

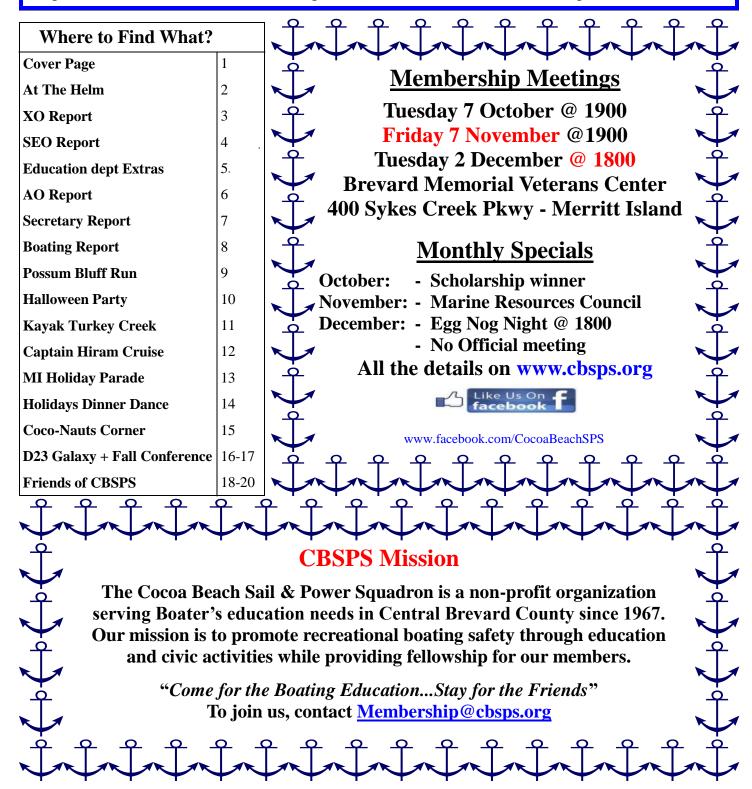
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AT THE HELM

Cdr Bob Rutigliano, JN-IN



As we slide from the hot days of summer to the cooler days of the fall months, we recall the events we shared such as the offshore fishing trip, the ski island boat trip & picnic, the cruise to Grills for lunch, and the bioluminescent cruise aboard the Blue Dolphin to mention a few. Good times with good friends and fellow members of the greatest squadron in USPS.

Italian night proved once again to be a popular event with over 60 members and guests attending. Two guests filled out applications and became members. A great job by our entertainment committee. To Lt/C John FitzGerald P and his department, a hearty Well Done.

Looking forward we have the Halloween costume party, the Harvest Party and our Holiday dinner / dance. Not to mention our monthly outings. A lot of fun still to come.

We continue to grow and as of this writing we have 147 members.

Our Vessel Examiners have completed 97 inspections so far this year.

Our Scholarship can now be found on our website under the heading "About CBSPS". Anyone visiting our website can check it out. We continue to collect aluminum beer and soft drink cans to help fund the scholarship. Please keep in mind that in order for ATM Recycling to give us top dollar for the cans, they must be rinsed out and not mixed with soup cans, plastic or glass bottles, pie pans, tin foil, paper or any other items. To guarantee this, I sort through all bags before recycling. Please help to insure there is no foreign items in the bags before they are recycled.

The executive committee is finalizing a printing of committee member duties. When finished, a copy will be added to the welcome package given to all new members.

The squadron needs a Chaplain to relieve Lt Denise Stone, P who has held that position for 15 or 20 years. This might be a good fit for a newer member to step up. Anyone who would like to fill this position please contact me or Denise

Merritt Island Christmas parade will be held on December 6, 2014. At this point we have 3 boats on trailers scheduled to be entered. We have several members who signed up to ride in one of the boats, several members who volunteered to help with the purchase of candy and a few willing to walk the route giving out candy and literature. We need a few more walkers. Please contact me by e -mail or phone. Each boat owner is responsible for the decorations on their boat. I will have more info at the October meeting.

See you on the water.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERLt/C Louis Harlow, JN



Membership is increasing and meetings are well attended. If you haven't been to a meeting recently come to the next one and see for yourself. Your squadron is doing well. Event participation is on the rise and education classes are full. Come out and feel the fun and friendship.

** DISTRICT 23 Fall Conference
October 3 - October 5, 2014 **
Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront
Please see the Banana River Sail and Power Squadron website www.BRSPS.org for details and registration.
(See Program page 17)

Now is a good time to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. The XO is accepting all contributions. Ask your tax preparer if you can deduct the contribution on your taxes. The latest recipient is Alexander Nickerson a Meteorology major currently attending Florida Institute of Technology.

When you go out on the water be sure to have enough fuel to get there enough to return. Emergencies happen when you don't expect them but you can be prepared.

Very respectfully,

Harlow

Executive Officer CBSPS

Thanks to our 2014 Scholarship Fund Donors

All donations are to be mailed to: Executive Officer Lt/C Lou Harlow, JN 520 Albatross Street, Merritt Island, Fl 32952 with a check made out to CBSPS

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN



No autumn leaves and so far no cooling breezes, but it is fall in Florida when our northern friends begin to return and we start the countdown to year's end and the holiday season. But before we get there, we have a few more wonderful squadron activities to enjoy. In the Education Department that means the start of two more classes: one elective and one navigational.

The fall elective, at the request of the membership, is Marine Communication Systems. The class began on 15 September with 9 enrollees. The next class in the navigation series is Advanced Piloting that commenced on 18 September with 13 students. These will finish up around the start of the holiday season which means the next round of classes will not occur until after the start of 2015.

If you missed taking a class during the fall session, I encourage you to think ahead to the new year when we have two more offerings. These are both elective classes, which have no prerequisites for enrollment. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The Engine Maintenance Class will begin on 19 January. I think this will be the most exciting version of this class that we have ever taught! Lt Ron Sageser, JN and Lt Garry Pepin, P, are team teaching. They both have a military background in engines and have experience with boat engines. The class will include a field trip to Garry's shop where he has numerous engine parts including a typical V-6 gasoline fuel injection boat engine on a rack with an intact stern drive. This will be a hands-on learning opportunity for the students to complement the class-room studies. So mark your calendars and sign up for this class!

The second elective will be our Weather Class, also back by popular demand. Beginning 22 January, 1/Lt Winnie Crawford, JN, our personal meteorologist, will lead this class. This is one of the most comprehensive classes taught by CBSPs and Winnie's professional knowledge is a great asset in explaining the complexities of weather phenomenon. With weather being one of the greatest hazards to boating safety, this class is highly recommended. So save the date!

At the completion of these two classes, the 2013-2014 CBSPS year will have ended. But that only means that we begin the next year with a whole new roster of classes including another cycle of the navigation classes and a series of new electives. So stay tuned.......





EXTRA! EXTRA!

From CBSPS's Education dept



CONGRATULATIONS

CBSPS wants to recognize the four members who have achieved the grade of JN (Junior Navigator) this year. The JN signifies they have each completed the first four of the Navigational Classes: Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Junior Navigation.

Lt/C Lou Harlow, JN Cdr. Robert Rutigliano, JN-IN Lt Ronald Sageser, JN-CN 1/Lt John Scholtz, JN

The group was instructed by P/D/C Fred Adame, SN and Lt Dennis Peterson, SN, both of whom spent hundreds of hours working with the students to assure they achieved this prestigious goal. Their sites were evaluated by P/C George Hess, SN who has to individually correct each of the folders submitted by the candidates. The contribution of these men to the Education Department is invaluable!

After JN there is one more class to go....Navigation. Several of our current JN members are beginning this class on 29 September under the leadership of Lt/C Lou Harlow, JN with the assistance of Lt. Peterson and P/D/C Adame.

MARINE RADAR SEMINAR

The last of the 2014 Seminar Series will be held on Saturday, 11 October, at Port Canaveral Yacht Club from 1000-1200. The fee is \$10 per family and the presenter will be Lt Richard Schoonmaker, SN. This seminar will discuss the use of radar for collision avoidance and its use as an alternative navigational aid.

This is a required seminar for the third level of USPS Education department's Boat Operator Certification (BOC) program, namely the Advanced Coastal Navigation certificate, restricted to USPS members. Even if you have not started this program yet, make sure you participate as it will not be given again for a few years. For information about the BOC, contact P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN, at boc@cbsps.org.

Pre-enrollment suggested but not required. Further details on www.cbsps.org

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C John FitzGerald, P



During the previous three months the Boating and Entertainment Committees planned events and outings for the squadron's enjoyment. We had a Raft up at the island at the Indian River north of SR 528, a boat outing to Grills in Melbourne, a bioluminescent tour on the Blue Dolphin and an offshore charter fishing trip from Port Canaveral. Participation in these events was excellent and we are grateful to the membership for coming and having fun. The members of these committees are very happy when an event happens, there's high turnout and everyone has a good time.

At the July meeting we have had the privilege of having our own Ed Kydd, SN as our speaker. He is a true gentleman and his story of the White Elephant was a good one. In August we had Ben DiBiase from the Florida Historical Society come and give a presentation on the Florida waterways and their importance in history. Members who attended this presentation got a real treat; it was very informative.

In September we had Italian Night. There was a head count of 77 people (including guests). Thank you to all who brought the delicious food for everyone to share. There were decorations, music and pictures being projected of all events to date. It was a very good night and we all had a good time. Thank you to all who came early and set up and stayed late to clean the room, it was much appreciated.

We still have many more events planned for the year including:

October 7th: General Meeting – Speaker Dr. George Maul and the scholarship winner

October 18th October 24th: Possum Bluff (St John River) Run (See page 9)
Halloween Party (See page 10)
October 25th: Kayak Turkey Creek BO (See page 11)

November 7th: General Meeting (FRIDAY) – Speaker Marine Resources Council

November 16th: Harvest Party (See page 15) November 22nd: Captain Hiram's BO (See page 12)

December 2nd: Egg Nog Party with the Fearless Improvisation Brigade
December 6th: Merritt Island Parade (See page 13)
December 12th: Holiday Dinner Dance (See page 14)

December 13th: Cocoa Beach Boat Parade (See page 8)

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It was recently brought to my attention that a dedicated squadron photographer would ensure that those important events and squadron moments do not get missed. Robin Courtney, P and Nancy Garwood, P have agreed to jointly take the job of squadron photographer. A huge thank you to both for stepping up.

If you have any changes to your e-mail, address, etc. please send them to me at Secretary@cbsps.org. Thank you

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

PAST QUARTER EVENTS

June 28, Saturday Garry Pepin caught the most fish so he claims, even a shark which he pulled into the boat. Kermit said get that thing out of this boat. They were all on L/Cdr Harlow's 25 footer at Pelican Flats 20 miles out on our "Off-Shore Fishing Trip led by John FitzGerald." John had a new member on board as well as wife and daughter. Marty Ramos had a boatload of people on board as well.

Bob Rutigliano got a group together of 15 people on 4 boats to go south on Indian River to **attend BRSPS Corn Roast Event at Marker 21**. Lots of fun.

July 26, Saturday we had a large group arrive at Spoil Island just north of Barge Canal at its West End. We had plenty to eat and Tom Hoffmann brought the bag toss game. With 18 members and 3 guests on 8 boats, everyone had a great time. It was hot but trees provided shade.

August 9, Saturday we meet at Grills on the Indian River, north of Pineda Causeway for eats off the menu. We had 4 boats and 30 people attend.

August 23, Saturday at 1900 we met at Kelly Park, on North Banana River Drive, and boarded the Blue Dolphin, operated by our own Mark and Michelle Anderson, seeking a phenomenon where the propeller and fish make a trail of light in the water called BIOLUMINESCENT PLANKTON. As promised, Captain Mark delivered and a reported 20 people enjoyed this amazing sight.

The **OFFSHORE FISHING TRIP ON DRIFT BOAT for September 20th** had a nice turnout with over \$1000 collected for the boat. 43 members and guests attended. What a great fishing trip!

PLANNED EVENTS

October 25, 2014, Saturday, Kayak trip at Turkey Creek Wildlife Sanctuary will depart at 0900 or near to. Contact John FitzGerald if attending. Plan on taking liquids to keep hydrated as we will be on the water for around 3 hours. (See page 11)

November 22, 2014, Saturday, Cruise South on Indian River to Captain Hiram's. Arrange your own dock and or hotel space. The group will assemble in the afternoon at the Sand Bar and plan to eat together that evening as desired. Looking forward to a good turnout to overnight at the hotel. (See page 12)

December 13, 2014, Saturday Cruise to/Raft Up and Watch the Cocoa Beach Christmas Parade. Meet on water just south of the HWY 520 Bridge on Banana River at 1730. Then we proceed east in the channel to just east of Sunset Café Restaurant and turn south for about 800 feet and raft up. The Parade Boats will stay close to shore and go on three sides of you. You have a great view.



POSSUM BLUFF ST JOHNS RIVER OUTING with BRSPS

SATURDAY, Oct 18, 2014

This outing is planned again for both motor boaters and paddlers. The destination is the same as last year's but this time we have added a wrinkle. Read on...

ALL BOATS DEPART FROM THE SR 520 BOAT RAMP at 9:00 AM. The launch ramp is on the North side of SR 520. We will travel as a convoy (see below why).

POSSUM BLUFF is located ½ mile south of US 528 and accessible only by boat.

NOW FOR THIS YEAR'S WRINKLE: MOTORBOATS will go from the SR 520 ramp north to Possum Bluff **towing or carrying** the canoes and kayaks (6.9 nm one way). We will do a thorough cleanup of the area as part of our commitment to KEEP BRE-

VARD BEAUTIFUL and then have the picnic at the shelter.

CANOES AND KAYAKS will then paddle north from Possum Bluff to the Power Line takeout (only 4.1 nm one way). There is no power boat takeout or launch at the Power Line. The Power Line launch/takeout is accessible through the Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area. To get there, from the intersection of US 528 and 520 go NORTH on US 520 for 1.1 miles, turn RIGHT onto Taylor Creek Rd and proceed for 2.6 mi to the Tosohatchee WMA. Pay the entrance fee and proceed NORTH and EAST for 7.2 miles to the St Johns River.

DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP: Sunday, October 12. Contact Ernst Hofmann at hofmaneg@juno.com or 321-777-9462. Friends and guest are welcome to participate.

WHY PRE-SIGNUP? The St Johns River is a heck of a waterway in which to get lost – for a very long time (just look at the map) mandating GPS waypoint navigation and staying together. We need to know ahead of time who will participate in order to avoid a late-comer taking off on his/her own and winding up who knows where.

CAVEAT: All this assumes a southerly wind. We will reverse the canoe/kayak leg of the route if the wind decides to blow from the north. Either way, all registrants will receive final instructions a few days before October 18th.





Halloween Costume Party

When: Friday, October 24, 2014 @ 6:00 PM

Where: Cocoa Village Marina 90 Delannoy Ave, Cocoa, FL 32952 Hosts: Paul and Francesca Ragusa

The Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron Entertainment Committee would like to invite you to a night of fun at the "Halloween Costume Party". Paul and Francesca Ragusa will be our hosts at the Cocoa Village Marina. <u>A costume is required at this event</u>. There will be a first place prize of \$50.00 and a second place prize of \$25.00 for the best costumes.

We would like everyone to bring a side dish/appetizer to this event for everyone to share. It is a Bring Your Own Booze & Wine event. Soda and water will be provided by the committee. There is no charge for this event! RSVP no later than 10/15/14 room is limited to 80 people.

Parking will be in the marina parking lot. Please don't park under the building, which is for marina residents only. There's parking in the uncovered lot as well as across the street.

Directions: FL-520 east to Delannoy Ave. Left on Delannoy Avenue to Marina.

FL-520 west to Delannoy Ave. Right on Delannoy Avenue to Marina.

Contact Doris Valentine @ 321-452-1835 Lt/C John FitzGerald at ao@cbsps.com







Kayak Turkey Creek







When: October 25, 2014 @ 9:30 ready to go by 1000 Hrs. Where: Turkey Creek, Palm Bay, Florida

Details:

Wildlife: Box turtle, alligator, eastern indigo snake, West Indian manatee, river otter, gopher tortoise, spotted skunk, raccoon, opossum, endangered Florida mouse. Listed in State of Florida Great Florida Birding Trail for warbler, osprey, duck, wading birds, and pileated woodpecker

If you have a kayak we will meet at the launch site at 9:30 in order for everyone to launch and get to the kayak rental area which is a short paddle by 10:00. From there we will head into the Turkey Creek wildlife sanctuary where it is an easy paddle that can go up to 8 miles. It's a beautiful area that paddlers go to daily. If you don't have a kayak, don't worry they rent them at Palm Bay marina at a very reasonable rate. Review the websites below to get an idea of what you are in for.

Bring water so you don't get dehydrated and food (in cooler) for a picnic at the park after kayaking. If you want to trailer a boat there you can explore by powerboat, there is a free ramp.

Launch ramp Directions: US 1, West on Port Malabar Blvd., North on Bianca Dr. to Harry Goode Park.

1300 Bianca Dr Ne, Palm Bay, FL 32905

Websites:

Online review: http://www.paddling.net/places/showReport.html?559
Kayak Rentals: http://www.palmbaymarina.com/rentals/

Contact P/C Duane Balkema at 321-452-5892 or A/O John FitzGerald at ao@cbsps.org

CRUISE TO CAPTAIN HIRAMS

1580 US Highway 1, Sebastian, Florida 32958

Website: http://www.hirams.com/







When: November 22, 2014, Saturday

Plan Arrival at 1700 Hrs.

Make your own arrangements at the Dock/Motel, Hotel is \$169.00 per night by phone. On their website its \$135.00 for that night.

Dockage: \$1.00 per foot overnight (\$10.00 extra if shore power needed) If not staying overnight use dock for free. There are 7: 16'-24' slips, 5: 24'-30', and 5: 30'-50' slips as of Sept. 7th. The beam on slips is 15' and draft is 4' of water.

Book early to get a slip for the night

Details: Eat together at the Captain Hiram Restaurant at 1930 and then party the night away at their sandbar.

If the weather is bad or you don't have a boat, **DRIVE** !!!

It's rain or shine.

Contact P/C Duane Balkema at 321-452-5892 or AO John FitzGerald at ao@cbsps.org

Merritt Island Holiday Parade







When: Saturday - December 6, 2014

Time Staging: 0900 Hrs. Step Off: 1000 Hrs.

Details: This is the Merritt Island Holiday Parade. If you signed to participate, meet at Merritt Island High School on Route 3 at 0830 to decorate and receive final instructions from the organizers.

If not participating, come and enjoy the parade. More details to follow at the General Meeting.

CBSPS HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE







When: Friday, December 12, 2014 @ 1800 hrs.

Where: Rockledge Country Club

1591 South Fiske Blvd. Rockledge, FL 32955

Price: \$35.00 p/p all inclusive Les Chenowith Band

Buffet Menu:

Gourmet Salad
Rolls & Butter
Grouper w/ White Wine Sauce & Capers
Sliced London Broil w/ Wine Demi
Oven Roasted Reds & Mixed Vegetables
Cobbler & Coffee

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

<u>Please Make Reservations & Pay by December 2nd.</u> <u>Contact: Doris Valentine @ 321-452-1835</u>



COCO-NAUTS CORNER Marilyn Flanigan, PRESIDENT

Our next Coco-Nauts meeting will be held, <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 11, 2014</u>
<u>Time: 1130 Kelsey's Restaurant</u>, on <u>Courtenay Pkwy</u>, <u>Merritt Island</u>.

We decided at the last Coco-Nauts meeting (Sept. 10th) that having a Saturday meeting would give those ladies that are working, or have other obligations on Wednesday, a chance to attend a meeting, and see each other they have not seen in sometime, and also meeting some new members.

It will be very nice to get together and have lunch and visit with old friends again. We will order lunch first, and while we wait for it to arrive, there will be a short business meeting. We will stop the meeting when the food arrives and resume with meeting after eating.

I really hope you will try to make this meeting on October 11th. Mark your calendar's everyone. Change of time and day.

Happy Birthdays

October

08 Denise Stone

November

- 02 Susan Forbes
- 11 Marge Balkema
- 16 Tammarra MyCoskie
- 25 Arlene Bestow

December

06 Janice Brown

07 Joan Montfort

16 Lea Collins

The Coco-Nauts Present Thanksgiving Harvest Party







Where: Space Coast Realtor's Association

When: Sunday, November 16, 2014

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Fee: \$6.00 Per Person

Plus Appetizer, Covered Dish or Dessert

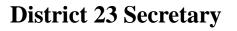
Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine Provided by the Coco-Nauts

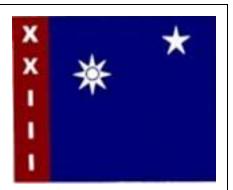




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D23 Newsletter D/Lt/C Kurt W. Mikat, SN





USPS DB2000 can be a challenge to set up and learn BUT once into the program, it can be a joy to use because of the many administrative operations and functions it provides. At the beginning of the term of office of a new commander, he/she is given three passwords: Master, Updater and User. Ordinarily the commander only keeps the Master password and delegates the Updater password to the squadron secretary (or other responsible bridge officer) to keep records up to date. Other bridge officers may be given the User password. Outgoing officers should aid new users in setting up and learning the system. Videos and other learning tools are available through the national website as well as consultants in case of problems.

The squadron secretary may also provide instruction in member meetings to aid members in using and navigating the national, district and squadron websites and how they may update their own information such as email, phone and address changes and how they might obtain current squadron rosters and other useful information. Unfortunately in many squadrons, members are ignorant of the many possibilities, opportunities and information available to them. The United States Power Squadrons is a much greater organization with more resources than even many longtime members realize.

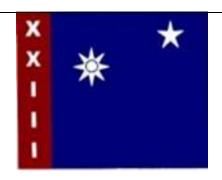
As a guide to new secretaries, the Operations Manual contains a Secretary's Manual with a review of their responsibilities and advice on how to take notes and prepare minutes, as well as carrying out all other responsibilities. It's the secretary who works often behind the scenes who makes things happen.

Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends



Program for the D23 Fall

Conference



Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront

Friday, 3 October

1400 - 1700	Registration, Main Lobby
1600 - 1730	Hospitality Suite – Oceanview South 7 th Floor
1800 - 1900	Cocktails * Cash Bar* Beachside Deck
	(Ballroom is back up for inclement weather)
1900 - 2200	Southern Buffet and Entertainment by "Penny Creek" Blue
	Grass – Tented Beach side Deck

Sunburst Meeting Room available 13:00 – 23:00 PM for Breakouts

Saturday, 4 October

0730 – 1030	Registration, Main Lobby	
0730 - 0900	Continental Breakfast- Oceanview South 7 th Floor	
0900 - 0915	Conference Introductions – Ballroom B	
0915 - 1045	Speaker D/L/C Kurt Mikat "Monkey Fist" demonstration	
	Ballroom A	
0915 - 1045	DL/C Roy Merritt - District Conference Reformat Committee -	
	Sunburst Room	
1100 - 1200	Speaker - Retired Palm Beach County Judge Nelson Bailey has a	
passion for Florida's history – and for storytelling. He performs around the state,		
often as a "Florida Cracker Storyteller" of the late 1800s. Nelson's Florida stories		
weave together a multicolored quilt of Florida history, including tales of Native-		
American mound builders, Spanish explorers, early settlers, and cattle ranchers.		
	Ballroom B	

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1200 - 1330	Lunch - Tented Deck or "Back up" Space Ballroom A or B
1330 - 1600	Conference – General Session – Ballroom B
1600 - 1730	Hospitality Suite - Oceanview 7 th Floor South
1800 - 1900	Cocktails * Cash Bar* Social Hour- Grand Ballroom
1900 - 2300	Dinner – Speaker C/C's Rep, R/C William I Neef, SN

Sunday 5 October

0800 – 1200 St. John's N Club, Breakfast and Semi-annual Meeting Ballroom A – Speaker -Lt/C Ken Peters

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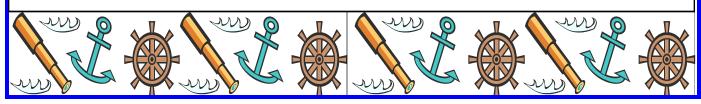
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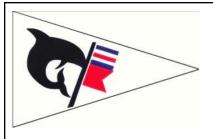
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