

Organization's Mission

The Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron, one of 400 nationwide, is a non-profit organization serving Boater's education needs in Central Brevard County since 1967. The United States Power Squadrons' mission is to: promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.

"Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends" To join us, contact Membership@cbsps.org

AT THE HELM

Commander John FitzGerald, JN-CN Page 1/2



<u>Friendship:</u> "the emotions or conduct of friends; the state of being friends". *<u>Camaraderie:</u>* "mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together".

I bring these two words up because I was reflecting on our three years in the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. I've belonged to many groups in the past and I can tell you that this organization feels more like an extended family than a simple boating club. Our squadron is an example for all squadrons to follow. Let's build our organization as strong as possible.

I had a very good friend of mine, Robert Blackledge and his wife Suzie, join us on some of the past outings such as the Planetarium and the Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show and after they saw the closeness of the CBSPS they joined. His wife especially likes the outings we go on to the islands. Many of you have done the same. If you have friends who enjoy boating, please invite them to join us on a few outings to let them see and learn about our organization. This will increase our group of friends, possibly increase membership and make our waterways safer by the education they receive from the United States Power Squadron.

Some of our Squadron members have been on, and are still on extended trips:

- Jim Green and his wife Carolyn left earlier this year and sailed south on the intercoastal waterway on their sailboat the "Lady Longlegs" Their blog, <u>svladylong-legs.blogspot.com</u> is where you can read about their adventure and see their photographs. They always seem to be smiling so they must be having a great time. Their adventure has been temporarily placed on pause and took a detour to North Carolina but they will be back on their way shortly.
- Tom and Julie Hoffman have been on their trip around the Great Loop since March. They both retired, bought a beautiful catamaran named "Next Adventure" and headed on a great adventure. Their blog is <u>nextadventureonthloop.com</u> where you can follow their progress up the intercoastal waterway, through Canada and back to where they are now located in Michigan. Their blog highlights their stops with beautiful photos of historic locations, beautiful scenery and their stops with family. You can see in the pictures; they proudly fly the CBSPS burgee for the world to see.

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I highly recommend following these two blogs, they document their trips and make you feel like you are on their voyage with them. If we are lucky, Jim and Carolyn as well as Tom and Julie can share some of their adventure with us when they come back. You are missed by all. Continue to have safe travels, we will see you when you get back.

The Coco-Nauts did an outstanding job with the Macys fundraiser for the squadron. If you didn't participate you missed out on great savings for three days and a chance to win a \$500.00 Macys gift card. The Coco-Nauts is a historic and integral part of CBSPS and on behalf of the squadron I would like to give you a big THANK YOU for all you do to support the squadron.

Finally, I would like to mark the passage of our long time member:

P/Lt/C Robert W. Schaefer, P of the United States Power Squadrons has embarked on his last voyage. The tides of life have ebbed for a shipmate, and we honor his memory. Robert was a valued member of the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron and District 23. Now the Supreme Commander has called our shipmate to sail with Him in eternal calm waters, forever free from the storms and tempests of mortal life.



Beautiful weather for the Marker 21 Outing



Our Centanarian, P/C Ed Kydd, SN and family

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander Tom Courtney, AP-CN



Scholarship: The Richard & Mary Jane Schnoor scholarship fund is in sound financial shape this year due to the squadron recycling initiative headed by P/C Bob Rutigliano SN as well as the generosity of Squadron members at last year's silent auction. Special thanks go to Captains Mark & Michelle Anderson of the Space Coast River Tours for their recycling efforts in their business. Thank you to all who donate their cans and money for this worthwhile cause.

This year's scholarship winner, Amanda Sava, will be our guest speaker at our October 4 general meeting. Please try to make this meeting to congratulate Amanda.

Vessel Safety Check: Under the leadership and direction of P/C Bob Rutigliano SN-IN, we have 13 inspectors and four members who want to become active in the program. As of 8/22/2016, 176 inspections have been completed with 143 passing. These numbers lead our district. Congratulations to Bob and his team in helping promote safe boating on the water.

Boat Show Committee: Participating in boats shows has traditionally been one of our strongest recruiting tools. We have two shows coming up in the fall:

The East Coast Boat Show- Oct. 14-16

Boaters Exchange boat show- Nov. 12.

We are looking for volunteers to work 2-hr shifts for these. Please contact L/C Mike Glenn JN to sign up. Mike has led this committee the past two years. He is stepping down and I am looking for someone to take over. Please contact me if you are interested.

I want to say thanks to Mike for all the work he has put into this committee.

Facebook, Public Relations, Website:

Lt Winnie Crawford JN is heading our Facebook page. Please pass on to her any Squadron events, news, pictures, etc that she can share on Facebook.

Lt. Pat Dinkey S is our Public Relations lead. Pat is charged with making the Squadron look good in the media and printed materials.

P/C Rick Schoonmaker SN is our webmaster. Rick keeps our website up to date and easy to navigate. Rick has asked to step down in this roll and I am looking for someone interested in undertaking this position. Please contact me if you are interested.

Thanks to Winnie, Pat and Rick for their help in making our Squadron the best in District 23.

Liaison Committee: P/C Jay Longway P keeps us informed with what's going on with Brevard County and the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center. Thanks Jay for being involved with these organizations.

Radio Technical Officer: Lt/C George Shapow JN keeps us informed of any updates.

Thanks to everyone on these committees, who donate their time to make our Squadron the place to be on the Space Coast.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

Past Commander Sandra Schoonmaker, SN Page 1/2



Fall classes are underway at Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. Students are avidly participating in one of three classes: Seamanship, Engine Maintenance and Navigation (celestial navigation).

So what do CBSPS members do with this knowledge?

Many new members take classes to increase their boating knowledge prior to the purchase of a boat. Quality instructors convey valuable information that will assist in accessing a boat purchase as well as in evaluating the advisability of undertaking DUI projects. Education takes "Buyer beware" out of the purchasing quotient.

The majority of squadron members are recreational boaters who find that classroom studies provide a sense of confidence while boating on local waters. Knowing how to anchor correctly, how to secure a vessel to the dock, when to change fuel filters, what the clouds are telling about future weather, are examples of information that allow the boater to relax and enjoy smooth sailing. And just as importantly, the boater can rely upon educational knowledge to understand what is happening when things go wrong.

Included in the membership of CBSPS are numerous boaters who put their education to the greater test by undertaking long distance cruises. Popular with several members is "The Loop", a trip north along the eastern seashore, into Canada and then south along the Mississippi River and home to Florida. P/C Gerard and his first mate did the full loop a few years ago and followed it up in 2016 with the "Small Loop" up into Canada and back. Along the way, they encountered numerous problems including an electrical panel fire, refrigeration issues, water in the bilge resulting in intentional grounding. Gerard's ability to cope with these situations was enhanced by the fact that he has taken all the classes offered by USPS.

Tom and Julie joined CBSPS in 2013 with the goal of completing The Loop. In three years they had each completed navigation classes through Junior Navigation and had taken 5 electives. They used their classroom knowledge and interaction with other class members to help them choose a boat best suited to their needs. They then applied what they had learned to prepare the boat for their great adventure. In 2016 they departed and as of this writing are heading south along the inland rivers. As with all cruises there have been some problems and through their blog they have reported on the how their classes have assisted them in the success of their adventure.



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Sailing to the Bahamas is an annual adventure for many. This year Jim and Carolyn left their home port on Merritt Island for a few months on the hook in the islands. Having both taken several classes including the navigation series, they had a great summer in the clear waters and sandy shores of a boater's paradise.

CBSPS members also include several boaters who live full time aboard their boat. Larger boats can be totally independent of shore facilities and the "live-aboards" can attest to the importance of having knowledge of all the systems that allow this. With the complex electrical, water, waste disposal, AC/heating systems, engines and generator, these experienced boaters can attest to the fact that education and knowledge are priceless.

"Boating is fun, we will show you how". CBSPS instructors love boating and want to share their expertise so that everyone can enjoy boating adventures.

In January there will be two classes offered:

Marine Electrical Systems:Mondays16 January – 13 MarchPiloting (nearshore navigation):Thursdays19 January – 16 March

Sign up on-line at: www.cbsps.org

Congratulations to our 2 new Senior Navigators:

- Past Commander Lou Harlow, SN
- Past Commander Bob Rutigliano, SN

This is the highest level within the United States Power Squadrons r for those who have taken all the courses offered. Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron now has 19 members with the SN grade.

Congratulations to our 3 new Coastal Navigators:

- Commander John FitzGerald, JN-CN
- Lieutenant Commander Tom Courtney, AP-CN
- Member Jim Mannon, JN-CN

They have completed the second level of the Boat Operator Certification program. CBSPS now has four CNs.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander Jose Casals, AP



Our Membership, Social and Boating Committees continue to provide our Squadron with a variety of events for the enjoyment of all our members.

Our membership remains strong and continue to increase during this last quarter. We now have 168 members and our expectation is to continue that trend in the upcoming months.

The Social Committee assisted in the planning of the 100th Birthday celebration for Ed Kydd on July 5 2016. This event was a total success and a great memory for Ed, his family and all the members that attended.

During our General Meeting on August 2, Mr. Wayne Justice, Port Canaveral Commissioner provided an outstanding presentation of the history and evolution of Port Canaveral and future expansion plans.

In addition, during the Italian Night Party on September 6, the Squadron enjoyed a large variety of delicious Italian entrees provided by the members. It was a very pleasant night attended by many members and their family and guests.

Our Boating Committee kept our active boaters on the water this past quarter and details are covered separately in the Boating Report by Duane Balkema. The events included the Scavenger Hunt, the Tour to the Bioluminescent Lagoon, the Cruise to Marker 21, and the Cruise to Bird Island.

Upcoming social and boating events include the Cruise to Mosquito Lagoon on October 8, the Halloween Party on October 28, the Ft Lauderdale Boat Show on Nov 5, the Egg Nog Party on Dec 6, the Holiday Party on Dec 9 and participation in the Cocoa Beach Boat Parade.

Welcome to the 17 new members of Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron In 2016.

Boating Report Past Commander Duane L. Balkema, AP

RECENT EVENTS

Recent Events include the **July 16th "Scavenger Hunt on Banana River"** and 4 boats and 15 people attended and competed. Pam Johnson determined Bob Rutigliano's Boat Scoresheet the Winner of the grand prize. We gave the Cdr a not so good award which may be awarded next year.

August 20th our **"Cruise to Marker 21 on Indian River"** attendees included 7 boats and 15 people. Reports are that the "Rum Balls" were the greatest. The Cdr. Fitzgerald came out in his little powered canoe and was giving rides. Thanks to Robert Blackledge for the Nice Grill and all the food...

Our **"Cruise to Bird Island" on September 17th** should have a fine turn-out.

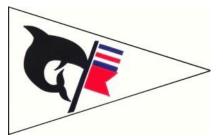
COMING EVENTS

Next **October 15**th we will "**Cruise to Mosquito Lagoon**" North of Titusville. Its quite a ride up, but several plan to overnight as well making it a great outing. See you there. As in all events look to other pages of the report for all the details.

The next boating event will be to Raft-UP and Watch the "**Cocoa Beach Christmas Boat Parade**" which is **December 17th.** There are Christmas Parades in Port Canaveral, Merritt Island and on Grand Canal that I know of. It is lots of fun to participate with a decorated boat. I have several times and can tell you it can be a harrowing experience to turn and head into a narrow canal behind someone with another boat behind you and all of the sudden its canal end and the guy ahead with a single engine boat has a devil of a time turning around and heading back out. Praise be to twin engines boats that can reverse direction within their own length. Aw, but what a thrill to run the parade.

One silly experience I had, was that among about 10 or so people on board were members Bud Miller, Richard Herrick and wives. I had rented a big power unit and sat it out back on the swim platform, running its heart out. We were all lit up and doing fine when someone cut in on me and made a big wave which drowned out the power unit. We kept going while I tried to start it. No luck. The guys said, well what are you going to do? Run the Parade, like planned. Then maybe a little tooted, and annoyed with people from docks saying to us, like we didn't know it, hey, you lights are out. Richard, started saying back to people, "we are running stealth!" We all laughed like crazy as we all made that comment. We had no other problems.





CRUISE TO MOSQUITO LAGOON



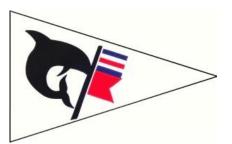


When:	8 October 2016
Where:	West end of the Barge Canal in the Indian River at 1100 hrs.
	Cruise to Mosquito Lagoon through Haulover Canal
	Raft up/ Have lunch
Time:	Lunch 1200 hr. (Bring your own food and drinks)

For additional details or if you do not have a boat and would like to participate, contact:

Duane Balkema at (321) 452-5892 or Jose Casals at (410) 707-3562





Halloween Party

When:Friday 28 October 2016 @ 6pmWhere:SEE http://www.cbsps.org/event_calendar.htmlCost:FREE

The CBSPS Entertainment Committee would like to invite you to a night of fun and games at our yearly Halloween Party

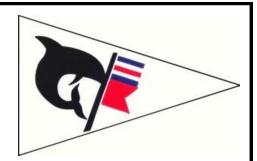
COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL – COME DRESSED AS YOU LIKE

This is a BYOB party Water & soda will be supplied by the Entertainment Committee <u>Please bring a finger food dish to share</u>



Sign up at the October 4 General Meeting or Contact Doris Valentine at (321) 452-1835





FORT LAUDERDALE BOAT SHOW

When:Saturday 5 November 2016Entrance Cost:\$28 per person(Additional \$3 discount to Boat/US Members)

Planning: Travel to and from the 2016 Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show will be by per sonal car pre-arranged among members

Please sign up at the October General Meeting to coordinate people attending and available drivers.

For additional information please contact :

Jose Casals by email: jmcasals@gmail.com

or Cell phone: (410) 707-3562





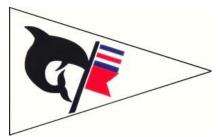
Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron COCONAUTS HARVEST PARTY



When:Sunday 13 November 2016Where:Space Coast Association of Realtors105 McLeod St, Merritt Island

Please bring a dish to share Wine, beer, soda & water supplied Cost: \$8/person Friends & Family welcome

Sign up at the October or November General Meeting or contact Doris Valentine (321) 452-1835



Happy Holidays

Holiday Dinner & Dance Party



When:Friday 9 December 2016, Starting at 6 PMWhere:Double Tree by Hilton Cocoa Beach
2080 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931Price:\$37 per person
Music:Music:DJ
Food:Buffet Dinner & Desert Bar
Menu to be posted on WWW.CBSPS.ORG
Cash Bar Available

<u>Please make reservations & pay prior to Friday 2 December 2016</u> <u>Coordinator: Doris Valentine @ 321-452-1835</u>





Cocoa Beach Boat Parade





When: Time:

17 December 2016 1800 HRS

The Squadron boaters are invited to join P/C Duane Balkema for a raft up in the Canal just south of Sunset Grill to watch the Cocoa Beach Boat Parade.

We will meet up in the Banana River just south of the SR 520 Bridge and cruise to our raft up. This is a BYOB event.

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Coordinator: Duane Balkema (321) 452-5892

SECRETARY Lieutenant Commander Theresa FitzGerald, JN



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Happy Birthday!

Samuel Morell Carol Poole, S Ken Poole, AP Marty Ramos, S Barbara Rutigliano P/C Bob Rutigliano, SN-IN P/D/Lt/C Frank Sebree, SN Lt/C George Shapow, JN Scott Schroder Siebers, JN Jeffrey Stalnaker, S P/C Michael Stone, AP Steve Switsky, S Chris Tighe, S Janet Von Berg, S

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL BORN IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!



COCO-NAUTS CORNER

Denise Stone, President

HAPPY FALL to ALL! The summer was fun but I'm looking forward to cooler weather and the fun times that fall brings! Even though the Coco-Nauts were on hiatus during the summer we had a very successful fundraiser: The Macy's SHOP FOR A CAUSE Weekend raising \$425! Thanks to all whom either sold or bought tickets!!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH OUR FALL ACTIVITIES!

Oct 19, 2016: Covered Dish luncheon at Denise's to finish the reindeer

Nov 2, 2016: NOTE THE DATE CHANGE! Kelsey's Pizza on Merritt Island Agenda: To finish planning for the Harvest Party

Nov 13, 2016: The Harvest Party at the Space Coast Association of Realtors 105 McLeod St, Merritt Island from 2pm to 4pm.

Dec Meeting: TBA

It will be a busy but fun fall! I hope to see many Coco-Nauts participating in a least a couple of events.

Be sure to wish our fall babies a Happy Birthday during their birthday months when you see them. OCTOBER: NOVEMBER: DECEMBE

Denise Stone

NOVEMBER: Marge Balkema Tammarra Mycoskie Carolyn Green DECEMBER: Robin Courtney Janice Brown Joan Montfort Janet von Berg Arlene Bestow *****



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> District 23 Newsletter D/C Mark Adams, SN



It seems the squadrons have had both a busy and fun spring and summer. So far we have had pretty decent boating weather and you all are taking advantage of it from what I am seeing in social media and squadron newsletters.

There is a lot happening in D23 over the next few months.

- Dianne and I along with XO D/Lt/C Ron Gagen and Judy and D/Lt/C Kurt Mikat will be attending the Governing Board in Pittsburgh, August 24-28. I will bring back a report to the district shortly after the meeting. I hope all squadron commanders will be attending but if you can't please give your proxy to a squadron member attending or to me.
- The fall council meeting will be held Monday October 3rd. via GoToMeeting. Please send any items of business to be brought before the council to me by September 16th.
- The Daytona Beach Sail and Power Squadron are hosting the D23 fall conference the weekend of October 21-23, 2016. The theme is Halloween so get your costumes ready. Please see the D23 website and your squadron newsletters for more details.
- The fall conference is also the time a number of awards are presented including winners of teaching aids. The awards manual for D23 is on the website <u>www.uspsD23.org</u> (resources section). Please take a moment to review the criteria and nomination time frame for each award. P/D/C Bill Fehr is the district awards chairperson. Please get your entries to him as soon as possible.
- Merit mark nominations are due in early October. This is the way we recognize the hard work and time expended by our Squadron members supporting our organization and community throughout the year. Take the time to recognize these members and submit your nominations on time. See you soon

District 23

Fall Conference

21, 22 October 2016

Holiday Inn Daytona Beach

137 Automall Circle Daytona Beach, Fl 32124

phone (386) 236-0200

IT'S A PIRATE LIFE FOR ME

<u>HALLOWEEN RAFT UP AND DISTRICT MEETING</u> **A Halloween Pirates Theme on Saturday Night** with Costume Judging, Dinner and Music

Friday, 21 October 2016

0900 - Golf

1500 - 1800 Registration at the D23 Reception Desk in the Lobby

1600 - 1800 Hospitality Room Open

1830 - 2030 Cash Bar and Dinner Buffet

2030 -2300 Post Dinner Pontifications

Saturday, 22 October 2016

0800 - 1000 Registration at the D23 Lobby Desk

0830-1000 Navigators "N Club" Meeting

1000 - 1200 Recipe Exchange/Craft Discussions (Hospitality Room)

1000-1300 LOCAL ACTIVITIES (TOURS)

• Daytona International Speedway: 90 Minute tour, \$24 per and paid in advance upon registration. NOTE: if ten or more the cost will be \$18. Provide own transport.

• Visit to Halifax Museum, located at 252 S. Beach St, Daytona Beach, 32114. Open 10AM, fee is \$7 for adults. Preview at www.halifaxhistorical.com, ph 386-255-6976 and you take yourselves and enjoy.

Daytona Beach Flea Market located at the corner of I-92 and 1425 Tomoka Farms Rd 32124

1015-1200 Selected Navigation Topics presented by the "N Club."

1200-1345 LUNCH On Your Own

1400-1600 D23 Conference & Bridge Meeting

alternate activity is Euchre Card Tourney for fun in the hallway

1600-1800 Hospitality Room

1830-2015 Cash Bar-Dinner-Presentation of Selected Sea Stories-Parading of Costumes, Judging followed by Music, Dancing, and further Merriment

Sunday, 23 October 2016

Safe Passages to Home Port



Please support our Friends !



CBSPS members are invited to meet and eat ach Wednesday at 1130 at The Cozy Corner Cat 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy Merritt Island, FL Breakfast & light lunches available.

