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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2005, 1900

Cocoa Civic Center

430 Delannoy Avenue, Cocoa Village

Guest Speaker: County Commissioner Ron Pritchard

He will be discussing the plan for Brevard County to purchase two marinas on Merritt Island and open them for public use. We are pleased to have him come to speak to us about this project. Plan to be at the meeting so you can get the information about these publicly run marinas firsthand!!!

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THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

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

AT THE HELM

Commander John Mulkey, P



Merri and I have been watching the unbelievable destruction that has happened along the Gulf Coast. The amount of damage done by wind and water from Hurricane Katrina, as well as the huge amount of lives lost, is hard to comprehend. We have on the Space Coast been very lucky that we've not been hit with anything even close to this magnitude.

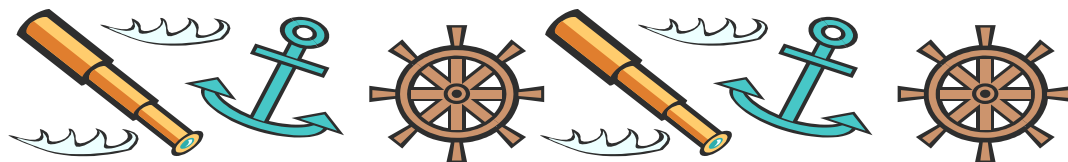
In comparison, last year's hurricanes were just a minor inconvenience for the CBPS. We missed the September 4, 2004 Membership Meeting. The District 23 Conference had to be cancelled and our Public Boating Course had to be moved around a few times.

By the time you receive your "Soundings" the 2005 District 23 Fall Conference will be history. I am positive that it will have been a huge success! P/C Bud Miller, JN and his crew deserve much thanks for all their hard work. Many hours from many people went into "planning" and "manning" this conference.

Our Fall Boat Smart Class will start October 5, at 1830, at Cape Canaveral Hospital. If you haven't been asked to be a Proctor and would like to help out, please call Lt. Peter Schmidt, P, chairman.

We need your support to make our 2005 "Fundraiser Night" a success. See Lt. Johnny McCandless, P, or Lt/C Ann McCandless, S, and get your reverse raffle tickets. Maybe the secret to winning is to buy them with \$2.00 bills, right Joe?

Lt. Doris Valentine has agreed to fulfill P/C Susan Kneeland's term on the Nominations Committee. They will be looking for hard working, capable and responsible people to work together on the 2006 Bridge. When contacted by the Nominations Committee, remember that is a compliment. They believe that you are the kind of person mentioned above.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

Take a minute and look at the CBPS Calendar for October/November and you will realize that this is a very active squadron! It looks like we are fulfilling the USPS Mission:

To promote recreational boating safety through education, civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.

We have such a great variety of activities for our members. From our regular meetings with informative speakers to social events, boating events and our educational program that includes both our membership classes and the public Boat Smart Course, we are a busy bunch.

To help us support our squadron and its public education programs we need to conduct fundraisers. This year we are repeating our successful Reverse Drawing. It would be especially helpful if everyone bought just ONE Reverse Drawing ticket and maybe even be a big winner of \$1,200.00!!!!

An up-date of the status of the Vessel Safety Exams: we are still 19 short of our goal of 300 with several examiners who have not completed the required 5 exams to maintain their proficiency. The VSE's are based upon a calendar year so each of those Examiners has a few months to contribute to our goal.

Lt. Bob Schaefer, P, reports that CBPS 's Co-op charting effort is now third in the district (oops) with only 4 folks reporting. This program goes through next March so we have the time; we just need the people power to rise to the top.

I want to commend the squadron members who were in attendance at the September meeting. In lieu of the 50-50 Raffle, we agreed to donate the proceeds to the Katrina Hurricane Relief. An outstanding response of \$105.00 has been sent to the American Red Cross in the name of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron.

SEO REPORT

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN

The Educational Department continues to be busy with teaching and planning ahead for future activities. On 19 August, Cocoa Beach Power Squadron members completed teaching a special three-session Boat Smart course to fourteen employees of Sea Ray. Teaching the course were our commander, Cdr John Mulkey, P, Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN, Roger Cowles, Joe Ayala, and your SEO. Lt Pete Schmidt, P, handled registrations and prepared all cards and certificates.

Three members took the Instructor Development course exam at the Cocoa Library on 3 August and are now awaiting the results of the exam. This course was ably taught by Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, and is well recommended to any member who would like to improve their ability at public presentations. The atmosphere is friendly and supportive and the cost is FREE! Sandy likes to teach the course to small classes and says she's willing to teach it again if there's a demand. Let me know if you're interested.

Cruise Planning continues at our classroom at Wuesthoff Hospital with Lt John Lynn, P, as the instructor. The course will probably be completed by the time you are reading this. If you haven't taken this one, you are missing a practical and interesting course, great for those who are thinking about that long cruise. For this course, John even had a hands-on class aboard his 35' sloop, *TUIT*.

Next course coming up will be the NEW Advanced Piloting course, starting Thursday, 22 September, at Wuesthoff Hospital. Lt Jim O'Malley, AP, will be the instructor and it promises to be quite a change from the old emphasis on manual plotting. Although traditional DR is still included, the course will emphasize use of GPS and chart plotters. Students will even get a CD with their course material. If it's not too late, give me a call and I'll order you a book and you can join the class in progress.

Finally, the Boat Smart course is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, 5 October, at Cape Canaveral Hospital. This is an "all hands" evolution for which we need proctors, spare proctors and administrators. Pete Schmidt will be in charge but, since he's away on vacation, he's asked me to sign up volunteers. Give me a call if you're interested. It's our main public service effort and something that's gives a real feeling of satisfaction to those who help out. We also enjoy coffee and ice cream afterward at Steak & Shake.

Incidentally, my phone number is 635-9455. Call me for anything to do with EDUCATION.

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Administrative Officer's Report Lt./C Ann McCandless, S

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bud Miller and the faithful members who gave so much time and energy into making the D23 2005 Fall Conference such a huge success. Your dedication to the Power Squadron organization is certainly appreciated. Thanks for a JOB WELL DONE!!

Monday, November 7, is the FUNDRAISER NIGHT for YOUR Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. The money that is raised that evening will give the 2006-2007 Bridge the funds with which to operate YOUR organization. FUNDRAISER NIGHT will bring several opportunities for you!! You may want to donate \$25 in return for an opportunity to take home \$1200.!! SUCH A DEAL!! And, of course, Marian Sweigart and Marilyn Flanigan are working hard to make the SILENT AUCTION a success that evening. There will be food and libations and lots of fun seeing who will win money, the BIG POT, and the door prizes. So come on out and plan to purchase something from the Silent Auction and get tickets for the 50/50 drawing also.

Put Monday, November 7 on your calendar and plan to be at the Civic Center 1800hrs (6:00pm) **that's MONDAY, November 7**, to help raise the money needed for next year's budget. It should be fun for everyone. SEE YOU THERE.

See Johnny McCandless, 253-6243, mccan@vol.com or Gary and JoAnn Monai, 799-3635, gmonai@cfl.rr.com, for more information.

Secretary's Report Lt/C J P Longway III, S

As usual, I would once again like to thank those Sounding's sponsors for continuing to renew their offerings, as well as the generosity of new sponsors.

This past month presented some challenges for the Soundings and Distribution staff. As a result of the recent personnel changes, the transition was seamless, and the turnaround for publication and distribution was an exemplary effort, given this was the new Editor's and Distribution Chairman's first issue. The September issue was produced and submitted to the Post Office for distribution on 22 August. Their goal for the October issue was refining a quality document and making distribution during the week of 12-16 September.

Note: Please direct all future inputs for inclusion within The Soundings directly to Lt Donna Longway, S at either her E:Mail address, boosterx2002@yahoo.com, or 2049 Sykes Creek Dr., Merritt Island, FL 32953. All information is required to be submitted by the 10th of each month for inclusion in the next issue.)

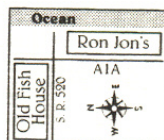
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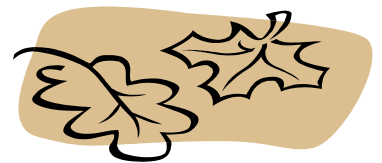


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NOVEMBER 5-6, 2005

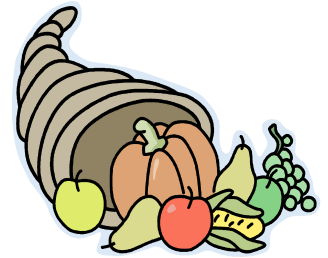
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Activities Cocoa Beach, Florida



Friday (September 30, 2005)

1500 - 1800 -- Registration / Ships Store / Raffle Tickets

1600 - 1800 – Hospitality Suite

1900 - 2200 – Tailgate Party & Beach Blanket Barbeque - Tiki Lawn

Saturday (October 1, 2005)

0730 - 0830 – Breakfast, D23 Bridge

0800 - 1200 – Registration / Ships Store (close @ 1600) / Raffle Tickets

0800 - 0930 – Hospitality Suite

0900 - 1000 – Department Meetings

1000 - 1200 – Seminars

Coop Charting – Bob Small

DB 2000 – Stan Hartman & Kristi Anderson

Vessel Safety Checks – Les Tribout, TBA

Leadership – Dick Peoples

Hurricane Preparedness – Don Clark & Invited Guest Speaker

0900 - 130 – Blue Dolphin Cruise (Actual Cruise is 0930- 1100)

1215 - 1315 – Lunch

1330 - 1400 – District Council Meeting

**1400 - 1600 – Conference (Includes 15 min. Leadership and
Membership Presentations to whole conference)**

1330 - 1430 – Gourmet Cooking Demonstration

1630 - 1800 – Hospitality Suite

1830 - 1930 - Social Hour Cash Bar

1930 - 2200 – Banquet

Sunday (October 2, 2005)

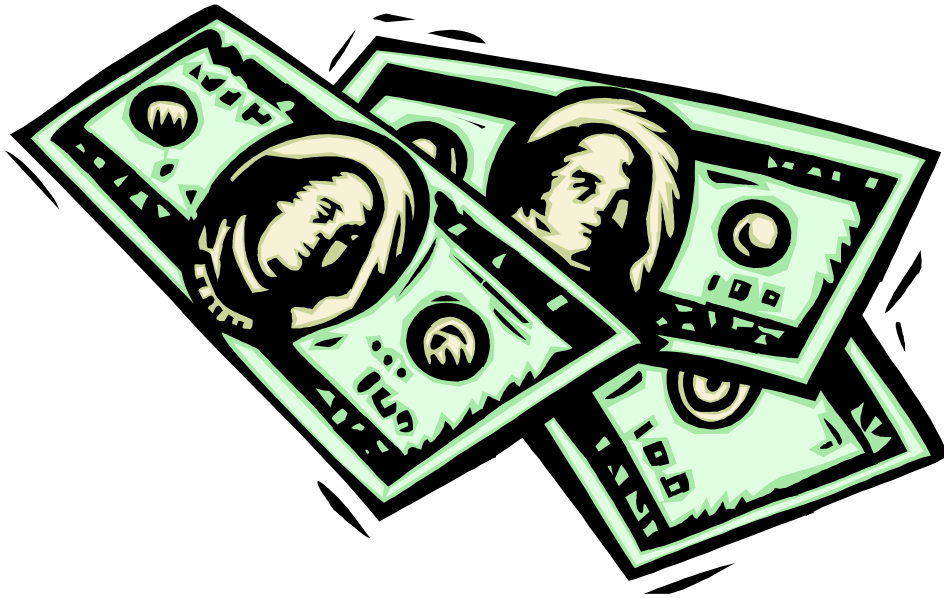
0830 - 1030 – “N” Club Breakfast

Captain Earl McMillin, TBA

Uniform – Friday Evening: Sports Team Attire

Saturday – Day: Uniform G. Evening: Uniform A W/Bow Tie or Appropriate Attire

Sunday – Breakfast: Casual



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For Information, CONTACT Johnny McCandless, 253-6243

or

JoAnn and Gary Monai, 799-3635

EVENT	DATE	CONTACT	PHONE #	LOCATION
District 23 Fall Conference	30 Sept. - 2 Oct. Friday - Sunday	P/C Bud Miller	638-1247	Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach
Planetarium	October 20 Thursday, 1800 Hrs	Doris Valentine	452-1835	Brevard Comm. Coll. Cocoa
D23 Rendezvous	October 23 Sunday, 1000hrs - ?????	Joe Murray, D23 District .Cruise Chair. JMurray100@aol.com	(352) 753-9375	Hickory Point Park, on Lake Harris
Operations Training Class	Nov. 3, 10, 17. 1830 - 2030 Hrs Thursdays	Ann McCandless Class taught by Fred Adame	253-6243	Villas HOA Clubhouse, Suntree
Fundraiser Night	Nov. 7, 1800 - 2000 Hrs Monday	McCandless and Monais	253-6243 799-3635	Cocoa Civic Center
Harvest Party	Nov 20, 1400 - 1600 Hrs Sunday	Coco-Nauts Barb Millner	452-0500	Cocoa Civic Center
Holiday Dinner Dance	Dec. 16, 1800 - 2200 Hrs Friday	Betty Craven	253-9448	Cocoa Civic Center
Change of Watch	Feb. 19, 2006 1600hrs - 1900hrs (4:00 - 7:00pm) Sunday	C/John Mulkey	633-0094	Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

P/R/C Jane Schnoor, S authored an article in the September/October issue of the "The Ensign".
Jane provided some very informational insight, as to her and husband P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN recent experience, given their participation in an Elderhostel program that took place in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. This article will also have you longing for a visit.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

SEPT:

- 27 - Tuesday, 1830, Exec. Board Mtg, Merritt Island Library
- 29 - Thursday, Blood Mobil, Veterans' Memorial Center
- 30 - Friday, District 23 Tailgate Party, 1900, Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach

OCTOBER:

- 01 - Saturday, District 23, Fall Conference & Formal Dinner
- 02 - Sunday, District 23, Fall Conference "N" Club Breakfast
- 04 - Tuesday, 1900, General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 05 - Wednesday, 1900, Boating Course, Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 12 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts, Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach
- 20 - Sunday, District 23, Hickory Point Park Rendezvous
- 25 - Tuesday, 1900-2100, Exec. Board Mtg, Merritt Island Library
- 29 - Saturday, 1500, Boat Cruise, Halloween on Water Ski Island

NOVEMBER:

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900, General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 03, 10, 17 - Thursday, 2030, Operations Training Classes, Villas HOA Clubhouse
- 05/06 - Saturday & Sunday, Indian River Destination Marker 21
- 07 - Monday, Fundraiser Night; 1800, Cocoa Civic Center
- 20 - Sunday, Harvest Party; 1400, Cocoa Civic Center
- 22 - Tuesday, 1900-2100, Exec. Board Mtg, Merritt Island Library
- 24 - Thursday, 0900 - TBD, Blood Mobile, Veterans' Memorial Center

CBPS 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.

Members are also invited to meet for a casual get together at Murdock's in Cocoa Village on Friday afternoons.

Coco-Nauts' Corner

Barbara Millner, President

Our October 12th meeting will be held at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn in Cocoa Beach. Price for the lunch is \$12. This is to be a buffet luncheon as we had in March, and the price includes the tip and tax. We need to have an accurate head count, so please get back with your caller if she's left a message on your answering machine and let her know if you are able to attend. Ed and Carolyn Bonnett have recently traveled to China, and Ed will be showing pictures of their trip. I'm sure it will be interesting, and hope to see you there!

Coco-Nauts with October birthdays include:

5th—Gwynne Barber

8th—Denise Stone

18th—Carmen Milliken

22nd—Linda Granger

29th—Linda Feldes



"A NIGHT AT THE PLANETARIUM"

Thursday, October 20th @ 1800

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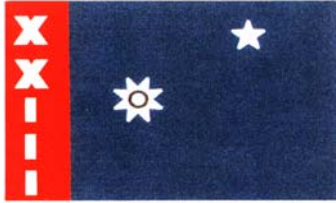
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GALAXY 23

From the District 23 Bridge
D/Lt/C Stan Hartman D-23 Secretary

It is time again for the nominating committee to begin its work both on the District level and the Squadron level. Remember that the nominee for Squadron Education Officer (SEO) has to be submitted 60 days prior to your election of all of the officers on your anniversary date. This is because the SEO has to be approved by the National Educational Officer (NEO) or the District Educational Officer (DEO) if directed by the NEO. The rest of the Officer core should be named and ready for elections by the Squadron early enough to be published in your newsletter prior to the elections. All of this takes time and that time can get away from you if your committee doesn't get started early. We all know that we need seasoned people to fill these positions but don't forget that a good way to involve the newer members is to get the assistant positions and committee positions filled with some of the new members.

Speaking of involvement! The District Conference Meetings are a good place to see how the District and the Squadron operate. The department meetings are held by the District Bridge officer to help all of the counterparts in each of the squadrons to operate more efficiently and to answer any questions that you may have. We can not help you if don't attend, don't ask questions, don't call, or don't e-mail us. The District is the link between National and the Squadron and it is our purpose to help the squadrons function properly and smoothly. Give us a try!

The Winter Council Meeting in January will again be a **"Step Up Meeting"** to the next office meeting. This is the opportunity for the new Officers to see how each department works and to meet his or her counter part at the District level. Commanders will receive a New Commanders Package and each Bridge Officer will receive information on how to do their jobs and how to find information to make it easier. We need every Officer of the "New Bridge" to be at these meetings and to participate not just listen.


Now for the best part! The social aspect of these meetings is the best part. Meeting your fellow counter part from the other squadrons in the district and the other Officers as well is the really a great experience. I know some of you are very shy and so am I but I am getting over that initial hump and find the experience very fulfilling. The night I was sworn in as the District Secretary was very special to me. The Chief Commanders representative for the Spring Conference was National Executive Officer Ernest Marshburn. Ernie and his wife made me and my wife feel like we had known them for several years. This total openness is what we want all of you to feel at these meetings. This keeps the friendship flowing which make the information a lot easier to pass along to all of you. This is what USPS is all about

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Tropical Spinach Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
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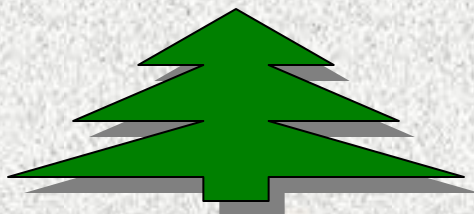
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**District 23 Fall Cruise and Rendezvous
Sunday, October 23, 2005(Rain or Shine)**

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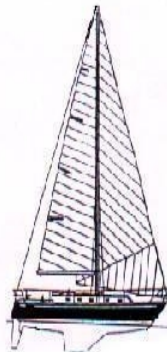
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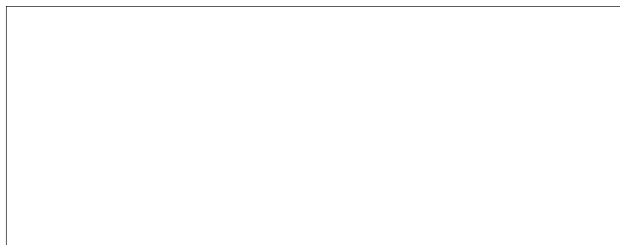
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