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Patricia K. Olney, a prominent Marine and Admiralty attorney, is one of only 3 female attorneys in the State of Florida who is licenced to practice this newly created legal branch. Her topic will be "Marine Law— Things You Never Knew". Be sure to save 04 November 1900 to 2100 to hear her very interesting program.

Lt Michelle Anderson P and Lt Mark Anderson P, program chairpersons

## DISTRICT 23 FALL CONFERENCE WAS OUTSTANDING

After registration, friendly banter at the Hospitality Suite, and enjoying a pre-dinner cash bar those registered went to a swashbuckling Pirates Bounty Bash. The next day there many work shops and meetings followed by the D23 Banquet.



Above, 1. V/C Frank A. Dvorak SN handing the the Senor Navigator Award to Cdr Richard Fille, AP Same people—different award — The Educational Proficiency Award.

D/C Dvorak SN and D/Lt/Clara Ross SN congratulate P/C Edward Kydd SN. He received both the Chapman Award For Educational Excellence and a standing ovation. Way to go, dear Sir.

To the right, a happy P/C Ed Kydd SN and Helen Kydd S, the woman behind the man, and P/C Fred Adame



To the left: Who's that pirate and his lovely damsel Evelyn Tributou?



Pictured to the right— couldn't be the same fellow pictured to the left? Must've gotten a haircut.

Our thanks to Daytona Beach Sail and Power Squadron and Titusville Power Squadron, the hosts of this memorable District 23 Fall Conference



## IN MEMORIUM

The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron extends their condolences to the family of Pen-nock B. Bowen AP. "Penny" was a long time member who was friendly and helpful He always pitched in when he was asked. He'll be sorely missed.

*May you have peace throughout this difficult time.*

## THE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Lt/C Richard Fille, AP

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District 23 conducted an excellent conference. We had 19 people from our squadron at the various events. The Conference featured two outstanding seminars. One was on DB2000, the database that is designed to handle many member contact functions. With the downloaded data from National, it is our official roster, merit mark tabulator, course register and mailing list.

The other truly great seminar was on the practical use of the GPS. It was a hands-on class conducted by Stf/C Walt Fields, SN from Ocala. Walt is not only a great instructor, but a great writer. He wrote the manual for the course. He was instrumental in the development of GPS, so we had the benefit of a true expert. He indicated that GPS instruction will be incorporated into all of the Advanced Courses.

Our Squadron won several prestigious awards for our educational achievements. One was the Educational Proficiency Award which is presented to the Squadron having the highest percentage of its members Achieving Education Proficiency during the award year (1 Sept - 31 Aug).

The second award was the Senior Navigators Award. The purpose of this award is to encour-



age the completion of all the USPS courses and to honor the Squadron in D23 which has gained the highest percentage of Senior Navigators during the past year (1 Oct - 30 Sept).

These awards overlap this Bridge and last year's so credit must be given, primarily to the new Senior Navigators. Credit is also to be given to former SEO P/C Ed Bonnett and current SEO Howard Bernbaum.

In our last Soundings, I mentioned the National (and, now, District) program for new members

--- **THE POWER OF ONE**---, a one-on-one direct recruiting program designed to have you bring in a new member. At our General Membership meeting in October I asked the attendees if they could think of one person or couple among their friends who they could bring in as a member. Out of the 70 people in attendance approximately 15 people raised their hands. That could mean that the other 55 people have no friends. I know that's not the case. Give it a thought. See what you can do to bring one person into our Squadron.

*Lt/C Richard Fille, AP*

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt./C Bud Miller, JN

What's all of this talk we keep hearing about the Power of One? The answer to this question is that this is the theme that USPS National is using to guide our organization into the future. It emphasizes the power that each one of us has to move our squadron upward and onward. Simply stated, each one of us is an ambassador. Each current CBPS member has the power to help grow our squadron by helping recruit a new member, invite a friend to a meeting or sign up for the Boat Smart course, or encourage non-active members to join you at one of our many fine entertainment or boating events.

National has gotten very serious about this concept, and kicked off the Power of One campaign which is designed to increase membership. It will run for one year, starting October 2003, and is an incentive type program at both the squadron and individual member level. There are three components to this program. The Grand Squadron Challenge awards the first five squadrons who increase by 50%, \$2950 to purchase equipment to enhance business, educational and social activities. The Elite Squadron Challenge awards the first fifteen squadrons who increase membership percentage based on their size, \$1300 to be used in the same manner as

above. In our case the target increase would be 18-21%. There also will be numerous awards for individuals who recruit additional members. Additional information on the Power of One campaign is forthcoming. I've just given you the highlights. The next time I ask you that famous question, "What's the good word?", you will know the answer.

The CBPS major event that is planned for Monday, November 3, is the annual squadron auction and fund raiser that will be held at the Comfort Inn in Cocoa Beach. Lt. John Lynn, AP, and his committee have been bustin' their posteriors soliciting donations from local businesses. This is a major task and requires a lot of hard work by those involved. If you would like to donate something, or volunteer to help during the auction, please contact John. This is our main fundraiser and contributes significantly to keeping our annual dues low. We ask the members and their guests to support this function and

**BID, BID, BID!!!**

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## SEO REPORT

Lt/C Howard Bernbaum, SN

There will be more on this by others, but, I want to be first to say "well done" to Ed Kydd, SN for winning the Chapman Award at the D-23 Conference. We hope this goes on to National as I can't think of anybody more deserving than our Ed.

Boat Smart was offered in October with 20 students.

The I D course wrapped up Monday October 6 with 3 students taking the exam and the 2 more planning to take the exam when they get back to town. The results will be reported as soon as the exams are graded by National.

Cruise Planning also wrapped up October 30.

The Weather course is scheduled to begin November 10, one week after the auction. So far 8 people have indicated an interest. If any more want to take the course, please let me know as soon as possible as the textbooks will have to be ordered. It is a really good course and very important to the boaters in this area as we have more different weather than most.

We are planning to offer Advanced Piloting in January, so all you Pilots need to start thinking about it. Get yourself emotionally attuned and let's have a good course.

As a reminder, not only do you learn your material, but you begin to feel more a part of the Squadron and get to know other members.

*An educated boater is a safe boater.*

## Co-Operative Charting Report

Lt Gary Monai P

The Squadron Honor Roll requires 183 total credits and at least 6 individuals participating.

D23 has 2058 credits vs. 2709 last year to date

Thus far this year Dick and Mary Jane Schnoor have contributed Co-Op Charting reports. If you have reports to turn in for this year you have until March 1, 2004 to do so.

Our district has enough points to qualify for the Honor Roll, but our squadron needs at least four more people inputting

## (Co-op Charting cont'd)

at least one report. CBPS is currently 729 points behind the Banana River squadron, 237 points behind Jacksonville and 16 points behind Ocala. **How about joining our Co-Op Charting team?**

## Credit Report for District 23

District Honor Roll requires 1290 total credits and all Squadrons participating.

## Gary Monai

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## Coco-Nauts' Corner

The Coco-Nauts will meet November 12, 2003, at 11:30 a.m. at the Merritt Island Library. Each member will bring a brown bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be furnished.

Our guest speaker will be Cindy Mitchell, Assistant Director of The Salvation Army Brevard County Domestic Violence Program. This is a very important topic since the incidence of domestic violence is increasing. Please plan to attend. Guests are welcome so when you bring a guest be sure to tell your phone contact person so sufficient seating will be available..

Any member of CBPS is invited to join us. Please call President Pam Johnson at 783-0560, so we will know how many to plan for.

## YOU CAN MAKE IT IF YOU TRY, CBPS

Though the Coco-Nauts' Harvest Party is planned for Sunday, November 16th and the Titusville Squadron Rendezvous is ending with a breakfast the 16th, this isn't really a conflict but is something to consider when planning your day.. The Harvest Party is planned for 1400 at the Veterans Center. The Coco-Nauts will provide the meat and beverages and you members can do the rest.

: What you can do is breakfast with the Titusville Power Squadron; stop at Publix to pick up appetizers, or a covered dish, bread or dessert and hightail it to the Veterans Center at 1400 just in time for a delicious Harvest Lunch. Beer and wine will be served.

Our welcome mat is open to Edie Wonnell who has joined our group. She is a resident of Villa de Palma and has become a member of the Coco-Nauts.

*We're glad you joined, Edie.*

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK REPORT

### VSC PROGRAM CHAIRMAN:

Lt Robert F. FLANIGAN, SN

209 Safety Vessel Checks were performed by the certified CBPS checkers. CBPS is proud of their efforts. These fine members are active in other areas as well. I am proud of the work they do.

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SHE'S THE TOPS.	
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## Administrative Officer's report

Lt/C Bud Miller JN

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We are fast approaching the end of the year, and have several events planned. The Holiday dinner dance is scheduled for Saturday, December 6. It will be held at the Radisson in Cape Canaveral. Lt. Agnes Bond AP, has been working hard to make this a success. This will be a very special event and will serve as a good kickoff for the holiday season. The meals are reasonably priced, the food is excellent, and we will have our own private bar and band for dancing. Make your reservations at the next meeting, or send them in to Lt/Agnes Bond AP (See page 6 for details)

## District 23 Winter Council Meeting



**Date:** Saturday, January 10, 2004

**Location:** Elks Club, North Causeway, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

**Schedule:**

0900-1000	Coffee, orange juice, donuts Bridge Meeting
1000-1200	Department meetings, workshops to be determined Current and incoming Bridge officers should attend
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1530	Council Meeting

**Directions:** From I-95, Exit 249, Highway 44, New Smyrna Beach, East (for info only-Deland is west) Turn left on to Business 44 (landmark-Big K on right just before intersection) Name will change to Canal St. Follow this to Intra-Coastal. Turn left (this will be Riverside Dr). Turn right at next traffic light (this will be North Causeway). About 300 yards on the left you will see an Elks sign, back from the road a large blue roofed building. This is the Elks Club. Enter at door under the car roofed area. (If you crossed the Intra-coastal you have gone too far)

**Lunch:** Salad, Chicken Cordon Blue w/cranberry, mixed vegetables, Mashed potatoes, carrot cake, coffee, tea (there is a coin- operated soda machine available.) Anyone requiring a special diet must advise D/Lt/C Fontes with your reservation or email.

**Lunch tickets will not be available at the door**

**Uniform:** D23 Bridge: Uniform G (black pants, white short sleeve shirt)  
Others: G, Blazers or other appropriate attire.

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**D23 Winter Council Lunch Reservation Form, Saturday 10 January (must be received by 5 January 2004)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check for \$10.00 per person, payable to "District 23"

In the last December issue of the Soundings, Ed Bonnett had created individualized greetings for those who wish to purchase one. At \$5.00 per greeting it is a friendly way to greet your CBPS Squadron friends. Below are a couple of examples to show you an idea of what can be done. Interested? Sign up at the next general meeting or contact P/C Ed Bonnett SN at 784-9366.



Ed has many graphics, many fonts, and many good ideas. There will again be a sign up sheet at the front door at the next general meeting. Trees, Santas, reindeers, elves, candles, boats, bells and other graphics combined with a personalized saying create a charming message.

## From The District Bridge

D/Lt/C Gladys M. Cahill, AP  
D/23 Secretary



It's that time of year again. Merit Marks need to be done, roster preparation needs to get started and Squadron history reports need to be compiled. OH, WHAT TO DO!!! Now is the time to pay a visit to the National web site . There is loads of help there. Just choose the committee you need i.e. historians and the report format is there.

Squadron publications going 21st century. Have you gone to electronic mailings for your publication yet? There are a few newsletters that go out via E-mail and the responses have been overwhelmingly positive. It won't completely replace regular mail because everyone doesn't have E-mail but it will significantly lower your cost of producing the monthly publication. All you have to do is produce your publication as usual, in whatever software you use, and convert it to a .pdf file and off it goes via E-mail.

DB2000 is a term you've probably heard mentioned in your Squadron lately. What in the world is DB2000? It's the power squadron's database that keeps all the members records. Very user friendly and you don't have to be a computer science guru to use it. Some of the uses are:

1. Merit marks preparation; now doing your merit marks is a piece of cake.
2. Roster preparation; Roster chairman will have current information to work with (both you and D/23 will have accurate information for the roster preparation),
3. Education department will have available the current status of courses taken,
4. Commander can prepare the OD-1 report to send to National,
5. Secretary and information technology chairman can keep their Squadron database updated.

If you have an older version of DB2000, I would suggest you download the newer version because then you can update your roster information online real time. No more delays waiting for e-mail to get processed.

D/23 website is also a great resource for what's going on in the District. There are links to Squadron websites for Squadron and D/23 events. If you have information you want posted make sure you get it to the Webmaster (Stf/C Walter Fields, SN) before the twenty fourth of the month as the site is updated once a month.

If you are confused by this computer stuff, there is help available at the D/23 Council and Conference workshops.

Regards to all,

Gladys

## DO YOUR PART FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

Submitted by P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN

On 1 March 2003 the Department of Homeland Security was formed with Secretary Tom Ridge at the helm. Soon after, Secretary Ridge and the Southeastern District 7 of the U.S. Coast Guard kicked off "Operation On Guard" in Miami. The purpose of Operation On Guard is to engage everyone who works or recreates in or around the waterfront to be alert to any behavior that looks out of the ordinary. All marina owners, dive shop operators, commercial fishermen, bridge tenders, and we the boating public are urged to become involved with our homeland security. Several instances in the Miami area and elsewhere have already been documented of suspect behavior around bridges and in a dive shops where people were trying to purchase all black dive equipment such as the U.S. Navy Seals use in their night operations.

Our ports and waterways are very vulnerable to incursion. The U. S. Coast Guard along with members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary are busy patrolling the waterfront but there are only so many of them and there are many more of us. We are not asked to do anything dangerous, rather we are asked only to be alert to anything that looks out of the ordinary in the places that we most frequent around the water. If you see something truly dangerous, then you are urged to call 911 immediately and stay out of harms way. However, if you just see something that looks strange and suspicious to you then you are asked to call 1-877-24-WATCH and report what you have seen. This National Response Center is located at Coast Guard Headquarters and it is their responsibility to follow up on your suspicions.

The Department of Homeland Security has 172,000 members. It is believed that it needs a one to two million Citizen Corps to assist on waterway On Guard Watch. So we are all asked to keep alert when around and near the water in our marinas, boat yards, launching ramps, cruise terminals, etc. As much as we hate to think about it, we do have enemies who are determined to destroy our way of life, so it is up to all of us to do our part and participate in

### **OPERATION ON GUARD**

**Support Homeland Security at our Ports, Marinas,  
Boat Yards & Bridges. All Power Squadron  
members invited to help with this important pro-**

### **REPORT UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES:**

- **Suspicious persons conducting unusual activities**
- **Unknown persons photographing/making sketches**
- **Unknown/suspicious persons for extended periods**
- **Suspicious persons renting watercraft**
- **Unknown vendors attempting to sell/deliver merchandise**

**NATIONAL RESPONSE  
CENTER**

**1-877-24 WATCH**

## CBPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

**11 Tuesday 1900-2100**

CBPS General Meeting  
Veteran's Memorial Center

**05 Wednesday 0900-1100**

Blood Bank  
Veterans Memorial Center

**03 Monday 1900**

Annual Auction  
Comfort Inn Cocoa Beach



**16 Sunday 1400**

Coco-Naut Harvest Party  
Veteran's Memorial Center

**25 Tuesday 1900**

CBPS Executive Board Meeting  
Veterans Memorial Center

### DECEMBER

**02 Tuesday CBPS 1900-2100**

General meeting Vet. Mem. Center

**06 Saturday 1800 Cash Bar**

**1900 Dinner**

Holiday Dinner Dance Radisson Hotel

**10 December 11:30 Chowder's**

Coco-Naut's Christmas Luncheon

**23 Tuesday 1900**

CBPS Executive Meeting  
Veterans Memorial center

Many Squadron members meet for lunch on each Wednesday at 1130 at the Moon Hut for lunch and fellowship. The restaurant is located on AIA in Cape Canaveral. All Squadron members and their guests are welcome.



The Coconauts cordially invite you to their Harvest Party Sunday, 16 November at the Veterans' Memorial Center 1400-1600  
Cost \$5.00 per person + Appetizer, Covered dish or dessert

The Coconauts will provide the meat entrees, and all who attend will enjoy being with their Power Squadron friends.



On Saturday, Nov. 15th and Sunday, Nov 16th Titusville Power Squadron invite members of Cocoa Beach and Banana River Squadrons to a rendezvous at Kennedy Point Yacht Club. Plan to arrive no later than 1700 See details—Page 7



Save Saturday, 06 December Time for the CBPS Holiday Dinner Dance to be held at the beautiful Radisson Hotel in Cape Canaveral

Dance to the music of Marion Scott's quartet. It promises to be a very special evening.

Chicken Marsala \$23.00 Prime Ribs of Beef Au Jus \$28.00

Grouper \$28.00 served with salad and desert.

Tax and gratuities included.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 26 NOVEMBER.

## AUCTION

COMING UP...



Annual Auction To Be Held Monday 03 November At The Comfort Inn

CBPS members are working like beavers to procure fine items to auction. Need folks for odd and sundry jobs at the auction. Last minute help needed and welcomed Call John Lynn, Auction Committee Chairperson at 537-8438.

**BRING FRIENDS, RELATIVES, AND NEIGHBORS**

**BARGAINS GALORE AT THE CBPS AUCTION!**

EACH NAME & CHOICE OF ENTREE	AMOUNT
Ex. John Doe Chicken Marsala	\$23.00
Jane Doe Prime Ribs	28.00
Cdr Dick Fille Grouper	28.00

Please enclose this form with dinner selections and names of those will be attending with a check for the total amount to:

1/LT Agnes Bond  
1465 Girard Boulevard  
Merritt Island, FL 32952-5506

## SOGGY SEA DOGS ENJOY SOGGY DAY

Marge & Duane Balkema, Sandy & Richard Schoonmaker, Judy & Rick Hutcherson, Maribeth & Bob Mittauer, John Mulkey who came with Judy & Bud Miller, and Pam & Randy Johnson who coordinated the expedition got together for an outing at Ski Island on 07 Saturday. They all had a soggy good time.

Those who attended drank some beer & wine, and grilled some burgers and dogs. What could be bad about that? About 1400 the heavens opened up and the rain poured down. The intrepid sailors got soaked but the weather did improve. The festivities ended a little after 1500 so the wet but happy sailors wended their way back home

Reported by Lt Larry Johnson, P

## PALM COAST CRUISE WAS RAINY TOO, BUT ENJOYABLE

The Palm Coast Cruise was 10 October to 13 October. The boaters were Dick Fille and his wife Penny, who provided hot dogs and hamburgers for the hungry squadron members. The Bernbaums, the O'Malleys, their energetic dogs, and John and Susan Lynn, rendezvoused relaxed, and enjoyed each others company along with Bud and Judy Miller, Duane and Marcia McConkey, and John and Merri Mulkey who drove up to join them.

The happy CBPS members are pictured to the right.



Looks pretty overcast, doesn't it?



To the left are Judy and Rick Hutcherson and in the back, those two small figures look like Judy and Bud Miller.



Above is Pam Johnson, Bob Mittauer, and three other intrepid voyagers.

We are so fortunate to be able to enjoy our lives, but we must remember those who have laid down their lives for us.

We owe so much to all the military personnel who have fought and are still fighting to preserve our nation

*May their names be blessed.*



Why is it that the men sit in one spot and the women in another?

## COME TO THE TITUSVILLE SQUADRON RENDEZVOUS

The Titusville Power Squadron is hosting the following event:

On Saturday, Nov. 15th and Sunday, Nov 16th Titusville Power Squadron is hosting members of the Cocoa Beach and Banana River Squadrons to a rendezvous at Kennedy Point Yacht Club. Plan to arrive no later than 5:00 PM (1700 for sailors and soldiers).

Come by boat or car (4 or 5 slips will be available). Titusville Squadron will host a Chicken BBQ cookout serving- potato salad, cold slaw, baked beans, and cold drinks on Saturday. Wine will be available. It is suggested that all who attend bring something to complement the menu such as a salad or desert. On Sunday morning Titusville will pro-

vide a breakfast of pancakes and sausage with coffee and juice about 9 AM.

The cost for food will be \$5 and covers both meals. So consider this advance notice and plan to be with us. It is tentative and depends on acceptance responses. Sounds like fun to me.

**Call [ljohnson22@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ljohnson22@cfl.rr.com) or call me at 783-0560 and advise IF YOU CAN ATTEND**

You're invited to come by land or by sea. Slips will be available at KPVC

**<http://kennedypointmarina.com>**

Car parking is available. Cost for meals will be \$5.00 per person. Cold drinks will be free and wine will be available.

**BYOB. Sounds like great fun!!!**

**WHOOOPS!** At the last meeting I stated that members could obtain credit towards a merit mark by taking a course. **WRONG.** I have since found that taking a course is a privilege of membership which benefits the individual and is not a measure of service to USPS or the community. Teaching or helping out at Boat Smart does count as does so many of the other squadron support activities our members provide. SEO Lt/C H. Bernbaum SN

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That's quite a bargain!

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Ron and Agnes Bond, George and Genevieve Link, Dick and Penny Fille, Dick and Mary Jane Schnoor, Bob and Marilyn Flannigan, Frank and Jane Sebree, Ed and Helen Kydd, Marian Sweigert, and the members of the Silver Tridents were past contributors joined by John Mulkey and Clarence Pennington, the most recent contributors.

The Cdr thanks you, the Squadron thanks you, and the I thank you.

Your Soundings Editor, Rhoda

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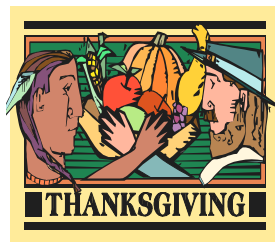
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