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#### SOUNDINGS DEADLINE: THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

We welcome comments, boating stories and any articles of interest you'd like to submit... E:Mail an <u>Attachment</u> to debra.burleson@bellsouth.net

## AT THE HELM

# Cdr. Gerard Meunier, SN



#### Dear Members,

I hope you were all able to participate in our two very successful recent events, namely our USPS 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag ceremony with its bevy of local personalities and the D23 Fall Conference which we hosted.

A heartfelt "<u>Thank You</u>" to all who made these possible is only an inadequate way to express my gratitude. Cocoa Beach SPS's reputation as a vibrant and energetic squadron has been confirmed and reinforced to Brevard County authorities as well as USPS "National". The Chief Commander Representative, V/C Louie Ojeda, SN was delighted, remarked about how everything went smoothly and that this can only happen with great care by all in the planning process.

Unfortunately, we now have confirmation that USPS decided at the Governing Board to reinstate a one-time \$20.00 administrative fee for new members (despite CBSPS and D23 opposition). Consequently, and before 1 December 2013, we should all make a strong recruiting effort and encourage/persuade all our boating friends to become CBSPS members at our current \$75.20 Single and \$113.80 Family rates before they jump to \$95.20 and 133.80. I am, once again, counting on you and believe we can and will turn this to our advantage.

Finally, you might want to mark your 2014 calendars for January events in Jacksonville such as the Boat Operator Certificate Boating demonstrations and the USPS National meeting. Also, our Change of Watch will be on Saturday 8 February at the Port Canaveral Yacht Club. As usual please see the Calendar of Events page in Soundings or CBSPS.org for the latest info.

A Happy and Joyful Holiday Season to all.



## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER LT/C Robert Rutigliano, AP**



The District 23 Fall conference was a great success. Thanks to all those members who helped make it a success.

The executive committee is working on a mentoring program for our new members. In the near future we will be contacting some of the membership to participate. As soon as we have all the details, the program will be put into action.

For those members who have not noticed, we now have a sign attached to the Veterans Memorial Center's Billboard as you enter the center's gates. The sign displays the squadron name and our website address.

Our Vessel Examiners have preformed more safety checks then any other squadron in district 23. Great work. Well done.

Several members attended a breakfast on 10/12/13 for those teams who participate in Keep Brevard Beautiful. The squadron cleans up Sykes Creek Pkwy and the Vets Center.

Don't forget our next on the water event Saturday 10/26, on Sykes Creek.

See you on the water

### DISTRICT 23 CHAPMAN AWARD WINNER

At the Awards Ceremony at the D23 Conference on 4-6 October 2013, P/C Susan Kneeland, SN, of the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron was named the district's Chapman Award winner. This award is granted annually to the educator from each district who has evidenced a dedication to the educational programs of USPS and has exemplified the qualities of a superior instructor.

Susan's application included four letters from her Piloting class as well as recommendations from the current SEO. The letters written by her students clearly indicated that she was not only a knowledge-able instructor, but also a very caring person who guided her students to a successful completion of the course.

Susan's application will now be entered into the competition on a National level where five educators will be chosen from the applicants from all 33 districts.



## SEO P/C Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN



Through October into November the Education Department continued instruction with three classes underway. As of this publication, both Communication Systems and Sail classes will have taken their exams and will be eagerly awaiting the outcome. JN will continue for a few more weeks as the students complete the book work and their sun sights.

The excitement for this month occurred at the D23 Fall Conference where CBSPS Education participated in many of the events and earned our share of awards.

The largest honor was the Education Proficiency Award.....in other words the biggest plaque! This award came home to CBSPS for the second year as a result of 5 members achieving this award: Ken Charles, Bob Rutigliano, Mike Stone, Ron Sageser, and Lance Vandeberg. Cdr. Gerard Meunier and SEO Sandy Schoonmaker accepted the award. The individuals were also presented with a certificate; Bob Rutigliano was the only one present to accept his recognition.

We also won the Preston Heath Award for the squadron having the largest number of JN moving onto N. With two N members currently on the way to completing all their 6 electives, next year we hope to take all District Education Awards!

The squadron entered three teaching aids, none of which won the district award, but hopefully set a precedent for the next conference when instructors may exhibit the aids used to augment the power point presentations.

P/D/Cdr Fred Adame, SN, and I attended a meeting with the SEOs where we had the opportunity to meet with the Assistant National Education Officer, R/C Bob Palmer, SN. We spent a considerable time working with the HQ800 system by which all education records are now transmitted. In addition we discussed the content of the seminars as well as the status of the revised Marine Navigation Systems course which we hope to teach in 2014.

Cdr. Gerard Meunier, SN, presented a proposal affecting the administration of the Boat Operator Certificate program and as a result, there may be changes that will bring this program back into the Education Department, and therefore easier to facilitate. Boaters interested in this program should speak with Gerard, who is the CBSPS coordinator.

Remember, we post all education classes on the WEB site: <u>www.cbsps.org</u> so check us out.



## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** LT/C Louis Harlow, AP



All members are encouraged to wear name tags to meetings and social events. We want to engender friendship and familiarity with new members. This is a small request and it may have big results. If you need a name tag talk to Bob Brown.

What is the GREEN FLASH---As the sun sets and the light is refracted. The atmosphere acts as a prism and the green image is the last to be seen. This is the green flash.

The best form of "welfare" for the troops is <u>first class training</u>. Erwin Rommel: Rommel Papers, ix, West 1950

Very respectfully, Harlow

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



"I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving", and please remember to say a prayer for all our troops on this Thanksgiving Day, wherever they may be serving their country.

Happy Birthday to all who will be celebrating a Birthday in November 2013.

Duane Balkema	11/02
Steve Drakesmith	11/23
Susan Forbes	11/02
Larry Johnson	11/03
Jim Mannon	11/07
Tammarra Mycoskie	11/16
Patricia Parsons	11/19
George Shapow	11/11
Scott Sievers	11/10
<b>Michael Stone</b>	11/10

Your name not listed on the Birthday List? It's because we don't have it! Call your Secretary if you want it listed. I will gladly put it in our records. (452-4602)

## **COCO-NAUTS CORNER Debra Burleson, PRESIDENT**

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Our October 9th meeting was held at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge, conducted by Vice-President, Pamela Johnson!

At the September 11th meeting, we made a motion to donate \$100, to our squadron to help with the 100th Anniversary Celebration on September 27th, held at the Port Canaveral Yacht Club. We also made a motion, to pay for the Fall Conference continental breakfast items on October 5th, in addition to having Coco-Nauts, and some squadron members, bring finger foods, on the evenings of October 4th & 5th. My <u>"Special Thanks"</u>, goes to Pamela Johnson, who contacted persons, and coordinated, the bringing of finger foods, to the Fall Conference. She also served on the squadron planning committee, and was the Coco-Nauts liaison! Special thanks also goes out to our Marge Balkema, for her spectacular decorations, and other persons, that helped with the decorating, as well as, everyone who brought a finger food!

We also want to thank Diane Sageser, who was our October speaker. She gave a very interesting talk on Fashions of the 1800's into the 20th century.

Our next venue will be the Harvest Party, which will held at the Space Coast Association of Realtors, 105 McLeod St. Merritt Island. We are going to need volunteers, to help set up starting at 1p, as well as persons to help put things in their original state. A motion was made that any child 12, or under will let in free at all Coco-Naut functions.

We have not decided yet where our December 13th Christmas luncheon will be held. Pamela Johnson will get prices from the Backwoods, Kays Barbecue, and Three Wishes.

Our next meeting will be November 13th, at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge @12n. Diane Sageser will be our speaker again, but this time she will talking about the Botanical Gardens at the Brevard Complex. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend!

November Birthdays

02 - Susan Forbes

- 11 Marge Balkema
- 19 Patricia Parsons



THANKS TO OUR BOOSTERS	Boating Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP
	<u>Oct 26, Saturday, We plan a "Slow Boat Cruise thru Sykes Creek to</u>
Ed Hradesky 07/14	<u>Audubon—Possibly Overnight."</u> We will Depart 528 Kelly Park on Banana River at 11:00 and motor north on Banana River, west on the Barge Canal and into Sykes Creek. We will stop and eat along the way, and plan to check out the action at several members houses along the way. If water is high enough we will make it to Ki- wanis Park. We could do an overnight there in the basin and slip over to Applebee's for a nightcap. Sailboaters, there is a low bridge. There are large cruisers in there.
(** = Up for renewal ) As a Soundings sponsor you help defray the cost of publishing and	Nov 16, Saturday, 11:00 AM, We Launch at Kelly Park, then <u>Cruise thru Canaveral Locks</u> then Canaveral Port, checking out the action. Stop by Grills for food or proceed on to raft-up outside and eat, weather/waves permitting. We will do what is preferred by the group. We have members and friends who are not familiar with the locks and will enjoy the ride as will the regulars. Bring your trunks s a cooling Atlantic Ocean Swim may just hit the spot for enjoy- ment. Sailboaters come and join us as this is not a- speed event and no low bridges to contend with.
If you are interesting in being a booster, please send a check ear- marked to: "The Soundings" to: Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P 1490 Holly Avenue	Jan 18, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Launch at Kelly Park or as desired and Cruise South on Banana River to Bird Island for a Raft-Up or beach the boats and explore. Members and friends may want to overnight. We can tell stories late into the night. I remember sev- eral overnight outings with member John Lynn who died with heart problems the past month. John was a great story teller as I remem- ber.
Merritt Island, FL 32952	
VESSEL GAL CHECK	<u>BLOOD DONATION</u> The next blood donation will be on 11 December @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

## October 2013

22 - Tuesday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Kiwanis Island
26 - Saturday, 1000, Boating Outing, Sykes Creek from Kelly Park

### November 2013

- 02 Saturday, 0930, D23 Cruise on the Victory Casino, Cape Canaveral
- 05 Tuesday, 1900, General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- 10 Sunday, 1400, Harvest Party, Space Coast Board of Realtors, Merritt Island
- 13 Wednesday, 1200, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Merritt Island Moose Lodge
- 16 Saturday, 1100, Boating Outing, Port Canaveral from Kelly Park
- <sup>4</sup> 19 Tuesday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Kiwanis Island

## December 2013

- **6** 03 Tuesday, 1900, General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- 07 Saturday, 1800, Christmas Dinner/Dance, Rockledge Country Club
- 13 Friday, 1200, Coco-Nauts Christmas Luncheon, TBD
- \* 14 Saturday, 1800, Boating Outing, Cocoa Beach Parade
- 17 Tuesday, 1800, Executive Committee, Kiwanis Island

### January 2014

07 - Tuesday, 1900, General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island 13 - Monday, 1900, Cruise Planning Class Starts, Wuesthoff Hospital, Rockledge

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

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

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# Your Ship Is About To Come In/



District 23 Come and Take a cruise Lots of Food Just Fun in the Sun





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\$ \$ Perhaps Lady Luck will be on your side \$ \$

**One Day Event** 

# Come Join the Members and Friends of United States Power Squadrons, District 23

2 nd Annual officially, unofficial, District 23 Cruise, aboard

# **Victory Casino Cruise Line**

Saturday November 2, 2013 Out of Port Canaveral Florida

Boarding Begins at 930am with 1100 Departure – Return 1600

A Five Hour Cruise with Fun, Food, Drinks & Gambling

Cost is 26.00 Dollars a Person

Cost covers Cruise Admission, Buffet, 2 Drinks & Entertainment
(10.00 dollars slot credit given to every paid admission)
Plus your wagers - or just take a boat ride- no gambling required.

\*\*\* Don't forget to wear a Power Squadron Shirt – we are a group ! \*\*\* Please RSVP before Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to receive our group incentives

DXO Bill Fehr, N exec@uspsd23.org 321-676-1095

Physical address: 180 Christopher Columbus Drive, Port Canaveral, FL 32920 George King Blvd Exit (to the right) Terminal B Free Parking "YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT, GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID TO BOARD SHIP"" Don't Miss this Boat ! Please Join Us For A Harvest Party Celebration

When: Sunday November 10, 2013 Time: 1400-1700 Cost: \$6 p/p (Children 12 & under free) Where: Space Coast Association of Realtors 105 McLeod St. Merritt Island, FL

This event is sponsored by the Coco-Nauts, (auxiliary), and the meats, paper products, utensils & beverages will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share with others, And bring along your friends, and family!

For an "accurate headcount", please sign up & pay at the November 5th meeting, or contact

> Pamela Johnson @321-693-1580 pjwalco@verizon.net



WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2013 @1800 WHERE: Rockledge Country Club PRICE: \$35 p/p all inclusive MUSIC BY: Les Chenowith Band

#### BUFFET MENU:

Gourmet Salad Grouper w/Vin Blanc Caper Sauce Sliced London Broil w/Onions & Mushrooms Wild Rice Mixed Vegetables

## CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Please Make Reservations & Pay By Dec. 2nd Contact: Doris Valentine 321-452-1835



#### USPS 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

As you arrive in Jacksonville, you'll notice welcome signs at the airport, on posts near the Hyatt Hotel and in the hotel lobby. Here's a brief preview of what you can expect from this gala celebration. Watch your email for further updates.

All week	Explore Jacksonville! (Tours to be announced.)
Wed., 29 Jan.	Evening Entertainment at Jacksonville Landing
Thura., 30 Jan.	Awards Ceremony and Dinner
Frl., 31 Jan.	"Yachty Gras" Lighted Boat Parade and Reception/Cocktall Party Sponsored by the Hyatt Hotel and District Commanders
Sat., 1 Feb.	Annual Meeting With a Special Flag Ceremony Uniting Squadron Banners and District Anniversary Ensigns, and Evening Mardi Gras Bail and Banquet

Come join the fun, and reserve your hotel room at the low rate of \$139 today! Laissez les bon temps rouler! (Let the good times roll!)

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