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Capt. Tom McGill: Speaker at October General Meeting

Tuesday, October 5 at 1900

The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron is very pleased to have Captain Tom McGill, the author of **The Florida Manatee Conspiracy of Ignorance** speak at the Power Squadron meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. His talk will cover how he became involved in the manatee issue, why he believes the manatee slow speed zones are ineffective and based on junk science, and why and how he wrote his book. He will also describe how a college student was inspired to use his book as the basis for a team debate which was entitled, "Boaters Love Manatees!!!"

Captain Tom McGill is a retired Executive of The Boeing Company. Preceding his retirement in 1994 he was Chief Engineer on the V-22 Osprey Helicopter program and Director of Systems Integration for the RAH-67 Comanche Helicopter program. He is a degreed Electrical Engineer and a graduate of Northwestern University Graduate School for Executive Management. He was one of the first recipients of the NASA Astronaut's Silver Snoopy Award and is listed in the Lunar Role of Honor for his contributions to the Apollo Program and the successful moon landings and returns. He was the Boeing Chairman for the Apollo 13 Investigation.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the Soundings is really more of a joint effort than ever.

Due to Charley, Frances, Ivan, Jeanne and the other forces of nature, the thoughts of CBPS members and their families were on many other important things than getting articles in for the Soundings on time. Because of that I thought my debut as the Soundings editor was going to be a "bust".

My deepest thanks go especially to Sandy and Rick Schoonmaker, Duane Balkema and Rhoda Bernbaum for help with formatting questions, Gary and Joann Monai for listening, and most of all, my husband Marty for all the support and encouragement in making this issue happen.

Thanks again to all! On to the next issue...

Linda Feldes



Cdr. Bud Miller had declared September "**LOUD AND PROUD MONTH**". Because our September meeting was cancelled twice courtesy of Ms. Frances, everyone is asked to show their pride in being affiliated with the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron by wearing their loudest and proudest attire to the October meeting on October 5 at 1900. The bridge will again set the tone with their colorful outfits. Let's start our fall season off with a huge turnout of **LOUD AND PROUD** people!

Another Casualty from Hurricane Frances

Lt. Joseph S. Auchter, AP is recovering from a nasty fall as he attempted to clean up debris at his home after Hurricane Frances. He fell from a stepladder, hit the seawall and landed on his back in Sykes Creek. Joe broke three vertebrae plus his left wrist. He was able to crawl out of the water and get to the house to call 911 for help. He was taken to Wuestoff Hospital for treatment. As of this writing he was still there, resting **uncomfortably** in Room 328.

Joe will be fitted with a body brace which he'll wear for at least three months. His wife Elizabeth said Joe's day of working on a ladder are "definitely over!"

CBPS members send their best wishes for a speedy recovery. Cards may be sent to Joe at Wuestoff Hospital, 110 Longwood Avenue, Rm. 328, Rockledge FL 32955 or to his home at 250 Malaga Court, Merritt Island, FL 32953.

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



At The Helm

Cdr Marion (Bud) A. Miller JN

What a month this been! Two hurricanes and a near miss. As I write this there is another Tropical Depression brewing. Frances really had an effect on the lives of all of us. Although our condo was not damaged, the boat docks were damaged and are in need of significant repair. We also lost power for four days and relied on a cooler, lots of batteries and flash lights, and ate food from a can until the power came back on. It took some getting used to listening to the radio in the dark at night, taking cold showers, and no access to the internet. But I'm not complaining. Judy and I endured this and came out in good shape. I'm sure all of you have some interesting stories to tell as well. There is no doubt that proper preparation is essential for survival during and after a hurricane. Although most members I have talked to did well, unfortunately I learned that Vince Barber and Charlie Vilardebo had lost their boats. That south/southeast wind was vicious!

I apologize for cancellation of the September meeting. The Veterans Memorial Center did not get power back in time and the other nights were booked for the month. Be advised that the October meeting will our "Loud and Proud" night, so all members are encouraged to show pride in being affiliated with our organization by wearing your loudest and proudest attire to the meeting. Also, please go back and read my last Soundings article as I plan to ask you a question regarding it's contents.

The recent Reverse Raffle was a rip roaring success! The Squadron met its fundraising goal and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun at this new event. I want to thank Lt's. Johnny and Ann McCandless, who planned and organized this event, for a job well done. Also, thanks go out to the Coco-Nauts who provided the delicious food, and Jon's Fine Jewelry, Chowders, and the Radisson Resort in Orlando for donating door prizes. In addition, we are most appreciative of being able to use a showroom at Fred Gay's Pontiac in Cocoa for the event.

Our Squadron Education Officer advises me that the number of students signing up for classes this Fall has been disappointing, especially Seamanship. A major objective of this Squadron is teaching boating. Our educational programs have always provided opportunity to learn from the best instructors that exist. I ask each of you to take advantage of what we have to offer, and sign up for a class. We recently took action to obtain the use of two classrooms at Cape Canaveral and Wuesthoff hospitals for no charge. However, we still pay significant rent to use two classrooms at the VMC. Filling these classrooms is a win-win situation. Students increase their knowledge of boating safety and marine skills while the Squadron receives a good return on the rental cost. You get my drift?

I just got back from attending the USPS Governing Board meeting in Jacksonville. Over 475 members from all over the USA were in attendance. Our District 23 Jacksonville squadron planned the event and did a marvelous job. I only attended the business meeting on Saturday and am pleased to announce our Coco-Nauts were recognized as one of four Auxiliaries that were runners-up for the largest membership percentage increase for last year.

I'm counting on all of you to support the Auction in November when asked.

Commander Bud Miller, JN

SEO REPORT

Lt./C Howard Bernbaum, SN

Well, we have certainly come through an interesting time. Two very close misses and, as of this writing 9-11, another one on its way. If our members would generate as much energy all our classes would be full to overflowing. Seamanship was supposed to begin September 9, however the Veterans' Center was without power as a result of Frances and the start was postponed to the 16th. The public Boating Course was also scheduled to begin on the 16th so this report may be totally in error. At the moment, Hurricane Ivan is lingering around Jamaica and is predicted to take a course along the west coast of Florida. Any change in Ivan's course could have a deleterious effect on the scheduled courses.

We regret that Cruise Planning, Sail, and Instructor Development did not materialize due to lack of interest. For those of you who indicated an interest, I apologize. However, it costs money and labor to put on a course and it has been the squadron's practice to require a minimum of 5 students for a course to make. If, at any time, there is sufficient interest in a particular course, it has also been the squadron's practice to provide a classroom and an instructor. We can only put together a schedule of classes, it is up to the members to provide enough bodies for the classes to make.

On a happier note, we are pleased to report that we are close to acquiring a new Junior Navigator. P/C Les Tribout, AP has passed his JN open and closed book exams. As soon as he turns in his sight folder and it is approved he will have done it. He can then turn his attention to the Navigation Course.

We hope that all of you came through Charley and Frances (and Ivan) with minimal damage and inconvenience. To the best of my knowledge, Frances was the closest a hurricane has ever come to this area. It wasn't a direct hit, but, we were on the wrong side of the storm and it did a lot of damage. I would not want to be in the area if it ever got a direct hit! Hopefully the hurricane season will now taper off and we can return to our regular activities which will include a lot of boating and boating education.

MERIT MARKS

Cdr Bud Miller, JN

Once each year a merit mark is awarded to a member by the USPS Commander for substantial effort in personally furthering the interests, programs and objectives of USPS, districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award which serves as the official recognition a member receives for his/her efforts in support of our squadron. Only one MM can be earned each year. A certificate is issued and a special insignie may be worn on a uniform.

All members are eligible to receive a MM who meet the above criteria. This includes officers, committee chairpersons, members and all others who have put forth significant effort on projects and tasks needed to maintain the operation of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. Some examples of these tasks or projects are: Providing Refreshments, Facility Setup for meetings, Teaching a Class, Proctoring and Supporting a Boating Class, Inspecting at Least 10 Boats, Ship's Store, Co-op Charting Participation, Auction and other Fundraiser Support, Coordinating Speaker Programs, Boating and Entertainment Activities, and serving as a chairperson or active member on the many committees involved.

Please take this seriously. Although Bridge Officers are responsible to recommend members for merit marks, members who believe they are eligible to receive one are encouraged to submit a brief write-up to your Bridge Officer stating the project or activity worked on, accomplishments, and estimated hours of work performed.

Time is of the essence. All MM recommendations must be submitted to our MM coordinator, Lt. Lea Collins, by October 17, 2004. More information regarding the Merit Mark program can be obtained by referring to the Operations Manual, Chapter 16, which is online at the USPS Website.



Coco-Nauts' Corner
Barbara Millner, President

First of all, I'd like to give a big welcome to our newest members! We've been joined by Linda Feldes, Donna Longway, Josie McComb and Ann O'Malley. We look forward to having them with us. Our group has grown VERY close to seventy!

Our regular meeting is scheduled for 11:30 AM on October 13th at the Stonewood rec room. As a reminder, this is a salad luncheon, so start thinking of some kind of salad to share. We're always amazed at the different types that are brought to these luncheons. Your contact person will be calling with details. If a message has been left for you on your answering machine, please get back to your caller. Since Stonewood is gated, we need an exact number of people and names so you can get in. Our speaker for this meeting will be Jane Blanton who will be sharing her love of dolls and will bring some of her favorites.

October birthdays for Coco-Nauts include:

- October 5th — Gwynne Barber
- October 8th — Denise Stone
- October 18th — Carmen Milliken
- October 29th — Linda Feldes

Please welcome our newest member!
Add this information to your CBPS roster:

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Social Hour: 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Cold Hors d'oeuvre tray

Dinner: 5:45 to 7:00 PM

Menu: Smoked Pork Chop, Chicken Hunter Style
(rolled chicken breast topped with mushrooms
and mozzarella), Tossed Salad, Rice Pilaf,
Red Cabbage, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce

Dessert: German Chocolate Cake,
Carrot Cake, Assorted Pastries

Beverages: Coffee and tea included
Beer - \$1.00 Wine - \$2.00

Cost: \$20.00 person (tax and gratuity included)

Reservations and money are due no later than Wednesday, October 20, 2004.
Please call Johnny or Ann McCandless at 253-6243.





GALAXY 23

From the District 23 Bridge
D/Lt/C Donald C. Clark, JN, Secretary

When asked to address the subject of DB2000, I thought of who my audience might be in the squadrons: Commanders, who have responsibility for everything? Secretaries, who may or may not do the actual key-work on the computer but who have the responsibility to the commander? The assistant Secretary, perhaps, if any? or The Information Technology Chairman, who may or may not do the key-work? But what about the general membership? That includes most of our people who probably have no reason to work with DB2000, but who should know basically what it is.

What is DB2000? It is the USPS database system for keeping records of the USPS members. It is a computer program (or application). Together with another application, Report Wizard, it comprises a special purpose database manager designed to assist squadron and district officers with duties involving analysis and reporting on membership, education, merit marks, and communications. There are 57 data fields in the USPS roster files with historical information on every member. Many of these can not be changed by the squadron, because they are maintained exclusively by HQ.

In October, we turn the corner of our bridge year and begin to focus on some year-end tasks. Preparation of the District 23 Directory of Officers, by the secretary, is one. Early preparation for this task can make publishing of the directory easy. First, if the DB2000 database is properly maintained (kept current), one could do the directory directly from DB2000 by tagging the member's records which you have selected as officers and run a roster from the accurate personnel data provided. All year, in my Secretary's Newsletter, I have been encouraging the squadron secretaries to keep the member information in DB2000 updated. Now, I expand this to focus on everyone who has responsibility.

The squadron membership can benefit from up-to-date rosters, also. DB2000 allows the squadron officers to communicate easily by the publication of accurate phone numbers and especially e-mail addresses. Members who just want to contact each other can use an accurately done roster for phone numbers, e-mail, and other information provided from a roster done on DB2000. Nothing is more frustrating for the telephone chairman, for instance, than to be working from an incorrect roster. Rosters from DB2000 can be configured in many ways, to include those you design and customize.

DB2000 is now preferred by HQ for submission of Merit Marks. Being able to use the data in the database makes it very easy for the user. Names, certificate numbers, etc. will be correct and need not be typed in.

Did you know that you can also get valuable information from the District 23 website? Find important dates or information about activities in District 23 by calling up: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d23/>.

September Boating Course Off to a "Smashing" Start

The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron began its final boating course for 2004 on September 16th at the Veterans' Center in Merritt Island. Peter Schmidt reported 30 participants showed up for the first night of class. Pete said that in spite of Charley, Frances and the threat of Ivan, the class participants showed their spirit as true Floridians, taking it all in stride, eager to learn the principles of safe boating. It was a "smashing turnout."

The class runs for eight weeks on Thursdays from 1900 hrs to 2100 hrs. There's still time to participate even if you missed the first class.

If you are interested taking the boating class or know someone who is, please contact Peter at 321-455-9366 or send him an email at grumpy8864@aol.com.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER:

01-03-Friday-Sunday; District 23 Conference; Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort; Melbourne
05-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting; Veterans' Memorial Center
13-Wednesday; 1130; Coco-Nauts Salad Luncheon & Speaker; Stonewood Rec Room
16-Saturday; Poker Run Boating Event; North & south of Rt. 520 Bridge on Banana River
23-Saturday; 1700-1900; Oktoberfest; Pumpernickle's in Titusville
26-Tuesday; 1830; Exec. Board Meeting; Merritt Island Library; N. Courtenay Pkwy.

NOVEMBER:

01-Monday; 1800; CBPS Auction, Comfort Inn, Cocoa Beach
02-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting; Veterans' Memorial Center; **ELECTION DAY – VOTE!!!**
06-07-Saturday-Sunday; 1300; Overnight Cruise to Marker 21
10-Wednesday; 1230; Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon; Cape Canaveral Library
15-Monday; Merit Mark information due to area monitor
17-Wednesday; 0900-1100; Blood Bank; Veterans' Memorial Center
21-Thursday; 1400; Coco-Nauts Harvest Party; Veterans' Memorial Center
23-Tuesday; 1900-2100; Exec. Board Meeting; Merritt Island Library; N. Courtenay Pkwy.

CBPS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Parkway. Breakfast and light lunches are available.



THE AUCTION IS COMING, THE AUCTION IS COMING !!!

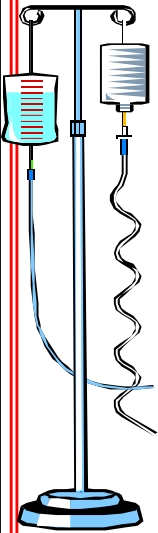
**COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON ANNUAL AUCTION
IS COMING NOVEMBER 1ST
Lt. Jim O'Malley: Auction Chairperson**

Yesterday I made the first pickup at SeaRay. They made a generous donation of materials and supplies. They are excellent supporters of the our squadron.

Last month I asked for your assistance. All I can say is that the response was woefully lacking. I need volunteers **IMMEDIATELY**. I held off from making personal phone calls but that time has passed. I will be contacting people within the squadron for their assistance in soliciting donations and also for working at the auction. Much time has been lost due to the impacts from hurricanes Charley and Frances. Jeanne is now on the horizon. I can only say that the AUCTION is a club function and requires active participation from the membership to make it a success. I ask you consider the assistance requested above. Decide which you would be willing to perform so that you can tell me when I call. My current plan of attack is to call the membership next week and have active solicitation beginning no later than Oct 1. A compilation of auction items will follow shortly thereafter. Please help our club with this significant fundraiser.

Blood Bank Report

Lt Barbara Millner, S



Donors may be temporarily deferred if the iron level in their blood is not satisfactory. Women usually have lower iron levels than men. However, iron levels can change on a daily basis, depending on a variety of factors, including diet and exercise. Just because your iron level is low today and you were not able to donate, it is very possible you will be able to donate tomorrow. If it is determined that your iron levels are very low and the possibility of anemia exists, the Blood Center recommends that you see your physician.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our schedule for donating will be off by a little. Our next date for donation is set for December 1st at the Veterans' Center.

Prepare for the Bad Weather

P/C Gregory Absten, AP Marathon, FI Squadron

This article appeared in the September issue of The Ensign in the Hot Tips section. It was written by P/C Gregory Absten, AP from the Marathon Florida Squadron.

Since it's still hurricane season, it's appropriate to discuss how to prepare your boat for such a storm. First, it's best to keep your boat in a protected anchorage or creek, but sometimes those aren't options. If you normally leave your boat at a dock, in a marina or along a seawall, consider anchoring your boat in the middle of a canal instead. No matter where you leave your boat to weather the storm, do the following:

- ▶ Leave plenty of length on each line to allow for tidal surges, rising sea levels and the elasticity of your nylon lines.
- ▶ Use as many lines as your cleats will accommodate.
- ▶ Remember that redundancy is important. Lines can chafe so make use of your boat's strong cleats. If you have chafe gear, use it.
- ▶ Always tie low on whatever object you use to decrease the leverage.
- ▶ Tighten all lines as much as possible.
- ▶ If you have room, place an anchor several feet in front of the boat to secure it.
- ▶ Remove any equipment that could unfurl, become dangerous or damage your boat.
- ▶ Seal the boat against driving rain and sea spray.

Read more about hurricane preparation at Mr. Absten's Web site,

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Boating Events and Hurricanes

P/C Duane Balkema, AP

Boating Chairman

We need more of one and none of the other as I see it. Charlie and Frances caused quite a few folks problems. I had a canvas cover shredded on the Wellcraft, but I suspected that when I left it on the boat. Both were up a canal in Satellite Beach at my daughter's house. Other members may have fared much worse. Wish all of you the best on righting things.

Personally, I am now finding out how the steering works on my Wellcraft Gran Sport 34. It failed on the trip down just before entering Mathers Bridge, right after I had called for it to be opened for me. I continued on a bit after it failed, steering with throttles. But as I went further, I realized that safety was of the most concern, and I turned around and headed home. I notified the Melbourne Harbormaster of my problem and cancelled the slip.

We had 10 boats participate in our **"Cruise to Melbourne Harbor"** on the 28th of August. 1-Bernbaums, 2-Lynns, 3-Susan Lynn, daughter & Son-in-Law in a brand new delivered that day boat, 4-Milners, 5-O'Malleys, 6-Schoonmakers, 7-Vilardebo & Cdr Miller, 8-Valentines & Johnsons, 9-Whites, and 10-Balkemas all participated by boat. A number of other people visited by car. The next morning I got to visit with several members and help with boat departures. Everyone had a good time, even if there was the usual afternoon rainstorm and a couple of problems. Thanks for participating.

Please mark Saturday, October 16, on your schedule as the **Next Boating Event, "The Poker Run"**. It can be a lot of fun, picking up playing cards at 5 locations, by boat, and looking for the best hand. Come and enjoy. Speed is **not** a requirement.

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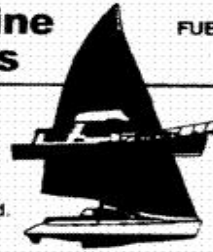
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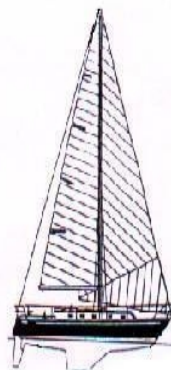
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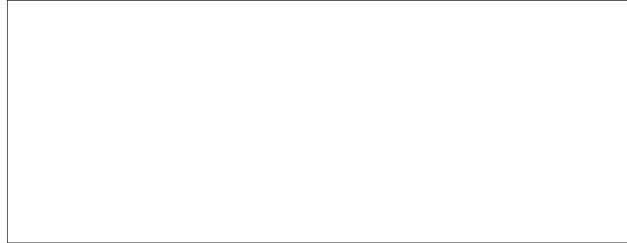
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