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## "THE LADY" ( THE STATUE OF LIBERTY)

By: Dana Holland, Staten Island NY

**I wonder what she thought  
As she stood there, strong and tall.  
She couldn't turn away,  
She was forced to watch it all.**

**Did she long to offer comfort  
As Her country bled?  
With her arm forever frozen  
High above her head.**

**She could not shield her eyes  
She could not hide her face  
She just stared across the water  
Keeping Freedom's Place.**

**The smell of smoke and terror  
Somehow reduced her size  
So small within the harbor  
But still we recognized.....**

**How dignified and beautiful  
On a day so many died  
I wonder what she thought,  
And I know she must have cried.**

**This poem was written on the  
evening of September 11, 2001,  
an event that will forever be  
etched in our minds .**

## Highlights

### Welcome new members

Claudia J. Haskins  
Joseph Kates  
Lorraine Prell

P/C John Margeson has transferred from Raleigh. He has 23 merit marks and wants to reach at least 25.

Kevin & Pamela Pratt recently transferred from Manatee Power Squadron in Bradenton.

**Welcome aboard.  
See page 8 for Web  
information.**

## Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means

"Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

## And After Labor Day

**The Coconauts Present the Italian Food Fest and Silent  
Auction AT THE VETERANS CENTER**

**CBPS 03 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING, 1800 HOURS.**

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## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Cdr. Lester Tribout, AP

The "Dog Days" of Summer and the peak months of Hurricane Season are upon us.. We've been lucky so far - no major storms.

I try to put all the important announcements and action items on my agenda for general meetings and make you all aware of what the Squadron is doing. Those of you who don't attend our regular meetings miss a lot of this information. The Soundings present all of the Squadrons' activities in a timely manner. Only activities for the coming 3 months of Squadron events are shown on the calendar. District and National events are reported when received.

These have been a busy two years for Ev and me as we have represented CBPS at all the Dist. Council Meetings, Dist. Conferences and Nat'l. Governing Board Meetings around the country, including the USPS Annual Meeting at the Rosen Centre in Orlando. The schedule for the remainder of the year is also a hectic one. 11-15 Sept. we will be at the Governing Board meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. We will be in St Louis from 22 Sept. to 3 Oct. and then go to the Dist. 23 Fall Conference in Daytona Beach Shores 4-6 Oct. Then, it's home for the December holiday party and the Change of Watch celebration in February.

Executive Officer Lt/C Richard D. Fille, AP will chair the Executive Board Meeting on 24 Sept. and the general meeting on 1 Oct. in my absence. Please give Dick your support at these meetings.



In addition, we have a lot going on right here at home in our Squadron. We are gaining new members steadily, thanks to the hard work of PRO Lt Patrick E. Andrews, S; Boat Smart Chairman Lt John F.

Mulkey, S; Membership Chairman Lt Doris Valentine and all instructors and helpers who pitch in and make our Squadron the proudest in the District.

At the last Boat Smart Class, a gentleman from Orlando approached me and said "I drove all the way over here every week to your BoatSmart Class because the word is out 'CBPS has the best instructors and BoatSmart Class in Central and the East Coast of Florida' ". That's quite a compliment and quite a reputation to live up to."

Please look ahead to Fall Conferences, our holiday parties and Change of Watch and RED INK the dates of events to come on your calendar.

Entertainment Chairman Lt Pamela H. Johnson, S and her Helpers are working hard to plan these key activities for you, the Squadron Members, and your guests.

I leave you with a request to keep our members who are ill and under Doctor's care in your prayers and to offer assistance whenever possible. We try to keep up-to-date information about our ill and hospitalized members on the e-mail and Squadron WEB-Site update for the membership.

### The Sounding Staff Editor:

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Lt. Trent S. Milliken, P

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*To make the most of your Power Squadron Experience*  
Take a class. Advance your grade and knowledge and join in our activities.  
*See you at the meeting.*



Left to right are Cdr Les Tribout, John Mulkey and two happy Boat Smart students who received their certificates for having taken the course and passed it.

Lt. Trent S. Milliken, P  
Photographer

**Man is still the most  
extraordinary computer  
of all.**

The Squadron’s public image has benefited from extraordinary efforts by several of the committee chairs in the Executive Department.

P/R/C Richard Schnoor SN, as chair of the Vessel Safety Check Program has inspired great commitment and effort from the team of VSC Inspectors. They have accomplished 212 inspections to the first of August. This is a very commendable job. They get the image out to the public that the CBPS is truly committed to helping people have a safe time on the water.

P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor SN completed a successful Boating Safety Program earlier in the year and is assisting Dick in his committee’s activities.

P/C Larry Hatfield has done far more than “wave the flag” at the various boat shows. He and his committee members have conducted an excellent recruiting campaign for the Boat Smart Courses and stirred up interest in the CPBS.

It is time to give a very special “Thanks” to Lt. Pat Andrews S, who is now hitting full stride as Public Relations Officer. Pat is a new member and his learning curve was different than Mary Jane, Dick and Larry, who are “salty veterans.” Pat’s efforts are showing up in more frequent articles and comments in the local newspapers, especially Florida Today.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT’S REPORT:**

**Robert Flanigan SN  
substituting for Robert Schaeffer, S**

There are a little over 60 days to gather articles for the CBPS only, the biggest, and the best fundraising event of the year.

P/D/C Frank Sebree, SN is chairman this year. Call him for any questions you may have call at **452-8375.**

It takes many willing hands to gather saleable items, organize them, and ready them for the auction which will be held at the Cocoa Beach Comfort Inn.

The proceeds of the auction are used to carry out our boating and safety education, so look around and gather the items you wish to donate. Then give Frank a call. See ad—page 7

*We appreciate your help to make this the best Squadron Auction ever.*

As I mentioned in the August General Meeting, success carries the burden of a request for a repeat performance. While it is the choice of the next Executive Officer to appoint the committee chairs, I hope that each of them will continue for another year in their position. They have the experience of a year under their belt and they are just hitting full stride. It would be great to maintain that momentum ---- AND ---- use their experience to be a mentor for a newer member. I would like to see new members approach any one of the committee heads (including Lt. Gary Monai, P, Lt. Gene Millner, AP, P/C Jim Kneeland, JN and Lt. Ed Noble, JN) and find out more about the activity of the committee. The committee chairs should also seek out new members and ask them to join with them next year in a Mentor – Apprentice relationship. That is a way we can continue the excellent results we are achieving this year.

Remember that the Executive Department Committees are the ones that reach out to the public. They are our “face” in the community and they represent, along with Education, the service we provide to our community.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

**Lt Patrick Andrews, S**

*Florida Today* published an article on our Vessel Safety Inspection program in the July 12 edition. Special thanks to Dick and Jane Schnoor for providing the information used in the write-up.

Two articles with photos have been submitted to *Florida Today*. These are Howard Bernbaum’s awards given him at the July meeting; and the July picnic. Additionally, articles on the Cooperative Charting Program and the graduation of the July 10 Boat Smart class are in the works. The article about Howard appeared in the August 12, 2002 issue.

The media releases on the September 4 Boat Smart class have all been sent out. The posters for the event will be made available for members at the August general meeting. I want to encourage everyone to take at least one of these posters for distribution. Schools, marinas, workplaces social centers, and other such areas are excellent locations for these announcements. All of these publicity efforts netted 56 students for the July 10 Boat Smart class. Let’s try to beat that record for September 4.

*Happy Boating*

## SEO REPORT - P/C Edward Bonnett, SN

We enjoyed a surprisingly large, 56-student, Boat Smart class this summer. It was ably organized and managed by Lt John Mulkey, S, and his team and was energetically supported by Lt Doris Valentine and her new member committee. 45 students passed the exam.

Doris also organized an induction team that processed those students through the signup process. The students were rewarded for their attendance by being privileged to hear it all, first-hand, from an All-Star alignment of four of our smartest and most experience educators.

P/C Ed Kydd, SN, a life-long sailor, led off the first night's educational activities with the "Let's Get Started" portion, teaching various nautical technologies including a special presentation on the elusive knotting techniques we all use to secure our most valuable possession.

On the second night, Lt Tony Hamilton, AP, covered "Trailing", a subject that deals with many important on-land issues as well as launching your boat without your auto going along for the swim.

Then, that superior sailor, Jim Wills, SN, presented the "What Is Needed" portion covering safety at sea. And as icing -on-the-cake, P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, of USPS National fame, presented the "Rules To Live By" portion.

Then it was time for the dreaded examination night. Cdr Les Tribout, AP, addressed the students about the importance of boating education.

Lt Paul Pfadenhauer, P, who had served as an expediter during the educational sessions, now became a liaison between the test-grading team of Joan Sayyah, SN, 1/Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN and Ray Sayyah, SN, and the poor suffering students.

There were 44 successful students that night and Lt Mulkey gave a make-up exam to one more the following week.

### SEAMANSHIP CLASS STARTING

**THURSDAY 10 October, 2002**

**1900 to 2100 hours**

**Veterans Memorial Center**

The Seamanship course is the first of the non-elective courses required for a full certificate. Your instructors will be P/R/C Jane Schnoor, SN and P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN, who make the learning a joyful, satisfying experience. You can build on the information gained in BoatSmart and further enhance your boating knowledge. You meet other Squadron members as well as enjoying the educational environment. Sign up early as we expect a large class.

**Call Ed Bonnett SN: 784-9366**

**Howard Bernbaum SN: 452-0320**

New Membership Chairman Doris Valentine reports that her team prepared and passed out 26 packets of information applicable to joining the CBPS/USPS. They could have used more packets. She reports that many showed interest in attending our August meeting and a number announced interest in joining us.

We are very proud of the Boat Smart team and their accomplishments. Fortuitously, they're poised to do it again in the fall.

Seamanship will be taught this fall. Those who have waited so long, take heart; but sign up early because the class could end up so popular that we would need to limit attendance.



### Honor Roll Advanced Piloting

Daniel E Brown, AP  
Richard D Fille, AP  
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James K O'Malley, AP  
C. Lynn Schaeffer, AP

**Junior Navigation**  
Lt/C Marion (Bud Miller) JN

### MEET LT JOHN MULKEY, S

John and Merri Mulkey moved to Florida four years ago from Indiana. They were married in Las Vegas 34 years ago. They have two children, Dawn and Brian, both living in Florida. They are both retired, although John has his Florida insurance license and works two days a week selling homeowners insurance. They have a 22' Baha cruiser, the "Merri-Time" that they bought while living in Ohio.

Since joining the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron, John has participated in Squadron activities has been helpful whenever asked. He chaired the Boat Smart class making all the arrangements and overseeing a smoothly running well organized course.

### FORMING NEW SAIL COURSE-INTERESTED?

The Sail course is not just for sail boaters. It is useful for motor boaters as well. The instructor, James O'Malley P is knowledgeable in all facets of boating.

CBPS would like those interested in enrolling in this course to call so that we know if this class is feasible. We propose to begin the course at Veterans Memorial Center from 1900 to 2100 on either Mondays or Thursdays depending on student preference. We hope to begin in late September or early October. The course is taught in two parts for a total of 10 weeks. Call **Ed Bonnett SN: 784-9366** or **Howard Bernbaum SN: 452-0320**.



## CBPS APPRECIATES THE EFFORTS OF DILIGENT VSC EXAMINERS

Progress continues to be made. Today, July 17th, I've prepared a letter to USPS HQ sending them the 19 VSC 204's which I have received since June 8th. Total in 2002 is now 217 reports. Thank you for your continued excellent support. I know the rain has dampened our efforts in recent weeks, but I'm hopeful that in the coming days we can gather up our momentum again despite the occasional rain and the high temperature.

2000 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Jerry Abrams - 11	Dave Collins - 7	Charlie Dodds - 20	Bob Flanigan - 6
Edd Kydd—6	John Lynn - 70	Bud Miller - 13	Gene Millner—5
Gary Monai -5	Al Pappas—15	Rick Schoonmaker - 7	Sandy Schoonmaker—4
Jane Schnoor—19	Dick Schnoor—20	Frank Sebree - 2	Les Tribout 2
John Valentine - 4	Maggie Woeber - 1	<i>We are proud of you!</i>	

The squadron still has quite a few member boats which have not been inspected. C'mon Squadron members. If you haven't had your vessel checked, now is the time to do so. It is important that our safety minded members and non-members obtain a VSC decal. Call your friends to schedule a vessel safety inspection. USPS offers these free checks as a community service.

**P/R/C Richard H. Schnoor, SN  
Chairman, Vessel Safety Check**

### MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 23 BRIDGE

Congratulations to Cocoa Beach Power Squadron for having three students receive 100% on Piloting closed book exams. One of the three students also received 100% on the open book exam. Daytona Beach had one student attain 100% on the Seaman-ship exam. These look like good prospects for instructors. D23 squadrons have had 425 students pass Boating and Boat Smart courses during the first six months of 2002.

Our squadrons are also doing very well with Advanced Grades and Elective Courses with Cocoa Beach and Daytona Beach having each taught five of these courses already. Most of the other squadrons are nipping at their heels statistically. Keep up the good work.

If you are going to teach or take a course, be sure to check for updates at USPS.org. In addition to keeping the course information current, the National Ed Dept is e-mailing news to members. To subscribe to the service, you can either visit the USPS Mailman web page for the Education Department News list at [www.usps.mailman/listinfo/eddept-news](http://www.usps.mailman/listinfo/eddept-news) or send e-mail to: [EdDept-News-request@usps.org](mailto:EdDept-News-request@usps.org) with the word help in the subject line or the body of the e-mail. Be sure to put Oct 4-6, 2002 on your calendar for our Fall Conference at the Daytona Beach Shores Holiday Inn.

Have a nice summer.

D/Lt/C Clara Ross  
District Educational Officer



### Social Activities Report

**Chairman Lt Pamela Johnson, S**

On 28 September CBPS will be cruising down the river on the Rivership Romance Cruise but members must sign up for the cruise and prepay since the cruise line must have guaranteed reservations.

The Rivership Romance is fully certified by the US Coast Guard, and is an ideal way to enjoy a safe, tranquil cruise on the scenic St. Johns.

A great table of appetizers, warm sticky buns and live entertainment greet you as you come aboard. Later, your full course meal is served to your table by the South's most hospitable ship's staff

. It promises to be a special cruise so please call to make arrangements for this special trip.

### Boating Activities Report

Lt Don Reece, AP

The Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort and Marina has offered special room rates to our members for the Labor Day weekend. Call them directly at 1-800-775 and ask for their marina rate (which \$99 per night (for 8/30, 8/31 and 9/1.

Their web site is  
[www.floridatreasures.com](http://www.floridatreasures.com)

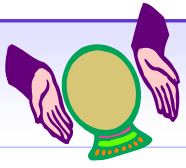
### COCONAUT CORNER

Lieutenant Carolyn Bonnett, P

The last three months flew by, didn't they? Hope you all had a happy and healthy summer.

Our next meeting, on September 11th at 11:30, will be a luncheon meeting at the Lobster Shanty. We need to know whether you'll be attending at least a week in advance of that date, so our telephone ladies will be calling you a little early this time.

**Thank you all for your donations to the Silent Auction and please attend the auction, 03 September at the Veterans Memorial Center.**



## Looking forward to Activities August and the month of September

### 27 AUGUST

CBPS Executive Board meeting ( Veterans Memorial Center  
**Time: 1900 hours**

### 30 AUGUST - 02-SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Cruise Stuart, FL  
These cruises are always fun, so make your reservations right away..  
Don Reece reports that the trip to Stuart for the Labor Day weekend is a reality. Only 6 slips remain. Still not too late to e-mail or call Don to let him know if you are coming.

[donreece@msn.com](mailto:donreece@msn.com)


### 02 SEPTEMBER

Labor day. Enjoy the day.

### 03 SEPTEMBER

CBPS general meeting - Coconaut Silent Auction and dinner prior to meeting. Veterans Center  
**Time: 1800 hours**

### 04 SEPTEMBER

Bloodmobile@Veterans Memorial Center   
**Time: 0900 to 1100 hours**

### 04 SEPTEMBER

Boat Smart Course  
Cape Canaveral Hospital  
**Time: 1900 hours**

### 21 SEPTEMBER (Saturday)

International Cleanup Day  
0900 to 1200  
**Information: 1-800-262-BEACH**

### 24 SEPTEMBER

CBPS Executive Meeting  
Veterans Center Time: 1900 hours

### 28 SEPTEMBER

A romance cruise to Sanford is being planned. Keep that date open.

### 02 October

Boat Smart Exam  
Cape Canaveral Hospital  
Time-1900 Hours

### Cruising Along With Don and Dick Will Be Fun

11—14 October is the date for the Palm Coast outing. Hotel rooms and RV sites are reserved. You can contact **Dick Fille** to reserve your spot.

[dickfille@sprintmail.com](mailto:dickfille@sprintmail.com)



*A Coconaut welcome to Marilyn Mutchler and Lorraine Pell. We are so pleased they joined our group.*

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## Hey paisanos, what a combination

### POWER SQUADRON/COCONAUT NIGHT AT THE VETERANS CENTER

### CBPS 03 SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING!

There'll be an Italian Pot Luck Dinner / Silent Auction.

Bring your favorite Italian recipes.

Good food, good fun, great bargains await you.

### DO COME AT 1800 HOURS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN.

We still need items to auction so if you have things that are good, boutique type, attractive items you no longer use (no clothes please,) a gift that was given that you had no use for - jewelry, pottery, figurines— just use your imagination.

Call Lt Carolyn Bonnett, P for information (784-9366)

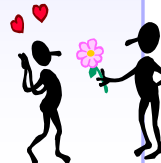
## If you long for romance

The Rivership Romance 3 Hour Luncheon Cruise is the place for you to be so join the CBPS members

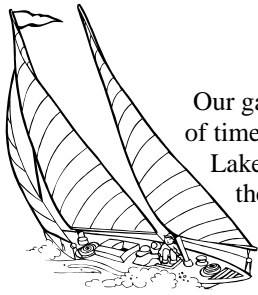
Saturday, 28 September

433 North Palmetto Avenue Sanford, Florida

32771



## Buck's Revenge by H. Embee



Our gang spent a lot of time down at the Lake, our name for the section of the Intracoastal Waterway adjacent to West

Palm Beach. In those days, The EPA didn't exist and most of the communities facing the ICW dumped their sewage directly into the water. Even though there was an inlet to the north, the cleansing effect of the ocean was minimal and didn't reach very far south. The land was beautiful and the few homes that existed were nestled in the surrounding lush foliage. Fruit trees abounded along the shore and schools of fish teemed in water so murky that none of us would consider eating anything that swam in that cesspool.

Once Buck had fallen into the lake and had a notion that he was more at risk from the plague than from drowning even though at that time he didn't know how to swim.

Buck was an avid small boat sailor and an outstanding natural tactician. He spent almost every free moment on the water and had grown to hate the

garbage floating in it. He was often heard to say, "God, I hate the garbage thrown in my Lake." We didn't know what to do about it. We were only kids and the city fathers decreed we'd stick with the status quo. The plain truth was that those were depression days and there was no money to put in a sewage treatment plant so we sailed on and the sewage flowed on.

Anyhow, back to Buck. One day we were sailing along admiring the "dreck" in the water and Buck got a mischievous look in his eyes and a devilish grin on his face. He had an idea. Knowing Buck, we knew that something was up. We also knew that we'd hear about it in due time. Finally Buck quietly said, "You know, it's a shame we have this lake all to ourselves. We ought to share it with the Mayor."

That night, when we returned to the mooring, Buck had each of us gather up a bucket of the essence of Lake Worth. That night, somehow, the contents found their way into the Mayor's office. One bucket was poured into his waste can, some in his desk drawers,

and some in the aquarium. Fortunately the goldfish had been moved to a safe place.

We deeply regretted that we couldn't be there to witness the joy on the Mayor's face when he found the best of the Lake all around his office. We did hear about his reaction second hand and somewhat first hand since we were questioned because rumors had been bandied about conjecturing about our alleged guilt. The Mayor apparently didn't like kids and he didn't like our group in particular. Fortunately, there were no fingerprints, because the culprits had so nicely cleansed his office with Eau de Lake Water



Our gang never talked about this episode, but we did notice that Buck's grin grew very broad every time he saw the Mayor. I guess you

could call it

### Buck's Revenge

Gary Monai, P submitted this useful safety tip.

Always look out the window before opening the door! With all the rain we've been having, you can never be sure who your visitors are.



60 Days 'til CBPS Auction

### "HEAR YE, HEAR YE"

IT'S TIME TO GATHER ARTICLES FOR THE CBPS AUCTION - OUR ONLY FUND RAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR

CHAIRMAN P/D/LT /C FRANK SBREBREE IS LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE !

HE NEEDS PEOPLE TO HELP WITH GATHERING AND ORGANIZING AS WE PREPARE FOR THIS MAJOR UNDERTAKING

### Where does the money go?

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## A Good Time Was Had By One And All

by Bud Miller

They came by land and they came by sea. No, we are not talking about the British invasion during the Revolutionary War. We are talking about members of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron and guests who either drove or cruised by boat down to the Beautiful Melbourne Harbor Marina for a week-end of fine dining, socializing, and shopping in old downtown Melbourne. Boaters came by sail and power, and all were well secured in their slips prior to the torrential thunderstorm that passed through.

Members and guests who had dinner at the Chart House restaurant or stayed overnight on their boats included Dick and Penny Fille, Les and Ev Tribout, Ed, Helen Kydd and their daughter, Carol, John and Susan Lynn, Howard and Rhoda Bernbaum, Duane and Marge Balkema, Bud, Judy and Derek Miller, and Bill and Dottie Pollard (guests).



Here are some happy folks dining at the Chart House. From l. to r. are Ed Kydd, Ev Tribout, Cdr Les, Dick Fille, Penny Fille, and others. Carol Kydd was visiting her parents, but her picture didn't turn out. She teaches first grade in the cold country, and is an outdoor person like her parents Ed and Helen. Having the opportunity to talk with her great.

### WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET TWO NEW MEMBERS

Candace Ahern hails from Parkers Prairie, Mn. has lived in Florida four years. She is attending BCC and studying Crime Scene Technology. She will graduate next year but will continue her education at UCF working towards a masters in criminology. We applaud her undertaking.

Daniel Mathews, her husband, was born in Melbourne. A certified EMT and "bartender" (we can sure put his skills to good use our outings!) enjoys surfing, sailing, fishing and woodworking. He plans to acquire a captain's license and start a sailing charter.

*We're happy to have you aboard*

## Soundings On the Web by Bud Miller

Starting soon, the *Soundings* can be viewed by accessing our new web page at [cbps.us](http://cbps.us). Simply click on the *Soundings* icon after the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Web Page is displayed.

For those of you who have computers at home or work who can access the *Soundings* electronically, we would like to discontinue the mailing of a paper copy to you each month. This will provide an opportunity for our squadron to realize many benefits. One of the most significant is a reduction in printing cost, which currently is approximately \$1800 annually. This can be reduced substantially depending on how many must receive mailed copies. Volunteer distribution time and mailing cost can be reduced. Another benefit is that viewing electronically will display photos and certain material in color.

Finally, the technology is now available, and we should take advantage of it as USPS Headquarters is doing. It is our desire that only those without computers or are an advertiser continue to receive a mailed copy. Members will be notified in the near future when plans to implement this initiative are finalized. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Lt/C Bud Miller, JN, squadron Secretary, at 321-638-1247.



## HOW TO ACCESS SOUNDINGS by Larry Carr

A welcome benefit to those who travel is that you can get your *Soundings* anywhere that has email capability.

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## SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER ?

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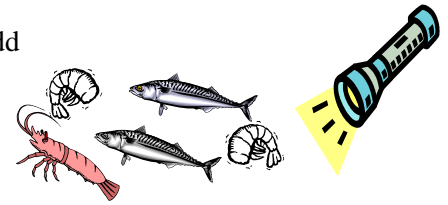
Cruising sailors meet all kinds of characters. Most of these people have much to offer in the way of knowledge, both general and local. Now and again one encounters someone who seems to be suspicious.

The following incident happened in Sarah Creek, Virginia, which is in case you haven't visited it, on the north side of the York River, just before you come to Gloucester Point. Helen and I spent a couple of days at a very nice marina there where we were able to rent a car and do some sightseeing. We visited the Yorktown Monument and the nearby battle field where the last battle of the American Revolution was fought. Helen and I gained a new appreciation of history. A few miles away we saw beautiful Berkeley Plantation and then enjoyed a rare dinner ashore.

After returning to our 26 foot sailboat as we were relaxing in the cockpit, before retiring for the night, I spotted a young man with a flashlight walking slowly towards us along the dock.

That was normal enough, but then he started walking in and out of the finger piers between the boats and kept searching with his flashlight. He spent several minutes standing at each vessel and I wondered what he could be looking for.

We had been warned many times about thieves stealing outboard motors and other valuables left on deck, so not having enough sense to be afraid, I walked along the dock toward him and as I drew near, noted that he was a teenager. After some of the reports I had heard, my suspicions increased even more.



When I asked him what he was doing, he beckoned to me and whispered, "Would you look down there?" He shone his powerful flashlight into the dark water, pointing out all the marine life that could be seen. There were many shrimp, crabs and several species of fish swimming wherever he pointed the light.

My suspicions disappeared immediately and I am very grateful to this young man who made me much more aware of all the life there is in the sea around us.

*Some suspicious characters are worth meeting.*

## Battle of the Bilge - Boat Maintenance -

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Rubbish talk among sailors was referred to as bilge. Legend has it that some unknown sailor was sent to inspect the deepest, darkest, part of the ship where water and residue collect. After a brief time in this black hole, the sailor was convinced that this area was also rubbish. From that day on, the area where water collects in a boat has been referred to as the bilge.

### CLEANING:

The most important reasons to keep your bilge clean are: to prevent growth of bacteria, eliminate foul odors, and prevent rust and corrosion of equipment that lies in the bilge

You can get bilge cleaner in most marine hardware stores, however, it can be expensive. Liquid Tide is less expensive and does as good a job containing no phosphorus, being biodegradable, cutting grease and dirt and having a clean smell make it a good choice. However, if you are going to be using a large amount of cleanser, or if you will be discharging the cleanser into the water, choose an alternative from this list of Natural Cleaning Product Alternatives.

Some boats take in more water than others. It is normal for some water to be in the bilge since it can leak in at the stuffing box(es) and rudder post(s). However, if you find an unusual amount of water make sure that you don't have a leaking through-hull fitting or pipe. If your boat usually has some water in the bilge just add the liquid Tide to the bilge and let the rocking of the boat do the cleaning for you.

Most grease and dirt can be removed with Tide and perhaps a little elbow grease. However, steam cleaning can be an alternative. Steam cleaning is a harsh method that can cause paint to peel, especially on a wooden boat. As they say on the stunt shows, don't try this at home. Seek out a professional and check his references.

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