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## Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 06, October 2009 @ 1700  
Brevard Veteran's Center  
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL**

## Monthly Speaker

**Our monthly speaker this month will provide us the 2nd segment of his personal undertaking of the "Great Loop", AND it happens to be our own Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.**

## Attention on Deck

**Our squadron is hosting the D23 Fall Conference at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn 2-4 October. The planning committee headed by Jay Longway has been working for months to make this conference as cost effective and fun for everyone. Our Coco-Nauts are providing appetizers for Friday and Saturday night happy hours. We also need donations of wine & spirits for the happy hours. If you are willing to make a donation, please contact Kermit Forbes (449-8784) to see what is still needed.**

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**THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH**

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

E:Mail an Attachment to [debra.burleson@bellsouth.net](mailto:debra.burleson@bellsouth.net)

# AT THE HELM

**Commander Lance H. VandeBerg, P**



Lt Joe Auchter, JN has been storing one of the cardboard boats at his house and asked if anyone has room for it. He does not have room to keep it. A lot of work went into making this boat and we might want to use it next year for the race.

The finance committee met on July 23 for a midyear budget review and reduced the estimated budget by \$2500 for the year.

A planning meeting was held on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans center. We are still seeking donations for the fall conference of wine & spirits and door prizes.

The squadron held a fundraising picnic at Lee Wenner Park on August 15<sup>th</sup> for the D23 district conference. There were 40 + members that attended, and as Always, we had a great time.

The annual USPS Governing board meeting was held in Kansas City on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of September. There were 15 members attending from D23.

Another vessel safety inspection event was scheduled for September 12 at Kelly Park. Our vessel safety examiners that consisted of Charlie Dodds, Ute Lissek, Siggie Lissek, and myself performed around 12 inspections

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer.



**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**P/C Kermit Forbes, P**



The summer months are gone and we have some beautiful fall months for boating. Hopefully we can have a successful boating activity at the end of October.

Charlie will have had another boat safety inspection outing at both Cocoa and Merritt Island.

Hope to see everyone at the 2009 District Conference. We will need everyone's help to make it a successful one.

We have had a safe boating summer, now please have a safe boating fall and winter.

**Assistant SEO**  
**P/C John F. Mulkey, P**



Summer in Florida, snowbirds are gone and members are on vacation. Things slow down. The same has been true in the Education Department. We have been working on setting up a class for Advanced Piloting and there is also a new Weather Course we would like to do after the first of the year. Anyone interested in taking either or both of these courses should contact our SEO Paul Ragusa.

We will not be having a Fall Public Boating Course. These classes have been so small the last two years that it has hardly been worth it. The class has involved a lot of work from many people and we have signed up no new members for all the effort.

One program we would like to start is a Summer Boating Course for kids ages 9 to 17. Banana River has been doing this in cooperation with the Satellite Beach Recreation Dept. for some time. I was invited to attend their last class and I was very impressed by the attendance. I believe they had 55 kids at that class. It is a great service to the community and I am hopeful that we will be as successful. If anyone knows a contact with a recreation department in our area, please let me know.

**Secretary**  
**Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P**



Hope to see all of you at the October Fall Conference at the Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach. Starting with the Friday Night Oktoberfest. I think you will be greatly surprised with the Wonderful Festivities planned for your enjoyment. Also, be sure to stop by the Ship's Store Table and do some shopping!!  
**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

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LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



I hope you all had a very nice Summer and are back full of energy for your favorite Squadron. As you know, CBSPS is hosting the D23 Fall Conference on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in Cocoa Beach. So, mark your calendar or better yet call any Board Member to offer your help.

### Membership:

Our ranks have been seriously diminished, as quite a few members did not renew their membership. The present economy has not helped.

So, it is even more important to boost our efforts toward recruitment.

### Presentations:

Sat Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1000: Survival at Sea by George Sigler

1100: The Future of Port Canaveral by Port Commissioner Mac McLouth.

1130: USCG overview by a member of Station Port Canaveral.

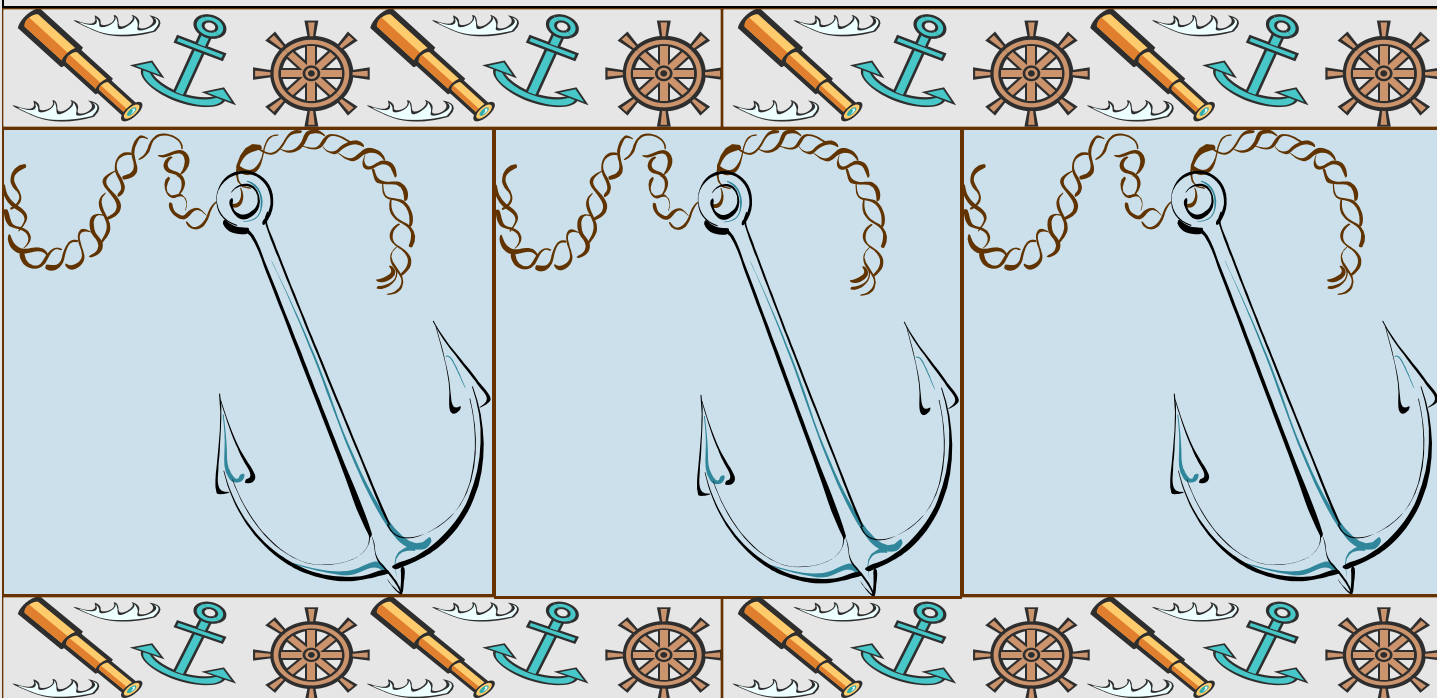
Tu Oct 6<sup>th</sup>: The Great Loop – Part 1 with yours truly.

Tu Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Salvage of the Riverboat Mississippi with our very own Stones.

### Boating Activities:

Due to the many tasks involving an important number of our members for the upcoming D23 District Conference, there will be no Boating Activity on Saturday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

However, we are planning an interesting outing/lunch/overnight to Captain's Hiram in Sebastian for Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>. You can come by boat or by car. You can come just for lunch or stay overnight on your boat or in one of Captain's Hiram room. We hope to have an excellent showing for this outing.



**Coco-Nauts Corner**  
**President, 1/Lt Susan Forbes, S**

I am sorry I missed posting a message/article for the August issue of The Soundings. I had just recently had a serious surgery, and was unable to get my thoughts together in time for the deadline. I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, visits, and cards. It has been a long recovery and I am just now going out for short periods of time. It was great seeing all of you who attended Italian Night and the fund-raising silent auction.

Our next auxiliary meeting will be held 14 October (1130am) at St. David's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Cocoa Beach. Please bring a salad to share with the other Coco-Nauts. The drinks, paper products, utensils and dessert will be provided. Our featured speaker will be Mike Brubaker from the Sharing Center. We hope also at this meeting, you will be able to bring cereals or canned goods with pop-tops such as meats, soups, and spaghetti. We will also present him with a \$100 donation from the Coco-Nauts.

The Coco-Nauts have been very busy planning for the D23 conference and will be supplying appetizers for Friday and Saturday happy hours, as well as the continental breakfast items for Saturday morning. If you have time to spare or would like to donate an appetizer, please contact Doris Valentine 452-1835, or myself at 449-8784. We raised \$181 from the silent auction on Italian Night. We will also be selling raffle tickets for a quilt at the conference.

**DSC Radio Check from TowboatsUs**  
 Submitted by Gene Millner

Boaters along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts from Alabama to New Jersey can take advantage of a new service offered by TowboatUS towing captains to ensure your new Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF marine radio is correctly installed, functional, and working properly.

While nearly all fixed mount VHF radios sold today are DSC equipped, this new service has come in response to boaters pointing out that it can be hard to complete a digital radio check unless they have the MMSI of another boater.

The TowboatUS MMSI (Mobile Maritime Service Identity) number is available to boaters hailing from the Gulf Coast at Mobile, AL, Florida and the Atlantic coast up to Sandy Hook, NJ. When this number is "dialed" on a DSC-VHF radio keypad, a boater will automatically be connected to the closest Towboat US port or response boat within radio range.





**COOPERATIVE CHARTING IN A NUTSHELL**  
**Part Three of Three**  
**Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN**

In the April and May issues we discussed the Cooperative Charting opportunities offered to members and we also explained four of the six programs. Here are the last four.

**U.S. Coast Pilot**

The NOS Coast Pilot is a series of nine books, published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, that contain a wide variety of information important to navigators and recreational boatmen. These books supplement the information that cannot be shown graphically on the standard nautical chart and is not readily available elsewhere. The subjects in the Coast Pilot include, but are not limited to, channel descriptions, anchorages, bridge and cable clearances, currents, tides and water levels, prominent features, pilotage, towage, weather, ice conditions, wharf descriptions, dangers, routes, traffic separation schemes, small craft facilities and Federal regulations applicable to navigation. Using the Internet, you can download a single page or a complete Coast Pilot Book.

The URL is <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm>. All volumes are available at this website.

The Range Line Survey is a relatively new initiative within the NOS-USPS Cooperative Charting Program. Under this proposal, USPS members will collect positioning information on navigational ranges that appear on NOAA charts. This data will be logged by the observer, entered into a computer file, and then uploaded using the CCWeb.

Small Craft Facilities (SCF) are marinas, boatyards, and other marine facilities that service small nautical craft. There are four requirements for a marine facility to be included by NOAA as a Small Craft Facility.

The requirements are that such facilities must:

1. Be open to the public and not be a private facility.
2. Have gas and/or diesel fuel for sale.
3. Have a pump-out facility (or has access to a municipality or community facility).
4. Have transient berths and/or moorings.

SCFs are listed on the charts, usually on top along the tide tables, showing the services that they offer. It is our function to visit the SCFs periodically and update the services, which they offer.

Depth Surveys is the program that requires the most time and attention to detail. It consists of laying out the course and taking soundings at about ten second intervals. With the use of DepthWiz and other software the corrected soundings are overlaid on a nautical chart and are then used to verify or supplement charted depth information.

So far BRSPS has conducted three surveys which were accepted by NOAA. (Eau Gallie River approach, Dragon Point and Banana River south of the Pineda Causeway).

Keep in mind that surveys do not have to be conducted in the squadron's vicinity – you can go anywhere a US nautical chart shows data. It is important to contact me before going out on a survey to ascertain that proper procedures will be followed.



## **Galaxy 23**

### **From The District Bridge**

### **D/Lt/C Roberta M. Corsones, AP**

### **Secretary**

As with all organizations, communication is of the utmost importance for a successful organization. We, as members of the United States Power Squadrons® have an extremely powerful tool in DB 2000 to aid in the communication process with members on the National and District level and with other local members of USPS®.

DB2000 is an USPS® National database that contains pertinent information on each member of USPS®. Information available includes: name, certificate number, address, spouse's name, phone numbers (home and cell, if provided) and e-mail addresses. Current rank on the National level as well on the squadron level is also included. National does update the grade as the educational classes are completed and passed. The current number of a member's earned merit marks can also be found in DB2000. Interested in the type of boat and boat name of a member? That could also be found in DB2000.

National HQ does update information coming to HQ but, personal information comes from YOU, the member, FIRST. Your individual squadron secretary is responsible for updating the information provided to them from YOU.

In this age of electronics, many members change phone numbers and e-mail addresses frequently. You can imagine how this would affect communication among squadrons. This information MUST be communicated to your secretary and entered into DB2000 (the squadron access code is obtained from your Squadron Commander). What good is outdated information when your newest Roster is printed? Your Squadron Roster can easily be downloaded and customized to provide the information your squadron wants to present to your members.

The Roster compiled by the District Secretary is also obtained from the DB2000 database. It is the responsibility of the Squadron secretary to provide the names of the officers and the committee chairs in your squadron to the District Secretary. There is no need to wait for the deadline for the District Roster since many of the Executive Committees now actually change in the fall. Please forward the names and positions to the District Secretary as the Change of Watch occur. Updates can then be addressed prior to the actual printing.

Squadron Historians – Please note the Historian Reports for the 2009-2010 year need to be sent to the District Historian or to the District Secretary within thirty (30) days of your Change of Watch.

Hope to see you all at “Oktoberfest” in Cocoa Beach for the D23 Council and Conference, 2-4 October!

# CBSPS Photo Gallery

Italian Night 01 September 2009 (continued pg. 17)





**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

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

**September**

- 22 - Tuesday, 1830 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 26 - Saturday, Boating Activity TBA

**October**

- 2 - 4 D23 Fall Conference - Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn, Hosted by CBSPS
- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 14 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Salad Luncheon Meeting, St. Davids by the Sea Episcopal Church, Cocoa Beach
- 22 - 1830 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 24 - Saturday, Boating Activity TBA

**November**

- 06 - Friday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting/Luncheon - Merritt Island Moose Club (brown bag or order lunch at the Moose)
- 15 - Sunday, Harvest Party - Brevard Veteran's Center 1400 - 1700
- 23- 1830 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 21 - Saturday, Boating Activity TBA

**December**

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 05 - Cocoa Beach Land Parade (Float)
- 05 - CBSPS Christmas Dinner Dance - Rockledge CC @1700
- 12 - Saturday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Christmas Luncheon - Clarion Hotel Restaurant - Merritt Island

**Note:**

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## Who Am I?

I was born in Brooklyn, New York and moved to Queens when I was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I graduated from Queens College with a Bachelor of Science degree and taught elementary school at PS 70 in Queens. After I married, we moved to Commack on Long Island, NY and had 2 daughters. One of our friends was very interested in sailing and talked my husband into taking a sailing course through TASCAs (The American Red Cross Sailing Association). He was hooked and bought a small sailboat shortly after completing the course. It was a 13 foot O'Day Wigeon, SeeSaw, which we kept in Smithtown Bay. A few years later we bought a Catalina 27, Impetuous, and found out that Smithtown Bay was too shallow to for our new boat, so we joined the Northport Yacht Club. Our next boat, an Irwin 34, Indigo, was large enough for our family to travel on. We sailed all over Long Island Sound and visited Newport, Shelter Island, Block Island, Essex, Mystic Seaport, and Martha's Vineyard. We are now in our 34 years of sailing. While cruising New England, we followed the USPS 1210 cruise. We both took the Public Boating course from the Smithtown Bay Power Squadron. My husband joined and took many other courses. Since women were not allowed to be full members, I chose not to join.


I went back to work as a computer programmer for Grumman after my youngest child went to first grade. In 1992, Grumman transferred me to Virginia and we all moved to Ashburn, VA. Since we were about 1½ hours from the nearest place to keep a boat, we sold our boat before we moved. About 5 years later, we purchased a Pearson 365 and kept it in Herrington Harbour, Maryland. In 2001, we moved to Melbourne and sailed our boat down the intra coastal waterway. We both joined the Cocoa Beach Power and Sail Squadron and I have completed the Advanced Piloting course. I'm ready to take JN. We keep our boat at Waterline Marina and we sail often on the Indian River. We have been to the Abacos three times and plan to go again this summer. Come join us .





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