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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, 06 November 2007 @ 1900

Brevard Veterans Center

400 Sykes Creek Pkwy., Merritt Island

RESTORING WOOD & CANVAS CANOES

Dr. Michael Grace's "addiction" is restoring antique canoes. The number in storage, being restored, being paddled by his family, or on display in his house total over 3 dozen. He will bring two of these to discuss them and better answer questions.

Dr. Grace teaches Neurology to Marine Biology and Pre-Med students at Florida Tech.

Attention on Deck

Proposed Name Change for CBPS

The Executive Board has reviewed all recommendations that were submitted by the due date. There are three recommendations to be proposed for membership consideration and their vote at the December 4th General Membership meeting. The options are as follows: 1.) Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron; 2.) Central Brevard Sail & Power Squadron; or 3.) Stay with existing name with no change. Commander Mike Stone is obtaining lessons learned from other D23 Squadron Commanders that have made a name change in the past, to identify and consider all the ramifications resulting from a name change. Please consider the options, and be prepared to attend and vote at the December meeting.

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articles of interest you'd
like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander Mike Stone, P



If you did not attend the CBPS 40th Anniversary Party, you missed a spectacular event. Eighty-eight people signed up to attend. We also had four boats representing the squadron. That was a record attendance for a CBPS event in recent history! Thanks to all the people that worked so hard to make the event such a success. The party committee including Susan Kneeland, Chairperson, Denise Stone, Barbara Millner, Marge Balkema, Fred Adame, George Hess, Dick Schnoor, Ann and Johnnie McCandless, and Marilyn Flanigan all were responsible for a great party. The Eau Gallie Yacht Club provided a tasty, well served luncheon that was enjoyed by all. The Silver Tridents, Cocoa-nauts, the CBPS Bridge and Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach all provided some excellent door prizes. Thanks to all the donors for their generosity.

Denise and I attended the District 23 Fall Conference October 5-7 in Deland. The conference turned out to be one of the best that we have attended. There were some excellent speakers, good food, and very talented entertainment both nights of the conference. Ponce de Leon Inlet Sail and Power Squadron hosted the conference and went all out to make it the best attended conference in many years. At the dinner Saturday night, our own Dick Schnoor was honored for achieving 50 years of USPS membership. He has contributed immensely to USPS and to our squadron. He deserves a resounding THANK YOU for his contributions. Sixteen CBPS members attended the dinner to show their support for Dick Schnoor and his fine achievement. At the conference, I was honored to accept the District 23 George Wilson award for cooperative charting on behalf of Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. Thanks to Bob Schafer and those that participated in this valuable program.

In November we have two events scheduled. The first on November 3rd is a raft up in the Banana River to view the US Air Force Thunderbirds perform. The second is the King Neptune party hosted by Banana River Sail and Power Squadron scheduled for November 10th at Wickham Park in Melbourne. More information for both events is elsewhere in the Soundings.

Remember to check your Soundings for the latest information on squadron activities so you don't get left out.

Check the CBPS web site for pictures from the 40th Anniversary Party.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C J. P. Longway III, P



I would like to begin my report by offering special thanks to Lt Bob Schaefer, for leading the Co-op Charting Committee, and others who have assisted him in his efforts this past year, that resulted in the Squadron receiving the D23 Charles Wilson award. I'd also like to give kudos to Lt Charlie Dodds for leading the Vessel Safety Check Program, and those other examiners; i.e., Lt John Lynn, P/C Al Pappas, P/R/C Dick Schnoor, P/R/C Jane Schnoor, P/C Bud Miller, Maggie Woeber and Siegfried Lissek who all performed 10 or more vessel safety checks to date this year. Also, as usual, in the dark of the night we have our Squadron Webmaster, Lt Larry Carr continuously updating and tweaking our Website to provide us with current information that is instantaneously available. Thanks Larry for all that you do behind the scene, it is appreciated very much. The commitment that these squadron members have shown is nothing less than commendable.

The Nominating Committee is finalizing its selection and acceptance of the new 2008-2009 Bridge Officers, Board of Directors, and Elected Committees. Now comes the hard part....., the Officers will be trying to identify and finalize their staff. Now comes the easy part....., if you are asked to consider remaining in your present position, or asked to accept a new/switch position, please do so. We really need everyone stroking/rowing to keep this Squadron afloat and operating to the best of our ability. If you care, share/spare yourself.

SEO REPORT

P/C John Mulkey, P



At this writing, we have just returned from the District 23 Fall Conference in DeLand. Unfortunately, the part of the conference I was most interested in began at 0830 on Saturday morning. Even if we had spent Friday night in DeLand I would have had a problem making a meeting at that hour! Lucky for me P/D/C Fred Adame, SN is an early riser and attended for us. Thank you Fred!

At the Education Department Meeting two new seminars were announced, Sail Trim and Boat Handling Under Power.

Several reports we are required to send in to National can now be done online.

There was an update on the Boat Operator Certification Program. By the way, we still need volunteers for this program and you must have the rank of AP to apply.

We also received a list of members who need to recertify their Instructor Certification status. We will be having a class soon and will notify those who need to be recertified.

Engine Maintenance has begun with eight students enrolled. Seamanship is scheduled to begin on November 14, 2007 at the Cocoa Library. Weather is scheduled to start on January 7, 2008 at Wuesthoff Hospital in Rockledge and will be taught by P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN. Advanced Piloting is scheduled to start on January 23, 2008 at the Cocoa Library, taught by Lt. Jim O'Malley, AP.

Sign up by calling me at 633-0094 or email me at j_mulkey@bellsouth.net

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Joe Derrico, P



I am sorry I missed the last general meeting and the District Conference. There are often scheduled activities in our daily lives that conflict with one another and that is what happened to me.

I received an E-Mail from Jules Rutstein, Bethel Marine Electronics, who said "It was a pleasure to talk to a knowledgeable and fun organization."

Jim Wonnell will have another great program scheduled for us this month.

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend the King Neptune Party on Saturday November 10, 2007. Those who attended the 40th Anniversary Luncheon got a sneak preview of what to expect. Believe me, even though he wasn't wet, King Neptune looked authentic and displayed some awesome powers. So, if you want to have calm seas and pleasant sailing, you better come and Honor the Master of the Seas.

DO NOT FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY to be held at the Veterans Center on December 9th. Not only will there be all that great food and drink, but special entertainment as well.

Please give blood!!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P

The 6 November 2007 General Meeting is the last night to sign up for the Season's Greetings that will be published in the December Soundings. The donation is \$5.00.

Has your address, phone number, rank or email address changed? If so, please either call 452-4602, or email myself at bobmar2215@Bellsouth.net with the changes. I will then notify the Soundings Editor so those changes can be published in the Soundings. Since the Roster is only published once a year, putting the changes in the Soundings will be a good way for members to update/redline their Roster as changes are announced. I will also notify Lt. Johan Neve, S, who is responsible for notifying National and updating DB2000 (data base).



COCO-NAUTS CORNER

Carmen Adame, President

All Coco-Naut members are invited to a Holiday Workshop at the home of VP Betty Auchter. It will be held Friday, November 9 at 1000. The project will be completion of the centerpieces for the Holiday/Christmas party that the Auxiliary and the Squadron is giving for the members in December at the Veteran's Center. Please bring any miniature silver ornaments and/or glue guns to the workshop. Snacks, desserts, and drinks will be provided, but attendees are asked to bring their own lunch. Contact Betty Auchter or an Auxiliary officer for directions to Betty's home. RSVP would be appreciated for any member attending. It should be a lot of fun.

Squadron and Auxiliary members are invited to participate in a gift program, which will benefit many Brevard nursing home residents during this holiday season. In the past, the gifts were collected and delivered to one facility, but this year we will participate with the Brevard County Triad. There is no need to wrap or label the gifts and if they can be brought to the November members meeting, the Auxiliary will deliver them to a drop off location for distribution to many facilities in the county. A list of requested items appears below at the end of this article. In the past, our members have been very generous in remembering the senior citizens in the community.

The October meeting at Moose Lodge, Merritt Island, was well attended and the information received was timely and important. The Brevard County Sheriff's Officers Charlene Neuterman, Fernando Dominicis, and Tammy Beuer shared fraud, scams, and identity theft facts that could help prevent a bad outcome to anyone faced with the crime of stolen credit cards or purses. Also, safety tips were offered that could prevent harm to a woman living alone or shopping alone.

Mark your calendars for the Christmas/Holiday party at the Veteran's Center, December 9. It is a covered dish and the meat entrée will be provided by the Coco-Nauts.

Requested gift items:

Bath brushes	Booties & slippers, medium & large
Handkerchiefs	Button-up cardigans men: L, X-L women, M & L
Ladies Housecoats, L & XL	Pajamas women, S&M, Men L&XL
Lap blankets, quilts	Large-print crossword puzzles
Lotions, full size	Notepaper & stamps
Non-skid socks	Small radios Toiletries, Razors, Towels, Washcloths

NOTICE

During the hurricane season, please be reminded, that the USPS website for emergency communications is called "Storm Central" and can be found at <http://www.usps.org/national/natsec/stormcentral.html>. The link established as a USPS emergency communication system designed to function like a bulletin board for posting messages about "where you are" in the event of an evacuation.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

OCTOBER:

- 22 - Monday, 1900, Engine Maintenance, Wuesthoff Hospital @ Rockledge,
Instructor: Lt Gene Millner, AP**
- 23 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

NOVEMBER:

- 03 - Saturday, 1300 to 1700, Thunderbird Raft-up in Banana River north of Barge Canal**
- 06 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center**
- 10 - Saturday, D23 & BRSPS King Neptune Party, Wickham Park in Melbourne**
- 14 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Luncheon**
- 14 - Wednesday, 1900, Seamanship Course, Cocoa Library, Instructors: Lt Robert Goldstein, AP and Lt Adrienne Goldstein, P**
- 27 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

DECEMBER:

- 04 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center**
- 09 - Sunday, 1600 to 1900, Holiday Party, Brevard Veterans Center**
- 12 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Luncheon**

JANUARY:

- 04 - Friday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center ******
- 09 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon**
- 19 - Saturday, D23 Council Meeting, Location TBA**
- 22 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 26 - Saturday, Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island**

****** Reminder that the General Membership Meeting is on Friday the 4th, not Tuesday !**

Note:

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.

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OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS

Date	Day	Event
November 3rd	Saturday 1 to 5 PM	Thunderbird Raft-up in Banana River, north of Barge Canal
January 26th	Saturday	Captain Hiram’s Cruise to Pelican Island

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**From the District Bridge
D/Lt Stanley G. Hartman, AP
District Executive Officer**

Well here we go again, another month has slid by and where did it go? This is for the November issue of your squadron newsletters so the Governing Board is over and so is the Conference. I would have hoped all of you came to the Conference but I know you didn't. I don't know if you are aware that the host squadron is responsible for making all of the arrangements both financially and physically. The costs and the planning take a lot of time and effort on the part of many in the host squadron. Ponce de Leon Inlet Sail & Power Squadron really planned a great time for all at this conference which was the 50th Anniversary of District 23. Cdr Johnson and committee chair Elaine Reichert spent many hours preparing for the celebration and the list of dignitaries is was very long, headed by the C/C's representative R/C Robert Keller, SN. The presence of V/C Creighton Maynard Jr., SN, National Executive Officer, was also on the schedule along with all of the National Officers that belong to our district squadrons. I will leave all that for the official report. But thanks to Ponce for a "job well done".

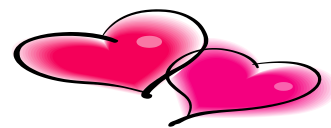
The Governing Board (GB) in Norfolk, VA. was well attended (605). I attended the D/C & D/Exec meeting with V/C Maynard and his staff on Friday. The meeting was well attended by both sides of the fence. V/C Kyle, National Educational Officer, talked about a resolution from district 11 to make true degrees labeling the standard practice. This failed in the GB as the USCG, AUX, Navy, etc., use Magnetic near shore and true for offshore navigation. Our courses will do the same.

V/C Dvorak, National Administrative Officer, spoke about the insurance program with St. Paul and a resolution proposed by District 21 to use the power of USPS to buy insurance for all and put pressure on the insurance companies for southern districts. If we attempted this, our 501(C)3 designation would be removed. This failed at the GB. He explained how all insurance is provided to members on an individual basis and credit is given for courses taken. With current market conditions related to boat insurance not all members, depending on their geographic locations, are able to take advantage of this great USPS member benefit. It is a situation that USPS and the insurer are currently working to remedy.

The other members of the N/Ex/O gave information for their areas of expertise. Discussions on Membership, Planning, Mindcomet (Don Clark), Leadership (Dick Peoples), Government & Partner relations, and The Blue Gavel organization were all held. This was a very busy morning finished off by C/C Ernie Marshburn explaining exactly what the bylaw change and operating governance proposal will do for the simplification of business at National. This was passed at the GB.

A new Link on the web site "Squadron Officers Guide" is available. All of the squadron officers should be looking into this. A "Help Wanted" Link has also been added to the site. Check it out. Finally DB2000 is able to process Merit Marks and upload them electronically. I showed how to do this at our Conference. I hope all of the Cdr's and Exec's were at this class. The Fall District Cruise & Rendezvous is coming up and you have all received flyers for this "Walking the Plank" event, so we hope to see you there.

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D 23's Fall Rendezvous Hosted by Banana River

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The event will start at 1130 with some announcements and be followed by Lunch at 1200. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Soda, Suds, Coffee & Cake. Cost for all of this is a mere \$10.00 per person. Children 12 years and under only \$5.00 per child.

Shortly after lunch, King Neptune and his Mermaids will hold Court, initiating new D 23 squadron members into this very old maritime society.

Wickham Park is located in Melbourne, not far from both I 95 and/or US 1. Exact directions will be forthcoming.

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Decorated boats of all sizes are welcome to enter and we encourage previous boat parade participants to ask other boaters to join this year's line up which begins at 5:00pm on Friday, November 30th, 2007 just off the banks of Lee Wenner Park. Ms. Penny Flaherty, owner of the Indian River Queen will once again serve as the "Grand Marshall" and will coordinate the vessel line-up and logistics for the parade. By the way, why don't you schedule your own holiday party with the Indian River Queen today, as our Grand Marshall will accommodate your special requests to start off this holiday season.

The City of Cocoa looks forward to starting the 2007 Holiday Season with the largest, safest and most enjoyable Space Coast Boat Parade ever by showcasing this event throughout Brevard County, in order to promote one of Cocoa's finest jewels, our Riverfront Park.

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 Top row, left to right: Richard Schnoor, SN; Edward Bonnett, SN; John Mulkey, P; Lester Tribout, AP; Larry Hatfield, SN; John Barger, AP; Duane Balkema, AP



P/R/C Richard H. Schnoor, SN, is presented his 50 year membership plaque by Vice Commander Clayton Maynard, SN, the National Executive Officer of USPS at the District 23 50th Anniversary Fall Conference.



Commander Mike Stone addressing the outstanding turnout of various D23 personnel & CBPS members at the CBPS's 40th Anniversary Luncheon Party at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club

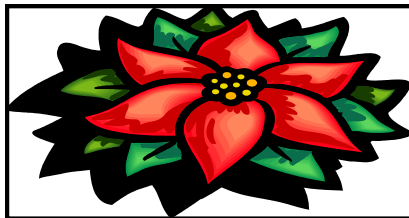
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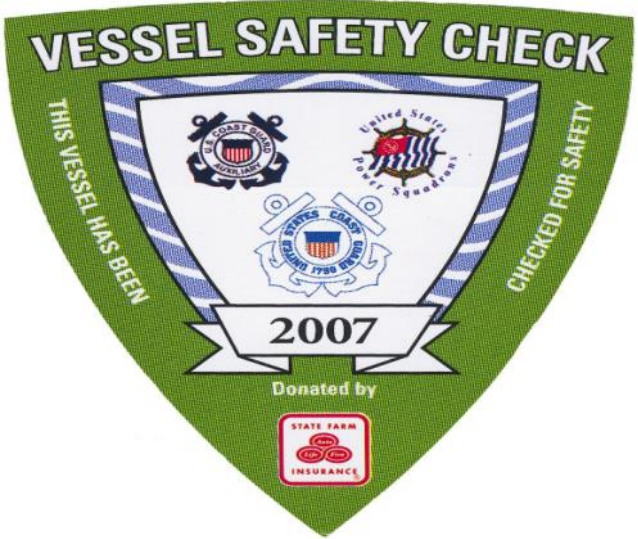
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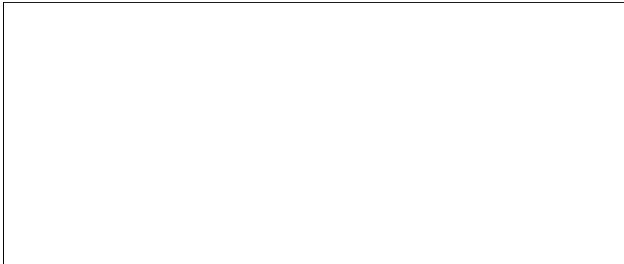
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