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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 04 October, 2011 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Karen Savage from Florida Memorial Gardens will speak to us at our next meeting on the four steps of making your final arrangements.

Attention on Deck by Debra Burleson

I am collecting Box Tops for Education. They are found on many products like, Progresso soups, Glad plastic bags, Hefty trash bags, Old El Paso Dinner Kits, General Mills cereals, and more products in your supermarkets and warehouse clubs. Please save them and give them to me at a meeting! The part of the box-tops you clip are enclosed by the dot/dashes on the products! Thanks in advance!



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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 Kermit Forbes, P



This year is passing by us very quickly. Our very popular Italian Night was a huge success with about 70 people attending. I want to thank those that coordinated the event and made it one of the best ever. One of the big events for September is the District Conference being held in Deland. Susan and I will be attending along with at least 5 delegates. We will be voting on several District by-law changes and a direct sales resolution.

During October we will be having another safe boating course, if you are asked to help please do so, as boating education is what we are about.

As you turn onto South Sykes Creek Drive you will see a new sign showing Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron on the Keep Brevard Beautiful sign. We have taken over the cleaning of that stretch of road from SR 520 to the veteran's center. I will be asking for volunteers to do a clean-up very soon.

Susan and I hope that each of you have a great fall boating season. Stay safe and have fun.

Additional pictures from Old Florida Seafood and Grill August 20, 2011



CBSPS Member Winnie Crawford, JN
Monthly Speaker August 2, 2011
(Incorrect grade published in September Soundings!)

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN**



First, let me give you my new co-ordinates. My telephone number is now 1- 321-305-6599. This is a local area code, so you only need to dial 305-6599. My Email is now MeunierCBSPS@ymail.com. Please change your Rosters.

Second, as approved by the Board, 1000 CBSPS Brochures have been printed. Those who were at the Italian Night General Meeting of September 6th were able to see them and take home as many as they need to help their recruiting efforts. Please let me know if you need any by contacting me at the above coordinates.

Third, Lt Larry A. Carr, P has been updating our www.CBSPS.com web site. Thanks, Larry. Please take a look at it at your leisure and send me your comments, if any, at the email listed above.

Last, but certainly not least, it seems we still have 74 Vessel safety Inspections year-to-date. That number is the same as last month's. Consequently, P/C Lance VandeBerg, P, has planned inspection days on Saturday, September 14th and Saturday, October 29th at Kelly Park. Inspectors, this is the opportunity to get over that magic number of 10 inspections for your Merit Mark. Members, please help those inspectors by calling them for an inspection of your boat, or your friends' boat, or your neighbors' boat, or... you get the picture?

I personally very much enjoyed our Italian Night. I know, I know...I was born and raised in France... but the food was delicious, the company agreeable and the "official" meeting the right length and format!! Thanks to all who participated.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
P/C Lance H. Vandenberg, P**



Our speaker for October 4th will be Karen Savage from Florida Memorial Gardens. Her talk will be on "Your Life Your Legacy". She will discuss how to bring peace of mind to yourself and your family and four simple steps to planning your final arrangement. You will also have an opportunity to receive a free personal planning guide.

This month our boating activity will be a fishing trip to Thousand Islands on the 29th and a raft up to watch the Cocoa Beach Air show.

Our executive board meeting will be held on October 27th at 6:00pm at the Merritt Island Library.

Our squadron has completed 74 vessel safety inspections so far this year and hopes to accomplish another 50 before year end. Anyone wanting to become an inspector should contact me and request a one day training class to become certified. Our next VSC event is scheduled for October 29th at Kelly Park.

I am looking forward to a wonderful cool fall and hope to see you all at our upcoming events.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C John F Mulkey, AP



Fall has finally arrived and soon the snowbirds will be returning to our Sunshine State. It will be good to see our old friends again.

We have started our Seamanship Class with eleven of our new members signing up for their first course. They passed our ABC3 Public Boating Course and accepted a free six-month trial membership.

The next ABC3 Class will begin October 1 and finish on October 8 at Cape Canaveral Hospital. The cost is \$25.00 for the book and \$10.00 for anyone sharing the book. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors when we have a public boating course. We can use all the publicity that we can get.

If you are interested in taking any of our classes, please let me know what your interests are. I know that there are members interested in taking Weather. There are some that would like to take Navigation and still others that have shown an interest in Engine Maintenance. Please email me at j.mulkey@bellsouth.net and let me know if you want to take any of these courses.

SECRETARY

LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Please... take the time to update your Roster with these changes.

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Coco-Nauts Corner
President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts held their most recent meeting at the Island Tiki Grill on September 14th. We had 14 ladies in attendance, which was great! Glad to see everyone that attended, and was especially glad to see Barbara Bakmazian, who recently had surgery! People in attendance even asked if we could have the October meeting at the Tiki Grill, but we advised them arrangements for that meeting had already been made. The Island Tiki Grill is open to the public, if you ever want to go there for breakfast or lunch Monday-Friday.

My thanks goes out to all the Coco-Nauts who sold or bought Macy's Shop for a Cause tickets. We raised around \$450, and it didn't require very much effort from our members, and maybe we will consider doing it again, if Macy's continues offering this to non-profit agencies! This was Macy's 6th year offering the Shop for a Cause ticket sale!

Our October meeting will be held at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge on Wednesday October 12th @1130a. You may buy your lunch there or bring a brown bag lunch. We will have our November lunch at Susan Forbes home on November 9th starting at 1130a. This meeting will be a salad luncheon, and we ask everyone to bring their favorite salad to share with others.

The Harvest Party, which is a Coco-Naut sponsored event will be held at a different location this year. It will be held November 6th 2011 at the Space Coast Association of Realtors starting at 2p. Please refer to the flyer on page 10 for the exact address.

October Birthdays

08 - Denise Stone
 18 - Carmen Milliken
 22 - Linda Granger





**D/LT/C Ernst G Hofmann, JN
Secretary**

The job of communicating with members is vital to any organization and usually is the secretary's responsibility. While there are a number of ways of accomplishing this – newsletters, e-mail messages, telephone calls, smoke signals – the keystone is the database that we have at our fingertips. USPS has a first-class database that we can access to accomplish our aims – DB2000.

This database is much more than a static listing of names and addresses – it allows the user to obtain data such as birthdays or find out who is a candidate for Junior Navigation and has taken the requisite courses.

Because of its many features, DB2000 may appear daunting at first; however, it keeps amplifying its scope and now offers YouTube tutorials to better understand and use it.

Squadron Secretaries play a key role in making DB2000 an accurate and timely tool. They are responsible for updating the squadron and member information and uploading it to National. Similarly, members need to transmit to their secretaries any personal changes. A year ago, I listed some mid-July statistics, which I have updated. D23 has the same number of members (967) with essentially the same quantity of e-mail addresses (708) and telephones listed (918 landlines and business) but the number of listed cell phone numbers almost doubled to 166. How long did it take me to gather this information? Less than three minutes.

Another area where DB2000 can be a huge labor saving device is in the preparation of directories. Because they become outdated almost weekly they should be updated periodically and not of just after the Change of Watch.

Secretaries can also make their life easier at year's end with the dreaded task of submitting the Historian Report. Of course, the data should be compiled continuously as the year marches on; then, when the time comes to fill in the blanks, a click on the FORMS button gets you started.

A current and clean database is an essential management tool for your Bridge and your committees – feel free to contact me if there are questions or roadblocks.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

September 2011

- 22 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 24 - Saturday, 1300 Treasure Hunt in CB canals - meet S. of 520 bridge
- 30 - Friday, District 23 Conference - Deland, FL

October 2011

- 01-02, Saturday - Sunday, District 23 Conference - Deland, FL
- 04 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 12 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts, luncheon meeting - Merritt Island Moose Lodge
- 27 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

November 2011

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center
- 05 - Saturday, Cocoa Beach Air Show Raft-up
- 06 - Sunday, 1400 Harvest Party, Space Coast Association of Realtors, Merritt Island
- 09 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Salad Luncheon - Susan Forbes Home
- 17 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 26 - Saturday, Over-Night Rendezvous to Capt Hiram

December 2011

- 03 - Saturday, 1700 Holiday Dinner Dance - Rockledge Country Club
- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 Holiday General Meeting, Egg-Nog & Cookie Party - Brevard Veteran's Center

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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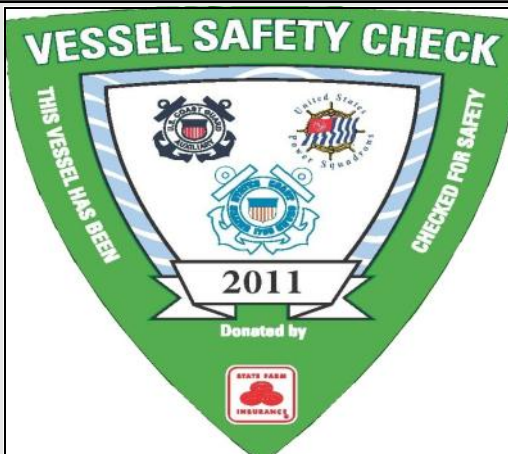
We have cancelled our October, Scott Siever's "Fishing Trip to Thousand Islands" for this year.

Saturday, November 5th, we have planned a "Raft-Up to watch the Cocoa Beach Air Show" When we get the list together we can decide to raft-up off-shore or inside, just south of the Sunset Café. Weather is a big factor. New member/boaters, we want you to join us. Call me on 452-5892 and let me get an interest list of members.

And now, you may have wondered about: --My Sea Ray 31 Foot Sedan Bridge Economy Project as commented on last year. Operating cost reduction is desired with a SRV 310 of 1982 Sea Ray Fly-bridge vintage. I have taken it out cruising maybe 4 times & I run the engines every 2 or 3 weeks. Cooler weather and health improvements will encourage more use this fall.

Norwegian Sun

The Norwegian Sun will be located at Port Canaveral from Oct. '11 thru Apr. '12. A group of 30 from our squadron have booked a cruise on Nov. 12th-19th! Looking forward to loads of fun!



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 19 October 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!



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Italian Night 06 September 2011





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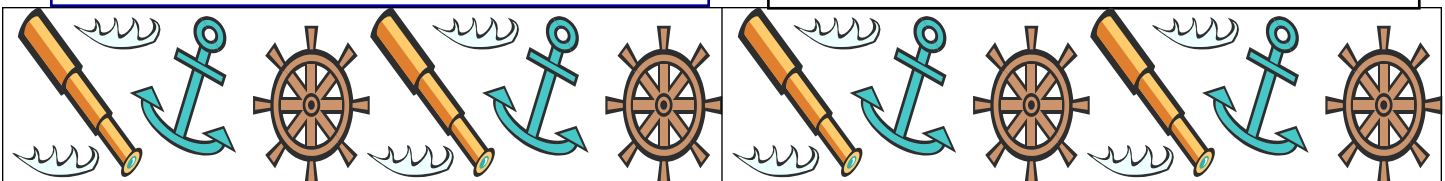
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