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The Coco-Nauts are planning to have a card/game party, on May 10th, at the Community Church in Cocoa Beach, for comradery,					
		More details, will follow soon. Let this notice,			
serve, as adequate time, to get your game on!					
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E:Mail an <u>Attachment</u> to debra.burleson@bellsouth.net

## AT THE HELM

## Cdr. Gerard Meunier, SN



The year 2013 has started off with a roar thanks to the efforts of too many of you to list. If you can do something (or more!) for your Squadron, do let me know of your expertise and/or interests; you will be warmly welcomed as there is plenty for all to do.

Our Squadron was well represented at the District 23 Spring conference in Lake Mary, Fl with nine members in attendance. Of note, P/D/C Lester Tribout, SN looked quite sharp in full regalia uniform, including cap and white gloves, to present and retire the Colors. Also, our District started a new (to my knowledge) tradition of honoring those members who have left us in the previous year. The bell tolled seven times for CBSPS......quite moving.

Of the ten ABC3 July class students who accepted free membership, six decided, for various reasons, not to stay with us. We already know that one of the six from the October class is relocating. On the other hand, we have six new recruits so far this year. But, one does not have to be a nuclear physicist to figure out this is not the correct trend for our membership. Consequently, we need a strong and vigorous recruiting effort to achieve our goal of "220 in 2020". As you know, we are all members of the Membership committee; let's see some action!!!

We have much to offer indeed. Those who came to our Chili cook-off can attest to that. By the way, the Tribout's won the coveted Chili award by only one vote; no, the second best did not ask for a recount!! Last year was a three-way tie. We have some talented cooks in our mist. Thanks to all who participated.

Our calendar is completely full (Including a couple days with multiple events) for the next few months with all sorts of activities, namely picnics, shows, cruises, seminars, ABC3, Advanced & Elective courses. Do invite a prospective member to any of these so they can see what we are all about. Hand-out those brochures and carry a Membership Application form at all times.

As you know, we (that's you!) earned the USPS's "Doing It Right" award. Nice, ...but we (that's you!) want to be "Doing It Better". Thanks for your support.



# **EXECUTIVE OFFICER LT/C Robert Rutgilano, P**



Our Public Relations committee chairman, Jerry O'Meara has been working closely with the Cobb theaters at Merritt Square Mall to obtain a good price for running our ad prior to every movie run and also on the flat screens in the lobby. We still have some details to work out but the preliminary estimates look good. Hopefully we will have some figures to share with you at the April meeting. Jerry is like a bull dog with a ham bone. He isn't giving up no matter what they throw at him. Well done, Jerry.

At the March meeting I again mentioned the opportunity to have a free booth at the Orlando boat show and John Mulkey is working with District 23 concerning a joint effort with other squadrons to participate. We are moving toward that end.

The board voted to purchase two 3 X 5 banners to be displayed on one of our boats during boating outings to places like Grills, Old Florida Sea Food Grill, Ski Island, D-23 Picnic. They can also be used at picnics and any other squadron outings where we can display them. We should have them by the time the Soundings is published and we will display them at the April meeting.

Lt Winnie Crawford is working on our Facebook business page as yet another avenue to reach prospective members.

If you haven't visited our website lately, check it out. Rick is making changes on a daily basis.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** LT/C Louis Harlow, AP



Great Chili Cook Off last month. In May the traditional blessing of the fleet will take place. The location will be the same as last year ----south of the Rte 520 bridge on the Banana River. As the event draws closer more information will be available at the general meeting and on our website.

Membership growth is important, and each of us, should think of ourselves as active recruiters for our squadron. If you know someone that is interested and you want assistance bringing them onboard pass the name and number to any of us on the bridge. We will help you recruit.

Vessel safety checks are an important starting point for boating safety. Please get the word to family and friends that we will do vessel safety checks just for the asking.

Sail safe, check your emergency equipment before you leave the dock

# SECRETARY LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



The new Membership Roster has been printed, and those of you who have email addresses, were notified by P/Lt/C Brian Grigsby, SN, our Communications Officer. I do hope you have taken the time to view the Roster and hopefully found all your information correct. If you have a printer, you may print your own copy to have it available whenever it is needed. If there are any errors in your information, please call me at 452-4602, so it can be corrected for the next Roster update.

Happy Birthday to all who will be celebrating a Birthday in April 2013.

<b>Howard Bernbaum</b>	4/3	Louis Harlow	4/1
Rhoda Bernbaum	4/22	<b>Maryann Infusino</b>	4/25
Mary Carr	4/18	Nancy Keane	4/14
Luke Colloredo	4/8	Paul Mycoskie	4/14
<b>Richard Corrigan</b>	4/23	Paul Ragusa	4/24
Ashley Gay	4/27	Diana Schommer	4/20

### My Fellow Squadron Members,

This year's Relay for Life is like a 55 ton rock rolling down a mountain. It can't be stopped! We are getting close to game time which is Saturday, April 27, 2013, at Cocoa River Front Park starting at 2:00 PM. Thank you for those who have signed up and donated to date. So far members have donated nearly \$900. Our goal is \$1,500 so we still have a ways to go.

Additional volunteers are needed to participate and help staff our booth. This is an excellent way to showcase who we are and what we do to the general public. If anyone would like to sign up as a Cancer survivor please contact or see me as there will be a special dinner(free) and event for you. Also if anyone would like to prepare Luminaria to recognize a love or friend please see me.

The overall event theme is To Celebrate a World With More Birthdays. Between now and the event we must come up with a Birthday theme for our team. Please join our Team and participate. Members and your friends can still sign up at the next meeting. It would also be appreciated if a donation could be made.

The next meeting wil be last one before the Relay. Please make your check payable to the American Cancer Society with Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron noted some where. You can also donate on line by going to the Cocoa Village Relay for Life website, click on Teams, scroll down to our team, click on Donate, and follow the instructions. You can make a difference in the fight against this terrible disease!

Thank you.

P/C Bud Miller, JN

# SEO P/C Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN



With the onset of Daylight Savings Time our days are longer and that means we have more time in the day....right?

Well that may not be mathematically true but those of us involved in the Education Department wish that were so. Our calendar for the rest of March and the entire month of April is very full! To finish out March we have two sets of students facing take-home tests for Piloting and Advanced Piloting. These folks have been working steadily along at achieving the skills needed to successfully complete the courses, which are not easy! We wish them luck on their tests.

We begin April with an Engine Maintenance Class being lead by Lt. Gene Millner, AP. There are 8 members enrolled in this class which begins on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>, at Wuesthoff Hospital.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Seamanship will begin at Cape Canaveral Hospital. Your SEO will be teaching this class instead of Lt. Adrianne Goldstein, AP, who is recovering from surgery. Enrollment for this class is open and interested members should sign up at <a href="mailto:schoon67@cfl.rr.com">schoon67@cfl.rr.com</a> or by using the WEB site form.

On the public education side of our department we have plans to teach both another seminar and an ABC III course in April.

The Weather Seminar at Port Canaveral Yacht Club was a great success with an attendance of 17 boaters from CBSPS, PCYC along with two individuals from the general public. We are hoping for even greater turn-out when P/C Susan Kneeland, SN presents a Chart Seminar on 27 April from 1000-1200. For those of you who are confused by the meaning of all the symbols on a chart, this is for you!!! And remember, these seminars are for the public so please invite your boating friends....the cost is \$10/family group.

Port Canaveral Yacht Club will also be our hosts for a two day ABC class on 13 & 20 April. This is the perfect venue for boating classes...the view of the marina and the port is really conducive to learning about boating safety. CBSPS is very grateful for the use of such a facility!

Involvement in any of our boating education programs is a click of the finger away...just go to <a href="www.cbsps.com">www.cbsps.com</a> where in the left hand column you will find Boating Education...click on that, find the classes in which you are interested and use the convenient sign-up sheet. Or the old fashioned phone call to the SEO will also work....321-241-4002.





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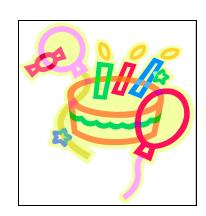
Wow, we had another great turnout for our monthly meeting, and a couple, that we haven't seen in a while!!! Our next meeting will be held at, the Moose Lodge, in Merritt Island, starting at 1130a, on Wednesday, April 10th.

We will be, trying to, iron out details, of our card/game party for the next 2 meetings, which is scheduled for May 10th, at the Community Church, in Cocoa Beach, from around 10a-2p. We certainly hope, to see many of your smiling faces there! The card/game party, will be open, to invite your other card/game playing friends, from outside of the squadron! Tickets, should be for sale by the April 2nd, general meeting, and the upcoming "Meet the Bridge event, to be held on April 6th.

We are planning, to have a wine/cheese basket made by Marge Balkema, that we will raffle at the "Meet the Bridge" event. It is necessary, for the women's auxiliary, of the squadron, to have several, fund raising efforts this year, so that we may help, with the upcoming fall conference, as well as, the continued support, we offer, from year to year.

#### **April Birthdays**

- 10 Ruth Finn
- 20 Diane Schommer
- 22 Rhoda Bernbaum
- 25 Maryann Infusino





## **CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:**

## **March 2013**

- 23 24, Saturday & Sunday, 0900-1600, Harbortown Marina, Merritt Island, FL
- 28 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

# **April 2013**

- 02 Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 06 Saturday, 1130, Meet the Bridge, Kiwanis Park
- 08 Monday, 1900 Engine Maintenance class, Wuesthoff Hospital
- 10 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Moose Lodge Merritt Island
- 13 & 20, Saturday, 0900-1500, ABC III, Port Canaveral Yacht Club
- 13 Saturday, 1000 Boaters Exchange Fair
- 13 Saturday, 1100 Boating outing to Ski Island
- 19 Friday, TBD, Brevard Zoo, Viera, FL
- ► 22 Monday, 1900 Seamanship class, Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 25 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island, Library
- 27 Saturday, 1000-1200, Basic Charting Seminar, Port Canaveral Yacht Club
- 27 Saturday, 1500 Cancer Walk, Riverfront Park, Cocoa Village

# May 2013

- . 07 Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 08 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon, TBD
- 10 Friday, 1000-1400, Card/game party, Community Church, Cocoa Beach
- 11 Saturday, D23 Picnic, Fox Lake Park, Titusville
- ► 18 Saturday, 1100 Blessing of the Fleet (same location as last year)
- 18-24, Saturday, Safe Boating Week
- 25 TBD, Flare demonstration, location TBD
- CBSPS 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 able

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

The weather was great and we had a nice Boating Event at <u>SAMSON ISLAND on the Grand Canal</u> on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Our squadron had tree boats including Wave Dancer with the Mittauers, <u>Playing Hookie</u> with Balkema's & Smalls, and <u>Easy Going</u> with Rutigliano's and guests Longways and John Mulkey. The Island association had about 100 visitors invited over to see wildlife, the nature trails, exhibits and enjoy free hot dogs. We visited with Banana River Sail & Power Squadron members at their booth on the island. Photo's follow:





April 13, Saturday, we "Cruise to Water Ski Island" near the Locks arriving 12 to 12:30 for a picnic and then we can idle cruise over towards the cruise boats. Have your Burgee on the boat

May 18, Saturday, Our "Blessing of the Fleet" event takes place at 11:00 sharp, be there in line at 10:30. This is your chance to show off your boat, be seen as a Boating Squadron, and receive the blessing that will insure the boat runs well for the season! This is an old Greek (and others) tradition that was very serious. The event is on Banana River, just Southwest of the Hwy 520 Causeway Bridge. Non-Boaters can view the Blessing parked along the Hwy 520 Causeway or from the Restaurant nearby. Boaters, this is an easy event to do, a lot of fun, and really, you ought to try and come out for the event. We all circle up at slow idle and at 11:00 when invited pass by the Blessing Boat for the Blessing. Following the Blessing we will go to the Island Restaurant (formerly River Roost Restaurant) nearby and order off the menu



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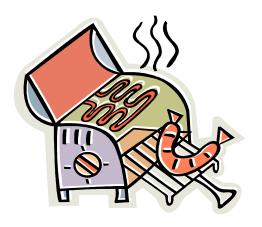
The next blood donation will be on 01 May @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





# MEET THE BRIDGE KIWANIS PARK, MERRITT ISLAND SATURDAY, April 6, 2013







Cost: \$6 p/p

Social and 50/50 Raffle: 11:30-12:30

Lunch:12:30 - until????

Games: corn hole, horse shoes, and volleyball

Hot Dogs, hamburgers, beverages, and paper products will be provided. Everyone should bring a side dish to share!







Contact: Doris Valentine @321-452-1835 to pay ahead and sign up

CBSPS Photo Gallery General Meeting 03-05-13 ,Chili Cook-off, Awards, New Members, and Guests from PCYC

















# **American Cancer Society**

# Cocoa Village Relay for Life Cancer Walk April 27, 2013 @1500 Riverfront Park in Cocoa Village

Last year CBSPS raised over \$1700 Goal this year over \$2000

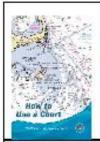


Members are invited to join our team to participate in this fun event, and help raise funds by member donations for the ARC. Unfortunately cancer has touched many of us, our loved ones, or friends. Your donations go to support Cancer Research, and services, that has resulted, in an increasing survival rate from this dreaded disease. It would be appreciated, if you would sign up, and bring a donation to the next meeting. Donations can also be mailed to relay team chairman P/C Bud Miller. Checks should be made out to ARC, with our squadron's team name (CBSPS) noted. In next month's issue of "The Soundings", we will include information, on how to, donate, by credit card.





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## How to Use a Chart

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Date: 27 April 2013



# Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

Basics of VHF radio are discussed. Boaters are taught how to access Digital Selective Calling (DSC) service with linkage to Coast Guard Rescue 21 System now available in our area. The optional material includes a CD that allows you to practice on your own computer.

Date: 22 June 2013



# **Using GPS**

Explains the principles of waypoint navigation and how to relate your GPS to charts. A generic description of the functions of the GPS, including the numerous "buttons" and how to access and utilize the different screens are covered.

Date: 13 July 2013

When? Registration - 9:30 AM Seminar- 10:00-12:00 Where? Port Canaveral Yacht Club - 910 Mullet Drive

Cape Canaveral, FL

Cost? \$10/family Optional Course Materials available

Preregister & info at <u>SEO@cbsps.com</u> or <u>www.CBSPS.com</u>

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Directions will be in a later issue, of The Soundings, or sent out via email!



# Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron A Squadron of USPS, A National Boating Organization



## Announces its annual "Blessing Of The Fleet" to be held Saturday, May 18, 2013

Location: On The Water, Banana River, just Southwest of the Highway 520 Causeway

Bridge. Go under the bridge South & head Southwest forming into a circle.

Time: Be there at 10:30, Blessing is 1100 Local Time, Sharp

## Action: All boaters are WELCOME TO BE BLESSED...

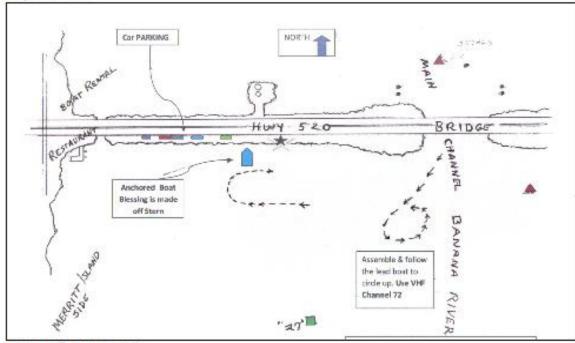
Be on your boat, in the area at 1030 Local Time, and join up in a "circle of boats" - fall in line behind the last boat. Listen on VHF Channel 72 for instructions.

P/C Duane Balkema, AP with 23 foot Chaparral will assume the boats Lead Position of Circle of boats in preparation for Blessing.

The Coast Guard will arrive at 1040 Local Time and at 1100 Local Time, Leading All Boats Past the Stationary (Anchored) Boat where the "Blessing" occurs.

As you pass the Blessing Boat, Say your Boats Name, The Captain & Crew names on VHF Channel 72 or shout across, do not stop or change speed. Keep spaced 30 feet Apart in the line and as you pass.

Pastor Jay (John) Bergstresser will "Bless" the Boat & Captain by name as they proceed past. For another year, the plan is that the blessed boat and crew will be safe and have no problems.



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# SAIL INTO THE SUNSET WITH US ABOARD THE BLUE DOLPHIN



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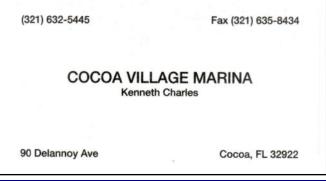


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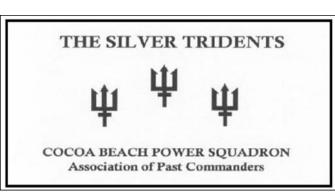
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