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General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, October 7, @ 1900
Brevard Veterans Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL**



Event of the Month

The evening will start off at 6p with the ever popular “Italian Night.” Everyone brings their favorite dish to share with others. The charge is \$5 p/p which will offset expenses for beer, wine, soft drinks, utensils, paper & decorating products. Also the Coco-Nauts will be having a fund-raising silent auction! Mark your calendar for this popular event!

ATTENTION ON DECK

We are very happy to announce we have 2 new members. They are husband/wife David & Nancy Keane of Satellite Beach. Please make them feel welcome as members of CBS&PS.

Please remember our senior members who would like to attend our monthly meetings and/or functions that may need a ride. If you know of a member that needs to obtain a ride, please make yourself available to accommodate them. They are our anchors!

Please continue to call or email Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P with any roster changes.

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

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AT THE HELM

Commander J. P. Longway III, P



This being the October issue, “Fall” is finally here. We’re seeing the return of many “Snowbirds and Vacationers”, and an increase of Squadron & Holidays’ activities.

Thanks to all of you that have renewed your membership, as well as those that are in the process of doing so. Special thanks to our new members for having the foresight to recognize the many benefits that the USPS membership has to offer them. Finally, I extend my appreciation and respect to all those dedicated and committed members, who have assumed positions and undertaken responsibilities to ensure the Squadron’s operations are effective, successful and fun.

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. We are taking the opportunity to identify and provide more awareness of our Website @ www.cbsps.com . We have also taken the opportunity to join the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce at a reduced fee as a Non-profit Corporation. Recently, at the invitation of P/C Bud Miller, I gave a presentation at the Rotary Club of Cocoa with support from Lt/C Lance Vandenberg. (see picture pg 8) This was a great opportunity to address a gathering of business professionals, and provide them with an understanding and hopefully obtain a better appreciation as to what the USPS and our Squadron is all about. I explained that the organization is three-pronged (as is the Trident), providing: Education of boating safety/knowledge/skills to the membership and community; Civic service to the community; and Fellowship within the organization. Additionally, I will have a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, comprised of myself, Lt/C Lance Vandenberg and P/C Kermit Forbes to address other means and opportunities to invest in, that will make the Squadron more visible in the community.

Please take note of the many activities that are coming up in the near term, and plan to support them if you are available and able to do so. Help get the word out about the Boat Smart course to be offered in October. Plan to attend the Squadron Rendezvous at the Conch Key Grill (9/20), as well as join the BRS&PS at their scheduled Brunch at the Suntime Country Club (9/28).

October will be a busy and active month with the start of the Boat Smart Course on the 1st, General Meeting combined with Italian Night & Coco-Nauts’s Silent Auction on the 7th, D23 Fall Conference on 10th – 12th, and concluding with the Boat Smart examination on the 22nd. November and December will also be busy months as you can see in this issue’s Calendar of coming Events. Participate &

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P



In August, we joined the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce. This will help to give us more visibility in the community and provides for some free advertising in the Florida Today newspaper, Hometown News, and discounts in some other media.

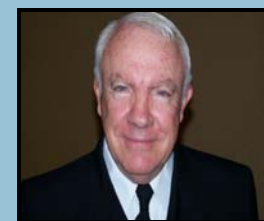
We have received 17 new Inflatable Life Jackets from the USPS courtesy of the Coast Guard. They have recommended them to be worn by our Public Educators, Vessel Examiners and others representing the squadron in public activities to help promote the wearing of life jackets when boating.

Our vessel examiners have completed 160 inspections so far this year. We have purchased some examiner hats and badges to help promote this important function.

Life vests (PFD's) are available through our squadron at wholesale prices, courtesy of Bill Bickerstaff. All types are available. Savings should be 15-20% off retail prices. For more information or how to order call me at 321-456-5799.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN



Five stalwart members of our Navigation Course have passed the biggest hurdle in completing the requirements for the "N" grade: they have passed both the closed book and open book examinations. Len Senibaldi, JN, P/D/C Les Tribout, JN, Dennis Peterson, JN, Lt Brian Grigsby, JN, and P/C Bruce Wade, JN, (Titusville Squadron) sat for the multi hour closed book test and a many-more-hour open book cruise across the Pacific. Now, all that remains is taking celestial sights and getting their sight folders checked by the astute, eagle eye of our sight checker, P/C George Hess, SN.

Congratulations, too, to our good member, Clay Bernichon, P, who has passed the Weather exam and with a perfect score. This is no mean feat, especially in the Weather Course.

Here's more good news: P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN, who was selected as our squadron's nominee for a national Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching has been selected as the nominee among all the 11 squadrons in District 23. That means he'll be one of 33 district nominees competing for the five awards to be given out at the USPS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, next February. Congratulations, Dick.

The Seamanship Course began on 8 September at Wuesthoff Hospital taught by Lts Bob and Adrian Goldstein, AP. Shortly after the first of the year we will follow that course with Piloting. Mark your calendar.

The boating class will start on Wednesday, 1 October, at Cape Canaveral Hospital. Please let your less educated friends know about our class. Statistics have shown that word of mouth advertising is very effective.

Our next course is Instructor Development and we're still trying for a quorum of at least five members. This course is FREE, underwritten by our national organization who wants to help all of us improve our presentation skills. The course is short (about six weeks), interesting and provides a non-threatening chance to improve your public speaking skills. (There's no obligation to teach a USPS course.) And we have a great instructor in Lt Dee Neve, S, who will be teaching the class on Wednesday nights in the Brevard Central Library in Cocoa. The course is good for everyone who hasn't taken it. If interested, call me at 635-9455.

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P/C Kermit Forbes, P

Susan and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. The good thing about being in Central Florida is that summertime seems to never end, so have an enjoyable fall and winter boating season.

Matthew Ruane, PhD was to be the speaker for our monthly meeting in October, however we did not need a speaker for October and I am trying to reschedule him or someone from Florida Tech to be our speaker for November 7.

We do have declining membership and with the help of all of you we should be able to change that trend. Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron has a lot to offer the community at large concerning boating safety and boating in general. We hope to be more visible and create something that shows the community that we are here to help.

Susan and I are happy to be in Central Florida and part of Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

SECRETARY

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



To all members of CBS&PS:

At the 2 September '08 general membership meeting, our rules chairman P/C John Mulkey, P presented the new amendments of the permanent rules to members present. A motion was made by P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN to accept the new amendments of the permanent rules. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The most recent roster changes are listed below:

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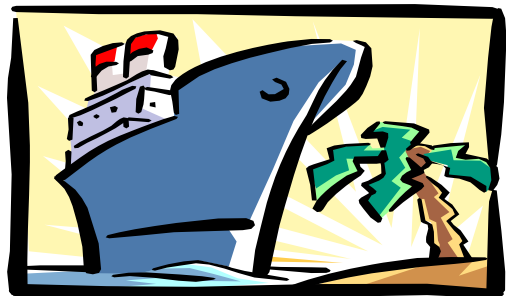
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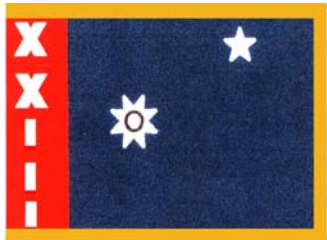
We had our first of the season meeting at Red Lobster, Sept 10. Unfortunately, the turnout was small ...only 14 members attended. We have been very successful at collecting items for the SILENT AUCTION for the Italian Night meeting on October 7th. Be sure to be there to bid on our very interesting items and gift certificates to restaurants, etc. Note that the dinner starts at 6:00 p m – cocktail hour..... you can review and make your bids at this time.
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The next project we're looking at is the annual Harvest Party sponsored by the Coco-Nauts. We missed last year but so many members were disappointed, so we are bringing this event back. It will be held on Saturday, November 15th at the Kiwanis Park large Pavilion beginning at 2:00 PM. for a nominal charge of \$5 per person. Wine, beer, cider and sodas will be provided . Hayes Meats will cater the ham, turkey, dressing and gravy. All you need to do is bring yourself, friends and a dish to complement the entrees. !!!

Our Holiday Luncheon will also be on a Saturday this year in order to accommodate some of our members who work and do not get an opportunity to attend our “stimulating” meetings! This will be held at the Holiday Inn on A1-A on December 13th at 12:00. We will be collecting the \$16 charge per-person for this event at the November meeting and also at the Harvest Party.

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District 23

From the District Bridge
D//C Richard Leatherman, N

So far in my term of office I have visited 9 of our 11 squadrons. During these visits I have expounded on the importance of “The Chain of Success” relative to D23’s membership count. Hopefully by now, D23 members realize that they, individually, must help in acquiring new members. In our thinking, we need to eliminate the old idea of “let Joe do it”. Clearly, that method has not worked. As individuals, we have to take ownership of our dwindling membership situation. The USPS “Power of One” program is a fine concept. It could be hugely successful if every member embraced it. Many of us know a non-member boater in our neighborhood or at our place of business. How about asking him if he has completed a boating course. If he says “No”, invite him to your squadron’s next course. Or, if he says “Yes”, offer him the opportunity of utilizing his experience by proctoring or instructing as a member of your squadron. Now really, is that so difficult?

Reminder #1—To avoid the 12.5% sales tax for a room in Daytona Beach for the D23 Fall Conference (Oct 10-12) you need to send your check & reservation form to Lt/C Jeanette Bray no later than Sept 12th. Also, meal reservations must be received no later than Sept 19th.

P/V/C Spencer Anderson, SN will be the Chief Commander’s Rep at the Conference. He and P/R/C Dick Pfenniger, SN will jointly present an updated review of the USPS Boat Operator Certification program. Dick is D23’s Regional Rep for BOC and Spencer is an Advanced Certifier/Trainer for BOC.

Reminder #2—It is very important that each squadron submit at least one Teaching Aid for judging at D23’s Fall Conference. Instructors should contact their SEOs for submission details.

Reminder #3—Anyone involved with submitting merit mark info to their respective MM Chair should collect their thoughts on that soon. Please avoid the “last minute” syndrome. October will be here before you realize it.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

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

SEPTEMBER:

- 20 - Saturday, Squadron Rendezvous at Conch Key Grill
- 23 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 28 - Sunday, 11-2, BRSPS Brunch Suntree Country Club Grille Room

OCTOBER:

- 01 - Wednesday, 1900, Boat Smart Course - Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 07 - Tuesday, 1800, CBSPS General Membership Mtg, Italian Nite & Coco-Nauts Silent Auction
- 08 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Salad Luncheon - Merritt Island Moose Lodge
- 10-12 - D23 Fall Conference Holiday Inn Ocean Front Resort, Daytona Beach
- 22 - Wednesday, 1900, Boat Smart Course Exam—Cape Canaveral Hospital

NOVEMBER:

- 07 - Friday, 1900, CBSPS General Membership Meeting – Brevard Veterans Center
- 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)
- 22 - Saturday, CBSPS Rendezvous– Old Florida Grill in Frontenac
- 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)
- 07 - Sunday, 1700 CBSPS Christmas Party—Rockledge Country Club
- 13 - Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon Buffet, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn

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.

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BOATING REPORT

P/C Duane L. Balkema A/P

Working around all of the storms has become annoying, trying to do a boating event. Banana River S&PS put out a memo that they wanted a raft-up at Bird Island on Banana River, the end of August. That being near my house looked like a shoo in to go to until the winds came up real strong. Alas, I did not make it off the lift with my boat. Then I had other problems so it was better that I didn't go.

Lets get serious Squadron members. Will those interested in a Cruise to Melbourne Harbor for the weekend of October 25-26 please give me a call on 452-5892. In the past we have had some really nice events there and go to eat at the local restaurants. Hopefully the Hurricane Season will calm down and we can have a peaceful event. Following that we have an event to get on the calendar, scheduled for November 22nd, on US1, North of Hwy 528 in Frontenac at the Old Florida Grill. It is a peaceful rustic place that has a very good light menu. Hey, the 22nd is my birthday!!!

Last but not least, I would like to ask boaters to mark January 24th 2009 on their calendar for a “Cruise to Samson Island Park” just off Grand Canal/Satellite Beach. For those of you who do not know, Samson Island is named for the person who donated the land. This peaceful island nature park is between Tortoise Island and Lansing Island off Banana River. It makes for a great outing as P/C Bud Miller and I have enjoyed going there with our group. P/C Al Pappas, can we count on you to be point on this one?



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- 1- **Leave the junk:** Don't load the boat up with unnecessary weight. Unused equipment that has been collecting mildew in the bottom of lockers for years should be taken home.
- 2- **Lose the water weight:** At 8.33 pounds per gallon, why keep the water in the tank topped off if you're only going out for the afternoon?
- 3- **Get a tune-up:** An engine tune-up is an excellent investment and should easily pay for itself over the boating season.
- 4- **Tune the prop:** If a boat travels 30 mph with a like-new prop and only 27 mph with a prop that's dinged and out of pitch, that's a 10 % loss in fuel economy, or, a waste of one out of every 10 gallons put into the tank.
- 5- **Paint the boat's bottom:** When boating in salt or brackish waters a fouled bottom is like a dull knife. It takes a lot more fuel to push a boat through the water.
- 6- **Keep the boat in trim:** Using trim tabs or distributing weight evenly will help move a boat through the water with less effort—and less fuel.
- 7- **Go with the flow:** Consult tide tables and try to travel with the tide whenever possible.
- 8- **Install a fuel flow meter:** A fuel flow meter (about \$300) is like a heart monitor: when consumption starts to rise, it's an early warning that something is amiss. A fuel flow meter also allows boater to select a comfortable cruising speed that optimizes the amount of fuel being consumed.
- 9- **Do the math:** Calculate fuel mileage by dividing distance traveled by gallons at fill-up. Using a log-book, approximate fuel flow using average speeds and time underway.
- 10- **Get a discount:** Many of the 885 BoatU.S Co-operating Marinas around the country offer up to 10 cents off a gallon of gas. To get the discount, show a BoatU.S. membership card. If not already a member, join online for a special rate of \$19 by going to BoatUS.com/membership or by calling 800-395-2628.

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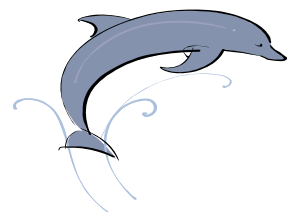
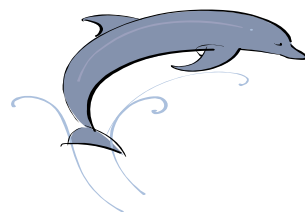
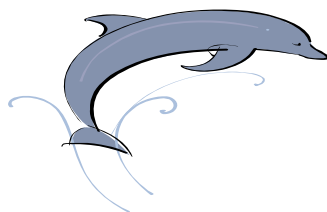
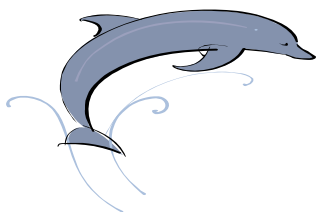
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Sautéed Sirloin Tips – Meat Loaf

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Chicken Marsala – Champagne Chicken – Chicken Picatta

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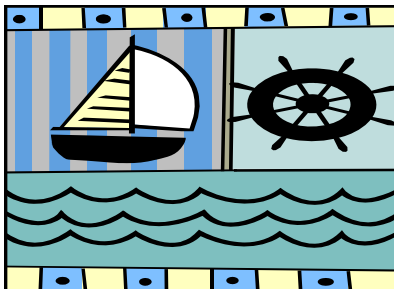
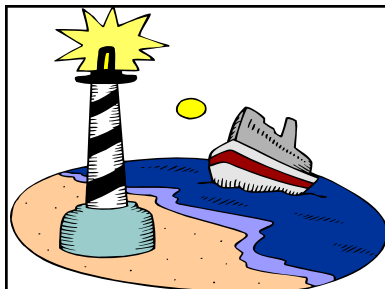
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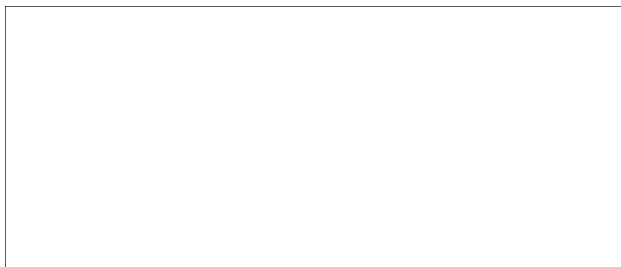
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