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ATTENTION ON DECK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND OUR HOLIDAY PARTY DEC. 7TH AT THE ROCK-LEDGE COUNTRY CLUB. CONTACT DONNA LONGWAY 321-449-9037 FOR RESERVATIONS. PLEASE RESPOND BY NOV. 28TH.

DEC. 2 IS THE GENERAL MEETING AND HOLIDAY SOCIAL. THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE THE "ANYTIME/ANY PLACE QUARTET". EGGNOG AND GOODIES WILL BE AVAIL-ABLE.

WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE WE HAVE 2 NEW MEMBERS. THEY ARE HUSBAND/ WIFE RALPH & WINIFRED CRAWFORD OF ROCKLEDGE. PLEASE MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF CBS&PS.

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Lt Trent S. Milliken, P

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

E:Mail an <u>Attachment</u> to debra.burleson@yahoo.com

AT THE HELM

Commander J. P. Longway III, P



This being the November issue, "Fall" is definitely here and brings with it an increase of Squadron & Holidays' activities. By the time you read this issue of The Soundings, the D23 Fall Conference will have already taken place on 10-12 October. It will start with an interesting Friday's theme, "The Psychedelic Sixties". I'm sure that will be the "high" point of the Conference, to be followed Saturday by various council and department meetings, special sessions, and finally the afternoon devoted to the Fall Conference. The Saturday evening Banquet and Sunday's "N" Club Breakfast will bring the conference to a close. Hopefully, I and other Squadron attendees will bring positive information back, to share with the membership.

Another important near term event is the Merit Mark process. If you are interested and want to ensure that you receive a Merit Mark for this past year, you need to start documenting the many areas that you participated in, supported, attended, served and acted upon. If you feel after doing so, document same and coordinate with a member whom you worked with and supported so that you will be recommended for a Merit Mark. This information will be reviewed and approved locally. After which the recommendations will be forwarded to our designated Area Monitor for D23. The clock is ticking, and we need to make our original submittal to the Area Monitor, no later than 15 November for his/her review and approval. So start the process ASAP, and make sure that you are providing information to another member you supported, Department Head, Committee Chairman, or appropriate Executive Officers.

Lately, my main focus has been to identify and discuss opportunities for us to invest in our growth, by ensuring that the Squadron is more visible throughout the community. Additionally, I have been holding side meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee, comprised of myself, Lt/C Lance VandeBerg and P/C Kermit Forbes, and also our new Assistant Administrative Officer 1/Lt Gerard Meunier to address other means and opportunities to invest in, that will make the Squadron more visible in the community. I will present our recommendations to the membership at the 7 November General Membership meeting, for your consideration and hopefully motion for approval. Note that this meeting has been moved because of Election night from Tuesday and will be held on Friday. Please plan to attend this very important and informative meeting to address the many activities that are ongoing in operating the Squadron.

Remember, November and December will be busy and active months as you can see in this issue's Calendar of Coming Events. Participate, help out & enjoy same.

Peace (V)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P



Planning is underway for the December 6th Cocoa Beach Land Parade. Anyone interested in participating on the float decorations and in the parade should contact Joan Montford, S or Francesca Ragusa, P.

Our annual holiday party will be held at the Rockledge Country Club on December 7th from 1700 to 2100. If you plan to attend please contact Donna Longway, S for reservations @ boosterx2002@yahoo.com or 321-449-9037. For more pertinent details see flyer on page 12.

Our vessel examiners have completed 160 inspections so far this year. We encourage them to complete their minimum numbers of inspections for the year to remain certified.

Life vests are available via our squadron at wholesale prices, courtesy of Bill Bickerstaff. Savings should be 15-20% off retail and all types are available. For ordering please contact me @ 321-456-5799.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN



Our Boating Class got off to a good start last Wednesday with a small but enthusiastic group of students. Some have already expressed an interest in joining. Our thanks to P/C John Mulkey, P, and his band of hard working volunteers who made the first night such a success.

Two members courses have recently gotten underway. The Seamanship Course began on Monday, 8 September, at Wuesthoff Hospital with Lt's Bob and Adrianne Goldstein, both AP's. as the instructors. Eight happy students are taking the course, studying, tying knots and getting ready to go sailing on *Restless*, Bob and Adrianne's ketch. The Instructor Development course is running each Wednesday night at 1900 in the Cocoa Library. This is a free course, underwritten by our national organization which wants to help all of us improve our presentation and public speaking skills. And we have a great instructor in Lt Dee Neve, S, who has given many professional seminars. The course will run about six or seven weeks.

Our members have been winning some educational awards. At the recent District 23 Conference, P/D/C Dick Schnoor, SN, was presented with a plaque acknowledging his selection as the D/23 nominee for a Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. Anyone who has taken one of Dick's classes will certainly second this award. At the same conference Lt Jack Wurst, AP, and Jim Green, AP, were awarded the USPS Educational Proficiency Award. This means they have completed the three basic Advanced Grades of Seaman, Pilot and Advanced Pilot as well as three Elective Courses. Congratulations. It's a goal every member ought to strive for.

Anyone interested in taking the new Junior Navigator course in the new year? It's new and improved, and includes GPS. If it sounds like you'd like it, let me know or tell your Assistant Squadron Educational Officer, 1/Lt Paul Ragusa, P.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C Kermit Forbes, P

Hopefully everyone is having a great fall boating season!!!

As we prepare for the 2009 season, we hope that all of our activities will be well attended. Anyone with recommendations for boating activities for 2009 should email me (susanforbes@bellsouth.net), Duane Balkeman (DBalk17@cfl.rr.com), or Duane McConkey (mccodua@aol.com).

During 2008, very few boats took part in the planned activities, so let us make 2009 more enjoyable with greater participation with boaters and their boats!

We are currently searching for members to serve on committees to make all activities more successful. If you have an interest serving on a committee, please contact a bridge member to determine what committees needs to have volunteers.

SECRETARY

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



I would like to welcome our 2 new members, which are Ralph & Winifred Crawford to CBS&PS. As I committed to you earlier this year, I would keep you abreast of all of the new members & roster changes! Please email me (bobmar2215@bellsouth.net) or phone me (321-452-4602) with any changes since the last roster was published. Thank-you for your efforts!

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Joseph D. Bowen jandm87@msn.com

Coco-Nauts Corner Lt Doris Valentine

Our October meeting was held at The Moose Lodge and although we had only 13 attendees, it was an extremely productive meeting.

Our Treasurer, Marion Sweigert, advised that we had made a profit of \$359.80 for the Silent Auction held on Italian Night. Since we had a strong balance in our bank account, a motion was made that we should try to help our community. After some discussion, it was determined that we would donate \$100 each to the following organizations:

Brevard Sharing Center Salvation Army Women's Abuse Buddy Walk (Down's Syndrome) Community Services (Meals on Wheels)

These contributions were warranted solely through the efforts of our members donating and operating the Silent Auction. Our special thanks go to Marion Sweigert who organized this entire event, and special thanks to businesses who donated items.

After our business meeting, we all enjoyed the gourmet assortment of salads and desserts brought by our members. Ladies, you outdid yourselves as everything was so delicious and you absentees really missed a wonderful luncheon.

Just a reminder - the Coco-nauts are sponsoring the Harvest Party at Kiwanis Island Pavilion on Saturday, November 16th. So, mark your calendars to bring a dish to share that will go with the turkey and ham being catered by Hayes Meats.

That's all for nowsee you at the November 12^{th} meeting at St. David's By the Sea (brown bag) .

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Galaxy 23 From the District Bridge D/Lt/C Roberta M. Corsones, AP Secretary

Fall officially arrived September 21 and D 23 held the Fall Council/Conference meeting October 10 through October 12 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Daytona Beach. This year's Conference was hosted by the Daytona Beach Sail and Power Squadron and the Titusville Sail and Power Squadron. Reliving the Psychedelic Sixties on Friday night, who could imagine? A D 23 Bridge meeting, departmental meetings and the D23 Council and Conference always prove to be very informative. Where were you this year? Do you as an individual member of your squadron realize you are also a member of D 23 as well as the National USPS? District plans two meetings a year which are hosted by the various squadrons in the district. One day, two days or three depends on you. Participate in the meetings on Saturday only or join the festivities for Friday and Saturday night dinners. Sunday breakfast with the "N" club might just encourage you to go forward and get your Navigation grade.

All squadrons with the exception of one continue to have a diminishing membership. The question is asked, "Where have the members gone? It is not just the new but also the seasoned members. Are we, as a squadron, as the district, doing the best we can do to retain members? Every squadron is making a valor attempt to bring in new members, but we need to keep them too.

Communication and involvement – two key words along with education seem to be a missing link. Are we educating new members, not just in boating education, but, also in the functioning of the squadron, the district and national? It takes more than attending a monthly meeting. We need to keep new and seasoned members involved, but not overwhelmed in squadron activities. We cannot wait for new members to volunteer to help. New members may not know the choices available for volunteering. Recruit the new member to assist on your committee. Recruit a seasoned member to mentor. All too often, we have a tendency to be committees of one rather than sharing and teaching a member how to do a job. We need to prepare for the future.

The position of Secretary may seem like a job for one member but it does involve the entire membership of each squadron. The secretary is responsible for a number of departments: Historian, Computer Systems, Ensign Correspondent and your own personalized roster in addition to keeping the minutes of the general meeting and Executive Board meetings. Communication between national, district and the individual squadrons would fail without the secretary. It is the responsibility of the secretary to keep the information in DB 2000 current and this can only be done with membership participation.

Now that the year is winding down, the nominating committee will be hard at work preparing the slate of officers. Are you ready to participate?



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

OCTOBER:

22 - Wednesday, 1900, Boat Smart Course Exam—Cape Canaveral Hospital

NOVEMBER:

- 6 07 Friday, 1900, CBSPS General Membership Meeting Brevard Veterans Center
- k 08 Saturday 1200, BRS&PS King Neptune Party Wickham Park, Melbourne FL
- 12 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon -St. Davids by the Sea, Cocoa Beach
- 15 Saturday, 1400, Harvest Party Kiwanis Park Merritt Island (large pavilion)
- 25 Tuesday, 1830, CBSPS Executive Board Meeting Merritt Island Library

DECEMBER:

- 02 Tuesday, 1900, CBSPS General Membership Meeting Brevard Veterans Center ***
- 06 Saturday, Cocoa Beach Land Parade (Float)
- 707 Sunday, 1700 CBSPS Christmas Party—Rockledge Country Club
- 13 Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon Buffet, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn
- 16 Tuesday, 1830, CBSPS Executive Board Meeting Merritt Island Library

JANUARY:

- 06 Tuesday, 1900, CBSPS General Membership Meeting Brevard Veterans Center
- 14 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon (location TBA)
- 17 Saturday, District 23 Council Meeting (location TBA)
- 24 Saturday, Squadron Rendezvous at Samson Island
- 27 Tuesday, 1830, CBSPS Executive Board Meeting Merritt Island Library

Note:

CBS&PS 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.

***Annual Holiday meeting complete with egg-nog, cookies and entertainment!

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Boating Committee Report

By P/C Duane L. Balkema A/P

The Cruise to Old Florida Grill in November is cancelled because of conflicts with other Squadron Events. Thanks for any considerations of attending. Chowders Restaurant Cruise and Lunch in September had a turn out of 16 members. The next big Cruise is to "Samson Island" located on Grand Canal, Satellite Beach on January 24, 2009.

Squadron Members, please talk to me about Boating Events. My telephone number is 321-453-5892 and email DBALK17@CFL.RR.com. Duane McConkey, Co-Chairman would equally take information. We welcome input on the subject of what the members want in boating events. Small boaters, big boaters, Sail and Power, I want you to take just a moment to pen me out something about getting together on the water. Every comment is appreciated. I have had so much fun going to islands off the west coast, the Keys, and just local islands like Water Ski Island (where I was last weekend, as I write this, on a pontoon boat), Bird island and Samson island. We have the greatest waters anyone could enjoy and we should get out there. Specifically, would you prefer island cook outs over a grill or dock power and nice restaurants. Another year is coming around and your input will be used to make up the new schedule.



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 12 November 0900a at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!







District 23 Conference 10-12, Oct.

Photos starting bottom L and going clockwise- Dick Schnoor receiving D23 nomination for Charles F. Chapman award, Jay & Donna Longway feeling groovy, All squadron D23 receiving Bow Spirit Award, Jay Receiving Education Proficiency Award, Jay receiving award on behalf of Richard H Finn, AP, for 50 years membership with USPS







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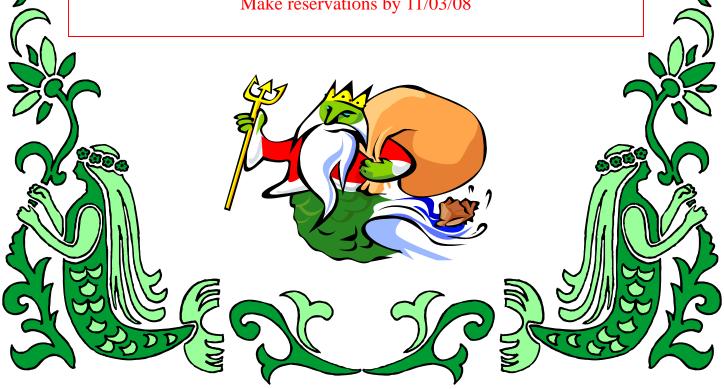
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Sunday, December 7"

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December 13th, 12:00PM, Holiday Inn - Cocoa Beach

Cost: \$16.00 each including gratuity

Choose two from the following buffet menu:

Mango Mahi Mahi – Grilled Salmon – Beer Battered Cod

Sautéed Sirloin Tips – Meat Loaf

Roast Pork Loin – Barbeque Ribs

Chicken Marsala – Champagne Chicken – Chicken Picatta

Accompanied by a choice of Salad, Vegetable, or Potatoes, and a choice of two desserts. Coffee and Iced tea are included.

Howard Bernbaum will read his short stories!

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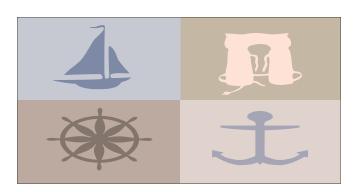


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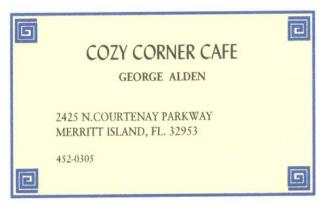












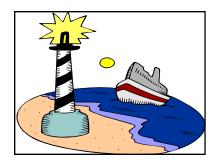


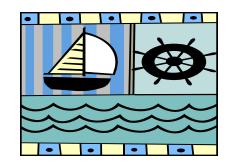






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