Porter walked to the Strawberry Mansion for Breakfast. During the day, Bud and Judy Miller motored down with John and Merri Mulkey and they had an impromptu lunch with John Lynn at Ichabods at the marina.

Saturday evening the Lynn's hosted a gathering aboard Tuitt before going to the Chart House for Dinner.

During the weekend, we had 23 people attending the different activities. Our youngest attendee, Porter Sherman, is just three months old, but is already a seasoned boater. His grandpa, "Captain" John Lynn, had him helping at the helm when he was just three weeks old and he's been power boating almost every weekend since that time.



The D 23 Conference was rockin' and rollin' with this cake decorating demonstration. What a great culinary display from Lt. Bob Mittauer, AP. Go get 'em Emeril Lagasse!!

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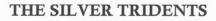
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COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

When: Friday, December 16th, 2005

Where: COCOA CIVIC CENTER

430 Delannoy Ave. Cocoa, Florida

Time: Cocktails: 1800 - 1900 hrs

Dinner: 1900 - 2000 hrs Dancing: 2000 - 2200 hrs

Dress: Men: Uniform A or Suit and Tie

Women: Formal Attire

Cost: \$30.00 per person/ Cash Bar

For Reservations: Betty Craven, 321-253-9448; Checks payable to CBPS

Buffet Menu

Butlered Hors d'oeuvres

Mini Chicken Cordon Bleu, Beef Empanadas and Quiches

Entrees:

Roast Beef Tenderloin with Bearnaise and Horseradish Sauces,
Roast Pork Tenderloin with Apple Brandy Sauce, and Chicken Marsala
Tropical Spinach Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Sugar Spiced Baby Carrots, and Green Bean Amandine

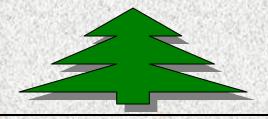
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Menu includes Fresh Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea and Coffee

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WE Strutted Ourselves and Showed Our Colors

At the District 23 Conference which was recently held over at Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort, September 30- October 1, and hosted by the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. What a weekend it turned out to be and by all accounts it was a total success! Everyone seemed to really enjoy the Friday night Tailgate Party, and who wouldn't after spending two hours earlier socializing in our friendly Hospitality Suite with Miester Bar Tenders Lt/C Ann, S & Lt Johnny McCandless,P, P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN, Lt Gene Millner, AP, P/C Larry Hatfield, SN, Lt Donna Longway, S, and P/C George Hess, SN, doing the pouring. Speaking of the Hospitality Suites, what a splendid job was done by Lt Doris Valentine, who managed the entire operation, F/Lt Charlie Vilardebo, Lt Pam Johnson, P, the Silver Tridents, and t Barbara Millner, S, and all of the Coco-Nauts who prepared and brought delicious snacks for everyone.

From what I was told by some District Bridge members, this was one of the best attended conferences ever. Over 140 people registered for the conference and many stayed overnight at the hotel in the 35 rooms that were reserved. Our squadron was responsible for planning and organizing activities for the entire conference weekend. This involved coordinating with the Holiday Inn to provide (5) different meal events for serving 342 meals, (7) meeting and conference rooms for up to 80 attendees, planning (2) activities for those not participating in the meetings, and yes, the Hospitality Suite for (2) afternoons and a breakfast.

Believe me, this was an awesome task and a major challenge! It could not have accomplished without a lot of hard work by a dedicated group of our members who worked together for nearly a year to plan and pull this off. We had numerous meetings on the subject and towards the end; it was obvious to me that those plans were going to be highly successful. Other individuals on the Planning Team who need to be recognized and commended are as follows:

Lt/C Jay Longway, S - Managed the 1Lt Joan Montfort, S Ships Store

Lt Marian Sweigart, AP - Collected and packaged Door Prizes

Joe Auchter, AP - Managed the Raffle

P/C Susan Kneeland, SN - Set up and handled the entire registration process

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN—Printed the tickets, Flyers and Conference Program

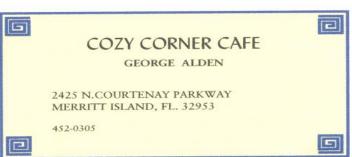
Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN- Handled all publicity and communications with other Squadrons and groups

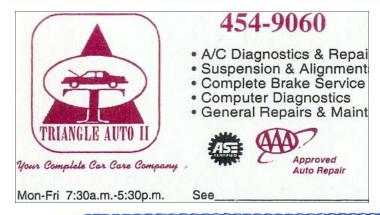
Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN- Managed our budget and provided financial control

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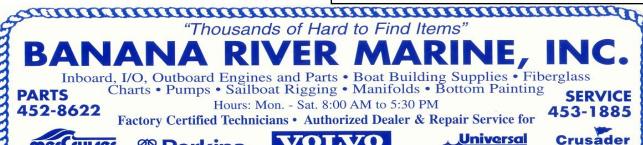


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