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## General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, October 3, 2006, 1900**

**Cocoa Civic Center**

**430 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa Village**

## WATER QUALITY OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON

**Beth McMillen, Assistant Director of the Marine Resources Council will present several programs that test the water quality of the Indian River Lagoon, which is the most diverse estuary in the U.S.**

**NOTICE!!!!!!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY SEASON SOCIAL. PLEASE CONTACT P/C SUSAN KNEELAND, SN @ 321-639-3860.**

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MONTH**

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

# AT THE HELM

**Commander Sandy Schoonmaker, SN**



A Merit Mark is a squadron's award for those members who volunteer to assist with the numerous activities throughout the year. The award is given to those who serve on the bridge, chair or serve on a committee, teach a class, assist with the public boating course, participate in the co-op charting and VSE programs, or volunteer their time for any of the numerous events that occur throughout the year. Earn one a year for 25 years and you become a Life Member who no longer pays dues.

At the Change of Watch last February I challenged the squadron to increase the number of Merit Marks earned by our members. It was my hope that many new member names would be added to the list of the veteran members earning an award. We will soon know if we were successful.

Merit Marks will be submitted to Lt. Lea Collins, P, by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Board will meet prior to that time to review the roster to be sure that no names are over-looked. You could help by reminding your department head of what you have done this year. Please call, or better yet email them a list of your volunteer activities, remembering that anything you do up until December 31 is eligible.

Think you may be short of volunteer hours? What is left to do before year end? Why not get out and do some Co-op Charting? 1/Lt Bob Schaefer, P, will be glad to give you some assistance in this regard. Vessel Safety Examiners are given a Merit Mark if they complete 10 VSE's. One trip to any local boat launch ramp will cover that. There are several social activities on the up-coming calendar all of which could use some volunteers; contact Entertainment Chairperson P/C Susan Kneeland, SN, and offer your services.

And if this was your year to be one of those who participated in the activities without volunteering, we thank you. Attending meetings, taking classes, and joining in the social events are evidence that you are benefiting from membership in CBPS and that is very important to the health of the organization.

Interested in earning a Merit Mark next year? Planning for the next year is already underway. The Nominating Committee is calling members to fill the many volunteer positions available. Saying "yes" when called will put you on the road to doing so.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**P/Lt/C Mike Stone, P**

The summer is almost over and September is already upon us. Those of us here in Florida still need to keep an eye on the weather as we are in the peak of the hurricane season for our locale. Keeping that in mind, we need to be prepared to secure our homes and boats in case a hurricane or even a tropical storm should pay a visit. Now is the time to check boat batteries so bilge pumps can operate when needed, check all the lines to see they are not frayed or worn and to have proper chafing protection for those lines. You should secure all loose items onboard to prevent damage during a storm. It is also a good idea to remove electronic devices and canvas so they will be better protected. A few hours of planning could make the difference in how the boat weathers a storm.

The Executive Department has been fairly quiet while many of our members took time off to travel. We welcome them all back and hope they are raring to go to finish out the year.

Two committees that have not been idle over the summer months are Coop Charting and Vessel Safety. Coop Charting Committee members have continued to make reports and are being urged by Lt. Bob Schaefer, P, to continue to do so. Last year CBPS led the district in Coop Charting points and Bob is hoping to repeat that this year.

Lt. Charles Dodds, SN, has been successful in keeping his Vessel Safety Examiners busy and reports that about 176 Vessel Safety Exams have been completed. We should reach 200 inspections by the end of the year. All you examiners out there, let's do our share to reach that goal.

## **SEO REPORT**

**P/D/C Fred Adame, SN**

Our special GPS seminar, taught by Lt Jack Wurst, AP, is now winding up. I was able to attend only the first session of the course, but it was certainly an interesting one. Jack personally obtained the use of five, brand new Garmin GPS 76 Map receivers from West Marine and they really helped with the course. Good job, Jack.

Marine Electronics with Howard Bernbaum, SN, will begin on Monday, 25 September, at Wuesthoff Hospital. It will probably run about 12 weeks of instruction by my reckoning. It is filling up and we now have seven members enrolled. If you want to be assured of a book on opening night, better sign up by giving me a call at 635-8455.

At the NYC Governing Board it was announced that a new Junior Navigation course will be released in October of this year. The course has been shortened to include only sun sights, and to have the celestial sight folder graded in the local squadron. I have volunteered to teach this course in its beta version if we get enough members interested. Give me a call to add your name to the list. Remember, you must already be an AP. And, in case you wondered, you don't need celestial navigation on the Indian River, or even off shore these days. Members take this course to learn about the cosmos, to stretch their mind and to master one of the traditional skills of the master mariner.

Next course on the horizon will be the new Seamanship, to be taught by R/C's Dick and Jane Schnoor, SN, at the Cocoa Library. This course will follow the Boat Smart course. This promises to be a great new course with just one, easy exam. You take it for the enjoyment of learning, not to worry about the test. Once again, call me to sign up.

And now for some special good news: I recently received information that our five Piloting students had all passed their examinations with excellent grades and can now write "Pilot" after their names. They are Joe Der-rico, Chuck Horn, Siegi and Ute Lissek and Lance Vandenberg. Congratulations and thanks to their instructor, Lt Jack Wurst, AP



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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S

As evidenced by the many things that the Squadron does, through their efforts of "teamwork", we most certainly support and uphold the USPS Mission: To promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities, while providing fellowship for our members. Given that, I can personally attest that we were successful this past year in the areas of education, civic and fraternal offerings and events, However, having claimed that, please be advised that there is always the need for continuous improvement. By that I mean, from taking lessons learned & member feedback, we can always find opportunities to improve. In addition, we need more member participation in helping others share the load in planning and executing our many activities. Please consider helping with our activities, given your availability and abilities to do so.

Thanks to those members that responded and donated blood at the Rockledge Blood Donor Center on September 13th. Member donors noted in attendance were P/C Susan Kneeland, Joe Auchter, Lt/C Jay Longway, Lt John Lynn and Lt Jack Wurst. If others donated at another time, please advise Lt Kay Wurst

Please take note that the Boating Events Schedule still has many monthly events scheduled through February 2007.

The next scheduled social function will be on October 12th at the BBC Campus Planetarium . Please plan to sign-up and attend this annual fun and knowledge gaining experience.

Also, as a reminder, Lt Ann McCandless is hosting the "new" USPS Leadership Development course, to be held on Saturday, September 23rd. In addition to Bridge members, all other members are invited to attend, by notifying Ann.

Once again, thanks to all members who have donated their time and refreshments at the General Membership meetings.

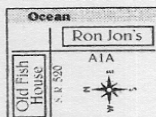
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## **CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

Check the web site and your email for updates!

### **September:**

- 05 - Tuesday, 1800, General Membership Meeting - Italian Night, Kiwanis Island Pavilion**
- 06 - Wednesday, Start Boat Smart Course, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 09/10 - Sat/Sun, St Johns River Cruise, Astor to Springs, See Boating Sched. for contact**
- 13 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco - Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon, Merritt Island Library**
- 23 - Saturday, USPS Leadership Development Course, Suntime's Villa's Estates**
- 25 - Monday, Marine Electronics Course, Wuesthoff's Rockledge Hospital**
- 26 - Tuesday, 1830 - 2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 27 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Course Exam Night, Cape Canaveral Hospital**

### **October:**

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 06/08 - Fri/Sat/Sun, District 23 Fall Conference, Imperial Hotel in Viera**
- 11 - Wednesday, Coco-Naut's Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn**
- 12 - Thursday, 1800, Planetarium Social, Brevard Community College's Cocoa Campus**
- 21/22 - Saturday & Sunday, Melbourne Harbor Cruise**
- 24 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 28 - Saturday, D23 Fall Picnic, Cruise and Rendezvous, Hickory Point Park**
- 28 - Saturday, Ski Island Raft-up,, See Boating Schedule for contact**
- 28 - Saturday, 0800 - 1200, Brevard's 4th Annual Buddy Walk, C. V. Riverfront Park**

### **November:**

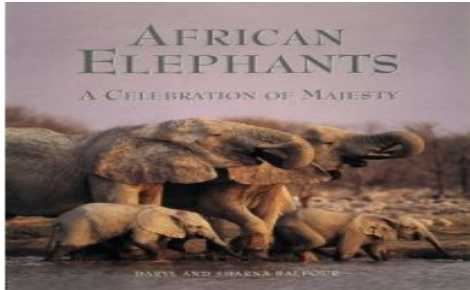
- 07 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 12 - Sunday, 1400 - 1700, Coco - Naut's Harvest Party, Kiwanis Park**
- 17 - Friday, 1000 - 1400, Coco - Naut's Annual Fundraiser Silent Auction/Card/Game Luncheon, Cocoa Beach Community Church**
- 25 - Saturday, Ski Island Raft-up, See Boating Events Schedule for contact**
- 28 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

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.

G. V. "Jerry" Kadenbach, AP, passed away Aug. 27, 2006. He contributed greatly to the CBPS and USPS with his great involvement in the Co-operative Charting Program. Every year he was in the top group in the nation, and by doing so gave our squadron positive recognition throughout USPS.

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And  
More  
Than  
Meets  
The  
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*Where: Astronaut Memorial  
Planetarium & Observatory*

*When: October 12, 2006*

*Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Fee: \$10.00 per Person Payable at the Door or In Advance*

*Please bring an appetizer to share.  
(Drinks will be provided before the show)*

This film from Discovery Channel Pictures is a gripping story of an extended elephant family that must embark upon a life-and-death journey across the vast African plains. Through devastating drought to torrential rains, they persist simply but nobly, bringing the audience face-to-face with the extraordinary joys and sorrows of elephant life.

***More Than Meets The Eye -***

There's something special in the night sky for everyone to find, all you have to do is look up! More Than Meets The Eye features the artwork of Tim W. Kuzniar, which depicts various planets and deep-sky objects as you can actually expect to see them using binoculars and four- or eight-inch telescopes. More Than Meets The Eye compares these "naked-eye" views from your back yard with observatory astrophotos and spacecraft images.

## OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2006

| Event  | Date     | Day     | Contact                              | Notes                                    |
|--|----------|---------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Melbourne Harbor Cruise                            | 10/20-22 | Fri-Sun | John Lynn<br>537-8438                | Make reservations enjoy shore power      |
| *Ski Island raftup<br>(North of Locks)             | 10/28    | Sat     | Charlie Dodds<br>795-7882            | Casual-Call contact                      |
| *Ski Island raftup<br>(North of Locks)             | 11/25    | Sat     | Charlie Dodds<br>795-7882            | Casual-Call contact                      |
| Sunset Café Cruise                                 | 12/2     | Sat     | Charlie Dodds<br>795-7882            | Boaters & land bound can enjoy lunch     |
| Participate in a Christmas Parade                  | 12/16    | Sat     | Balkema 452-5892<br>Millner 452-0500 | Casual-Call contact                      |
| *Ski Island raftup<br>(North of Locks)             | 12/23    | Sat     | Charlie Dodds<br>7957882             | Casual-Call contact                      |
| Samson Island Park off Grand Canal-Satellite Beach | 1/20/07  | Sat     | Gene Millner<br>452-0500             | Park has trails, tables dock & Portolets |
| *Ski Island raftup<br>(North of Locks)             | 1/27/07  | Sat     | Duane Balkema<br>452-5892            | Casual-Call contact                      |
| *Ski Island raftup                                 | 2/24/07  | Sat     | Duane Balkema                        | Casual-Call contact                      |

**\*Note: Ski & Sailboat Island every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday are casual & expected to be great fun talking boats & having events. Call & advise if coming, and the contact will inform you of any others planning on attending. Locations can be changed to satisfy those attending. The contact will have the information on changes. D. Balkema Chairman 452-5892**

**Melbourne Harbor Cruise is scheduled for the weekend of October 20 – 22.** John Lynn will be the contact for this event and his Cell Phone Number is **537-8438**. There is shore power available and a nice area to walk around and shop. You will need to reserve a spot at docks for your size boat and leave a credit card # for charges with the dock master. At the last meeting I heard discussion about some Sail Boats anchoring outside for the event. Talk to John. We have several sign-ups now. Give it some consideration and contact John Lynn for details.

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**, is the **District 23 Fall Cruise and Rendezvous at Hickory Park Pavilion on Lake Harris**. Attend if you can. It has always been a great event. The Chairman is Joe Murray and cost is \$9.00 Per person, Kids free, oh and bring a dish to share. He can be reached on **(352) 753-9374** or [jmurray100@aol.com](mailto:jmurray100@aol.com). It is located on SR19 near bridge over Lake Harris in Tavares, near Howey-in-the-Hills. Bring your boat or just enjoy the picnic. Payment is due by October 21 for headcount control.





## D 23 Fall Conference & Banana River's 50th Birthday Party!!!



Mark your calendar now to reserve 6-8 October 2006 (Friday—Sunday)

It's the D 23 Fall Conference and celebration of Banana River's 50th Birthday It will be a weekend that you will never forget! Fun, food, games, workshops, meetings, fellowship, sea stories and all located at the beautiful Imperial's Hotel & Conference Center in Melbourne, Florida.

Friday night will be the Birthday Bash. Games like "pin the tail on ??, Spin the bottle??, Musical chairs, and many more items to bring you fond memories of years gone by!

We start it all off with our Hospitality Room on Friday afternoon.

D/C Les and his bridge promise us exciting and meaningful workshops on Saturday with the council and conference meetings to finish the daytime activities. A wonderful Saturday night dinner will top off the evening. Sunday will see the St. Johns N Club breakfast along with a great guest speaker.

The hotel is right off I-95 and is so easy to get to. Plenty of parking, wonderful rooms, a great conference center and outstanding food.

So be sure and mark the dates (6-8 October) and plan to attend! You will not want to miss this conference and party. It will be a BLAST!!!

### USPS District 23 FALL CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 2006 *MEAL & EVENT RESERVATION FORM*

Friday Night Banana River 50th Birthday Bash: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch (House salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice, Vegetable, Coffee, Ice Tea, Desert) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Formal Dinner  
Caesar Salad with rolls & butter, Prime Rib, twice baked potato, Vegetable du Jour, coffee, Iced Tea, Desert # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar Salad with rolls & butter, Baked Salmon, twice baked Potato, Vegetable du Jour, coffee, iced tea, desert # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday St Johns "N" Club breakfast # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Reservations are required for the above with cut off date of 1 October, 2006.  
Please Make Checks payable to Banana River Sail & Power Squadron**

**Mail this Meal & Event Form to:  
P/C Kristi Anderson, 1902 Fabien Circle, Melbourne, FL 32940**





***District 23 Fall Cruise and Rendezvous***  
***Saturday, October 28, 2006(Rain or Shine)***  
***Hickory Point Park Pavilion, on Lake Harris***  
**CONTACT: JOE MURRAY, DISTRICT CRUISE CHAIRMAN**

*JMurray100@aol.com*

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Check your maps.**

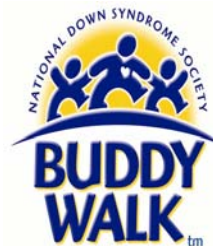
**Deadline October 21**

## Coco-Naut's Corner

### Pam Johnson, President

The Brown Bag September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the Merritt Island Library on North Courtenay emphasized two of our member's benevolent organizations that are near and dear to their hearts. The Coco-Nauts listened closely to their presentations as we are going to be supporting both groups in their endeavors.

Lea Collins talked to us about the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). NOVA is a private non-profit organization of victim and witness assistance programs and practitioners, criminal justice agencies, professionals, mental health professionals, researchers, former victims and survivors committed to the recognition and implementation of victim rights and services. NOVA's mission is to promote rights and services for victims of crime and crisis everywhere. Lea told us how she became a member and what her role was in the helping the victims of last years hurricane in Louisiana and Mississippi. For more information about NOVA go to [www.trynova.org](http://www.trynova.org)



Saturday, October 28, 2006 the Coco-Nauts will be participating in Brevard County's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Buddy Walk sponsored by the National Down Syndrome Society. The affair will be held from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Cocoa Village Riverfront Park. JoAnn Monai and Pat Wright spoke to us about the goal of the Buddy Walk which is to promote acceptance and inclusion to people with Down syndrome and to raise funds for education, research and local programs. Volunteers are always needed the day of the event to help set up, give directions, hand out information, and more. Pat Wright sent a list around to ask for volunteers. As more information becomes available, Pam Johnson will be assisting Joann and Pat in coordinating this activity with the Coco-Nauts.

Our October 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn – Cocoa Beach. See the attached flyer for all the particulars. Everyone is welcome.

The Coco-Nauts annual fundraiser will be a silent auction, card and game party luncheon. Cocoa Beach Community Church on Atlantic Avenue will be the venue. The date of the fundraiser is Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The price of tickets will be \$12.00.

Coco-Nauts with September and October Birthdays include:

#### SEPTEMBER:

11<sup>th</sup> Arlene Gage  
14<sup>th</sup> Mary Russ  
15<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Flanigan  
20<sup>th</sup> Guinda Derrico  
27<sup>th</sup> JoAnn Monai

#### OCTOBER:

08<sup>th</sup> Denise Stone  
18<sup>th</sup> Carmen Miliken  
29<sup>th</sup> Linda Feldes



# Coco-Nauts October Meeting A Special Slide Show Presentation Of Ireland & Scotland Travels



**Where:** Holiday Inn - Cocoa Beach

**When:** Wednesday - October 11, 2006

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

**Cost:** \$12.00 Inclusive Per Person

## MENU CHOICES

### Gourmet Wrap

Smoked Turkey, Cheddar Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomato and Alfalfa Sprouts. Served with a side of Mayonnaise and Pasta Salad

### Chicken Salad

Diced Grilled Chicken tossed in a Herb Mayonnaise, Served over a Spring Salad topped with Tomato, Cucumbers and Shredded Carrots. Served with a Warm Roll and Butter

### Tuna Salad Sandwich

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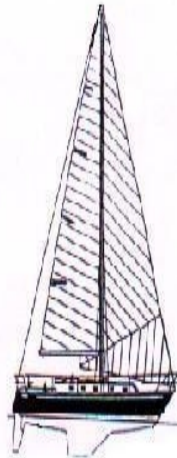
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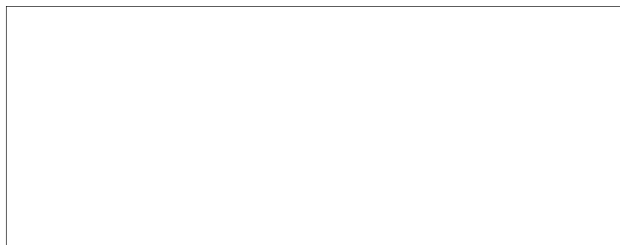
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