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Membership Meetings

First Tuesdays @ 1900

**7 January, 4 February & 4 March 2014
Brevard Memorial Veterans Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy - Merritt Island**

Monthly Specials

- January:** - Vote on revised Permanent Rules
- South Pacific cruise presentation
- February:** - Vote on new Officers
- Member presentation
- March:** - Crockpot/chili Night
- No Official meeting

Attention On Deck

The Soundings will now be a quarterly publication sent to all members via email and duplicated on our website, www.CBSPS.org.

CBSPS salutes Lt Debra Burleson, S for her 6 years as our Editor. Thank you!

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SOUNDINGS DEADLINE:

**10TH of March, June,
September & December**

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

Email an Attachment to
Editor@CBSPS.org

AT THE HELM

Cdr Gerard Meunier, SN



This is my last report as your Commander. I have no doubt that some of you will be celebrating at the Change of Watch on 8 February 2014 as the process of change is never easy. As I mentioned in my remarks at the 2013 COW, I wanted CBSPS to be the best squadron in District 23. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of a large number of you, I believe we have achieved that goal.

Not only did we improve our procedures, we also updated our Bylaws and our Permanent Rules so that the next Executive committee will have proper tools. And, we also had dedicated teams for two major events, namely our 100th Anniversary Flag ceremony and the hosting of the District 23 Fall conference, both very time consuming, but both unmitigated successes.

We now have a Facebook account. We have won, again, the District Education Proficiency award with 5 new EPA members. We won it last year with 2 EPAs. We also won the District award for most new Navigators. I know we will keep these awards as we have an excellent Education department. In 2013, they offered 4 ABC classes for 35 students, 5 Seminars with 134 attendees and 8 classes with 50 members passing, not including the on-going JN. Wow!!! We are the only squadron in the District to offer Seminars and to now have ten members participating in the Boat Operator Certification program.

The only shadow on this Palmaris is our membership count which has basically stayed flat at 130+. Our goal is still "220 in 2020" and we will hopefully reach 150+ by the end of 2014. But we now have new members who fully participate at events & boating outings, take classes and more.

We are all lucky to have a nominated Commander, Bob Rutigliano, AP-IN, who is very dedicated to CBSPS. I hope you will support him even though he will ask much of all of us to keep improving our squadron. He agrees that we are "Doing It Right" but why not "Do It Better".

I hereby give a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who made our 2013 achievements possible. I will continue to support CBSPS in a few capacities such as Instructor, BOC Coordinator, Editor.....

Happy New Year!

CBSPS Mission

The Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron is a non-profit organization serving Boater's education needs in Central Brevard County since 1967. Our mission is to promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.

"Boating is Fun... We'll show you how"
To join us, contact Membership@CBSPS.org

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Robert Rutigliano, AP-IN



The new Soundings format may take some getting used to but as the times change, so must we. There is always resistance to change but in time, changes become familiar, accepted and even routine. Give it a chance.

By now all members should be aware of the Mentoring program put into place is November. At present there are 4 Mentors working with 18 new members. As we enlist more new members, we will need more mentors to work with them. I am confident that when called upon, you will step up to assist these new members with any and all aspects of the squadron and USPS. I hope that our new members find this program beneficial to them. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or your Mentor, do not hesitate to contact me.

As 2013 comes to a close and we prepare for yet another CHANGE OF WATCH, I, as Executive Officer wish to thank the members of the executive department to include all committee chairs and committee members for all the hard work exerted throughout the year. There were several boat shows, community events for local kids, a record number of vessel safety checks performed, a major revamp of our website, depth surveys for the county and so much more.

Looking forward to 2014: As the nominee for Commander, I look forward to the challenges of taking the helm of the finest squadron in the entire organization. As I step up to the podium I am in awe of those who stood here before me and hope I am worthy of the task.

I thank the 2014 bridge members who have volunteered to assist me in steering CBSPS in the right direction. There will be many challenges facing us in the upcoming year, however I am confident that you all will meet each wave as if it were a ripple and together we will work towards making our squadron better each day.

See you on the water.

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SEO
P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN



Another year is looming on the horizon and the Education Department is gearing up for another busy schedule of learning opportunities.

Since I have agreed to remain as SEO, the transition into our new squadron year will move flawlessly. 1/Lt Winifred Crawford, JN, has agreed to continue as our ASEO and the department heads, D/Lt/C John Mulkey, AP, P/D/Cdr Fred Adame, SN, and Lt. George Guerrero have also agreed to serve again. They all contributed greatly to the success of the Education Department last year and for that they receive my deepest gratitude.

The class schedules for 2014 will continue to be posted on the WEB site: www.cbsps.org, but I will also continue to send out mailings prior to each class to the members who are eligible for the classes. Seminars and ABC classes will also be online, but emailed out, as well as announced at meetings. I will continue to be very persistent in tracking down potential students for our programs....so watch out when you see me heading your way with a clipboard in hand.

The year 2013 ended with seven members passing the Sail Class and 8 members passing the Marine Communications Class. Congratulations to them and thanks to their instructors, Lt David Keane, JN-IN, 1/Lt Winnie Crawford, JN, and Lt/C George Shapow, S.

With the completion of these two electives, CBSPS welcomes two new Senior Navigators to our roster. Leonard Senibaldi, SN and Lt. Kenneth Charles, SN have both completed all the Advanced Grades (Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation) plus 6 of the 8 electives. Congratulations to both!

The personal accomplishments of these individuals cannot be under-rated, but we must also acknowledge that behind each successful student is a successful instructor. CBSPS is fortunate to have a full complement of qualified instructors who are willing to share their expertise with other members. On the behalf of CBSPS, I extend to each a huge thank you for a job well done.

Next two classes: Cruising and Cruise Planning: 13 January; Seamanship: 30 January.
 Sign up today at: www.cbsps.org/Cruise_Planning.html
www.cbsps.org/S_Request.html

Boating Education

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Louis Harlow, AP



Welcome to new Members Tom & Robin Courtney and Sarah & John Hedegaard sworn in on 5 November 2013

Congratulations on 25 Years to Bob Atkins, AP and Brian Grigsby, SN

SECRETARY
Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



I want to thank all the committee people who worked with me on the Secretary Staff, some of you as long as 3 yrs, some 5 years. I was lucky to have such a great group to work with every year. You made my job easier because of your dedication to CBSPS. Thank you all again for all your good work.

Happy Birthday to all who celebrated Birthdays in December 2013, and to all who will be celebrating Birthdays in January, February, and March in 2014.

I hope you all have a safe and Happy Holiday.



Here is the new Decal for **Vessel Safety Checks** in 2014. Our 13 Vessel Examiners will receive them in January. They have done 126 VSCs in 2013, the highest number in District 23. Congratulations!

Do contact them to make an appointment for your vessel and help them keep being the best in the District. Find their names, phones and locations at:

www.cbsps.org/VSC.html

Boating Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all Squadron Members, Advertisers, and Friends. This has been a good year if a slow boating year. Thanks for all of your support. I keep thinking we could do some boating event with advertiser support. Weather attacked us with a vengeance a couple of times. Then we took some good trips. And there are more to come. Please join us.

My boating year, well, I tried. First the old 1982 Sea Ray SRV310 got a short run only once this year, but I did start the engines every 2 or 3 weeks. Bottom is clean as it is on a lift. I need a young kid to work on it steady and use it. Oh Well. The 23 Chaparral is running great on its new 280 horsepower hot rod engine from Jeggs, actually a Mexico made GM 350 Chevy Crate Engine. At a spring boating event, I did one of those dumb stunts and backed it off a sandbar by using the prop to blow a hole under the boat and backing off (done it many times). Yes, you guessed it, I filled the water inlet with sand and actually it filled the engine with sand. I idled to the go fast zone just south of the HWY 528 Bridge then hit the throttle. 4 or 5 minutes later the boat was filled with burning rubber smoke and smell. WOW. I shut her down and pulled the bonnet up, expecting flames and a quick jump into the water. No Just smoke. But the Rubber Exhaust connectors were burnt really good from the 350 Chevy Volvo running at 2200 RPM and getting no cooling water. Bad. Bad. I called Bob Rutigliano who had just left the island as well and asked for a tow. The next day I tore into it and found sand everywhere. Pricing Marine engines at \$7000, I really wanted a new one so went the Jeggs route for \$1400 and made it fresh (closed) water cooled and had it running in a couple of weeks. Such Adventure!

Hope no one had to do new engines this year. I continue to fight gasoline problems and hear a lot of folks doing the same. Not to cast Stones at Mercury, but my son-in-Law fights it all the time on his very complicated 4-stroke Merc 90 HP engine. And he buys, "Boat Gas" or so he understands. He is not alone as Fuel Injectors clog and hi-pressure pumps give out often for many folks including our Treasurer George Shapow. George uses his boat a lot. Bob Rutigliano is working at keeping three boats running, some very complicated as well.

We had to, for weather, cancel our Nov 16, Saturday, "**Cruise thru Canaveral Locks then Canaveral Port and To Atlantic**". I wanted to do that one and have the Sailors join us.

Jan 18, Saturday, 11:00 AM, Launch at Kelly Park or as desired and Cruise South on Banana River to Bird Island for a Raft-Up or beach the boats and explore. Members and friends may want to overnight. If so, we can tell stories late into the night. Campfire at night is possible if we get out and do it.

Thanks to our Boosters

The Silver Tridents 02/14
Ed Hradesky 07/14
Larry & Debra Burleson 10/14
Marilyn Flanigan 10/14
Les & Evelyn Tribout 04/15



Da'Vel Johnson
2013 Scholarship recipient

Thanks to our 2014 Scholarship Fund Donors

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Only \$548.00 to go!

All donations are to be mailed to our Treasurer, Lt/C George Shapow
1445 Girard Blvd, Merritt Island, Fl 32952
with a check made out to CBSPS .

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Please check our website:

http://www.cbsps.org/event_calendar.html

for up-to-date information

Monthly CBSPS events:

- **First Tuesday :** **General meeting at 1900**
 Brevard Veterans Memorial Center
- **Fourth Tuesday :** **Executive committee meeting at 1800**
 Kiwanis Park
- **Fourth Saturday:** **Boating Outing**
 See website for location

District 23/ National events:

- **Winter Council:** **11 January 2014**
 Daytona Beach
- **National meeting:** **29 January - 1 February 2014**
 Jacksonville
- **Spring Conference:** **28, 29 & 30 March 2014**
 Gainesville

CBSPS members are invited to meet and eat
each Wednesday at 1130 at
the Cozy Corner Café
2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy
Merritt Island, FL
Breakfast and light lunches are available.

Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron 2014-2015 Nominations

Executive committee

Bridge officers & assistants

Commander:	Lt/C Robert Rutigliano, AP-IN
Executive Officer	Lt/C Louis Harlow, AP
Education Officer	P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN
Administrative Officer	John Fitzgerald
Secretary	TBD
Treasurer	Lt/C George Shapow, S
Asst. Educational Officer	Lt Winifred Crawford, JN
Asst. Administrative Officer	1/Lt Robert Brown, AP
Asst. Secretary	1/Lt Diana Schommer, P
Asst. Treasurer	Lt John Scholtz, AP

Members at large

Cdr Gerard Meunier, SN
P/C Susan Kneeland, SN
P/C John Mulkey, AP
P/C Mike Stone, AP

Rules committee

Chair	P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN
Asst. Chair/2 years	Lt David Collins, JN
Member/3 years	P/D/C Fred Adame, SN

Nominating committee

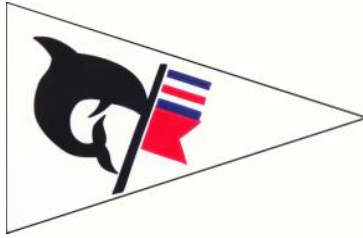
Chair	P/C John Mulkey, AP
Asst. Chair	P/C Susan Kneeland, SN
Member	P/C Jay Longway, P

Auditing committee

Chair	P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN
Asst. Chair	Clay Bernichon, P
Member	D/Lt Robert Schaefer, P

Section 11.1 of the CBSPS By-Laws states: Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Submitted by: P/C Kermit Forbes, P
P/C John F. Mulkey, AP
P/C Susan Kneeland, SN



**Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron
Cordially Invites You To the
47th Annual Change of Watch**

Date: February 08, 2013
Time: 11:30 (cash bar)
Lunch: 12:00
Program: 12:45
Venue: Port Canaveral Yacht Club
 910 Mullet road
 Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
Cost: \$25 p/p

Menu:

**Cream of Mushroom Soup
 Tossed Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette**

**Chicken Diane
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans**

Also included:

Rolls, butter, iced tea or coffee

Dessert: Surprise

**RSVP and pay by 31 January 2014
 Contact: Donna Longway 321-474-8786
 2049 Sykes Creek drive, Merritt Island, FL 32953**

CBSPS Photo Gallery
Sykes Creek Boat Outing—Saturday 16 November 2013



Arrival at Commander's dock



There was quite a crowd



Easy Going getting ready to depart



Onward to Kiwanis Park

CBSPS wins it again



4 of our 5 EPAs: Ron Sageser, Bob Rutigliano, Mike Stone & Lance VandeBerg who, along with Ken Charles, helped CBSPS win the District 23 Education Proficiency Award (AP + 3 Electives) for the 11th time in 23 years. Congratulations!

COCO-NAUTS CORNER

Debra Burleson, PRESIDENT

The Coco-Nauts had their last meeting at the Moose Lodge on November 13th, which fell on the Wednesday after the Harvest Party.

We had 74 paying guest for the Harvest Party, and made just enough to pay for expenses. We had a discussion about the 50/50 drawing that was held in error, and made a motion to send a letter to the Squadron, asking that the monies earned be given to the Richard and Mary Jane Schnoor Scholarship fund.

During new business we made motions to give a \$50 donation to the Moose Lodge for Moose Haven, and \$400 to the Squadron for the Scholarship fund.

After the business meeting ended, we had Diane Sageser, give a wonderful presentation for the future Botanical Gardens at the Brevard Complex in Cocoa, FL.

Our new officers for 2014 will be:

President: Marilyn Flanigan

VP: Denise Stone

Secretary: Susan Forbes

Treasurer: Marian Sweigart

Members at Large

Barbara Millner

Susan Kneeland

Debra Burleson

Our January 8th meeting will be held at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge, starting at 12p. February 12th will be our Friendship Luncheon and it will also begin at noon. This is the luncheon where everyone brings a salad to share. Paper products, plastic ware, & beverages will be provided. This is always a fun event for everyone! Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Happy Birthday

December 2013

07 – Joan Montfort

18 – Janet von Berg

16 – Lea Collins

25 – Arlene Bestow

January 2014

11- Carolyn Bonnett

21 – Donna Longway

February

04 – Reesa Jacobson

06 – Fricky Vaughn

08 – Patricia O'Brien

11 – Judith Miller

20 – Betty Auchter



Galaxy 23

From the District Bridge

D/C Timothy T Henke, JN-CN

The calendar will soon be turned to a new year. 2013 saw many newsworthy items for everyone involved in the United States Power Squadrons. On a district and a squadron level, we said goodbye on the passing of familiar friends. We lost one of our 50 year squadrons – Ponce De Leon Inlet was dissolved.

Sometimes change can be hard to swallow. We always prefer to operate in our comfort zone. Everything around us always changes and we have to embrace that change.

Shortly after changing our date to 2014, each and every member of the United States Power Squadrons is hereby invited to attend the week of annual meeting events that will occur basically in all our back yards. The event is just more than our organizations annual gathering

IT IS OUR 100th Birthday of the United States Power Squadrons. What a grand celebration it is going to be. Please plan on being there. The dates range from January 27 thru February 1st 2014. Things really begin to ramp up on Thursday and will reach an apex on Friday afternoon with the armada of boats assemble to form the Lighted boat parade of boat parades. Jacksonville – both city and Squadron will be pulling out all of the stops to make this an evening on the water to remember. There will be a fabulous fireworks presentation to cap of the parade. Don't have a boat, never fret. The party will also be going on inside the anchor hotel the Hyatt of Jacksonville. We will have a large outdoor deck area to view the parade from and all of the districts along with the hotel will be providing food and drink for all of the land lubbers. The next morning the District Commanders will return, all of the ensigns adorned with the battle ribbons that each squadron has applied during the last year. This will kick off the 100th annual business meeting of our organization. Hopefully by now everyone has a room reservation for at least Friday evening. I would also suggest staying over Saturday evening as the Formal banquet will feature the National Officers Change of Watch. The theme will be a New Orleans style Yachty-Gras (Mardi -Gras) celebration.

So what can you do to get ready? Do you and your boat want to be involved the lighted boat parade?

Get headed that way and contact Jacksonville's Commander Thomas Anderson.

Reserve your rooms Thursday thru Sunday morning.

From the District Bridge (continued)

Sign up for the numerous meetings and seminars that will be held on Thursday and Friday. Attend the Expo area on Friday. Sign up for the numerous meals where each has its own unique theme. From the kick off themed breakfast to the Saturday evening ball. Take it all in. You only will see a single 100th gala like this one. To obtain additional details and up to date information go to www.usps.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page. All the information that you need is there.

BUT, before you head to Jacksonville, each squadron needs to make sure that all bridge officers are attending the annual meeting, along with Squadron Changes of Watches taken care of and all delegates in line to represent every member of District 23.

On January 11th, we will have our District 23 Winter Council Meeting in Daytona ARC center to address several points of business for the District and also discuss final preparations for The National Meeting.

On the forefront, District 23 is venturing forward in an E-learning experience to benefit all members in continuing the educational process. No longer will a squadron be stuck, not being able to teach a class because of the usual reasons. We have a dedicated group that is invoking this change to better us all!

SO THE FUTURE is screaming towards us. It might seem like a whole lot of change. It is that the USPS is headed into its second century with a fresh new surge that will bring success for all. Come and be a part of your organization – The United States Power Squadrons -next level, next century!

A fun Holiday party at the Rockledge Country Club





D23 Winter 2014 Council Meeting

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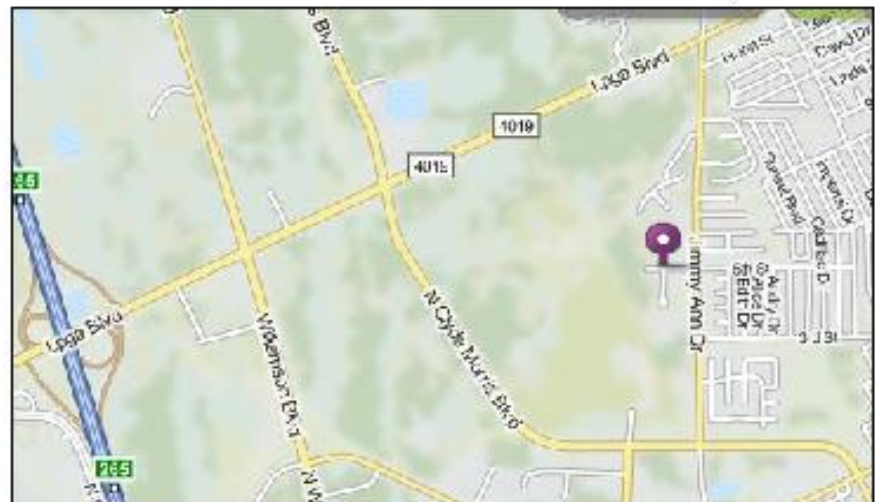
Join us for the District 23 Winter 2014 Council Meeting that is being held at the ARC Conference Center, 100 Jimmy Huger Cir., Daytona Beach, FL 32117 on Saturday, January 11th 2014. Registration is between 0800 and 0900

Once again the fine team at Daytona Beach Sail & Power Squadron who are hosting us will be providing a hot breakfast, biscuits, rolls, Danish, bacon, sausage, grits, toast, pancakes, hot coffee and tea. As with last year, lunch will be those excellent subs with a choice of cheese, tomatoes, onion, lettuce and assorted condiments. Sides include potato salad, soft drinks and bottled water along with potato chips, fruit cup and a large cookie, all for the great price of \$9.00. You can't beat that deal anywhere. So come and join us for the day.



D23 Winter Council

ARC Conference Center
100 Jimmy Huger Cir.
Daytona Beach, FL
32117



Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!
(Let the good times roll!)



**USPS 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration
 Annual Meeting
 Jacksonville, Florida
 28 January through 1 February, 2014**

As you arrive in Jacksonville: Notice welcome signs at the airport, on posts near the Hyatt Hotel and in the lobby of the hotel

Wednesday, 29 January-Evening Party at Jacksonville Landing

Friday, 31 January- "Yachty Gras" Lighted Boat Parade, and Reception/Cocktail party, sponsored by the Hyatt Hotel

Saturday, 1 February- Annual Meeting with a special flag ceremony uniting squadron banners and district anniversary ensigns.

Saturday, 1 February- Saturday evening Mardi Gras Ball and Banquet

Come Join The Fun!



**USPS District 23 2013 Spring Conference and Change of Watch
March 28, 29 & 30, 2014**

Room & Meal Reservations

**Best Western Plus Gateway Grand, 4200 NW 97th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32606
<http://www.gatewaygrand.com>**

*Room Reservations must be received no later than **Thursday, 8 March, 2014** to guarantee rate through hotel,
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Last Name: _____ First: _____ Rank: _____ Grade: _____

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Rank: _____ Grade: _____

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Roasted New Potatoes, Herb Rice Pilaf, Sautéed Broccoli,
Vegetable Medley _____ @ \$37.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast: Hotel Deluxe Continental No charge

Saturday Lunch: Boneless chicken Marsala, Buttered Green Beans,
Roasted sweet Yams, Salad, Rolls _____ @ \$21.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Plated Dinner: _____ London Broil _____ Herb Crusted Salmon
_____ Vegetarian Rustic Ratatouille _____ @ \$38.00 = \$ _____

Sunday N-Club Breakfast: Country Buffet, followed by guest speaker
All Conference Attendees are invited _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

If special diet is required for health reasons, please let us know

Registration Fee for Rain Gutter Regatta (<http://www.raingutter-regatta.com/>) = \$ 6.00

Total amount of Check = \$ _____

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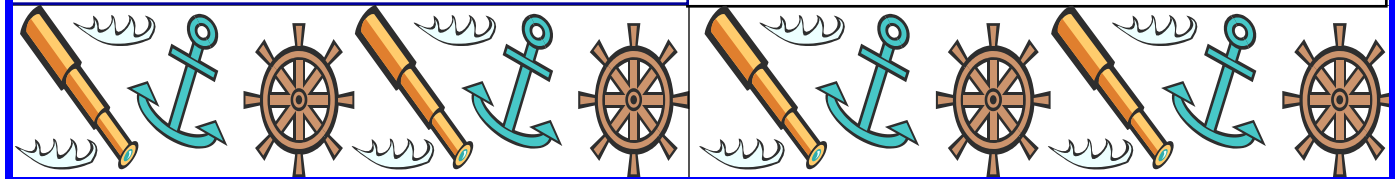


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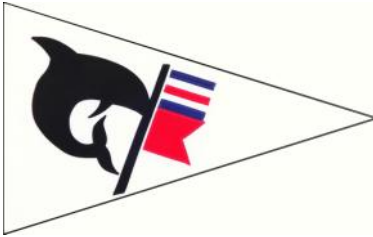
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