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Tuesday, September 5th is Italian night!

It will be held at Kiwanis Island and will start at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Beer, wine, soft drinks and paper goods will be provided. The CBPS general meeting will follow dinner. Share your favorite Italian recipe and visit with your Squadron friends. Sign-up in advance is a must !!



*Looking forward to seeing you there!!!
Contact F/Lt Charlie or Angie Vilardebo at "number1@oleanderpointe.com"*



GALAXY 23

From the District Bridge

District 23 Commander Les Tribout, AP

“LOOKING AHEAD”

“Where have we been and what have we accomplished so far this Spring & Summer” ?

I know stepping in as D23 Commander in March - I hit the ground running and it still has not slowed much. I have been fortunate to have terrific Bridge Officers who have taken care of all the D23 & Squadron business. We started working together as your D23 Bridge last January at the D23 Winter Council, putting together Budgets, Rosters, Schedules and Chairmen for 2006-‘07, then the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando and swearing in at the Jacksonville March 2006 Spring Conference. We have had Bridge meetings, a Summer Council meeting, a very successful D23 Annual Picnic sponsored by Titusville Squadron and now working with the 2006 Fall Conference host, Banana River S & P Squadron, in setting up the Conference Scheduled Activities.

“Congratulations” to Banana River Sail & Power Squadron, Celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

“Looking Ahead” to the Fall & Winter activities - We are now in the final preparations for the D23 Fall Conference, 6 - 8 October ‘06, at the Imperial Hotel in Melbourne. Be sure to get your reservations in early so we can interface with the Hotel and make sure all your needs are met.

We have a full line-up of Department Meetings, Workshops, Hospitality Room and Council & Conference meetings to have fun and take care of District & Squadron business. Also, be sure to plan on attending Banana River S&P Squadrons Friday evening 50th Anniversary Party and the introduction of their “New Burgee”.

“Make Plans for these Coming Events” 21 Jan.’07 D23 Winter Council, 20-25 Feb’07

USPS Annual Meeting is in Jacksonville and the 23-25 March ‘07 D23 Spring Conference is in Altamonte Springs.

Shifting gears - it’s Merit Mark submittal time again. Time to thank all those members who have performed substantial service to the Squadron, District & USPS from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006. They are due to your M/M Chairmen by 15 October. The period from 15 October to the end of the year can be estimated by looking at the schedule of work that still lies ahead and what members will be required to perform.

M/M’s are the only way we have to reward our members who serve our Squadrons and this great organization. Be sure not to leave anyone out - if you do miss someone the first go around - you can do a re-submittal, but it causes a lot of extra work for several departments.

Talking about serving the organization - your Nominating Committee will soon be starting to assemble your “Incoming Bridge & Chairmen” for next year. When approached and asked to serve - please give it serious thought, say yes and step up to serve and help your Squadron & District in 2007 - ‘08. They asked you for a reason - you have a talent we can use to serve and further the goals of the Squadron, District and National. We need your leadership!

Also, one of the most important tasks for the Squadron, District & National is in assembling the Rosters for next year. It is vital that all the Rank, Grade, ID’s, Addresses, E-mail, Mates Names, etc., are inputted into our Rosters correctly. It is especially important when working with the National Roster (DB2000). I recommend you give this task to a member who is computer literate and has possibly worked with the system and this type of information before.

By the time you read this, your D23 Bridge members will have been to the USPS 2006 New York Governing Board Meeting. We are all looking forward to going and we will give you all a report at the 6 - 8 Oct. Fall Conference in Melbourne.

My heart goes out to the families of those members who have “Crossed the Bar” this year and we will keep those of us who are left to carry on in our prayers. Those who can and will - step up and take a position, take a course, teach a course or help in anyway you can.

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We welcome comments,
boating stories and any
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AT THE HELM

Commander Sandy Schoonmaker, SN



Summer is officially over and for most folks that means it is time to settle down and resume a “normal” life style. That, unfortunately, is not the case for those of us in the hurricane prone locations where our peaceful autumnal activities can be disrupted at any time. Hopefully this will not happen with the frequency of the past two years.

In the meantime, we welcome back all our members who had hoped to avoid the summer heat by traveling elsewhere. (Didn’t always work out as planned, however!) We are looking forward to a variety of “brag shirts” at the annual Italian Night meeting on 05 September at Kiwanis Park. This is always a popular event so please sign up in advance so we have enough supplies of everything!

Locally our summer featured two boating events: the Fourth of July Raft-up with three boats and nine people and the Indian River Queen Paddle Wheel Boat with 124 passengers! Being out on the water seems to be a common draw for members of CBPS and there were no storms to spoil our fun.

Over the lazy days of summer a few stalwart Vessel Safety Examiners did a few boat exams; few are the figurative word to this! Lt. Charlie Dodds, SN has added some new examiners to the ranks which will hopefully help us reach our goal of 300 exams this year. Education is the largest contribution we make to our community and a vessel safety exam is a one-on-one educational opportunity. Now that summer is over, let’s get out there and reach our goal.

Autumn also is the time for us to provide a public boating education course. There is a class starting 06 September. Instructors and proctors at the Boat Smart Course play an invaluable role in the education process and volunteers are always needed. P/C John Mulkey, P is the person to contact.

Fall also offers the opportunity for us to become educated. P/D/C Fred Adame has a full schedule of courses explained in his article. It’s not too late to sign up!

A heads-up to a couple of D23 events in October. The D23 Conference will be held at the Imperial Hotel in Melbourne and should be a great chance for us to socialize with other squadrons. Then on October 28th there will be another district picnic at Hickory Park on Lake Harris. Details for both are included in this month’s Soundings. Traditionally both of these events are well attended by CBPS so mark your calendars and send in your registration forms!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

P/Lt/C Mike Stone, P

As we are in the peak of the summer boating, we should pause and evaluate our safety preparations for boating outings. Before leaving, check the boat for any mechanical problems, battery charge, oil levels, operational bilge pumps and any other items that might be needed while out on the water. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return, so if you run into trouble, assistance can be provided. Make sure that all your safety items on board are current and operational. A good way to do this is to have a CBPS vessel examiner do a courtesy inspection of your boat. Remember, boat operation and alcohol do not mix. Operating while under the influence can endanger you and others as well as becoming quite costly if you are stopped by law enforcement personnel.

Enjoy your boating this summer and have a great, safe summer.

SEO REPORT

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN

Don't forget our next Boat Smart class will start early this year, specifically on Wednesday, 6 September, and it will be held at Cape Canaveral Hospital beginning at 1900. This is a four week course. P/C John Mulkey, P, is the Chairman of the Local Board for Boating running the course, ably assisted by Peter Schmidt, P. They will be needing proctors and a few instructors.

The next course for our members will be a special course on operation of a GPS. This is the course Lt Jack Wurst, AP, talked about at the July general meeting. It's going to be taught in the cafeteria classroom at Wuesthoff Hospital and will run for three weeks beginning on 21 August. There is no examination: just sit back, relax and learn. We have quite a few sign-ups already and space is limited. If you interested, sign up now.

Marine Electronics now has an instructor. Howard Bernbaum, SN, has volunteered to teach with Gary Monai, P, helping out as available. This course will also be taught at Wuesthoff (we love those hospitals...to teach in, that is) and will begin on Monday, 18 September. Marine Electronics is a really interesting course and a great follow-on course to the GPS class. It's not too technical, and covers the ship's electrical systems along with the theory of radar, radio and other position finding systems. It's a course everyone can enjoy. If you sign up early, you will be guaranteed a book on the first night of the course. Call me at 635-9455 to sign up.

Next course on the horizon will be Seamanship, to be taught by R/C's Dick and Jane Schnoor, SN, at the Cocoa Library. This course will follow the Boat Smart course and will start in October. If you haven't taken Seamanship, now's the time.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S

As summer passes, and school bells ring, the Bridge officers and the Administrative staff chair persons continue to move forward implementing set responsibilities. Boating activities are still scheduled for the remainder of the year for your participation and enjoyment. The recently held Indian River Paddle Boat Cruise was deemed a success, as well as a relaxing change of pace. The annual Italian Night is upcoming as part of September's General Membership meeting on 5 September. If you haven't signed up, please do so. There will be no guest speaker for this session. There is another Blood Drive scheduled for September. Please consider signing up and donating. Planning is underway for the Planetarium Social on October 12th, as well as the Christmas and Holiday Season Social to be held on December 10th.

Lt Ann McCandless, S is presently facilitating/hosting the new USPS Leadership Development course to be held on Saturday, September 23rd. It will be held in the clubhouse of her residential complex

The Coco-Nauts are reconvening their monthly meetings on September 13th, after a summer hiatus.

Once again, kudos to the Wursts, Greenwoods and Flanigans, and all of the many donors for ensuring that refreshments are available for our General Membership meetings.

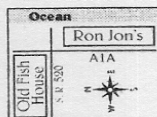
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August:

- 21 - Monday, GPS Special Orientation Course, Wuesthoff Hospital Cafeteria classroom**
- 22 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 26 - Saturday, Sailboat Island (North of Locks), See Boating Schedule for contact**

September:

- 05 - Tuesday, 1800, General Membership Meeting - Italian Night, Kiwanis Island Pavilion**
- 06 - Wednesday, Start Boat Smart Course, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 09/10 - Sat/Sun, St Johns River Cruise, Astor to Springs, See Boating Sched. for contact**
- 13 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco - Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon, Merritt Island Library**
- 18 - Monday, Marine Electronics Course, Wuesthoff Hospital**
- 26 - Tuesday, 1830 - 2100, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 27 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Course Exam Night, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 23 - Saturday, USPS Leadership Development Course, Suntime's Villa's Estates**
- 30 - Saturday, Coco - Nauts Fund Raiser (TBD)**

October:

- 03 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center**
- 06/08 - Fri/Sat/Sun, District 23 Fall Conference, Imperial Hotel in Viera**
- 11 - Wednesday, Coco-Nauts Monthly Luncheon Meeting**
- 12 - Thursday, 1800, Planetarium Social, Brevard Community College's Cocoa Campus**
- 21/22 - Saturday & Sunday, Melbourne Harbor Cruise**
- 24 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 28 - Saturday, D23 Fall Picnic, Cruise and Rendezvous, Hickory Point Park**
- 28—Saturday, Ski Island Raft-up,, See Boating Schedule for contact**

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.



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Event	Date	Day	Contact	Notes
St Johns River Cruise Astor to Springs	9/9-10	Sat/Sun	Open	Great trip for trailer boaters
Melbourne Harbor Cruise	10/20-22	Fri-Sun	John Lynn 537-8438	Make reservations enjoy shore power
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	10/28	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	11/25	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Casual-Call contact
Sunset Café Cruise	12/2	Sat	Charlie Dodds 795-7882	Boaters & land bound can enjoy lunch
Participate in a Christmas Parade	12/16	Sat	Balkema 452-5892 Millner 452-0500	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	12/23	Sat	Charlie Dodds 7957882	Casual-Call contact
Samson Island Park off Grand Canal-Satellite Beach	1/20/07	Sat	Gene Millner 452-0500	Park has trails, tables dock & Portolets
*Ski Island raftup (North of Locks)	1/27/07	Sat	Duane Balkema 452-5892	Casual-Call contact
*Ski Island raftup	2/24/07	Sat	Duane Balkema	Casual-Call contact

***Note: Ski & Sailboat Island every 4th Saturday are casual & expected to be good fun talking boats & events. Call & advise if coming-will inform of any others planning on attending. Locations can be changed to satisfy those attending. The contact will have the info on changes. D. Balkema Chairman 452-5892**

Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Boating Report

By P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

Boating is one of the best ways to cool off from all of the hot weather. I do hope that everyone is enjoying themselves with boating activities. Regarding our boating schedule, I have not had interest in the St Johns River Trip, but do expect the Melbourne Harbor Cruise to be well attended as in the past.

Melbourne Harbor Cruise is scheduled for the weekend of October 20 – 22. John Lynn will be the contact for this event and his Cell Phone Number is 537-8438. There is shore power available and a nice area to walk around and shop. Give it some consideration and do contact John Lynn for details.

October 28th, is the **District 23 Fall Cruise and Rendezvous at Hickory Park Pavilion on Lake Harris.** Attend if you can. It has always been a great event. The Chairman is Joe Murray and cost is \$9.00 Per person, Kids free, oh and bring a dish to share. He can be reached on (352) 753-9374 or jmurray100@aol.com. Is located on SR19 near bridge over Lake Harris in Tavares, near Howey-in-the-Hills. Bring your boat or just enjoy the picnic. Payment is due by October 21 for headcount control!



D 23 Fall Conference & Banana River's 50th Birthday Party!!!



Mark your calendar now to reserve 6-8 October 2006 (Friday—Sunday)

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Friday night will be the Birthday Bash. Games like "pin the tail on ??, Spin the bottle??, Musical chairs, and many more items to bring you fond memories of years gone by!

We start it all off with our Hospitality Room on Friday afternoon.

D/C Les and his bridge promise us exciting and meaningful workshops on Saturday with the council and conference meetings to finish the daytime activities. A wonderful Saturday night dinner will top off the evening. Sunday will see the St. Johns N Club breakfast along with a great guest speaker.

The hotel is right off I-95 and is so easy to get to. Plenty of parking, wonderful rooms, a great conference center and outstanding food.

So be sure and mark the dates (6-8 October) and plan to attend! You will not want to miss this conference and party. It will be a BLAST!!!

USPS District 23 FALL CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 2006 *MEAL & EVENT RESERVATION FORM*

Friday Night Banana River 50th Birthday Bash: # _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch (House salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice, Vegetable, Coffee, Ice Tea, Desert) # _____ @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Night Formal Dinner
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Sunday St Johns "N" Club breakfast # _____ @ \$12.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ Enclosed \$ _____

**NOTE: Reservations are required for the above with cut off date of 1 October, 2006.
Please Make Checks payable to Banana River Sail & Power Squadron**

**Mail this Meal & Event Form to:
P/C Kristi Anderson, 1902 Fabien Circle, Melbourne, FL 32940**



District 23 Fall Cruise and Rendezvous
Saturday, October 28, 2006(Rain or Shine)
Hickory Point Park Pavilion, on Lake Harris
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Deadline October 21

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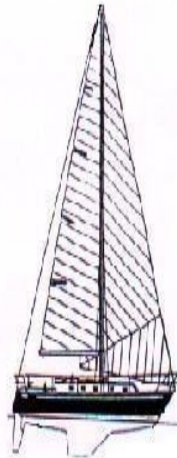
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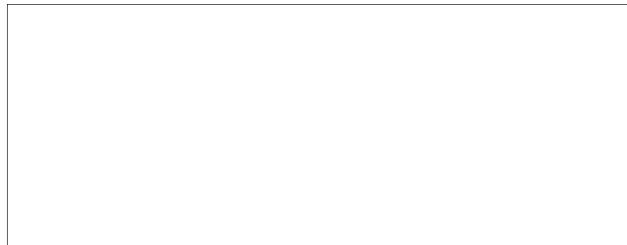
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