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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 05, October 2010 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Guest Speaker

Richard O'Toole will be our speaker for the Oct. meeting. He will be talking to use about sharks and their behavior. He became interested in sharks from his own fear of them, while growing up in South Miami. This should be an interesting presentation.

Attention On Deck

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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 John F. Mulkey, P



I think that a lot of us have forgotten how much fun it is to be out on the water. The Sunset Grill Luncheon had only one boat participating and the Treasure Hunt had only three. I was fortunate enough to hitch a ride with Charles Conklin, AP for the Treasure Hunt and I had a blast.

You have at least two more chances this year to participate in a boating event. On October 30, 2010 there will be a "Raft Up" to watch the Cocoa Beach Air Show and on November 14, 2010 a "Rendezvous" at Samson Island in the Grand Canal. Please let P/C Duane Balkema, AP know if you will be bringing your boat, or if you would like to ride on one.

District 23 Fall Conference hosted by Banana River is being held October 1-3, 2010 at the Melbourne Beach Hilton. I am hopeful that we will have a large representation of Cocoa Beach members there.

On another note, a Merit Mark is an award given by the squadron to a member who has volunteered on various activities throughout the year. You can earn a Merit Mark by serving on the Bridge, chairing or serving on a committee, teaching a class, participating in vessel safety checks or co-op charting. If you have earned a Merit Mark this year, we thank you. If not, there is always next year. The Nominating Committee will be looking for volunteers to fill many positions that will be needed for 2011.

Submissions for Merit Marks should be sent to Lt. Lea Collins, P, by October 15, 2010 by the department heads. You can help us to make sure you get counted by sending your department head an email listing your volunteer activities for 2010. Be sure to list activities you will be doing through December 31, 2010.

To get the most out of your membership in the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron attend the meetings, take a class, and join in the social events. It's fun for you and important to the health of the organization.

New member:
Bob Rutigliano being sworn in by Cmdr. Mulkey



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LT/C Robert F. Flanigan, SN



P/C Lance Vandenberg, P, reported he and his crew have done 143 VSC so far this year.

Lt Robert W. Schaefer, P, reported he is working with P/C Kermit B. Forbes, P, and Lt Louis F. Harlow, AP, to get proper forms prepared, so they get credit for the Co-Op Charting work they have done.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LT/C Joseph S. Auchter, JN



The Treasure Hunt directed by Duane Balkema was a very successful, even though we only had three boats to participate. The weather was ideal for boating. Although, we did not find any treasure, everyone enjoyed looking for the items Duane and Marge had listed. The 11 members who were in the hunt did a pretty good job of locating the items. Chuck Conklin was the prize winner as his boat located the most items on the hunt. It should be noted that Squadron's Commander was on Chuck's boat.

As you know on October 01--03 the District Fall Conference will be held at the Hilton Oceanfront Hotel in Melbourne Beach with the Banana River Squadron presiding. We look for a good turnout from CBSPS members.

On October 30 there will be a raft-up with TSPS to watch the Cocoa Beach Air Show.

Also please keep in mind to have your boat and your friends boats inspected under the vessel safety program. With reduced Marine Patrols, it is obvious that more boaters are not following basic safety procedures.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER
LT/C Paul A. Ragusa, P



The JN class will begin on September 20. Ten members have signed up, and the books were shipped from USPS National. The Instructor is P/D/C Fred Adame SN.

We are still trying to put a Seamanship class together, so if you haven't taken it yet think about signing up and getting onboard the education "cruise" toward the Grade of Senior Navigator.

SECRETARY
LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Please remember to take the time to review the additions & changes listed below, then add them to your roster.

Welcome to new member:

Robert D. Rutigliano (Bob)

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Mate: Barbara

Boat: Easy Going

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Coco-Nauts Corner
President Lt Debra Burleson, S

Our last meeting was held at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge on Sept. 8th. Our speaker was our own Reesa Jacobson, who is a language and speech pathologist. Her presentation was about brain injuries, trauma, and strokes, amongst other disabilities.

At this meeting it was agreed upon, to give \$50 donations to Salvation Army Abuse Center, and the Buddy Walk for Down's Syndrome.

We are certainly hoping for a big turnout to our card/game party on Oct. 9th, since it is such a fun event. The ticket sales have been low so far. If you have not purchased your tickets, please contact Doris Valentine @ 321-452-1835.

Our next meeting is a salad luncheon, which will be held at St. David's By The Sea on Oct. 13th @ 1130am. Please bring your favorite salad to share with others.

Looking forward to seeing you at the card/game party, as well as, the next Coco-Nauts meeting.

October Birthdays

08 - Denise Stone

18 - Carmen Milliken

22 - Linda Granger





D23 GALAXY
D/Lt/C Ernst G Hofmann, JN
SECRETARY

All year long we have to listen to the exhortations to focus on our mission and goals, not to take our eye off the ball and so on. Not this time and not from me – at least for a short period. The time has come when we need to stop for a look back to determine what we have accomplished and put together the Historian's Report - what we have not accomplished makes for a good start with renewed enthusiasm as next year's goal.

Anyway, what is the Historian's Report? It is compilation of who in the squadron accomplished what between Changes of Watch. It is due within 30 days following the end of your Change of Watch – plenty of time to get your ducks in a row. You, the Squadron Secretaries can go about this in two ways:

Open DB2000, go to *Forms* and click on *Historian's Form* and start filling in the information that you have been collecting so diligently since your last COW. If diligence went missing, like in my case, it helps to go to:

www.usps.org click on *Site Index* (upper right), then *Forms* and on the left hand bar open *Historians* and print the *Squadron Historian's Form*. Pages 1 and 2 are easy, just copy from your Directory. Page 3 (Section V) is even easier – delegate it to your SEO (don't forget to give him/her a deadline if you want results). Delegate Sections VI and VII to the rest of the Bridge (you may have to include yourself and don't forget deadlines).

Once you have all the required info you go back to DB2000 fill in the blanks and submit it via web site. If you want to complicate my life (don't expect quick forgiveness) then fill out the six-page report and mail two copies to me.

Seriously, it is important that we recognize and document the work that is being accomplished by so many volunteers, without them we would not amount to much

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

September 2010

24 - 26 Fri-Sun, Cruise to Sebastian Inlet & Rendezvous with TSPS

October 2010

01 - 03 - Fri. - Sun. D23 Fall Conference, (BRSPS) Hilton Oceanfront Hotel, Melbourne Beach

05 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

09 - Saturday, 1030 Coco-Nauts Card/Game Party & Luncheon Cocoa Bch. Community Church

13 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Salad Luncheon Mtg. St. David's By The Sea, Cocoa Beach

28 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

30 - Saturday, 1300 Raft-Up with TSPS to watch Cocoa Beach Air Show

November 2010

02 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

10 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Bring a dish to share & Mtg. - Susan Forbes home

13 - Saturday, D23 Dry Dock Buffet - Eau Gallie Yacht Club (tentative)

14 - Sunday, Rendezvous at Samson Island on the Grand Canal

18 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

21 - Sunday, 1400 Harvest Party - Brevard Veteran's Center

December 2010

04 - Saturday, 1800 Holiday Dinner Dance @ Rockledge Country Club

07 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

11 - Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon @ Brano's Italian Grille, Cocoa Beach

Note:

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

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Boating Committee Report P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

Our Treasure Hunt in the canals of Cocoa Beach was successfully held on a beautiful windy day. Note the pictures showing some of the folks. Chuck Conklin's boat with crew, John Mulkey and Joe Auchter identified the most "Clues" from the list. Thanks to all, the above plus Pam & Randy Johnson, Jay & Donna Longway, Kermit Forbes, Lance Vandenberg and Margie and myself.

Next Scheduled: Sebastian Inlet Cruise & Rendezvous September 24-26 Joining Titusville Sail & Power Squadron. Call 452-5892 if interested in participating. October 30th we will Raft-Up and watch the Cocoa Beach Air Show, starting at 1:00 PM. Titusville again has this on their schedule. Call me early if planning on this one. Depending on boat sizes & weather, we can raft up inside or outside to view.

Boat Report--My Sea Ray 31 Foot Sedan Bridge Project

As known, Boats are very expensive and difficult to maintain and operate. Cost reduction is my project with a SRV 310 of 1982 Sea Ray Flybridge vintage. Some may find this project interesting as it moves along. Briefly, Sea Ray (Merritt Island Plant) built my boat with two 340 HP Mercruisers (actually 454 cubic inch Chevrolets commonly called Big Blocks) and two 120 gallon fuel tanks. Both engines I removed and one fuel tank. This boat came equipped with nearly every option. Obviously every electronic device was old (some had been replaced) and was removed plus some old interior pieces. Think of the weight removed, considering that the V8 engines each had 2 manifolds and consider you could not see the spark plugs as they were way under the manifolds. Estimated engine complete weight was 1200# x 2. Fuel consumption was big when run at even moderate power.

The idea is that a pontoon boat with a Mercruiser 3.0 can run all afternoon at low and high speeds on 15 gallons of gas. Why not fool the Sea Ray and put two Mercruiser 3.0's in it and run all day on 30 gallons of gas. So far I have not burned 30 gallons of fuel in an afternoon, not near it. The changes are made and the boat is running, it is an estimated 2000# lighter and you can see the 8 total-not 16 as before-spark plugs for maintenance. It does not need a fuel tanker every 5 hours. Current work is in finding the right size prop for the SB engine. It's on the way via Ebay as I write this. As a side note; "e-gads" there is not a high prices hard to repair computer on the engines and you can change the points for under \$20. More to follow on this project.

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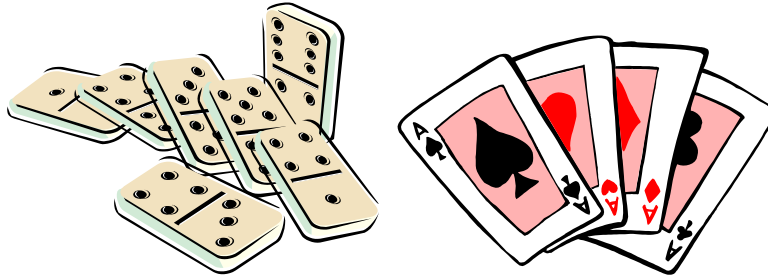
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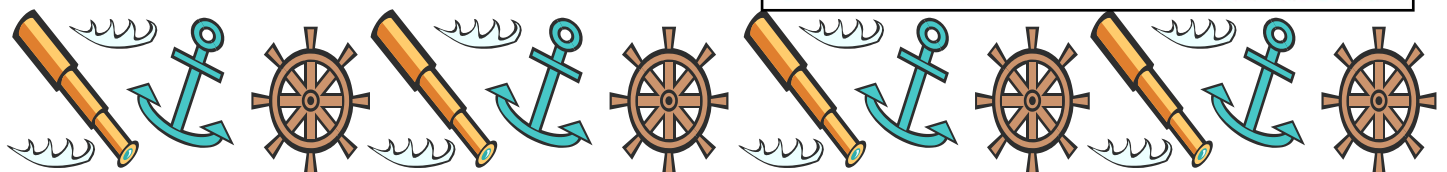
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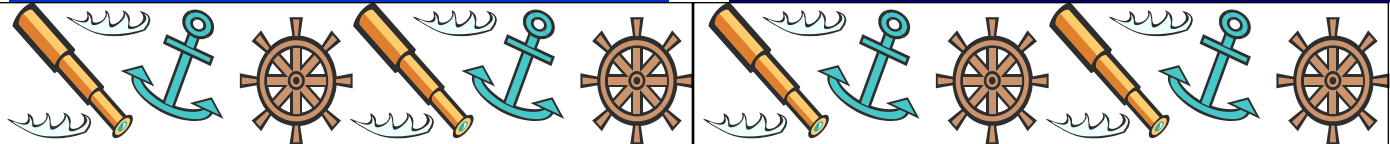
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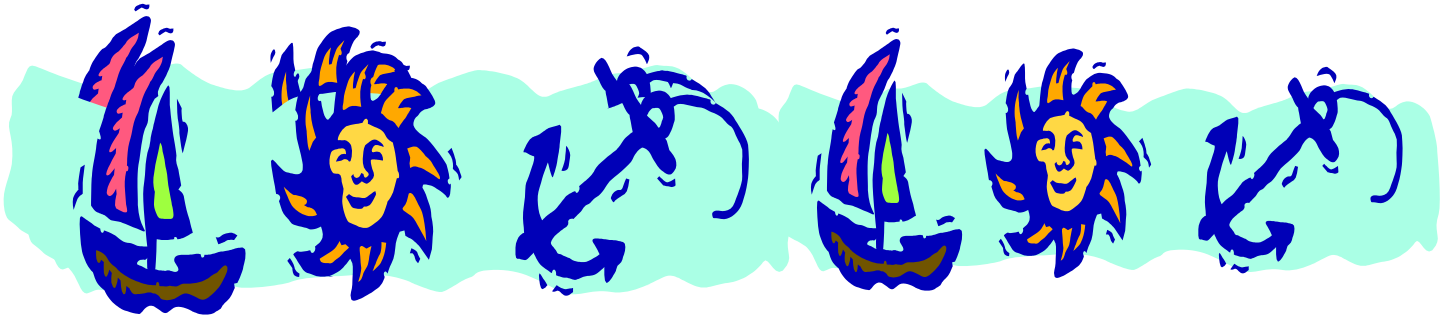
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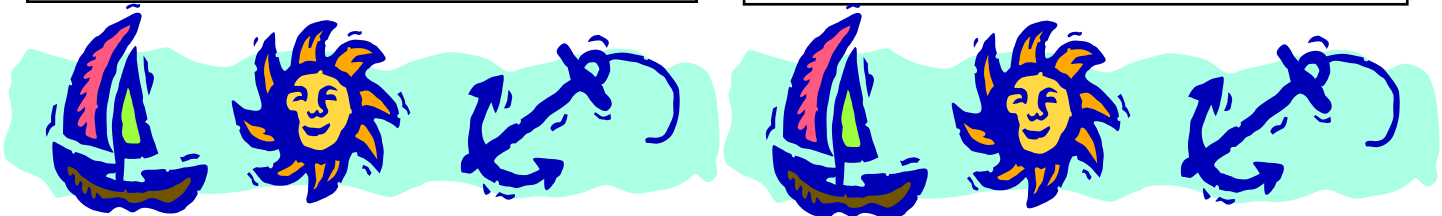
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